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Howe, Texas
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Marketing Class



Treasure Island



HES Students of the Month



Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

My husband and I watch a lot of programs on Masterpiece on PBS. We are especially following the Downton Abby program.

Although it is not exactly a "soap opera," it has some of the soap opera events.

I have watched a real soap opera for many years (Days of Our Lives), and I often get tired of their stories and changes in this or that.

I got hooked on DOOL after my mom and sister were talking about something on the show and I was intrigued. I've been watching for a long time. Back when I worked in an office in downtown Howe, I even made my lunch time to come when "Days" was on.

Recipe

Grandma's Fried Okra and Potatoes

- 1 pound fresh okra
- 2 large potatoes (baking type -- not new potatoes)
- 1 medium white onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper

Wash okra and cut off stem ends. Cut in 1/2-inch pieces. Peel potatoes and chop into 1/2-inch dice. Put okra and potatoes in large bowl. Add chopped onion to mixture. Sprinkle cornmeal, salt and pepper over mixture. Stir until cornmeal is evenly distributed throughout mixture.

Heat cooking oil in large skillet over medium heat (oil should be hot, but not smoking hot). Carefully spoon okra/potato mixture into hot oil. Fry, turning mixture occasionally, until potatoes are done and mixture is nicely browned, about 10 to 12 minutes. Drain on paper towels. Makes enough for 4 or 5 hungry people. Recipe courtesy of Texas Cooking Online, Inc. used with permission. Go to <http://www.texascooking.com> for great recipes and other information



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Grayson College Theatre Department presents “Treasure Island”

Feb. 20-23 in Cruce Stark Auditorium. Cast includes Mason Butler of Leonard, Kailee Rolan of Bells, Dillon Wooten of Trenton, Kasy Poindexter of Whitewright and Blake Rice of Savoy.

Page by page, Robert Louis Stevenson’s “Treasure Island” has captured readers’ imaginations ever since the adventure novel about buccaneers and buried gold was first published in 1883. This coming-of-age story comes to life on stage when Grayson College Theatre for Young Audiences presents Phil Willmott’s adaptation Feb. 20-23.

“Every year, we produce a show specifically for area youth,” said Robin Robinson, GC professor and director of theatre. ““Treasure Island” is a family-friendly production that will thrill audiences with its action and adventure.”

Performances for area school groups are Feb. 20-22 at 10 a.m., but the public is invited as well. The only evening show is Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. All performances take place in Cruce Stark Auditorium on the college’s Main Campus in Denison. Tickets are \$2 for the hour-long production, or free with a GC ID.

After the Saturday evening show, the actors will be available to meet theatre-goers. “We encourage the audience to bring their cameras because it’s a great opportunity to interact with the characters,” Robinson said. “Our students love posing with the kids.”

Fans of the book will notice a few differences in the stage production. Inspired by real-life female adventurers, Willmott changed the gender of several of the central characters without compromising the spirit of Stevenson’s classic novel. His swashbuckling stage adaptation brings out all the comedy and adventure of this ever-popular story.

“It’s fun and funny with lots of swashbuckling swordplay and a ditty or two,” Robinson said.

GC sophomore cast members include: Amber Patrick of Colbert as Cheng I. Sao; Nathan Owen of Essex, England, as Captain Obadiah Smollett; Wes Hayes of Howe as Harry Flash; Mason Butler of Leonard as Jim Hawkins; Blake Rice of Savoy as Long John Silver; Rodney Hudson of Sherman as Nathaniel Crisp; Dillon Wooten of Trenton as George Merry/Billy Bones; and Kasandra Poindexter of Whitewright as Lady Jacqueline Trelawney.

GC freshmen cast members are: Ronald Hogue of Anna as Black Dog/Pirate; Kailey Rolan of Bells as Miss Lucinda Livesey; Dakkota Foster and Krishnia Seely, both of Denison, as Blind Pugh/Ben and Nightingale Nell, respectively; Angela Haas of Ector as Piccadilly Poll; Avery Chester of Frisco as Old Joe; Michael Morgan of Gunter as Pirate; Nicholas Ellis and Tatiana Maxey, both of Houston, as Hardy and Shoreditch Sal, respectively; Jordan Stone of Savoy as Gentleman Jack; Chandler Bell and Brandon Carnes, both of Sherman as Meg Trueblood and Israel Hands, respectively; and Skyler Alton of Texarkana as Captain Flint (Silver’s parrot).

In addition to Robinson as director, Tenna Matthews, GC professor of theatre, is the scene designer. Student designers are putting their craft to work in this production as well. Jasmine Shannon, Rockwall freshman, uses brilliant colors with textured light against the cyclorama to give movement and bring life to setting elements such as the ship’s sails. GC graduate Albanie Knight of Denison returned to her alma mater to be shop foreman and to design costumes with Maggie Bergener, Denton sophomore, who also does the light board. Pottsboro freshman Ray Jernigan choreographed the show’s fight scenes. GC graduate Andrew Steele of Miller Grove wears three hats as technical director, master carpenter and sound board operator.

Sophomore crew members are: Jose Gomez and Rachel Schroeder, both of Denison, stage manager and microphones, respectively; Dillon Wooten of Trenton, master electrician; and Ginger Roberts of Whitesboro, assistant stage manager. Five cast members serve on the crew as well, including: Alton, wardrobe and props assistant; Butler, makeup and hair; Ellis and Hudson, wardrobe; and Poindexter, props.

For more information about “Treasure Island,” contact the GC Theatre Department at 903-463-8609 or theatre@grayson.edu.

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Grayson College SBDC Offering Free Marketing Seminar

Retail and restaurant marketing specialist Marc Willson will present a Marketing Seminar Feb. 27 at Grayson College. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at GC is hosting the free seminar from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

This seminar will focus on helping retail businesses determine why their offering is unique, who their customers are, and how to reach them.

He is well-known as an operations expert and counsels retailers in best practices, financials and cash flow, marketing and customer service, customer loyalty, merchandising window dressing, buying and social media.

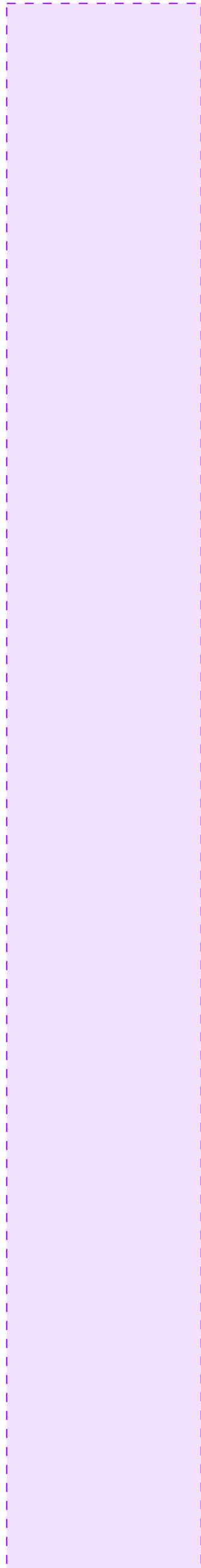
Mr. Willson brings 35 years of experience to bear helping retail, restaurant and tourism-related small businesses refine and promote their concepts to the public. In 1975, Willson started his retail career as co-owner of the largest distributor of Earth Shoes in the U.S. Since then he has held executive positions with retailers such as Britches of Georgetowne, Crown Books, Circuit City, The Bicycle Exchange, Encampus.com and Storetrax, Inc. He joined the Virginia SBDC in 2009 as a Retail and Restaurant Consultant and has delivered over 300 seminars and assisted over 1,000 retailers and restaurateurs throughout the country.

Seating for the program is limited and pre-registration is required. Willson will also offer a limited number of one-on-one consultations during the afternoons of Feb. 27 through March 1. To be considered for a one-on-one consultation business owners must attend the seminar and be an SBDC client. There is no charge or obligation to continue as an SBDC client. To register for the program, request an individual consultation or become an SBDC client, call the SBDC office at 903-463-8787.



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Howe Elementary Students of the Month February

Front Row: Colt Crane, Nathan Wooten, Audie Martin & Sandra Nitchman

Back Row: Tate Harvey, Seth Key, Michelle Caballero, Kaleb Strong & Kailyn Ireland

Not Pictured: Macy Douglass & Erin Catching

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WIPE OUT DWI's – Driving While In-TEXT-icated!

Tom Bean High School's FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) chapter is sending the message LOUD and CLEAR...Don't TEXT and DRIVE!!

Every student in Tom Bean's 8th through 12th grades was asked to complete a pre-survey about their own (or a family member or friend's) texting and driving habits. Then, they are directed to AT&T's online texting and driving simulator. Students were asked to synchronize their cell phones and use them to "drive" at 30 MPH while receiving and sending text messages. The results were conclusive: even if you just glance down at your phone for a second or two, taking your eyes off the road can be disastrous! Many crashes later, students were allowed to take the simulation again WITHOUT taking their eyes off the road. Most students successfully completed the course safely without distractions.

FCCLA then asked the students to complete a post-survey.

The results of the surveys will be revealed in Part 2 of the DWI's project, which is scheduled for March 8. We will have guest speakers for a school-wide assembly, as well as some "live" simulations under the supervision of TxDOT. We will post "DNT TXT & DRV" signs at the edge of town on State Hwy. 11. As a conclusion to our project, we will ask students to sign a pledge to do their part to put an end to distracted driving by committing to drive as responsibly as they can. We are also encouraging them to use peer pressure to stop friends and family members from texting and driving.

FCCLA is collaborating in this project with our Tom Bean Chief of Police John Hunt, Tom Bean Middle School SADD chapter, TBHS Youth for a Positive Change chapter, TxDOT, AT&T, Balfour Company, and teachers and staff of TBISD.

Submitted by Sharon Stephens, Tom Bean High School FCCLA advisor

Tom Bean FCCLA teaches children to "fly fit and fight fat!"

Tom Bean High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) chapter recently spent the day teaching younger children to "Fly Fit and Fight Fat!" Using the popular Angry Birds as their theme, FCCLA members presented skits and instruction about making healthy food and beverage choices.

In addition, they set up activity stations such as healthy foods relay and parachute toss to emphasize having fun while keeping fit. The children really enjoyed helping to make their own customized healthy trail mix snack.

All FCCLA members participated in the project, collaborating with elementary school teachers and staff. At the end of the project, all students received an activity booklet to take home. As a follow-up, FCCLA students are designing various board and card games to present to the elementary school teachers, to reinforce our theme.

One FCCLA member, Taylor Haston, designed "Making Healthy Choices: Grocery Store" video game that will be linked to the Tom Bean H.S. FCCLA website.



TCOG Hosts Partners In Education (P.I.E.) How To Become Debt-Free & Lower Your Stress Level

TCOG's Area Agency on Aging will be hosting the Partners in Education (P.I.E.) Series February 19, 2013 from 12 noon until 1:00 pm. Robin McCoy, Regional Coordinator for Senator Tom Haywood and Senator Craig Estes, will be speaking on "How to Become Debt-Free & Lower Your Stress Level". The meeting will be held in the Eisenhower Room (first floor) of the TCOG Building, 1117 Gallagher Dr., Sherman, and is also sponsored by Home Hospice of Grayson County, Texas Health Presbyterian-WNJ, Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service and Christian Care Centers.

Ms. McCoy earned her Bachelors from Austin College and her Masters from the University of North Texas. She has successfully facilitated financial, safety and personality awareness workshops for over 15 years in many venues.

For more information or to RSVP for the event, please contact Judy Conner at 903-813-3575 or jconner@texoma.cog.tx.us

1117 Gallagher Drive, Sherman, Texas 75090

Tom Bean Library Friend Meeting

The Tom Bean Friends of the Library will hold its annual meeting from 10 am to noon on Feb. 16 in the community room of Tom Bean City Hall. All Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

The program speaker will be Kristin McMeen who specializes in preserving memories. She will offer tips on how to present and preserve memories in small and large ways. She will have a hands-on project to learn the how-tos of memory making. Attendees are asked to bring a few favorite photos to personalize during the project. She suggests presenting memories of family members and friends, hobbies, special events, trips, hunting, fishing, sewing, baking, gardening, and other activities.

Presenting musical entertainment will be Jan Hickerson on the Hammer dulcimer.

Refreshments will be served and membership dues will be collected.

Chrystal Opry House Gospel Event

On Saturday night, February 16th, the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform. Members of the band are Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, Tom Hackney, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Jody Cofer, bass and vocals, Archie Shearer, lead guitar and vocals, Pat Shearer, vocals, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

Doors will open at 6 pm and the program will begin at 7. Admission for this program is \$7. Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. Concession area with brisket sandwiches, hot dogs, soda, coffee, water, candy and popcorn is available.

The Chrystal Opry House is located one and a half miles west of Tom Bean (or 6 miles east of Howe) on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and no smoking is allowed inside the building. Contact Bill Hayes (903-546-6893) for more information.



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Church Page

Psalm 1:1-6 (KJV)

¹ Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

² But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

⁴ The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁶ For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Christian Fellowship

Mike Ball will be speaking this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Come out and join them each Sunday morning beginning at 9 am for coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30am.

A Christian Fellowship is proud to announce they are a part of the "ONE" movement in Texoma.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual.

The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship time.

ACF offers a "Kidz" church for Kidz ages 2-10. The program is called "Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus" and takes place during worship service. The kids learn about the bible, bible verses, play games, do skits and puppet shows.

Wednesday nights begin at 6:30pm with a pot-luck dinner, followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way. For more info contact Mike Ball @ 903-870-0219 or David Ellis @ 903-815-1333.

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

We have two radio programs each Sunday at 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn.

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on www.PregnancyDecisions.org.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>.



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Arnold Baker, pastor



“Living Proof”

Vittorio Vitalone is a medical doctor in Rome, Italy who became a Christian years ago after learning the truth of the Gospel from Charles Moore, a missionary from the U.S., who was preaching there at the time. Vittorio is now the regular preacher for the Viale Jonio Church of Christ, in addition to continuing his medical practice at a large hospital in Rome. He recently sent an e-mail message to Charles (now living in Frisco, Texas), telling a thrilling story of the power of the Word of God.

“A lady came to the door of the auditorium at church and asked, ‘May I come in to worship?’” Vittorio responded, “Of course! You are always welcome in the Church of Christ.” Vittorio continued his account to Charles: “She told me an interesting story that I want to share with you. She said, ‘In about 1970 I used to come to the services of the church here. I studied the Bible with Bill Burton and Charles Moore for a long time. I will never forget those studies. Carolyn, the wife of Charles, gave me my first Bible. I still have it and treasure it. I attended the worship services of the church on Sunday, and Bible study on Wednesday night for a long time and we all became good friends.’ Then the lady, whose name is Ina, showed Vittorio some pictures from those earlier years of several missionaries and their wives whom she had known.

Then Ina told Vittorio, “Unfortunately, I drifted away from some reason or other. Almost fifty years have passed, and I am back again. I want to study the Bible again and worship with you.”

“I am studying with her now each week and she is attending all the services of the church. I pray that she will obey the Gospel soon. It seems like she is picking up where she left off 45 years ago.”

On February 5, 2013, Charles Moore sent out an e-mail containing “Some Special News from Rome”: “I received an e-mail yesterday from Vittorio Vitaloni in Rome, telling me that the sweet lady named Ina, the lady we contacted about 45 years ago, and studied with for two months, was baptized Sunday at Viale Jonio. We are so happy. MAY GOD BE PRAISED.”

In light of this wonderful news, Charles Moore wrote, “I have lived by faith all these years, believing that ‘good seed planted in good soil will produce good fruit.’ [Ina’s] baptism is “living proof” that this is true.”

It IS true! The Good News – “that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) – continues to transform lives. “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.” – Romans 1:16.

The BAD NEWS is that sin – of which we are ALL guilty – condemns us to eternal destruction (Romans 3:23; 6:23). The GOOD NEWS is that God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we might have forgiveness and eternal life (John 3:16).

We accept His offer of salvation on His terms by obeying the Gospel: placing our faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) INTO Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then, as we continue to walk in the light of His word, the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse us from all of our sin (1 John 1:7).

Even if it takes 45 YEARS to produce fruit, the Gospel STILL works....when we receive it into good soil (good, honest hearts) and accept it through our trusting obedience.

And remember... No matter how far you may “drift away” from God, He is always only ONE STEP back!

Won’t YOU allow the Gospel to change your life, too?

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Texoma Enterprise is owned and operated by Dale and Lana Rideout. They have been doing this since 1978. The picture on the left is about 5 years old, with Dale shown as "Santa" Rideout at Christmas, 2009. The family shot on the right includes all our grandchildren, plus a couple of Step-grandchildren. It was taken at Elves Christmas Tree Farm. This farm opened to the public in 1990 when Jordan was only 2 months old and he went there with us. Every year since we have taken every grandchild with us. This year was our 20 year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Dale & Lana Rideout



Lana, Dominique, Rachel, Briana, Amber, "Santa" Jordan, Caleb, Chris



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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Hall Responds To President's State Of The Union Address

WASHINGTON, DC . . . Following the President's State of the Union address, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) released the following statement:

"Tonight President Obama failed to adequately address the serious issue of our struggling economy and need for job creation. His claim that we are now in a recovery is false, as is clearly evident by the current unemployment rate at 7.9%, the labor force participation rate at 63.6%, and the national debt which now exceeds \$16.5 trillion – \$5.8 trillion added under the President's Administration alone.

"The current state of our nation is in large part due to this Administration's failed economic and over-reaching regulatory policies. Increased spending levels and higher taxes are not the answers we need. Big government is not the solution. The President continues to speak about continuing the same policies that have exacerbated the problem rather than offer new proposals. His speech offered no real solution to our immediate need for jobs. Every suggestion he offered involved more government expansion and no new ideas. Four more years of this President's agenda, and we will not only see fewer jobs, but fewer employers to apply to.

"Americans need real solutions for economic recovery. In order for all Americans to thrive, we need jobs. Over 60% of all new jobs in our country are generated by small businesses, which have always been the backbone of our economy. Small businesses play a significant role in job creation and innovation. We must remove unnecessary regulations and open access to capital to provide entrepreneurs the opportunity to expand their businesses, hire new workers, and invest in the future.

"Responsible budget decisions will play a vital role in America's economic recovery. We cannot spend, tax, and borrow our way to success – the Administration has tried this approach for four years and Americans are the worse for it – higher unemployment, higher gas prices, and higher health care costs are the result.

"The President spoke of the upcoming budget 'sequester' – a proposal offered by the White House and which they are now shirking ownership. I voted against the 'sequester' because I felt that while we must reduce spending, it must be done in a responsible and meaningful way. I have since voted with the House to replace the upcoming sequester with responsible cuts that would protect our veterans and uphold the promise we have made to our seniors.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Obama Sending Arms to Egypt

President Obama is providing 20 F-16 fighter jets to Egypt, which brings its total to 260; and 200 M1A1 Abrams tanks, bringing its total to 1,200. These arms are offensive weapons which could be used against Israel or resold to other Arab countries or organizations for use against Israel.

Given the instability in Egypt and the ascendance of Mohammed Morsi, a devout member of the Muslim Brotherhood, to the presidency in Egypt, we should not be building up Egypt's armed forces. The Muslim Brotherhood is committed to the destruction of Israel and the imposition of Sharia (Islamic) law in Egypt, other countries in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Israel, a democratic and Western oriented country surrounded by totalitarian and anti-Western, anti-Christian, anti-Jewish, anti-Buddhist and anti-Hindu regimes, must be kept strong to counter threats emanating from various countries in the region.

Israel is the only friendly and trustworthy country standing in the Middle East. It needs to be able to purchase U.S. arms, and needs our diplomatic and moral support.

Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

"We must preserve Medicare for future generations. Unless reforms are made, the federal government will be unable to provide promised benefits for seniors or fund other critical priorities such as our national defense, homeland security, veteran's benefits, and education for our children.

"This already endangered program was further hurt by \$500 billion in cuts in President Obama's health care law. I support defunding as much of President Obama's health care law as possible, and I want to ensure Medicare dollars stay in Medicare.

"Reducing government spending is only part of the solution for economic recovery. We must also reform our current tax system - it is bureaucratic, wasteful, and broken, with thousands of pages dedicated to carve-outs and loopholes. Raising taxes for more government spending is not tax reform. I am a co-sponsor of the Fair Tax Act to eliminate the payroll tax and IRS and instead put into place a single, national consumption tax.

"The President also spoke of energy independence, but we must pursue a true, across-the-board energy strategy that expands our infrastructure and increases domestic production, including nuclear and alternative fuels. We have numerous untapped resources in our own backyard that can provide much-needed jobs and more affordable energy, and we must utilize these resources. I hope that the President will begin to work with Republicans to advance the production of petroleum, natural gas, and clean coal at home rather than thwart those efforts through burdensome and costly regulations.

"Today marks the 1,607th day since the Keystone XL Pipeline application was submitted to the State Department. Last year the President denied the Keystone permit, citing that the State Department didn't have sufficient time to make a fair and studied decision. Considering that the permit approval has been pending for over four years, the Administration has had ample time to look into the matter. Even the Governor of Nebraska has withdrawn his objection and now endorses the route. The President needs to approve this Project, which would help create roughly 20,000 new jobs, strengthen America's economy, and improve our domestic energy infrastructure.

"I will continue to promote real solutions that heal our economy and provide jobs for hardworking Americans. Keeping in mind that we all are working towards the same goal – a positive future for our children and grandchildren, as well as ourselves – House Republicans stand ready to engage the President in bipartisan negotiations to achieve job creation and economic growth. I will continue to fight to keep the American dream alive for future generations."

Maybe Romo's Not The Best

Recently, Dallas Cowboys' vice president Stephen Jones stated that Tony Romo is "one of the best" quarterbacks in football. For anyone with expert knowledge on the game of football to say something like that, I would have to seriously question their sanity.

If Tony Romo was one of the best quarterbacks in football he would've already won his team a Super Bowl by now. Maybe two or three. Instead, he tied with Drew Brees of the New Orleans Saints for having thrown the most interceptions (19) this past season. And if that wasn't bad enough, he lead all NFC East quarterbacks in most times sacked (36).

No wonder the Cowboys didn't make the playoffs in 2012. And with Romo presumably at the helm in 2013, why should I expect them to make a run for the Super Bowl? It's not going to happen. At least, not if Romo continues to pile on the picks and the yardage losses, which can lead to game losses for the Cowboys.

The legacy of Tony Romo (should it remain this way) is going to be that of a good quarterback, but not good enough to win the big one.

A charter member of the North Lake Lavon Writer's Club, A.J. Chilson is a poet and editorial writer living in Princeton, Texas.



From David Dewhurst

At a time in our nation's history when Americans should be coming together to heal our more perfect Union, President Barack Obama is once again delivering a State of the Union speech that panders to the liberal elite, while creating more division among Americans.

President Obama says he wants to attract more jobs to America, get Americans the skills that they need, and ensure everyone has a chance of success. Mr. President, actions speak louder than words.

President Obama is proposing an answer to America's economic crisis. Well, I can answer that in one word, five letters: Texas.

If only he'd listen.

I have worked with conservative leaders to build the best business climate in the world right here in the Lone Star State. What exactly does that mean? It means cutting taxes 51 times in the last decade. It means cutting the state budget by billions of dollars. It means stopping all liberal attempts at imposing a state income tax. It means having the lightest regulatory hand in the country. It means getting government out of your lives. And it means not caving in to unions who care more about lining their coffers than in helping to produce jobs.

And what has that commitment to fiscally conservative policies meant for Texas? According to the Texas Comptroller, Texas' GDP for 2013 will grow 3.4%, compared to 1.7% for the rest of America. Our economy is growing at twice the rate of the rest of the country. We've been rated the #1 state to do business. We're the nation's top exporting state – and have been for 10 years running. We are ranked 48th out of 50 states in per capita state spending. And we've created more jobs than any other state in the nation by leaps and bounds. To put that into perspective, for the last three years we've created more jobs than all other 49 states combined.

If President Obama would pay attention to the Texas Miracle, our nation wouldn't be falling behind China today. While many Americans continue to lose hope because they cannot find a job, President Obama continues to plunge our nation further and further into debt.

For centuries, Americans have given their lives, toiled with their hands, spent years learning – all in the hopes that they would provide a better life for their children and grandchildren. It is the foundation of the American Dream -- the Dream that President Obama is making more difficult to achieve with each passing day.

In Texas, we fight for the American Dream daily, and I will not relent in this battle. Texas is a place of big dreams and quiet miracles. It's a place where every day, anybody from any background can scale heights as improbable as they are breathtaking.

And maybe that's why Washington just won't pay attention.

Ted Cruz: President Obama's Failed "Investment"

Tuesday night, President Obama delivered his fourth State of the Union Address before Congress.

And once again, the President extolled the virtue and need for America to "invest" more borrowed money in big-government programs with the promised return of new middle-class jobs.

It seems that President Obama only knows how to grow government, not the economy. Under his policies, the economy is entering its fifth year of substandard annual growth - 0.8% - compared to an average of 3.3% for the last 70 years.

Today, unemployment is 3% higher than it was in 2008 and the federal debt is \$16.5 trillion.

He doesn't seem to understand that politicians don't create jobs - government doesn't create jobs - no matter how much money we borrow from foreign governments.

I was hopeful, though not optimistic, that the President might reach across the aisle and offer something - anything, other than a liberal wish list of more big government.

I held out "hope" for some "change" because in the last month, I've battled liberal action after action from the President and the Washington establishment, including attempts to:

Erode our 2nd Amendment rights; Raise the debt ceiling, yet again; Appoint Chuck Hagel as Secretary of Defense - a man who claims that radical terrorists in Iran are a "legitimate government"

We won our campaign against all odds because we stood together.

I need you now, more than ever. We're now engaged in a battle to save our country.

We must work together, we must fight, and together we must succeed.

Cornyn Response to the President's State of the Union Address

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement after the President's State of the Union Address:

"Each year the President has promised, pledged, and pivoted, but American families continue to confront persistently high unemployment, rising health care costs, and the prospect of losing more of their hard-earned paychecks to tax increases.

"If we want to grow the nation's economy and create jobs, Washington needs to embrace the Texas model. I will continue to push this President to adopt our proven formula of limited government, low taxes, and sensible regulations – because America can, and should, do much better."

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

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Cornyn, Senate Republicans Introduce Balanced Budget Amendment

'Families across Texas have to balance their checkbooks and live within their means, and there is no reason their government should operate any differently.'

WASHINGTON - Following the President's call for more deficit spending on stimulus-style projects in his State of the Union address, today U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) and all 44 of his Republican colleagues introduced a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution to bring much-needed fiscal discipline back to Washington:

"With more than \$16 trillion of debt, including nearly \$6 trillion since President Obama took office, we are facing nothing short of a fiscal crisis. Everyone agrees that our nation is on an unsustainable path, but unfortunately as we saw last night, President Obama is incapable of tempering his appetite for more and more spending.

"We must set effective limits on spending and taxes, and require a balanced budget. Families across Texas have to balance their checkbooks and live within their means, and there is no reason their government should operate any differently."

BACKGROUND

Sen. Cornyn's bill is cosponsored by all 44 Senate Republicans and supported by Americans for Prosperity, Americans for Tax Reform, Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, National Taxpayers Union, National Federation of Independent Business, and the 60 Plus Association.

*Requirement to Balance the Budget. With limited exceptions, the federal budget must be balanced.
*Presidential Requirement to Submit a Balanced Budget. Prior to each fiscal year, the President must submit to Congress a balanced budget that limits outlays to 18 percent of GDP.

*18 Percent Spending Cap. With limited exceptions, Congress must limit outlays to 18 percent of GDP.
*Supermajority for Tax Increases. Establishes a new supermajority requirement for net tax and rate increases.
*Supermajority to Raise the Debt Limit. Establishes new supermajority requirement for an increase in the debt limit.

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The Southern food stereotype

By Amanda Hill

Last week, I heard about a study that found that "Southern food" is unhealthy. By Southern food, the University of Alabama at Birmingham study meant fried foods, burgers, processed meats and sugary drinks (specifically sweet tea). The study noted an increased stroke risk with fried foods and a higher risk of diabetes with sweetened drinks.

Forgive me, but why is this "groundbreaking" science? It's not new news that fried food and/or meals high in salt and sugar content cause an increased risk of health problems. The research reports that people who eat "Southern-style" meals six or more times a week have a 41 percent higher stroke risk than those who ate those meals just once a month.

In contrast, people who ate a diet heavy in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, dairy and fish were 29 percent less likely to suffer a stroke.

Again, I ask... What about this is groundbreaking?

As a dutiful and proud Southerner, my real concern is the Southern food stereotype that seems to be presented -- and then touted in the media. Sure, we Southerners like fried chicken and sweet tea, every so often. But, I don't know many who eat it six times a week. Southern food has gotten a bad rap.

What about the Southern food I know? At our house, we like beef -- lean beef, specifically -- as well as lots of fruits and vegetables. Most of our meals are accompanied by rice, beans, potatoes, green beans, corn or broccoli. There's very little butter involved, although a tablespoon or two gives dishes good flavor and the added benefits of healthy fat.

Healthy eating is important to us, like it is to many Southerners. Sure, we love sweet tea every now and then, but most of the time our glasses are filled with cold water or lowfat milk.

Fellow Southerners, what do you think? Is the Southern food stereotype correct? Do most of our meals include fried chicken, French fries and a big glass of sweet tea? If not, what's most likely to be on your table?

Lines of Opportunity

By John Crabtree, johnc@cfra.org, Center for Rural Affairs

Tapping America's vast wind resources requires a commitment to building high capacity transmission infrastructure. An improved electrical grid will create rural jobs in both transmission and wind industries, bring more wind energy online and help secure a clean energy future in regions rich in wind potential.

Unfortunately, the existing transmission network was not designed to penetrate lightly populated regions of the Midwest and Great Plains, a region brimming with wind energy potential. Instead, the grid was designed to connect large, individual generating units with specific population centers. Consequently, states like Texas, with the greatest wind development potential among the states, are leaving too much on the table when it comes to economic development and energy independence.

Transmission lines of 400 kV or larger are needed in greater numbers if these states hope to integrate more wind power into their energy portfolio. But a recent Center for Rural Affairs report (<http://files.cfra.org/pdf/OpportunityontheLine.pdf>) found that current transmission infrastructure in the ten states with the highest potential for wind development have only six percent of such high capacity transmission lines - 2,348 of 37,736 miles nationally.

Moreover, of the 3,710 miles of lines with carrying capacity greater than 600 kV across the country, only nine miles are located in states that lead the nation in wind potential, accounting for less than 0.3 percent of the total. More efficient use of infrastructure now in place is a crucial first step, and commitment to an improved, expanded grid must come next.

The Center for Rural Affairs was established in 1973 as an unaffiliated nonprofit corporation under IRS code 501(c)3. The Center for Rural Affairs was formed by rural Nebraskans concerned about family farms and rural communities, and we work to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities.

Who cares about water in Texas?

By Mike Barnett

So who cares about water in Texas? Farmers and ranchers, obviously. The rest of the state? Not so much.

At least that's the conclusion faculty members at the University of Texas made after examining public opinion polls of issues that matter most to Texans.

The economy, immigration and education are top of mind for most. Yet water -- that life-giving resource -- registers as a top issue with only 4 percent.

That's a real concern.

Rural Texans understand burn bans, dry wells and short pastures. Drought is not a word. It is a reality they live with every day.

For most urban Texans, water is something that comes out of the tap. Every time. There's plenty to keep the lawn green. There's plenty to keep the pool brimming. Urban areas are an oasis in a sea of Texas brown. And that's a dangerous mirage for our future.

How long this lack of concern continues is a \$53 billion question.

That's the amount the Texas Water Development Board estimates it will take to fund the State Water Plan, a roadmap to meet the needs of a booming Texas population for the next 50 years.

Fortunately, the Texas legislature is paying attention, and both Texas House and Senate leadership has expressed the need this session to kick start the plan with revenue from the Rainy Day Fund.

And that's good. But there's also a danger. Agriculture -- with a stellar record of improving efficiency and conservation and doing much more with less over the last two decades -- is still the top water user in the state.

And as water gets more expensive and sources disappear, a clamor could arise to take agriculture's water -- drying up livelihoods, a rich agriculture heritage and ultimately, the food supply.

That's why water needs to be a top concern of all Texans. Conservation and planning for future water needs is a conversation all Texans need to be engaged in now.

Waiting until the tap runs dry is far too late.

Mike Barnett, Director of Publications, Texas Farm Bureau
I'm a firm believer that farmers and ranchers will continue to meet the needs of a growing world population by employing equal measures of common sense, conservation and technology.





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Social Security Switching to All-Electronic Payment System

No more paper checks in the mail. Starting March 1, nearly everyone who receives Social Security must switch to the government's new electronic payment system. Beneficiaries will be able to have their checks directly deposited into their bank account or put on to a debit card.

The government is switching to electronic payments in order to save money and to provide a more reliable method of delivering payments. The move to paperless payments will save the government close to \$1 billion dollars over the next 10 years. It also eliminates the problem of checks that get lost in the mail or are delayed due bad weather.

Currently, around 93 percent of payments are made electronically, but about 5 million checks are still being mailed each month. If you are among those who haven't converted to electronic payments, the following are your options:

You can have the checks deposited directly into your bank account. This option allows flexibility with withdrawals and you will be subject to the bank fees and limits you already have in place.

If you can't afford a regular checking or savings account, you may be able to open a special low-cost bank account called an electronic transfer account (ETA). ETA fees are low and you are allowed four free withdrawals a month. However, not a lot of banks have joined the ETA program.

You can have your payment put on a Direct Express debit card. The debit card does carry some additional fees if you are planning to withdraw cash. You get one free withdrawal a month and then a \$0.90 fee (or more depending on the bank) applies every time you make a subsequent withdrawal that month. You can also use the card like a MasterCard to make purchases directly without fees.

Some individuals are exempted from the requirement to switch to paperless payments. If you are over age 90, live in a remote area that doesn't have electronic payment options, or have a mental impairment that doesn't allow you to manage finances, you may not have to switch to an electronic payment system.

To make the switch, call 1-800-333-1795 or visit www.GoDirect.org.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Visitors to the State Capitol

Throughout the session, many constituents travel to Austin to advocate for causes important to them and to meet with their elected officials. This past week, the Denison and Sherman Chambers leadership classes visited Austin, and I was honored to recognize both Chambers on their respective 100 year anniversaries with resolutions read on the House floor. Next week, we will celebrate Fannin and Delta County Days at the Capitol and I will visit with delegations from both counties. In recent weeks I have also had the pleasure of meeting with members of ABATE, students from Grayson County College, Farm Bureau representatives, and several of our local educators. As the session continues, I look forward to meeting with other constituents.

While many people who travel to Austin during the session do so on business, others, such as school children and families on spring break, come to tour Austin's historical sites. The Texas Capitol anchors the four blocks that surveyors originally designated as Capitol Square in 1839. The Capitol building was completed in 1888 and measured over 566 feet by 288 feet and cost more than \$3.7 million to build. In the early 1990's the Capitol Extension was added to provide for more space for staff, committees, and other amenities. Free tours of the Capitol are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Near the Capitol building is the Governor's Mansion. Built in 1856, it has recently reopened after an extensive restoration. Free guided tours of the Texas Governor's Mansion are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon beginning on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, and reservations must be made at least one week in advance.

History enthusiasts and individuals tracing their genealogy may wish to visit to the Texas State Cemetery. The cemetery is where some of Texas' most notable citizens are buried, including Stephen F. Austin, General Albert Sidney Johnston, and many governors. The Texas State Cemetery is located approximately one mile east of the State Capitol. The Gallery and Visitors' Center are open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cemetery grounds are open 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Guided tours may be booked by calling (512) 463-0605.

Museum lovers will enjoy the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. The museum has three floors of interactive exhibits, a special effects show and Austin's only IMAX Theatre. It also contains 34,000 square feet of permanent exhibits and 7,000 square feet of temporary exhibits. For information on exhibits, ticket prices and hours of operation, please visit the museum's website at www.thestoryoftexas.com.

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Zen Sarcasm

1. Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me either. Just pretty much leave me alone.
- 2 The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt or a leaky tire.
3. It's always darkest before dawn, so if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
4. Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
5. Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.
6. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
7. If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
8. Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
9. If at first you don't succeed...Skydiving is not for you.
10. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

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[The Handbook of Texas Online](#) is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

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LET'S REMINISCE:

Frontier Newspapers Made Interesting Reading

By Jerry Lincecum

A hundred and forty years ago, writers for small town newspapers were not taught the rules of journalism or political correctness. Consider a few examples from their pages.

“People living the immediate vicinity of the X Baptist Church are complaining very bitterly of the conduct of the congregation. Services are held nearly every evening of the week, commencing about 8 o’clock and lasting sometimes until midnight. The demonstrations made by the worshippers are of the noisiest character. It is impossible, so our informant states, to enjoy rest or quiet during the progress of the meetings.

“An Irishman [nationality changed] was arrested for stealing from Y, an Indian from the Nation, a pair of saddlebags containing sugar, coffee, whisky, etc. The property was taken from Wolf’s Saloon, and two Indians saw the thing walking off with it across an alley. He has been apprehended and will have his examination soon.

“A petition is circulating on our streets endorsing the action of the City Council in retaining Prof. Somerville as principal of the public school for another term. It is hardly necessary to state that it is receiving numerous signatures of the representative citizens of the city. We understand another petition has been started by a few malcontents asking for a change.

“Councilmen Gilmer and Alsop have requested the *News* to state that they were the only one voting against the retention of Prof. Somerville. We presume that the fact was generally known before to the public.

“Capt. Jack Martin of the *Sherman Register* had decided to pull up stakes and move his paper to Gainesville. It has been proved by sorry experience that the county seat will not support two papers.

“It is rumored that a certain saloon keeper will keep open house in defiance of the Sunday law. This, we opine, will be an expensive undertaking.

“Let the city officials look out for loose women in localities where they ought not to be. Property holders would do well to see to this; for their rents in such cases will grow beautifully less, until they are whittled down to the little point of nothing.

For a change of subject, another paper of that era gives this description of a nearby prairie fire and efforts to fight it: “The men drove like wild to meet the fire and fought the flames, sometimes fifteen feet high where the grass was rank, for hours; until they were perfectly black from the smoke and cinders.

“On one occasion we saw the fire coming, and there was a family camped in Jones’s hay meadow in the path of the fire. Their little tent-house was entirely surrounded by heavy grassland. When warned, they hardly had time to hitch the team to their hack and load up the wife and children, including a new baby, for a wild ride to safety.”

Compared to these stories and opinions, the local news and columns we read today are blander, and so are our daily lives.

-30- Jerry Lincecum is a retired English professor who now teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any subject:
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Back to Enterprise

In 2005 we began publishing a history magazine about the Texoma area, North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. We continued through 2008 with publication. Many folks really enjoyed our publication so we are now adding it to our Texoma Enterprise website. Our aim is to reprint some of the articles we used in our print issue, but we may add from time to time.

A special thank you goes to Dorothy Fowler and Jerry Lincecum for giving us permission to reprint articles they prepared for the magazine. Also thank you to both of them for their great contributions writing for Texoma Enterprise. They have been doing this for many years.

This section of the website will only be updated every other month or so. We hope you enjoy it.

Dale and Lana Rideout

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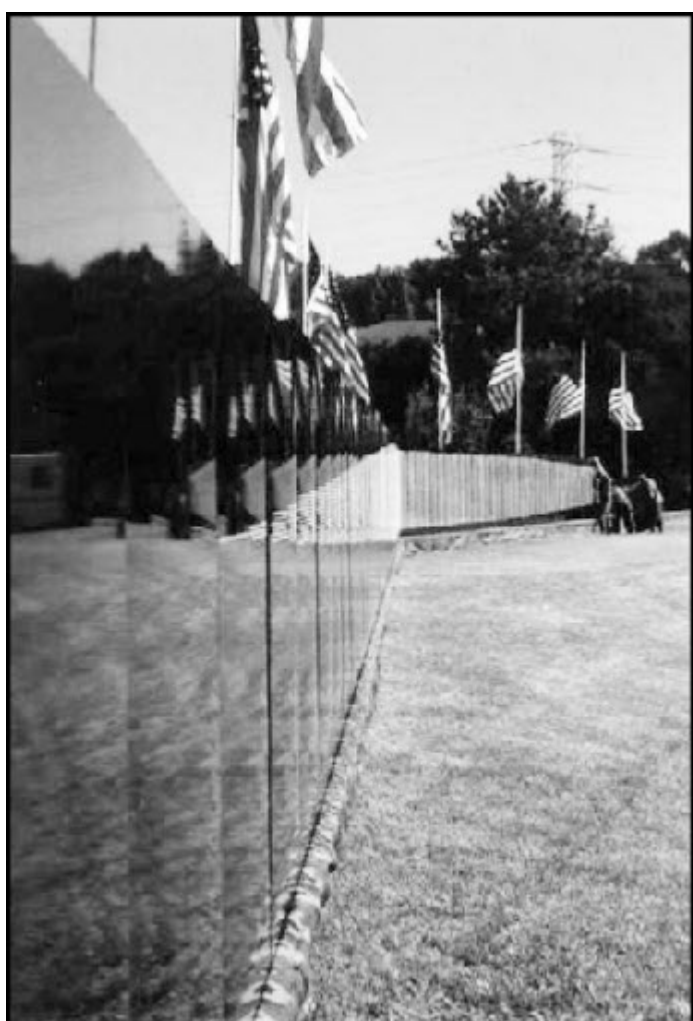
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The Wall, looking East
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.

Traveling Vietnam War Memorial

by Dorothy N. Fowler

The first time I saw the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., I was with my 80 year-old mother. She broke down and cried as she looked at the wall bearing the names of more than 58,000 dead and missing in action.

"Such a waste," she said through her tears. "Such a waste."

Mama had opposed the war to start with, not because she believed members of the armed services were doing anything wrong, but because she thought the policy behind it was a failed policy and that the United States had no vital national interest there.

When the war began, I was a hawk, but as it dragged on, I wanted nothing so much as to bring home the men and women whose lives were in danger every day in a cause that clearly seemed to be lost as a result of policy failures. I watched helpless every year as some of my brightest and best students were drafted, went to fight, and either came home in military caskets or terribly wounded either in body or spirit.

When I saw the wall for the first time, I visualized a baseball stadium that seats 60,000. I saw it full and then suddenly irrevocably empty. As I walked the length of the wall, seeing the gifts that had been laid beneath some of the names, watching people take rubbings of the names of their children, their friends, their husbands, brothers, sisters, lovers, I too began to cry.

I was not alone. Many of the people who were walking near me were crying. Nothing outside the sudden death of my three-year old granddaughter has ever affected me as much as that first visit to the wall.

It's a fact that the Vietnam War Memorial is the most visited National Park Service Site in Washington, D. C. It's also a fact that most Americans will never get to Washington to see the memorial.

That's why, when the replica of the Vietnam War Memorial comes to Denison on July 22, sponsors will keep the practice field at Denison High School open 24 hours a day for its three day stay.

"We want as many people as possible to be able to visit it," Horace Groff, former Grayson County Judge and one of the organizers of the wall's visit, said. "There is never any charge whatsoever to visitors to the wall."

After his retirement from political life, Groff went to work part-time for Bratcher Funeral Home, which is now part of Dignity Memorial Funeral, Cremation and Cemetery Providers. The company commissioned the traveling replica, which was completed in 1990.

"Sponsors who want the wall to come to their city put their names in and Denison got picked for this summer," Groff said. "Sponsors make contributions and sometimes individuals who visit the wall make contributions to have it come, but the wall is truly a service that the company makes possible."

At 240 feet long and eight feet high, it is sometimes hard to find a place large enough to hold it and the crowds of people who visit it. Security is also a problem. "We needed to have it in a place that was accessible and at the same time secure," Groff said. "The practice field at DHS was the best spot."

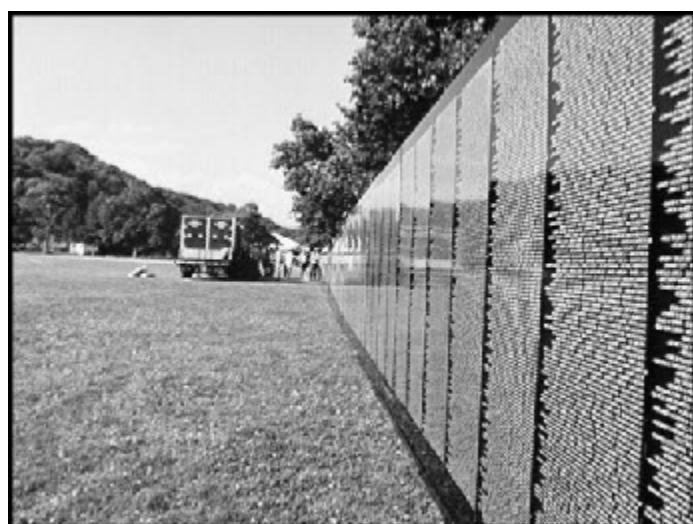
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

Learning that the wall was coming to Denison sent me on a quest for other war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, Bryan and Collin Counties. I didn't find all of them, probably overlooked some that were right under my nose, but looking for them and thinking about the uncommon valor that each represented was a life affirming experience.

If you and your family go looking for the memorials described on page 14 and following, I hope you will come away from the experience with a renewed sense of the sacrifices that others have made to make it safe for you to travel freely, to speak freely, to read whatever you choose to read, to attempt any job you want to do. I hope you will think what it means to be free.



The Moving Wall - in Spencerport, NY.
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.



The moving wall - set up and ready for visitors.
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What's Cookin...

By Lana Rideout

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Cooking During Wartime

War time is a difficult time for all involved: the soldiers on the battlefield and the family members back home.

The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 just as Americans were coming out of the Great Depression. People were used to doing without and making do with what they had. They were used to sharing with others.

The folks back home did all they could to get those American soldiers back home. They participated in scrap iron drives; they rationed gas and many food items such as sugar and eggs.

One creation of the time was a sweet treat known as the "Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake" also known as the Depression Cake.

Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake

- 2 Cups Brown Sugar
- 2 Cups HOT Water
- 2 Tablespoons. Shortening
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1 Package Seedless Raisins
- 1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon Cloves
- 3 Cups Flour (Sifted)
- 1 Teaspoon HOT Water

Boil together the Sugar, Water, Shortening, Salt, Raisins and Spices for five minutes. When Cold, add the Flour and the Soda (dissolved in a tsp of Hot Water). This makes two loaves--Bread Pan Size.

Bake in 325F oven for about 45 minutes. This Cake is of good texture and keeps moist for some time. Note: You can Ice this cake with your choice of Icing.

My friend Betty Weaver of Sherman was 10 when the U.S. entered WWII. She remembers her mom baking this cake usually at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She would store it in an old pressure cooker, wrapped in waxed paper and a heavy towel (trying to hide it from the children). Betty says the cake is a favorite at her family reunions and usually sells for upward of \$40. Her recipe calls for lard, but she uses canola oil which makes for a very moist cake.

In researching this recipe, I found several versions: Some use brown sugar and others white sugar. Spices include nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, and/ or allspice. One recipe said that 1 cup of nuts adds flavor to the cake.

During WWII people on farms did better than some of the city folks since farms had chickens for a steady supply of eggs. Also vegetables grown in the gardens were plentiful. On the farms and in the towns lots of folks grew "victory gardens" – vegetables they could eat or can.

Although sugar was rationed, folks on the farm who did their own canning were allowed more sugar.

My Dad served in the Army and was overseas in England when I was born just two weeks before D-Day – June 6, 1944. My Mom was living with her parents in Fort Worth; all of them were praying for a speedy end to the war and the safe return of their loved ones.

Another recipe used during World War II is the Spam and Egg Sandwich - good any time of day--breakfast, lunch, dinner, or midnight snack!

WWII Spam and Egg Sandwich

- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 2 Tablespoons finely

- chopped onion
- 1 Slice fully cooked luncheon meat (e.g. Spam)
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 2 Slices bread
- 1 Slice American cheese (optional)
- 1 Slice tomato (optional)

Melt butter in a small skillet over medium-high heat. Saute the onion in butter until soft. Mash up the slice of luncheon meat with a fork, and add it to the skillet. Cook for 2 or 3 minutes, until browned. Pour the egg into the skillet so that it covers all of the meat and onion. Cook until firm, then flip to brown the other side.

Place the egg and meat onto one slice of the bread and top with cheese and tomato if desired. Place the other piece of bread on top. Bread can also be toasted first.)

I also did a little research on recipes from the American Civil War or the "War Between the States." From some of the websites I visited, it looks like some folks are still fighting that one. While no one advocates a return to slavery, the issue of states' rights versus the federal government is a hot issue in many southern political discussions.

My great-great-grandfather on my mother's side was a plantation overseer in Tennessee. He was off serving in the Confederate Army when his daughter was born near the end of the war. I remember my great-grandmother. She died when I was six and I still remember receiving hugs from her. Her daughter, my mother's mother told me many stories about the family members.

During the Civil War, soldiers on both sides carried an item called hard tack. It is a simple cracker made of flour, salt and water. They could be very hard and some soldiers called them "tooth dullers" or "sheet iron crackers." The soldiers softened them by soaking them in their coffee, frying them in bacon grease, or crumbling them in soup.

Hard Tack

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- Water

Mix the flour and salt with just enough water to bind the ingredients. Flatten the dough to about ¼ inch thick on a cookie sheet. Cut into 3 inch by 3 inch squares. Pierce with 16 holes about ½ inch apart. Bake at 400 degrees F. 20-25 minutes.

Another popular recipe during the Civil War time is Southern Johnny Cake – a cornbread variation good with your favorite beans or stew.

Southern Johnny Cake

- 2 Cups Cornmeal
- 2/3 Cup Milk
- 2 Tablespoons Lard (Vegetable Oil)
- 2 teaspoons Baking Soda
- ½ teaspoon Salt

Mix into a stiff batter and form into 8 biscuit-sized "dodgers." Bake on a lightly greased cookie sheet at 350 degrees F 20-25 minutes or spoon batter into hot cooking oil in a frying pan over flame. Optional: spread with a little butter or molasses for a real southern treat.

As a part of this new magazine, I will be sharing recipes and stories with you. If you have recipes or ideas you would like to share, contact me at lanarideout@texomamontage.com or call 903/532-6012.



WW II Ration Book and Stamps were needed for many of the necessities.

Betty Weaver of Sherman found this one-piece metal tube cake pan in an antique store. It was made by E. Katzinger Co. of Chicago (date unknown) and printed on the bottom of the pan is the following: "Swan's Down Cake Flour Makes Better Cakes." On each side of the pan is a movable vent so the cake won't sweat and to aid with removal of the cake. Does anyone know the date it was made or have other information?

Texoma Remembers Its Heroes

Bryan, Collin, Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties all have monuments honoring their veterans who gave their lives in support of our great nation. While we know that we have missed some, we have tried to give good examples from each county.

by Dorothy N. Fowler

“This will be a lead pipe cinch,” I said to myself. “After all, this is the place where everywhere you look there is an MIA flag and there is more red, white and blue than any place you’ve ever been. You’ll be able to find dozens of war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, and Bryan Counties.”

Thus armed, with more enthusiasm and optimism than information, it seemed to me to be good sense to start at home on the quest for photographs and information about memorials to men and women who have died serving the United States in any one of its last eight major wars. Named, those wars include the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq the First and Iraq the Second.

It seemed equally good sense to start the quest by visiting the VFW in Sherman to talk with people who had been combatants in one or more of those wars. Surely those folks would have a special interest in war memorials.

VFW Post 481-2772 Sherman, Texas

If anyone in the main room at Sherman’s VFW is watching or listening to the wall mounted television set, it isn’t obvious on this wintry Thursday night.

Nearly all the people present are men. One woman is a server behind the bar and at 7:30 or so, another woman comes in and joins a group at a large round table. It isn’t clear whether she is a member of the auxiliary or a veteran, but whatever her status, it is clear from her reception that she is well-liked. The easy conversation at the table continues, punctuated by soft, well-controlled laughter.

The men at the table with me are Henry Salisbury, Doyle Sloan and Jessie Goodman. Later in the evening, Franklin “Andy” Anderson joins us.

Salisbury is the memorial chairperson for VFW Post 481-2772 and is a past commander of the post. He’s an army veteran of the Vietnam War. He arrived there in 1968 just in time for the TET offensive. He was there through 1969.

Sloan, nicknamed “Mr. VFW” by his comrades, fought in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. Salisbury says Sloan has held nearly every office possible in the local VFW.

Anderson, a Vietnam veteran, and chaplain of the post, is personable as he pours his Sprite. He provides snippets of information about how VFW members went about building the war memorial in Sherman’s Fairview Park.

It is clear that these men, along with the other people in the room, and the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have shared the experiences unique to war, are living memorials. But they are not interested in being living memorials. People die, they say. Families get separated. Kids either don’t remember or don’t care about the role their parents played in wars. The only way to be sure that future generations remember is to build memorials of granite and cement, to inscribe the names of the dead in stone.

“It’s a shame it took so long to get the memorial for World War Two,” Salisbury says. “I don’t think we can do enough to honor the people who serve their country, especially the ones who paid the ultimate price and didn’t come back.”

The other men nod agreement.

Doyle Sloan says the most recent memorial in Sherman is at Fairview Park. “H. K. Lyde was instrumental in getting it started. He was the Grayson County Council Commander and he wanted the VFW, the American Legion, the AmVets and the DAV to be involved in building it. About 10 years ago the veterans organizations raised about \$40,000 and combined it with lots of manual labor to build that softball field and the granite monuments.”

It’s the same with most war memorials, they say. It’s a dream that starts with one or maybe a few people and they work at raising the money for a memorial that has to be placed somewhere. Someone has to design it. Someone has to raise the money to pay for it. Someone has to navigate the myriads of red tape with local, state and sometimes the national government before the monument can be built. Someone has to plan the dedication ceremony, arrange for the speakers, the music if there is to be any.

These men have done all those things and helped others do them. Each year on special days, they visit the memorials, lay wreaths or light candles, leading the public as they remember their wars and the wars of fathers and grandfathers.

They do much more, working to improve the lives of veterans who are facing hard times, visiting veterans confin-ed to nursing homes, taking people to the nearest veterans hospitals for their check-ups, working with young people in the community.

“May I take some pictures?” I ask. There is a moment of hesitation.

“Most reporters want to take a picture of someone sitting at the bar, drinking,” Salisbury says. “But we’d like to have our picture taken with the national award the post won for its work on Poppy Day.”

“That’s just the picture we want,” I say.

“Thanks.”

“Wow! What nice people and what a treat to meet them,” I thought as I made my way through the parking lot to my maroon pickup. “They’ve given me two new ideas and the location of a war memorial that must be pretty close to brand new in Gainesville. If the weather holds, I can visit the memorials in Sherman, go to Gainesville and Bonham the next day and into Bryan County the next.

The weather did not hold. Rain and cold were the order of the day for the next two weeks. I had surgery on my right foot and the ensuing swelling kept me out of the pickup except for the brief ride to the doctor’s office for follow-up.

Undiscouraged, I went to the Internet, typing in war memorials Grayson County Texas, war memorials, Fannin County Texas, war memorials Bryan County Oklahoma, war memorials Cooke County Texas.

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Doyle Sloan, Henry Salisbury, and Jessie Goodman stand in front of the VFW Post 481-2772 Poppy Project Award.

Photo by Dorothy Fowler

Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

Texoma Montage

The notice that the search engine had found thousands of bits of information about war memorials in each of the counties was misleading, at best. The truth was that there was a plethora of information about the subject of war memorials and that there were a few privately produced reminiscences about coming home from WWII, but there was almost nothing about war memorials in general and nothing at all about war memorials in any of the counties included in the question.

Questions to local historians elicited interest in the project, but no new information. "I guess you already know about Ely Park," one Austin College professor said. "And there's that newer one at Fairview Park. Those are the only ones I know anything about."

"What about the statue on the courthouse lawn?" I asked.

"I thought you wanted to know about memorials for men and women who died in the service of the United States," he replied. "That's a monument to men who died in service to the Confederate States of America. If you want to broaden your search, you'll find many more monuments to the soldiers of the Confederacy than to the soldiers of the United States."

Ely Park World War II Memorial

At first glance on this almost balmy February Sunday afternoon, Sherman's Ely Park, bordered on the east by Rusk Avenue, on the north by Steadman, on the west by Austin and on the south by Moore, looks like the kind of family-friendly park one might find anywhere in the country.

There is a softball diamond on the northeast end, a big covered picnic pavilion on the south, typical playground equipment nearby and in between, a vast expanse of grass.

The abundance of crepe myrtle trees, planted at regular intervals around the perimeter of the park are a bit unusual, considering the sparse plantings in the rest of the park. Closer inspection indicates they are unique, for each of the 72 trees flanks a small white concrete marker that bears the name of one of the 72 men from Sherman who died during World War II.

Also on the markers is the birth year and the death year of the man commemorated by the marker. Most were in their late teens or 20s. A few were older. About one-third of the 72 died in 1944-45, which makes me wonder if they were part of the D-Day invasion or perhaps part of the Battle of the Bulge.

Beyond their names, which are also inscribed on a plaque placed on the west side of the park as part of an Eagle Scout project, there is no information at the park. However, people who are looking for more information might find it at the Sherman Public Library, which has a fine genealogy section and which also maintains excellent newspaper files.

On Memorial Day and Veterans Day and other national holidays, veterans groups and others place flags and flowers beside each marker.

The location of the park, bounded as it is by neat, well-kept houses that look as if they belong to blue collar workers, adds to the poignancy of the markers, for it's likely that most of the men whose names are on the stones lived in neighborhoods much like this one.

It takes about 15 minutes to walk the perimeter of the park if you stop to read the names and to think about how young were the people memorialized there.

Fairview Park War Memorial

In late winter, almost warm but not yet early spring, two of the three flags at the Liberty Memorial Garden in Sherman, Texas, crackles in the southwest wind.

The stars and stripes and the dark flag bearing the acronyms MIA and POW straight out from the poles from which they are suspended. The top of the third flag, the Texas flag, worked itself loose from the hooks that should have held it, leaving it drooping, hanging only by the lower grommets.

There is no way a passerby could repair the damage. The poles are state-of-the-art, with the mechanism that raises and lowers the flags locked behind plates in the substantial poles. People who frequent the park have no doubt that the flag will be back in its proper place before sunset.

Local veterans organizations are proud of the memorial they built with what one of them described as "an excess of sweat" after they raised \$40,000 to build the monument.

The monument is roughly in the center of a giant park complex bordered on the east by Ricketts Street and on the north by Taylor Street. It is in a place that is strangely quiet, even when families with their children are on the playground equipment across the park road and east of the monument. Soccer players, on the field immediately east and north of the monument do not make enough noise to be heard.

Two well-maintained park benches provide places for visitors to sit and examine the memorial, which consists of four gray marble stones on which the names of every man or woman in Grayson County who died in World War II, Korea, or the Vietnam War carved. There is also a list of MIA's.

Two hundred and forty men from Grayson County died in action during World War II, 26 in Korea and 26 in Vietnam. The names of the five MIA's are at the end of the list.



Ely Park



Ely Park



Fairview Veterans Stadium

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Members of the local veterans' organizations are always on the alert for the names of men and women they might have overlooked when the memorial was first erected. Several names are obviously new, their black outlines much darker than the names that were part of the original monument.

The names of the dead are inscribed on four slabs of granite, each about five feet tall and set in concrete. The granite slabs face each other. On the north, a fifth granite slab bears the names of each branch of the United States armed forces. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard are there, along with the names of local veterans organizations that helped build the memorial. They include the Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans and the American Legion.

The monument is open every day of the year. Because it is near the park, it's a good place to bring a picnic on days when the weather is good.

Confederate Monument on Grayson County Courthouse Grounds

Thirty-one years after the United States Civil War ended 20,000 people gathered on the northeast corner of the block where the Grayson County Court house stands in Sherman to witness the dedication of the first Confederate monument erected in Texas.

An article in the Sherman newspaper, dated April 21, 1897, said "(the statue) represents not only the confederate dead who are sleeping in West Hill (the oldest cemetery in Sherman), but those who are sleeping from *Gettysburg to the Rio Grande, from Missouri to the Atlantic Seaboard.*"

The monument is 45 feet tall, including the six foot statue of a Confederate infantryman standing at parade rest and gazing toward the north east. Most of the monument is made of light gray granite mined from Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Georgia. The blocks that bear the inscriptions came from quarries at Lexington, near Atlanta.

Ironically, the statue of the soldier, which is crafted of a material characterized as "white bronze," was created in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

In 1996, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the monument was rededicated.

The inscriptions on the sides of the base are typical of the prose of the Victorian age in general and Southerners in particular.

One of them reads, "*And the fame of that nameless nation on history's page shall shine as our heroes' grand oblation in our hearts has found a shrine.*"

Another reads, "*Sacred to the memory of our Confederate dead: true patriots. They fought for home and country. For the holy principles of self government—the only true liberty. Their sublime self-sacrifice and unsurpassed valor will teach future generations the lessons of high born patriotism, of devotion to duty, of exalted courage, of southern chivalry. History has enshrined them immortal.*"

Three Texas historical markers are clustered near the monument. One of them tells the story of Grayson County. Another tells of the exploits of the Ninth Texas Cavalry, which started with about 1,000 men and by war's end had only 110. The third tells the story of the 11th Texas Cavalry.

Because the soldier is perched so high on the shaft of the monument, it's not possible to see him in detail without binoculars, but you do get the feeling of just how important it still is to many people to have him there, overlooking the business at the intersection of Travis and Lamar 140 years after his war was lost.

For visitors who want to just sit for awhile, the citizens of Grayson County provided benches in honor of much-loved Grayson County Judge Horace Groff when he retired and re-entered life as a private citizen in 2002.

The Union Soldier at Fairview Cemetery in Denison, Texas

An eternal flame honoring veterans of all wars burns near Katy Depot in Denison, but the most impressive and surprising monument stands north of the city, in the northwest corner of Fairview Cemetery.

The existence of a monument honoring Union soldiers may be the best kept secret in Grayson County. A quick survey of 10 lifelong residents of Grayson County netted 10 people who not only didn't know it exists, but also doubted that it does.

The monument, which is 15 feet, six inches tall, includes a five foot square base. It appears to have been made of limestone. The statue of the Union Infantryman wears a cap, a coat, brogans and other items typical of soldiers of his era. He is carrying a rifle that may have been a Springfield rifle.

Dan Bray, who wrote a local history that included a chapter on the Union soldier, speculated that the statue itself was made of pre-cast concrete and had been cast in four separate castings.

He also noted that the gaze of the statue, which faces southeast, intersects at some point with the gaze of the Confederate soldier on the Grayson County Courthouse lawn.

The inscription on the south side of the base reads:

G. A. R.
1906
Erected by
Nathaniel Lyon
Post No 5
Department of Texas
In Memory of
the Loyal Soldiers
and Sailors

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Six Union soldiers are buried just to the west of the statue. Each headstone bears the name of the soldier buried there and the federal shield. Information provided by the cemetery says that several Union soldiers are buried throughout the cemetery, each identified by a federal shield on the headstone.

After visiting and photographing war memorials in Sherman and Denison, I turned east, toward Cooke County and the monument to veterans of 20th Century wars. On the way, I stopped in Whitesboro, a small town about half way between Sherman and Gainesville on Highway 82.

In Whitesboro, at the intersection of Highway 56 and Main Street, students from Whitesboro High School maintain an informal and surprisingly touching memorial. It is nothing more than an open space on the northwest corner, but the corner is filled with American flags and tied to a post nearby are tattered yellow bows and ribbons.

“There used to be a lot more ribbons and bows,” a man who works in a nearby building says. “But they got pretty torn up and I think the kids took some of them down and haven’t put up replacements yet.”

Dozens of such monuments may exist in small towns across the nation and where you find them, it’s a good thing to stop and think about what they mean.

The War Memorial at Frank Buck Park, Gainesville, Texas

A big renovation project makes it difficult to get access to the war memorial in Gainesville.

The renovation is to the small zoo and the park that holds it and has nothing to do directly with the war memorial, but signs denying access to park roads and parking can confuse the faint of heart. But faint heart ne’er won anything much, so I went into the park on a road clearly marked “Construction Workers Only,” and found at the end of the lane, not only construction workers, but also a good many park visitors.

Where I needed to be, however, was at the entrance to the park, so I turned the pickup around, threaded my way through the traffic and parked on the shoulder of the highway so I could walk up the steps to the newest of the war memorials that I visited.

The Stars and Stripes hold center stage at the monument. To the left of the pole, a large marble slab holds the names of those killed in the service of the United States in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Like the similar monument in Sherman, there are recent additions to the original list, which was dedicated in 1996.

War Memorials in Fannin County, Texas

If there were other memorials in Cooke County, no one could tell me where they were, although everyone seemed familiar with the one at Frank Buck Park, so I turned east, to drive back through Grayson County and into Fannin County to the county seat, Bonham.

A police officer in Bonham told me the only war memorials he knew about in Bonham were on the courthouse square. “I guess there might be some out at the VA hospital, but I don’t remember seeing any,” he said.

Bonham’s courthouse square is typical of every courthouse square in North Texas, surrounded as it on four sides by businesses of almost every stripe, but it does have something that most squares don’t have: a statue of the man for whom the county was named.

The metal representation of James Butler Bonham wears boots with spurs, carries a hat and a powder horn and over his left shoulder, there’s a strap that supports a pouch. If the statue looks like Bonham, Bonham was a handsome fellow.

There are two inscriptions on the base of the statue. One of them provides a brief biography of Bonham. The other reads: “*At the call of his boyhood friend William Barrett Travis, He came to Texas in 1835 and engaged in the war for independence as aide and messenger for Travis. He was faithful unto death at the Alamo March the sixth 1836.*”

Bonham’s statue is the only one I found that made mention of Texas’ war for independence from Mexico.

The other memorial, a statue of a Confederate soldier, is on the northwest corner of the courthouse. The soldier is not nearly so high as the one in Sherman, but it is still too high to permit viewers to make out details clearly without binoculars.

Inscriptions on each face of the base, however, are for the most part, quite clear.

The inscription on the east face reads: *Battles fought, 2242. Total enlistment Confederate Army 600,000. Total enlistment United States Army 2,278,304. Federal Prisoners captured by Confederates 270,000. Confederate prisoners captures by federals 270,000. Co. E 11th/TX CAV and Co. F 11th TX CAV.*

On the south face, between crossed sabers are the words from 1861 to 1865. Below are the following words: “*They fought for principle, their homes, and those they loved. On fame’s eternal camping ground, Their silent tents are spread, and Glory guards, with solemn round, The bivouac of the dead.*”

On the west face, below the bold, black letters Confederate, are these words:

“*To the Confederate soldiers who sacrificed their lives for a just cause This monument is lovingly dedicated by the daughters of the Confederacy aided by the Confederate Veterans Association of Fannin County.*”

On the north face are the words: “*The great war/un-rivaled in history for bravery, gallantry, daring and dash. E Anderson, AD 190 (perhaps 5)*”

From the court- house square, I went to the VA hospital, but found no statues dedicated to the servicemen and servicewomen who seek treatment for their wounds and their illnesses there.

While I was looking for memorials in Bonham, my colleague Dale Rideout was in another part of Fannin County, in Leonard, where he found two memorials. Both of them are dedicated to all veterans of all wars.

One of the memorials is located near the center of town. On both front and back of a granite slab, the citizens of Leonard, who maintain both memorials, have had engraved the names of all service personnel from the town who have died in the service of their country.

Rideout says the memorials includes the names of veterans from the Civil War through Vietnam.

The other memorial is at the cemetery.

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On the same day he visited the cemeteries in Leonard, Dale also visited cemeteries in Collin County. He found a variety of memorials, including the gravesite of John Abston (1761-1856), a soldier in the American Revolution.

Abston is buried in the Old Belew cemetery, near the city of Lavon.

Rideout also visited the cemetery at Farmersville, where he found Freedom Plaza, a memorial that includes a granite slab on which are engraved the names of "*Farmersville heroes (who) died to keep the torch of freedom burning.*" The names of veterans of World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam are listed on the slab.

At the bottom are words attributed to Audie Murphy, "*The real heroes of the war are those who never came home.*"

The memorial was dedicated in 1998 by the community of Farmersville.

Pecan Grove Cemetery McKinney, Texas

In the Pecan Grove Cemetery, Dale found a granite marker engraved with the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy and the names of all Civil War veterans buried in the Pecan Grove Cemetery. A historical marker in the Pecan Grove Memorial Park "*commemorates the courageous and compassionate pioneer men and women of this vicinity.*"

It mentions in particular Dr. James Webb Throckmorton, who was a Texas legislator during the 18950's, a brigadier general in the Confederate Army, Governor of Texas from 1866-1867 and a member of Congress intermittently between 1875 and 1888.

In the same cemetery there is a medallion, dedicated in 1970, dedicated "*To those who served for freedom's just cause.*"

In McKinney, Dale found a granite marker "*Dedicated in honor the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of our country.*"

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, William H. L. Well Camp #1588, dedicated a marker to Confederate soldiers in Plano in 2000.

Fort Washita

There are probably other memorials in North Texas that we overlooked, but it wasn't because Dale and I didn't try to find them all. As soon as I was through with the Texas side of Texoma, I went looking in Oklahoma.

Lifelong residents of Durant told me they didn't know of any monuments, but directed me to Ft. Washita, about 18 miles west and north of Durant.

"It isn't really a war memorial, I guess," one man said. "There aren't any statues or anything out there. But in another way it's better than statues or plaques because you can almost hear the way it was when it was a fort."

Restoring the fort, which is on Oklahoma State Highway 199, is a work in progress. The fort office, made from a building that once was officers' quarters, is complete and so is a barracks building across the road and to the south. Several smaller buildings are also in good repair.

One of the major barracks buildings is in ruins, however. It is covered by vines with branches thick enough to be tree branches.

Two burial grounds are on the fort grounds. The post burial ground is at the north end of the road into the fort. It is an active cemetery. On the day I was there, flowers from a recent funeral were still fresh on the mound of red earth that covered the grave. A visitor told me she had "put my husband here two years ago."

The other burial ground is inactive, but it is well kept. The Stars and Bars flies from a low flag pole there and there is a marker telling visitors that 200 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried there.

Ft. Washita, which was established in 1842 to keep peace among the Indians and white settlers, was abandoned by the federals in 1861 and was used by Confederate troops until the Civil War ended in 1865.

It has a resident ghost, Aunt Jane, who is listed among the prominent ghosts of the frontier.

Each of these places is worth a visit. A little planning would make it possible to visit several memorials in the same day and get home before dark. It would be a good thing, if you're interested in history or you want to teach your kids to be proud of their heritage, to set aside a day every now and then to visit one or more of them.

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Telling Our Stories

DINNER FOR THE MINISTER

by Ruby Frizzell Draisey of Bonham

It was one of those awful years during World War II. We were all subservient to "The War Effort", and we were convinced that it would be unethical to complain, under the circumstances.

Since Betty and I had married cousins, both of whom were serving their country in the armed forces, we determined to live together "For the Duration."

Betty was a devout person, I attended the community church with her. The minister, living alone, was an admirable gentleman whom we considered to be in the category of the elderly. Betty, devoted to the church, had a wild idea. She suggested to me that we invite the minister to a Saturday, early-evening dinner. We did. Because of the "War Effort", we all worked six days a week. By the greatest happenstance, she and I expected to be free at noon on that certain Saturday.

We checked our ration books and found meat was a possibility. A trip to the neighborhood grocery market was reasonably productive. The meat looked good, and we were able to get enough for three servings. Sugar was in very short supply, but we were able to get one pound. We would be able to make a little custard or pudding. At the right time, the gentleman arrived. We were not at all embarrassed about the fact that our tiny apartment was so unpretentious. Anyone who was able to acquire more than one room during that period was happy.

After our greetings, we sat at our little table and prepared to enjoy a delightful meal. The minister politely asked us about our husbands and we told him what we knew, although the actual location of any of the military men was a secret.

I was having difficulty cutting my meat. I glanced at Betty and found her having no less trouble. At last, I hacked off a bit, but masticating it was another problem. I looked at the minister's plate.

He was pretending. The conversation continued.

The War Effort always offered subjects for discussion. I repeated the story my husband had told. In England, where there was no ice, the bartender would sally forth with the jolly admonition, "Drink 'er up, Boys, afore she gets cold!" We laughed. We tried the meat again. We were having no luck.

Betty told of an experience concerning her brother and sister-in-law. The couple wished to drive to another town 120 miles distant so the young lady could visit her ailing mother. Their tires were bald, and buying gasoline was a near impossibility, but the young man thought he could manage. Betty ended the tale by revealing that the couple had experienced six flat tires before arriving back home. She laughed. Our hesitation was hardly noticeable as we joined her.

"Well, maybe the war will be over soon," the minister offered. We were all worrying with the meat. Betty wondered aloud about it and I made a remark.

"You know what I think?" the minister said. "I think this is horse meat!"

"Horse meat!" Betty and I gasped in consternation.

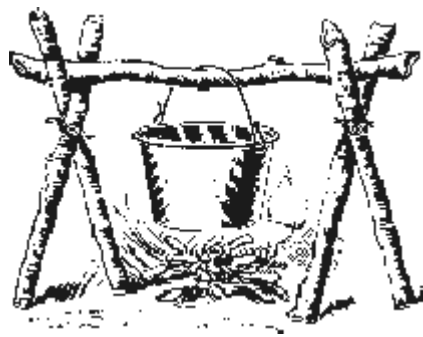
"Yes. It's on the market, now, you know. It's not labeled, and it's difficult to distinguish it from steak."

Sure enough, we had fed the minister a dinner of horse meat.



Ruby Frizzell Draisey

Cookin' Out



Dutch Ovens and Dump Cake

by Dale Rideout

I have enjoyed cooking since I was a very young boy. It is a real treat to hear others comment about my cooking, when it is a success. If it turns out to not be the success I hoped for, then I can take the heat.

Cooking outside is especially rewarding. You can cook over an open fire, over a grill, use the fancy propane cookers of various types, or just put a hot dog on a stick and roast it. My favorite is using cast iron Dutch ovens for cooking. You can prepare just about anything in the Dutch ovens, and with a collection of several sizes you can accomplish some great feats of culinary delight.

Do not start out with a brand new utensil. A new Dutch oven needs to be properly seasoned or it just won't do the job intended. A new oven is covered with a waxy type of material to protect it from rusting. This must be thoroughly washed off with soap and water. Rinse it well, and quickly dry it. Your oven will rust very quickly if you do not use care.

Now you must coat your Dutch oven with salad oil, Crisco, or lard using a cotton cloth. Make sure the entire oven, inside and out, including the lid are coated with your shortening. Now put it in your home oven, with the temperature set for 350 degrees. Be careful on you timing for this because there will probably be a slightly unpleasant odor, along with some smoke. You wouldn't want to do this when planning a formal party for friends. "Cook" that oven for one hour. Turn the oven off, and when your Dutch oven has cooled, but still warm, wipe it again to make sure the oil film covers all all surfaces. Your oven will now be a golden color, and is ready to use.

Do not wash you Dutch oven with strong soapy water, or you will need to re-season it. Clean it with a very mild soap, or plain water.

The more you use your oven the better. It will develop a dark color with use, even turning black. It will have a surface that is almost stick proof. Store you Dutch oven in a warm, dry place. Put a sheet of paper towel or newspaper in the oven to absorb any moisture that may get in, and keep the lid slightly ajar.

Cooking with your Dutch oven is easy. Temperatures are controlled by counting the charcoal briquettes used. You will need to experiment some, but a general rule of thumb is to multiply the diameter of your oven by 2 to get the number of briquettes to use for a 350 degree oven temperature. When you do your cooking use more coals on top and fewer on the bottom. This chart will help get started.

8 inch oven - 10 briquettes on top – 6 briquettes on bottom.
10 inch oven - 12 briquettes on top – 8 briquettes on bottom.
12 inch oven - 14 briquettes on top – 10 briquettes on bottom.
14 inch oven - 16 briquettes on top – 12 briquettes on bottom.
16 inch oven - 18 briquettes on top – 14 briquettes on bottom.

Two additional briquettes, one on top and one on the bottom will increase the temperature by about 25 degrees.

Dump Cake

A favorite dessert of mine is quite simple. In the Boy Scouts we call it Dump Cake, because all you need do is dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven. You will need:

¼ pound butter or margarine

1 can pie filling (any flavor you like, apple, cherry, etc.)

1 box cake mix (again any flavor, yellow or white works great.)

Do not mix. Just Dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven and cook 30 minutes to 45 minutes. You can add cinnamon, nuts, brown sugar, pats of butter, etc to the top for extra special effects. This is easily doubled or more just by adding more of each ingredient.

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Southern Algebra

We are sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South. We challenge any so-called smart Yankee to take this exam administered by the University of Mississippi Engineering Department. (Well, maybe/maybe not. Who knows?)

1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10-pound possum.

2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard? A '65 Ford Fairlane, a '69 Chevrolet Chevelle or a '64 Pontiac GTO

3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?

4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Budweisers will be drunk before the trees are cut down?

5. If every old refrigerator in the state vented a charge of R-12 simultaneously, what would be the percentage decrease in the ozone layer?

6. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many hound dogs will be killed?

7. A man owns a house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?

8. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?

9. A coalmine operates a NFPA Class 1, Division 2 Hazardous Area. The mine employs 120 miners per shift. An explosive gas warning is issued at the beginning of the 3rd shift. How many cartons of unfiltered Camels will be smoked during the shift?

10. At a reduction in the gene pool variability rate of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been bypassed by the Interstate to produce a country-western singer?

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Turkey Vultures

Turkey Vultures are plentiful here in North Texas. They make their roost in groups as the evening approaches. This tree has been serving for several years as the night resting place for this group. In the morning these birds will spread their wings to dry in the sun before departing on their day's activity of cleaning up the environment of dead and dying critters. You will often see them individually or in groups of two or three on the roadside cleaning up the roadkill that gets left behind when other animals are not quick enough to make it across the road.

One Vote

This is an election year. Just how important is ONE VOTE? YOUR VOTE? The following facts may astound you, however, they are true.

In 1645, One Vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, One Vote caused Charles 1 of England to be executed.

In 1776, One Vote gave America the English language instead of the German language.

In 1839, One Vote elected Marcus Morton governor of the State of Massachusetts.

In 1845, One Vote brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868, One Vote saved President Andrew Jackson from impeachment.

In 1875, One Vote changed France from a Monarchy to a Republic.

In 1876, One Vote gave Rutherford B Hayes the Presidency of the United States.

In 1923, One Vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

In 1941, One Vote saved Selective Service twelve weeks before Pearl Harbor.

In 1960, Richard Nixon lost the Presidential election and John F. Kennedy won it by less than One Vote per precinct in the United States.

Dining Out with my Grandson

By Dale Rideout

Of course every grandchild is special. Also each one is unique. Old grandpa loves them all equally but they all have their differences, too. Our experiences with each one make those differences special, as well.

Our first grandchild was a boy. His name is Phillip Jordan Roe. He was born in 1990 and took the place of just about everything of any importance in Papa's life. Jordan's Mom and Dad both worked, so we (Nanny and I) often would get to baby-sit with him. As he grew older he would go everywhere with Papa, and we both enjoyed it.

When Jordan was about two years old, his family moved to San Antonio for four years, then back to Howe. During that four-year time period, Papa did not have the opportunities to take Jordan on the outings we used to take. When he moved back to Howe, he was in school, he had a sister, and there were five other grandchildren who joined the family. All of this slowed down the Jordan and Papa routine of going everywhere together.

This brings us to the story I want to tell you, about eating out. You need the background to help understand the rest. When Jordan was about seven years old I invited him to go with me delivering newspapers. My wife and I own a weekly newspaper and every Wed-nesday it is my job to deliver them to the various stores where they are sold and to various post office locations in about three counties. Jordan liked the idea, so he took off with me for a full day in the car together.

We were getting hungry as it neared dinnertime. I began to ask what he would like to eat, and he said it didn't matter. Well, I knew that he was a little picky about what he eats and didn't want him to get hungry because he couldn't find something he liked.

Our discussion of available menus was somewhat limited because we were approaching Tioga and there were limited choices. I asked Jordan if he liked catfish and he answered with a big "Yes." I told him about the Tioga Catfish Restaurant and asked if he would like to eat there, and again received a "Yes."

Our waitress for the day was Kim Hilliard. She and her husband, James, were the owners of Tioga Catfish Restaurant, and they did an excellent job. The food was always superb, served fresh and tasty. The portions were generous and satisfying. The service was great, anticipating your every need.

I am sure Jordan felt like the "Big Man," eating out with Papa and getting to choose for himself what to order. In fact he placed his own order for the meal. I ordered the fish basket, which included a large serving of fish, lots of french fries, a bowl of red beans, and hush puppies. I chose iced tea for my drink.

Jordan's turn to order came. I tried to explain to him that there was a smaller fish dinner, more to the size of a seven year old, but I let him order what he wanted. Much to my surprise he ordered the same fish basket and iced tea that I had ordered. The little fellow was trying to be just like Papa. I felt flattered, but at the same time remembered again that we should be careful of our actions because there are little eyes watching us all the time. Often they imitate what they see us do.

We sat there enjoying our table conversation. You need to know that Jordan has a certain look when something is going on. It is a grin that differs from his usual grin but is quite unmistakable. He sat there with that grin as our food was served. We began to eat.

I certainly enjoyed my entire meal, as usual when dining at Tioga Catfish Restaurant. Jordan began sampling his fish and did a good job making it disappear. He only nibbled at the hush puppies. The french fries he really enjoyed, though like a seven year old he began to get silly and dipped some of them into his iced tea before eating them. I prefer catsup on mine.

During this whole time, Jordan had that grin on his face. I knew something was up, but just couldn't figure it out. At first I thought he was just really pleased to be eating out with Papa. Finally I ask him why the big smile.

He said, "I fooled you, Papa!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

Jordan replied, "I've never had catfish before!"

To this day, catfish is still one of Jordan's favorites when he eats out.

Well, that was seven years ago. Jordan is now 14, nearing 15. The Hilliards have bought Clark's Outpost, a fantastic bar-b-cue restaurant in Tioga. For several years they operated both restaurants, but staffing difficulties and increasing competition forced them to close the catfish restaurant.

During our past Christmas holidays I invited Jordan to join me again for a day of newspaper deliver as we had done so many years ago. He readily agreed. The day we set off was icy and snowy. We had storms the day before, and while the weather was much nicer the roads were still a lot of "fun" to negotiate. We stopped a couple of times to help others get out of the ditch. We carefully made the trip, and Jordan served as chief cameraman taking quite a few pictures as a record of our trip.

Lunchtime arrived and we were nearing Tioga. I asked if Jordan likes bar-b-que and he answered, "Yes." Déjà vu all over again.

We entered Clark's and were showed to our seats by a very helpful waitress. The walls are covered with old west memorabilia. One wall has a beautiful mural of a wild west scene. Furnishings are rustic and you feel sort of like you are in a bunkhouse eating your main meal of the day.

Looking over the menu, which has an extensive listing of gourmet foods, we began to make our choices. I took a full rack of ribs, with the deep-fried corn on the cob, cole slaw, and french fries.

This time, Jordan was a little more selective in ordering. After asking about some of the various items, he asked if they had just meat on a bun. I directed him to the brisket sandwich. He ordered a side of french fries to go with it. Again I took iced tea, but Jordan had a soda to drink. We were both more than pleased with our meal. I shared some of my ribs with Jordan so that next time he would know what they were and could try them without worrying if he would like them.

Clark's Outpost slow smokes all their meat. Everything is cooked over hickory from eight hours to 20 or more depending what is being cooked. The meat is tender, falling off the bone and flavorful from the natural smoke. Nothing artificial is added and no shortcuts are taken in making this authentic old time bar-b-que.

Let me know if you plan to make this little trip. Maybe Jordan and I can go along. We sure enjoy the travel and eating.

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REMEMBERING ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

by Jack Frost McGraw

The Jefferson School was located on Chaffin Street in Sherman. Students gathered in the yard, and when they heard a bell, they all ran to see which teacher was standing in the doorway. On a bright November morning in 1918, Miss Knox called her second grade class. We lined up and marched single-file up the steps, down the hall, and into the cloakroom. There we hung up our coats and carried our bookbags into the classroom.

Our opening exercise was a recitation in unison of the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then we started our reading lesson. On this morning we were interrupted by Miss Evorie, who came in to announce that "the war was over" and we should go home to "celebrate."

I knew what "cele-brate" meant. At our house we celebrated holidays and birthdays all the time. It meant fried chicken and blackberry cobbler and all the aunts and cousins coming in to eat with us. It meant the dining room filled with grown-ups and the children waiting or being served at the kitchen table. It meant deviled eggs and pickles and, if it was a picnic, bread-and-butter sandwiches made from that delicious brown bread.

As I hurried home that morning, I disobeyed a standing rule: I cut through the park and walked by the Interstate Cotton Oil Mill.

Goodness! The whistles were stuck and they kept going off. They were awfully loud, and someone was shooting a gun! It, too, kept going: Bang! Bang! Bang! Then the streetcar came down Grand Avenue and the bell was ringing. The noise around there was really something!

But I hurried on thinking of our celebration. Then when I reached home, I stopped in my tracks. My grandmother was dressed in her Sunday clothes. She was even wearing her hat. How could she fry chicken and make pies dressed like that? What's more, she said, "Put your things away and come with me, we're going to town to celebrate the end of the war."

There was nothing to do but follow instructions. We rode the streetcar with the clanging bell and where we got off at Travis and Lamar streets downtown, we could barely get through the crowds. The big red fire truck pulled by giant horses was coming down the street and Dad Hill was trying to hold the crowd back so they would not be trampled. We work-ed our way down to the bank, where Mother was waiting for us.

She said, "We are really going to celebrate" but she took my hand and led me into a big restaurant. The man at the door took us to a table already set with napkins and silver and glasses of water.

I wondered how he knew we were coming and if he could fry chicken. He sure didn't look like he could bake pies. He wore a black suit and a white shirt and his tie was black too. He seemed like maybe he would preach or lead us in prayer. He seemed friendly, though, when he pushed my chair up to the table. Then he left and another man came with big cards. I thought surely this one was going to have a reading class; but Mother talked to him using words I didn't know, like "oyster" and "a-la-mode." I was anxious to get through with this visit so we could go celebrate with maybe a cake and candles to blow out. Pretty soon that last man returned and set some plates of food in front of us. It wasn't chicken or black-eyed peas but Mother said I should taste it and see if I liked it.

It was oysters! That was the most delicious food I'd ever eaten. I ate all of mine and was about to ask for more when Mother said, "Wait a minute! You have a surprise coming." It was pie—cherry pie, my favorite that we rarely had at Grand-mother's house—and on top of it was a big serving of ice cream.

Well, this was a celebration after all. I knew "celebrate" meant a big fancy meal. I just had never eaten fried oysters or pie-a-la-mode before. We really did celebrate Armistice Day, November 11, 1918.

Jack Frost McGraw

Jack Frost (on right) waiting with a friend and her grandmother to ride the trolley to downtown Sherman for the first Armistice Day celebration, Nov. 11, 1918

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*This was the backpage for our first issue.
Hope you enjoyed our magazine.*