1922 Coming this year to the Briggs-Coleman area is Forrest Garling who initially purchases 20 acres. He is a native of Bellefontaine, OH having been born there 10/4/05 to L.F. and Lou Hammond Garling. By 1938 he will have expanded his farming to 1,500 acres primarily in corn, cotton and vegetables. After producing a daughter, Betty Jean, he will be divorced from his wife Grace Wheeler Garling of McKinney, TX whom he married 3/15/34.

10/26 E.H. and Mabel Briggs and A.W. and M.B. Coleman donate land for the construction of a public school to be known as Briggs-Coleman School for the Dishman School District No. 15 of Cameron County. In the late 1940s it would fall under the Rio Hondo School District. It operates until 1967 and is abandoned. The Country Playhouse commences using its auditorium in 1979. In this year Bob Briggs, a descendant of one of the land donors seeks to reclaim the land under its original grant stipulations.

9/23/27 The Briggs-Coleman School, on what is later to be north FM 507, opens its school year in a new building. Prof. C.O. Slaughter is principal, Miss Jewel Hudson teacher of the elementary grades and Miss Mildred Hudson, the primary grades. In the 1970s after the school has closed the Country Playhouse will use the building to host amateur theatrical productions.

In the Briggs-Coleman area Kate Adele Hill is holding demonstration meeting in various homes. Ms. Hill of San Angelo took the job of county agent in June 1925, succeeding Mrs. Jewel Smith. Some residents of the area are Mrs. H.G. Blunk, Mrs. A.W. Dixon, Frank Smith, Otto Ingendorff, and Albert Hattie.

4/3/44 One of the buildings in the Hardin Ranch School complex east of Briggs-Coleman burns and is a total loss.

1/11/46 James T. Marshall, a farmer of the Briggs-Coleman area, dies at age 61. Coming here from Clinton, Indiana in 1926, he had recently been elected a water district director. He also served as the president of the Briggs-Coleman School Board. He leaves behind sons Harry B. and Paul H.

6/24/47 Forrest Garling of Harlingen delivers the country's first bale of the season to the Houston Cotton Exchange. He is paid the record price of $1,825 or 3.565 cents per lb. This year the annual farm income in the Harlingen area is valued at $132 million or 10% of the total for Texas.

As the decade drew to a close the cotton industry in Harlingen was likely peaking. One cotton gin near the city was the Briggs-Coleman Cooperative Gin, Hardin Ranch.
5/4/52  Briggs-Coleman votes 83 to 28 not to consolidate with the HCISD. 225 elementary studies currently attend, while junior and high school students are going to Harlingen which is reimbursed. In August 1952 the HCISD says it no longer has room for the 33 Briggs-Coleman students.

1/25/75  Jim Taylor, who chairs the Civic Affairs Committee of the C of C, initiates the idea for a Harlingen Country Playhouse. Arthur Purdy, Ralph Thompson, Jill Synder, and 24 others work on the acquisition of the old Briggs-Coleman School for a playhouse site. This is a successor to the Harlingen Little Theater group of the 1950s.

1980 The Country Playhouse leaves the Briggs-Coleman School playhouse site. In the next decade it produces shows at the Gay Junior High School Auditorium, the Municipal Auditorium, the Harlingen Country Club and other locations around town such as churches, RV parks, and assembly halls.