



This grand residence at 506 N. Sherman Ave. in Liberal (which still stands and is lived in by owners Rick and Chris Yearick) was built by Abe and Harriet Stoufer in 1906. Abe was the editor of the Liberal News and served as postmaster. The home features considerable rooms, a double staircase and a third-story ballroom. It has been said that when the Stoufers entertained in the summer, all windows and doors were thrown open, and people danced and laughed the night away. Margaret Stoufer is on the balcony. The Liberal News became the Southwest Daily Times, which is the Leader & Times. Today, the paper publishes its Volume No. 127; issue No. 1. Photo courtesy "Liberal and Seward County" by Lidia Hook-Gray

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L&T staff report For a community to take hold in the late 1880s, it required legitimate businesses to take up residence to show that there is a commitment to the town's future.

One highly-sought business among the communities in Seward County was a newspaper.

A pennsylvanian by the name of Abe Stoufer made his way to Fargo Springs in 1885 to visit his brother, and it was soon learned that Stoufer was a newspaper man.



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