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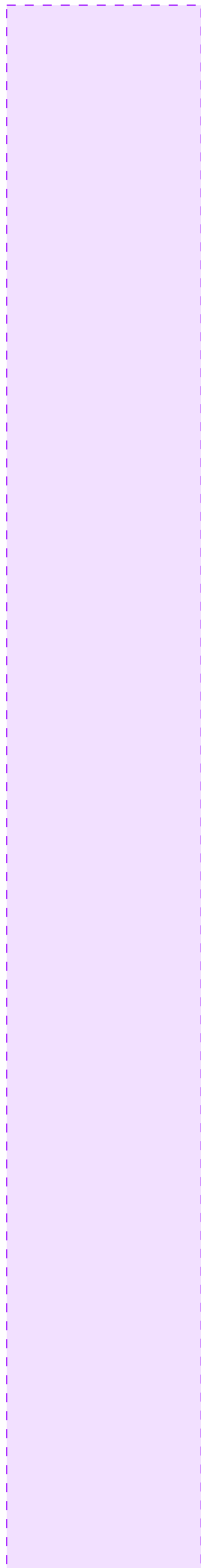
January 24, 2013

WRITING CLASSES SCHEDULED

The Telling Our Stories program begins its 24th year at Austin College on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m. in Room 112 of the Ida Green Center. There is also a Saturday class meeting in Whitesboro: Jan. 26, at 2 p.m. in Wesley Hall of First United Methodist Church.

The classes are open to all and you need not be a "writer." Just bring a story (or an idea for one) to share with the group, and you will hear reminiscences by others that will stimulate your memories. Cost is \$10 per session.

Additional spring meetings (always 2-4 p.m.) at the college are scheduled on Sundays at Austin College: Feb. 24, March 24, and April 28. The other Saturday meetings in Whitesboro are Feb. 23, March 23, and April 27





Thomas Charlie Mathis, a resident of Sherman, turns 20 on February 1. This poem was written by his dad, Don Mathis of San Antonio, TX

Birthday XX

From birth to four
was major development.
The tree will grow
as the twig is bent.

Elementary grades
laid the foundation
that led to your
graduation.

Middle-school years –
some were rough.
It meant that you
were growing up.

Teen-age days
have come and gone.
You may think
you're completely grown.

So now you're 20
and a married man.
But you can always grow
more than you think you can.

From birth to four,
elementary grades,
middle-school years,
teen-age days –

Now you're 20,
your childhood has past.
So celebrate the time
with a birthday blast!

Love, Dad
(Don Mathis)



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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Recently I decided to make a list of celebrities I have seen in person.

When I was a teenager I went to a concert in downtown Dallas to see Frankie Avalon. The performance also included Bob Crosby (brother of Bing Crosby).

On a family vacation to Colorado, we saw a motorcade with celebrity Kathryn Crosby and several others.

On another vacation, my family was touring Universal and we saw Dale Robertson riding a bicycle (In case you don't know, he was a cowboy actor.)

Dale and I met Alex Cord who now lives in the Gainesville area. We interviewed him for our *Texoma Montage* magazine that we published for several years.

Some of our readers may remember that downtown Howe was featured in the movie *Silkwood*. I saw Meryl Streep and Kurt Russell. I even got Kurt Russell's autograph.

One summer our family went to Six Flags and we enjoyed a musical performance by Jerry Reed and his band.

Recipe

Banana Pancakes with Maple Butter

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 2-1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 ripe banana, thinly sliced

In a large bowl, combine the flour brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt, and set aside. In a second bowl, combine the eggs buttermilk, vanilla and melted butter. Mix well, then stir in the mashed banana and banana slices.

Add the flour mixture to the egg mixture, and stir just until blended. Do not over-mix. Allow batter to stand for 5 minutes before using.

Maple Butter - In a small saucepan, combine maple syrup and butter in a 2-to-1 proportion (1 cup maple syrup and 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter). Heat gently and stir until butter is melted and mixture is smooth. Keep warm until ready to serve. Makes 12 to 14 pancakes.

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1st Row: Jaycie Grisham, Mackenzie Bryant, Noah Riley
2nd Row: Ricky Ramirez, Brooke Robinson, Jake Fabacher
Not Pictured: Garron Lankford, Gracie Randall, Connor Gauntt, Kailyn Ireland

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The picture order is Harvey, Adams, Rodriguez

Howe High School students and teacher of the month for January

Howe High School recently selected a teacher and students of the month for January. Receiving the teacher award was high school and college dual credit U.S. History instructor and theatre teacher April Adams. Mrs. Adams graduated from Van Alstyne High School and has a master's degree from Austin College. She has also completed additional post-graduate work at UNT and is planning to graduate in December 2013. A Howe teacher for 14 years, Mrs. Adams and her husband, Scott, own Tracks Restaurant and have 3 children and one grandson. Principal Michael Smiley says of Mrs. Adams, "She has done a great job working with our Theater students. She recently directed our winter production of Alice in Wonderland, and then with very little turnaround time has already begun work on the UIL One Act Play. In the classroom she is a focused and dedicated educator who creates engaging classroom discussions and assignments for her students."

Representing the freshmen and sophomore classes is freshman Riley Harvey. Riley is the daughter of Brice and Keri Harvey and has attended Howe schools since Kindergarten. She participates in Student Council, volleyball, basketball, and track. Outside of school, Riley enjoys playing basketball and spending time with her friends.

Senior Jason Rodriguez is the junior-senior representative. Jason's parents are Juan and Martha Rodriguez. As an HHS student leader, Jason recently played a key role in the production of our school-wide anti-bullying lip dub and the No Texting and Driving Program. He also participates in band, Student Council, National Honor Society, and is President of the senior class, as well as being a member of the cross country, track, and golf teams. In addition, he is involved in the Early Morning Seminary Class at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Some of Jason's hobbies include wood carving, swing dancing, constructing electric circuits, and writing poetry.

City of Howe Regular Meeting January 15, 2013

Mayor Jeff Stanley called a regular meeting of the Howe City Council to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Dale Rideout, Georgia Richardson, Jack Leavenworth, Georgia Richardson, Sam Haigis, and Dennis Bozeman.

CONSENT AGENDA - Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to approve the consent agenda which included financial reports for December 2012, minutes of December 18, 2012 and December 27, 2012 council meetings and the appointment of David Howeth and reappointment of Daisie Smithwick to the Howe Community Library Board.

CURRENT BUSINESS - Sean Brady of ReaVentures Group, LLC presented information housing tax credit application for planned multi-family development. No action was taken on housing tax credit application for planned multi-family development, Rea Ventures Group. Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to approve order of General Election for May 11, 2012 for the purpose of electing a mayor and two council places for two-year terms. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council convened into closed session pursuant to the to the provisions of the Open Meeting law, chapter 551, Government Code Vernon's Texas codes Annotated in accordance with the authority contained in 551.074 – Personnel.

Review Applications for the position of Police Chief.

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive closed at 7:54 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Stanley reconvened the regular session of the Howe City Council at 7: p.m.

No action was taken on applications for the position of Chief of Police.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Motion by Dennis Bozeman, second by Sam Haigis to set the date of February 5, 2013 at 6:30 pm for a meeting to interview applicants for the position of Chief of Police. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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**Howe ISD
2011-2012 AEIS District Summary
January 17, 2013**

Rating: No Rating

TAKS	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
Reading/ELA	93	94	95	97
Math	86	88	86	88
Writing	91	91	95	
Science	86	89	86	86
Social Studies	95	94	98	98
All Tests	79	82	80	80

Commended Performance

	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
Reading/ELA	35	36	38	34
Math	29	29	25	23
Writing	38	41	38	
Science	35	35	31	19
Social Studies	55	48	47	54
All Tests	16	15	17	10

2011-2012 Gold Performance Acknowledgments (NA for 2012)

All TAKS Data for 2012 includes ONLY 10th and 11th Grade Scores.

Students 3-9 tested in STAAR system and those reports are not available from the state as of January 8, 2013.

TAKS Failures from Previous Years

(% of students passing TAKS who failed last year)

	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
Reading	65	68	33	71
Math	41	46	42	64

Attendance*	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
	96.4	96.5	96.1	96.5

Texas Success Initiative (College Readiness Component) 2011 Campus Attendance

ELA 2012	68
2011	60
Math 2012	78
2011	71

2011 Campus Attendance

HES	96.7
HMS	96.7
HHS	96.2

Howe School Board Meets

Transportation Update-we have received our new bus, baseball lights and track are almost complete

Bond Refinance - the \$1.2M bond refinance is complete, and we will save \$284,747 over the next 16 years.

Resignations- Tony Carroll, custodian and Janice Thompson, cafeteria

Public Hearing - attached

Action Items-all passed 7-0

Resolution to Suspend EIA(LOCAL) - suspended the requirement that EOC scores count 15% of students' final grade. This was due to the TEA commissioner's amending the rule.

Campus Security Measures - no action was taken, but we discussed the campus security plan, security policies on campus, and potential measures to consider to improve student safety.

Personnel-

Extended contract of Kevin Wilson for one year.

Offered Jenny Lowder a dual teacher/coach contract. Jenny will teach HS math and be a girls coach.



Thank a School Board Member

Tom Bean – Texans benefit every day from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by a group of more than 7,300 men and women in communities across the state. These local volunteers are elected by their constituents and receive no compensation for their work as public servants. These men and women are the school board members of Texas.

January is School Board Recognition Month and Tom Bean ISD will take this opportunity to thank these local leaders for devoting time to support public education and serve our local schools.

“It’s more important than ever before that the public shows support for public education. Board members face critical challenges in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand strong and guard against anything that takes away from our children and undermines our public schools,” said Kathy Garrison, Tom Bean ISD superintendent.

“Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. They generously give of themselves to ensure that decisions directly affecting our local schools are made by representatives of this community, people who are close to our schools and know our teachers, parents, and students. In these challenging times, they face difficult choices and shoulder critical responsibilities. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district,” Garrison said.

The board members serving Tom Bean ISD are Jinger Peeples - President, James Harris – Vice President, Shane Pennell - Secretary, Steve Book, David Ellis, Jimmy Jones and Stan Woodruff.

“Our district benefits from the contributions of the dedicated efforts of these local citizens who truly care about our kids. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board is responsible for an annual budget of \$ 7 million, 740 students, 128 employees, and three campuses. We applaud their willingness to serve as advocates for our children and the voice of public education,” she said.

Donkey Ball Game

New rodeo stars will be born during the wild and crazy “Dairyland Donkey Basketball Show” at Tom Bean High School gymnasium on January 26, starting at 7pm!

It’s basketball played on real, live donkeys and it will be wilder than a rodeo and funnier than a circus!

Local players will be riding, so come out and see someone you know try to ride a donkey and play basketball at the same time.

It’s a thrill a minute; a spill a minute!

Come watch four teams compete for the championship – and watch “Buckmaster”, 500 lbs. of pure dynamite! He’s rough and tough and hard to bluff and hasn’t been ridden yet!

Laugh as you’ve never laughed before at this fun-filled family entertainment!

This zany basketball show is sponsored by the Tom Bean High School Junior Class. Proceeds benefit the TBHS Jr./Sr. prom.

\$6 advance tickets can be purchased at the H.S. office or from a TBHS junior class member.

Ticket prices at the gate are \$8. -for info call Sharon Stephens at 903-546-6319, ext. 104



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Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Events

We hope everyone had a Happy New Year and a restful January. We hope to see you on February 2nd for our Bluegrass Day.

We are changing our jamming schedule from Thursday night before the first Saturday Bluegrass event to a jam beginning at 3 pm on the first Saturday. We have scheduled an open mic at 6:30 pm. Our regular show will then begin at 7 pm.

We welcome Copper Canyon from the Lewisville area to our stage for our first Bluegrass Event of 2013. You will enjoy their outstanding music and energy. Band members include Jim Hughes, mandolin, Celesta Hughes, guitar, Joe Hood, banjo, and Tom Smith, bass. All members sing.

Admission this year will be \$7 per adult with children under 12 accompanied by an adult admitted free.

The doors and concession area will be open at 6 pm, with brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

The Chrystal Opry house is located at 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, Texas which is 1.5 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 there is no smoking inside the building. Seating is provided. Persons interested in performing at the Chrystal Opry House should contact Bill Hayes at 903-546-6893 or <http://www.chrystalopryhouse.com>.

("Like" us on face book--chrystalopryhouse and www.melodyranchbluegrassfestival.com)

Notice to File for Election to the 15th Texas Silver-haired Legislature

The deadline to file for election to the 15th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL) for a two-year term is February 28, 2013. Candidates must be 60 years of age or older, registered voters and live in the district they wish to represent. Statewide elections will be held Tuesday, May 28, 2013 for senior Texans who wish to serve Texas and represent senior constituencies from 123 districts stateside.

Candidates for the 15th TSHL whose residence is within Cooke, Fannin or Grayson Counties should contact Karen Bray, TCOG's Aging Services Director, at 903-813-3580 or email kbray@texoma.cog.tx.us for information on filing, duties of the office, necessary forms and deadlines.

For additional information, visit the TSHL website at www.txshl.org<<http://www.txshl.org>>. Candidates may also sign up for a course about TSHL at www.tshlacademy.org<<http://www.tshlacademy.org>>.

Do Well Be Well with Diabetes classes offered

If you have recently been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes or if you have had it for a while but have trouble understanding what to eat or how to keep up with your readings, we have a program designed to help.

Do Well, Be Well with diabetes is a nine lesson program that discusses what diabetes is and how to manage it. Each class is taught by a dietitian, nutritionist, nurse or physician with knowledge specific to diabetics. The nine classes will be taught over a 5 week period beginning on Saturday, February 2 from 2 - 4 pm. The cost is \$30 per person to attend the five week series which runs on consecutive Saturdays through March 2. Some scholarships are available thanks to a grant with the Grayson County Health Department if you have type 2 diabetes and want to participate but can not afford the \$30 fee.

The class series will be held in the Assembly room of the Grayson County Courthouse, 100 W. Houston St, downtown Sherman. You must pre-register to attend. You can pre-register by calling Joyce White, County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences at 903-813-4203 or you can stop by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office on the ground floor of the south side courthouse annex to pick up the registration form.

Texas Health Presbyterian - WNJ is working with the Grayson County Health Department and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to offer these programs to you. Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.



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Are you a real cowboy?

By *Mike Barnett*

Cowboys: Real deal or pseudo? How do you tell?

I thought about that over the weekend as I settled on the movie *Urban Cowboy* while flipping channels on the tube.

“Are you a real cowboy?” Sissy, played by Debra Winger, asked.

“Well, that depends on what you think a real cowboy is,” answered Bud, portrayed by a young John Travolta.

There are no “depends” when it comes to real cowboys. You is or you ain’t. Bud was a cowboy wannabe like me. And that movie brought back memories of the urban cowboy craze, when imitations showed up on every corner with belt buckles bigger than their brains and sales of boots, western wear and pickup trucks shot through the roof.

Sissy, the real deal is out there if only you know what to look for.

You might be a real cowboy if...

- You tell your son’s girlfriend she’s a “pretty little heifer” and no one objects.
- A coffee shop discussion about the merits of black versus red turns into a fistfight.
- You go broke most years trying to break even.
- Your favorite color is “dust.”
- You named your firstborn after your favorite horse.
- Every important document of your life is on the dashboard of your truck.
- Your ex gave you the ultimatum, “Me or the cows.”
- Your wife and dog fight over who rides shotgun.
- You say “yes sir” and “yes ma’am” and open the door for ladies and old cowboys.
- Fight the wind, cold and rain to care for your cattle and come home with a smile on your face.

And with apologies to Jeff Foxworthy, the number one reason you might be a real cowboy:

- You wear Wranglers to church, weddings and funerals -- including your own.

Happy trails!

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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Be a Team Player

Designate a Sober Driver this Super Bowl

As one of America's most anticipated and celebrated sporting events, the Super Bowl brings together families, friends, and fans each year to enjoy the excitement of the big game. In many instances, fans will gather to watch the game at sports bars, restaurants, or Super Bowl-themed parties. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program is spreading an important safety message to the public about designating a sober driver on Super Bowl Sunday - Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.

"Before choosing to drink, choose a sober designated driver. Avoid the unsportsmanlike conduct of driving drunk by handing off your keys so that you, your passengers, and everyone on our roads can safely arrive home," said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent, Joyce White. "Drunk driving is always preventable, and driving drunk could result in seriously injuring or killing yourself or someone else. Motorists can expect all Grayson County law enforcement agencies to have a visible presence and to stop anyone who makes the dangerous decision to drink and drive."

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, 1,039 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2011, accounting for 34.5 percent of the total motor vehicle traffic fatalities in Texas. Super Bowl Sunday is a risky day for drunk driving crashes.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program advises that if you're attending a Super Bowl party or watching the game at a sports bar or restaurant:

- Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself. Eat plenty of food; take breaks, and alternate with non-alcoholic drinks.
- Designate your sober driver before the party begins. If you don't have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home; call a cab, friend, or family member to come and get you; or if possible, stay where you are for the night and don't drive until you are sober.
- Never let friends drive drunk. Arrange a safe way for them to get home.
- Always buckle up. It's still your best defense against other drunk drivers.

If you're hosting a Super Bowl party:

- Make sure all of your guests designate their sober drivers in advance, or help arrange ride-sharing with sober drivers.
- Serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages at the party.
- Host your party just like they do at the stadium. Stop serving alcohol at the end of the third quarter of the game. The fourth quarter is perfect for serving coffee and dessert.
- Keep the phone numbers of local cab companies on hand, and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving drunk.
- Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you served ends up in a drunk-driving crash.
- If an underage person drinks and drives, the parent may be legally liable for any damage, injury, or death caused by the underage driver.
- Likewise, parents or other adults who provide alcohol to, or host a party where alcohol is available to, those under age 21 could face jail time.

Pecan Workshop for Grayson County

February 15, 2013
9:00am to 12 noon

Grayson County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Assembly Room

Don't wait until Fall to start thinking about your pecan crop. The time to start is in the Spring. We all love pecans, but they are expensive to purchase, so if you are thinking about growing your own pecans by either starting with new trees or working with older established trees you will want to attend the Pecan Workshop for Grayson County

The speaker will be Dr. Charles Rohla, Pecan Specialist, from the Noble Foundation.

Some of the topics to be discussed will be orchard location, pecan varieties, initial investment, management requirements, irrigation, and disease and pest control. A portion of the presentation will address bringing established native trees into production. There will also be a scheduled time for questions and answers.

One CEU (IPM) will be provided for Private Applicators. \$10 door charge. Enter the courthouse on the south side across from Knight Furniture. Any questions should be directed to Chuck Jones, 903-813-4202. Please RSVP.

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Church Page

Proverbs 10:1-11 (KJV)

¹ The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother.

² Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

³ The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

⁴ He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

⁵ He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.

⁶ Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

⁷ The memory of the just *is* blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

⁸ The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

⁹ He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

¹⁰ He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

¹¹ The mouth of a righteous *man is* a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

Christian Fellowship

David Ellis will be speaking this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Join them each Sunday morning at 9 am for coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. 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 KIDZ CHURCH each Sunday morning during worship time for KIDZ ages 2-10. It is called KIDZ IN DA ZONE FOR JESUS! They learn about the bible, memory verses, skits, games and puppet shows. Come bring your Kidz for a fun time.

Wednesday night begins at 6:30 pm 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 your way. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219 or David Ellis at 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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David vs. Goliath

By Willie Sofey

David's life was one of the greatest examples of love and faith towards the Lord (Yahweh), the only true living God of the Universe. This story in 1 Samuel, 17:1-58 describes David's encounter with a giant (9.75 ft.) Philistine warrior. This story of faith should be taught to all of God's children.., young and old.

I love David's quotes... "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (1 Sam 17:26). "Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them" (1 Sam. 17:36). Goliath retorted, "Am I a dog?, coming at me with sticks... cursing David by his Gods... I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" (1 Sam 17:43-44).

David responded, "in the name of the Lord Almighty... whom you have defied... I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel... all here will know that it is not sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give all of you into our hands" (1 Sam. 17:45-47).

Telling this story is an example of how nations of the true Living God should battle the uncircumcised Goliath's of the world. I am talking about the Goliath's from within and outside nations that come with uncircumcised hearts, opposing God's Word in an effort to destroy God's people.

I see examples of Goliath's presently in the leadership of America's presiding administration and left (wrong) winged representatives defying (blaspheming) the Word of God by legislating and condoning sinful laws that will lead to death and destruction of a nation and people... who many confess to be Christ followers.

The anti-god followers of Mohammad, Muslims, are examples of the ancient Philistines that want to destroy all of God's (Yahweh's) people. Christian and Jewish nations that are gullible enough to think they can negotiate peace with these nations will follow a path to death and destruction.

America (Manasseh) and Britain (Ephraim) have condoned the uprisings in the Mid-East and North African nations, in the name of democracy... only now to see that the Muslim brotherhood Hamas has an agenda to rule with a vengeance against Israel and eventually all Jewish and Christian nations.

Obama and Hillary Clinton compelled Israel to accept wording of a ceasefire that makes Egypt the arbiter of Israel and Palestinian compliance with the agreement. The new Egyptian president, Mohammed Morsi, (who declares himself a Pharaoh) replaced Arab spring ousted Mubarak. Mubarak maintained a peace agreement with Israel for 30 years. President Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood, the mother of Hamas terrorists, boldly stated he stands with Hamas terrorists.

"All your allies will force you to the border; your friends will deceive and overpower you;" (Obadiah to Judah Obd. 1:7).

Remember Jacob's (Israel's) blessings to Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh (Gen. 48: 17-20) in Egypt. Ephraim's "descendants will become a group of nations"... (latter day Great Britain). Manasseh, "He too will become a people, and he too will become great" (Gen. 48:19-20) to become latter day America.

Biblical and secular historians have traced the migrations of these descendants to present day Britain and America. "Ephraim will be laid waste on the day of reckoning" (Hos. 5:9). "Judah's leaders are like those who move boundary stones" (Hos. 5:10).

"Ephraim (and Manasseh for that matter, my add) is oppressed, trampled in judgment intent of pursuing idols. I (God) am like a moth to Ephraim, like rot to the people of Judah" (Hos. 5:9-12). A moth will eat the interior of a garment to the point it will fall apart even though the exterior still looks good.

"When Ephraim saw his sickness and Judah his sores," (Hos. 5:13)... "then turned to Assyria, and sent to the great King for help. But he is not able to cure you. (Hos. 5:13).

Modern Germany became a nation from a migration of the descendants of ancient Assyria. These descendants began with one of Noah's 3 sons... Ham who begat Cush who begat Nimrod. Nimrod centered first in Shinar (Babylonia) building the tower of Babel (Gen. 10:8 – 11:9). These descendants ended up in Assyria (Micah 5:6).

Some historians indicate that after Sargon II of Assyria conquered Israel in 722 B.C., that many Israelites were deported northwest and eventually migrated to Europe. In 612 B.C., the Medes and Persians captured and overthrew Assyria. Many of these Assyrians migrated northwest – through lands that are now Georgia, Ukraine, Poland, and Germany in central Europe.

Since the US is backing away from helping Israel, Israel is looking to a helping hand from Germany's Chancellor Merkel who continues to reach out to Prime Minister Netanyahu and the Jews. Germany, you remember was the Jew's worst enemy under Hitler.

Daniel in 11:40-41 shows that Assyria (modern day Germany) is going to lead Europe to the "glorious land" – Jerusalem – and will "enter into" it... indicating it will not have to fight its way into Jerusalem (Micah 5:6). The prophet Micah describes this end time event when the messianic kingdom comes about under King Jesus who delivers Israel "from the Assyrians when he invades our land" (Micah 5:4-15).

I'll sum up by saying the world's nations lack leaders like ancient David, who demonstrated before acting on warring against evil, that the "battle is the Lord's and He will give all of you (the enemy) into our hands" (1 Sam. 17:45-47)... so long as we seek the Lord with all our heart and soul... no weapon formed against us will prosper.

"I have chosen and consecrated this house that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually." 2 Chron. 7:16. "I have chosen Jerusalem that My name might be there". 2 Chron. 6:6 – Almighty God to King Solomon, 970 B.C.



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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.



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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House passes “no budget, no pay”

WASHINGTON, DC . . . Today, the House voted to approve H.R. 325, No Budget, No Pay Act of 2013, a bill that would tie Members' pay to passage of a budget by April 15th. Failure to do so in either Chamber would result in the withholding of pay in that Chamber. Citing the need to force Senate Democrats to pass a budget for the first time in nearly four years, Rep. Hall (TX-04) voted in favor of the bill, which passed, 285-144, with 199 Republicans and 86 Democrats in favor.

“Basically, if we don't pass a budget, we don't get paid,” Hall said. “While the House has passed a budget for four years, Senate Democrats have refused to do so. This is an effort to force Senate Democrats to act responsibly.”

The bill also temporarily suspends the debt ceiling for four months, giving the House and Senate time to draft and pass a budget. “Speaker Boehner and House Leaders plan to pass a budget that balances over ten years - a serious effort to accomplish what every American family must do every year,” said Hall.

“My constituents continue to demand significant spending cuts, and today's vote is the first step towards producing a balanced budget. This bill will force Senate Democrats and the White House to work with Republicans to achieve sound policies that address America's national debt and future economic prosperity.

“If we do not reduce the debt, we will burden future generations with limited economic growth, reduced opportunity, and a stagnant - if not lower - standard of living. These are harsh realities that must be met directly and seriously.”

Hall Receives STA Lifetime Achievement Award

WASHINGTON, DC . . . This week, the Space Transportation Association (STA) honored Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) with their Lifetime Achievement Award. Rich Coleman, President of STA, presented the award. Additional keynote speakers included Science, Space, and Technology Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (TX-21) and Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee Chairman Steve Palazzo (R-MS).

“I'm pleased to be here today to honor Chairman Hall with the Space Transportation Association Lifetime Achievement Award,” said Chairman Smith. “Much of what we hope to accomplish this Congress will be based on the hard work and principles that Ralph Hall has embodied over many years. It has been a privilege to serve with Ralph in the Texas Delegation and on the Science Committee since I was first elected..We thank him for his service to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee and to our country.”

“While I accept this ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ with great appreciation, I believe there is still much work to be done to ensure that the future of America's space program flourishes,” said Hall. “A robust space program is critical to America's international leadership. Not only do we gain valuable knowledge and understanding about the world we live in, but the technological advances resulting from space research and development have contributed to America's innovation and competitiveness. As Chairman Emeritus of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, I will continue my efforts to ensure our Nation's space program remains strong.”

Letter to the Editor

Paul Kokoski
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

January 20, 2013

Dear Editor,
I have enclosed the following letter for publication. Please let me know if you intent to print it. Thank you.

I am disappointed that homosexual partners Elton John and David Furnish have adopted another child via a surrogate mother.

Last June, the American scientific magazine “Social Science Research”, the most prestigious peer reviewed publication of its kind, published two new innovative and definitive studies on children raised by same-sex couples. From the studies it emerged that 12% of children brought up by same-sex couples contemplate suicide (against 5% of children with heterosexual parents), they are more inclined to be unfaithful (40% against 13%), they are unemployed more often (28% against 8%) and they are more likely to visit a psychotherapist (19% against 8%). They are also more often under social service surveillance compared to peers who are raised by heterosexual couples. In 40% of cases they will catch a sexually transmitted disease at some point (against 8% of peers raised by heterosexual couples) and they are generally less healthy, poorer and more likely to smoke and commit criminal offences.

The few studies published so far that support the theory that there is no difference between children brought up in heterosexual and homosexual families are - unlike the new studies - based on non-random, non-representative data often employing small samples that do not allow for generalization to the larger population of gay and lesbian families.

It is time we realize that the rights of children trump the right to children.

Sincerely,
Paul Kokoski

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Dear Editor,

America started waking up five decades ago this year. 1963 celebrated a lot of firsts.

African-American students began to be admitted to universities like Clemson in South Carolina and the University of Alabama. President Kennedy asked Congress to enact the Civil Rights Act. Martin Luther King, Jr. writes his letter from a Birmingham Jail and later speaks at the Lincoln Memorial of his dream. American woke up to race relations.

Betty Friedan published "The Feminine Mystique." She didn't believe women were satisfied with the mere role of housewife or mother. The Equal Pay Act was passed by Congress. The country began to be aware of Women's Rights.

The first James Bond movie opened in the U.S. "Dr. No" fueled the appetite for more Ian Fleming novels. The Beatles sang "Please Please Me" and the British Invasion was begun. America woke up to international awareness.

The U.S., the United Kingdom, and the Soviet Union signed the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. They hoped to limit the effect of nuclear testing on the earth and atmosphere. America began to awaken to the notion of environmental consciousness.

Cambridge, Mass., erupted in rioting after black youths threw rocks at white-owned businesses. The Ku Klux Klan bombed a church in Birmingham, killing four black girls. JFK was assassinated. America woke up to the idea that violence is the solution.

Our country still struggles with the notion of violence. We still have a long way to go to stop the destruction of the environment. We are still waking up.

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What to Do With an Inherited IRA

Inheriting an IRA may seem like a good thing, but there can be tax consequences if you aren't careful. If you inherit an IRA, you should check with an attorney or financial advisor as soon as possible to find out your options.

IRAs are personal savings plans that allow you to set aside money for retirement and get a tax deduction for doing so. Earnings in a traditional IRA generally are not taxed until distributed to you. At age 70 1/2 you have to start taking distributions from a traditional IRA. Earnings in a Roth IRA are not taxed, nor do you have to start taking distributions at any point, but contributions **to a Roth IRA are not tax deductible. Any amount remaining in an IRA upon death can be paid to a beneficiary or beneficiaries.**

Spouse as beneficiary

If you inherit your spouse's IRA, you can treat the IRA as your own. You can either put the IRA in your name or roll it over into a new IRA. The Internal Revenue Service will treat the IRA as if you have always owned it. If you are not yet 70 1/2 years old, you can wait until you reach that age to begin taking minimum withdrawals. If you are over 70 1/2, you can use a longer joint-life expectancy table to calculate withdrawals, which means lower minimum withdrawal amounts. If you inherit a Roth IRA, you do not need to take any distributions.

You can leave the account in your spouse's name, but in that case you will need to begin taking withdrawals when your spouse would have turned 70 1/2 or, if your spouse was already 70 1/2, then a year after his or her death. If you want to drain the account, you can use the "five-year rule." This allows you to do whatever you want with the account, but you must completely empty the account (and pay the taxes) by the end of the fifth year after your spouse's death.

Non-spouse as beneficiary

The rules for a child or grandchild (or other non-spouse) who inherits an IRA are somewhat different than those for a spouse. You can choose to take distributions over your lifetime and to pass what is left onto future generations (called the "stretch" option). The required minimum distributions will be calculated based on your life expectancy. This allows the money to grow tax-deferred over the course of your life and to be passed on to your beneficiaries, if you wish. If you want to do this, you must retitle the IRA into an inherited IRA and take your first distribution by December 31 of the calendar year following the year the decedent died. For more on stretching out an IRA, [click here](#).

If you choose not to stretch the IRA, you will have to withdraw it all within five years of the original IRA owner's death. This can lead to a large tax bill--unless the IRA is a Roth, in which case the distributions are tax-free.

Trust as beneficiary

If the IRA names a trust as the beneficiary, the trust may not be able to take advantage of the opportunity to stretch withdrawals across decades. Stretching an IRA may still be an option, however, if the trust is considered a "see-through" or conduit trust. If you have inherited an IRA in a trust, contact your attorney to find out your options.

Estate tax

If the decedent's estate was subject to an estate tax, the IRA beneficiary may be able to get an income tax deduction for the estate taxes paid on the IRA.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



House Membership

As we have discussed over the last few weeks, the 83rd Legislative Session began on January 8. This week the House took up and debated the procedural rules for the House. These rules outline the duties of the speaker, the procedures for floor debate, and the filing and passage of legislation. The House Rules also outline the organization, powers and duties of House Committees. This week, I will talk about a few of the changes that have been made to some of the committees from the previous session.

The House formed a new committee, Special Purpose Districts, to oversee the creation of special purpose jurisdictions. Special purpose districts include hospital, emergency service, crime control and prevention, library, public improvement, municipal management, municipal development, irrigation, water improvement, water control and improvement and navigation districts, river authorities and any other local government special purpose district that is authorized or created under law that as a result of its creation may levy or impose a tax, assessment, or fee for a special purpose. Previously, these special purpose districts were overseen by various other committees, such as Natural Resources and County Affairs. This session, the House moved jurisdiction over these various districts to one committee.

Another change divided the House Committee on Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services into two separate committees: the House Committee on Investments and Financial Services and the House Committee on Pensions. The Investment and Financial Services committee will have jurisdiction over banking and the state banking system, savings and loans, credit unions, the lending of money, the regulation of securities and investments, and privacy and identity theft and related agencies. The Pensions committee will have jurisdiction over matters pertaining to benefits or participation in benefits of a public retirement system and the obligation of a public retirement system and related agencies.

Lastly, the House Committee on Border & Intergovernmental Affairs, of which I was a member, was renamed the International Trade & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. This committee retains all of its original jurisdiction over border affairs, but now also oversees trade relations and international trade zones.

For more information about committees or any other matter of state government, please me by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by e-mailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.



The Million Dollar Question for God

A poor man walking in the forest feels close enough to God to ask, "God, what is a million years to you?" God replies, "My son, a million years to you is like a second to me."

The man asks, "God, what is a million dollars to you?" God replies, "My son, a million dollars to you is less than a penny to me. It means almost nothing to me."

The man asks, "So God, can I have a million dollars?" And God replies, "In a second."

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[Texas Records and Information Locator \(TRAIL\)](#) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

[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: Traveling In The 1920s

By Jerry Lincecum

Recently I found an interesting account what it was like to travel from Sherman to Canada by car in the 1920s, camping and cooking meals outdoors all the way. In 1925 a lady named Mita Holsapple Hall organized a remarkably extensive automobile trip (by Model-T) for Sherman's first Camp Fire group, which she had initiated four years earlier. On a month-long tour she and her sister chaperoned four of her teenage Camp Fire girls, plus three young men from her church youth group.

Their nights were spent in the open or in non-commercial facilities (haystacks, Camp Fire Girl camps or churches). Moreover, they prepared almost all their meals (no fast food or other restaurants).

Highlights of the tour included Stone Mountain, Georgia; Norfolk, Virginia, where they toured the battleship Texas, then in dry dock; and Niagara Falls. Of course they covered the typical tourist sites in Washington, Philadelphia, and New York City.

While in the New York City area they were guests at a lovely Camp Fire Girls camp on the banks of the Hudson River, where they enjoyed swimming, hiking, and a number of sports. Miraculously, they were blessed with favorable weather throughout, except for experiencing brief sub-freezing temperatures in Ontario.

Given Sherman's enthusiastic acceptance of the first Camp Fire group, two more were soon organized and an inaugural summer camp was held in July 1927. In 1928, responding to a request from many of her new Camp Fire girls, and their parents, Mrs. Hall organized another month-long trip similar to that of 1925. This one except included four chaperones and ten Camp Fire girls, traveling in four vehicles.

A highlight of the 1928 venture was an unusual episode in Massachusetts. An ingenious reporter for a Salem newspaper heard about the travelers but was unable to locate them for an interview. He arranged through the local police department for a ticket to be issued to the group, requiring their appearance at a police court.

Responding to the citation, the entire group appeared in court. After learning there were no charges against them, they gave the reporter a detailed interview: Here are excerpts from his story:

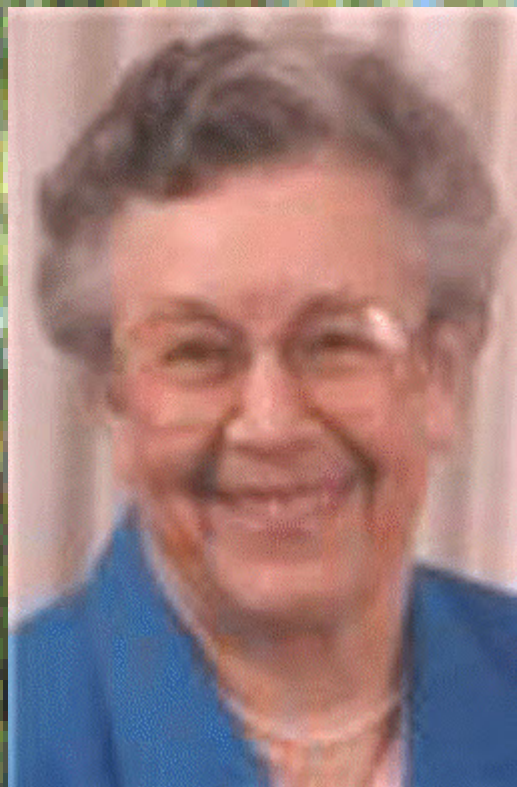
"The statement that 14 Texas ranchers invaded Salem yesterday might be expected to stir things up in the peaceful old Witch City. Just as true as they were in Salem, equally correct is that they were so quiet that few knew they were here.

"Instead of coming in covered wagons or on pintos, they chose to come here in three Fords and an Erskine. Aside from having one of their cars skid and turn over into a ditch, another having the transmission and rear end go, plus blowouts and punctures on the four cars, they report nothing exciting happened and no one was injured."

Understandably, Mrs. Hall told the *Sherman Daily Democrat* that her Camp Fire Girls felt it would be desirable to bring some New Englanders to Texas for an educational tour on the life and customs of our state.

-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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Lillian Janelle (Stewart) Thompson

HOWE - Lillian Janelle (Stewart) Thompson of Howe was born in Collin County to Howard Lawson Stewart and Lula Clara Crice Stewart. She died Friday, January 18, 2013 in Sherman.

She married Carl L. Thompson on April 1, 1947.

Preceded in death by her husband, Carl L. Thompson; parents, Howard and Lula Stewart; and brothers, Hulon and Harlon Stewart.

Survived by daughter, Virginia Burk and husband, Jerry of Howe; grandson, Chris Burk and wife, Emily of Melissa; granddaughter, Rhea Jarrett and husband, Jarrod of Dallas; great-granddaughter, Katie Jarrett; sisters, Norma Joyce Morrison of Richardson and Carolyn Barnes of Allen; numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorial services were held at 10 am Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Howe with Rev. Roger Tidwell officiating.



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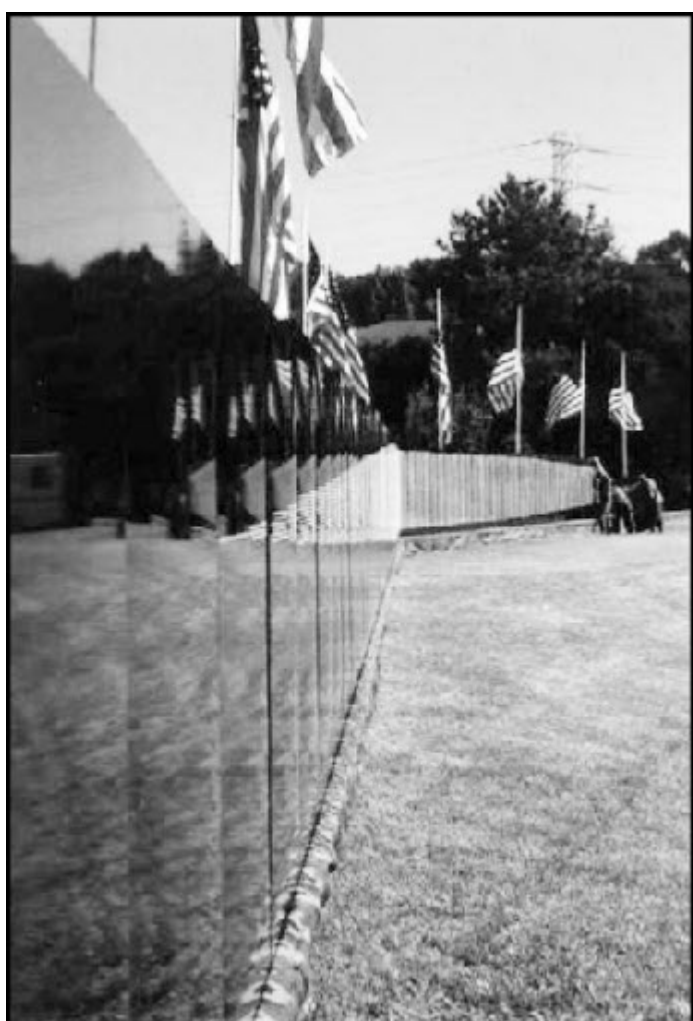
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The Wall, looking East
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.

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."

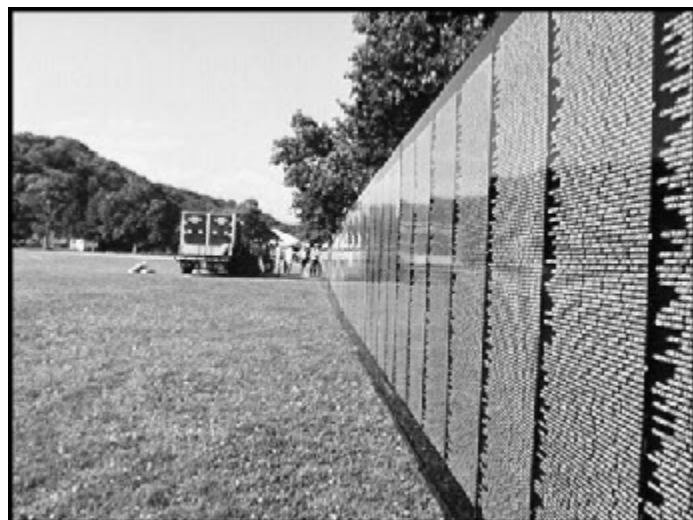
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

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.
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.





What's Cookin...

Texoma Montage

By Lana Rideout

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.



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?



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



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



Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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

Texoma Montage



Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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.

Texoma Montage



Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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.

Texoma Montage





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- *Chautauqua programs on Dr. Gideon Lincecum (1793-1874), pioneer Texas scientist and physicist

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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."

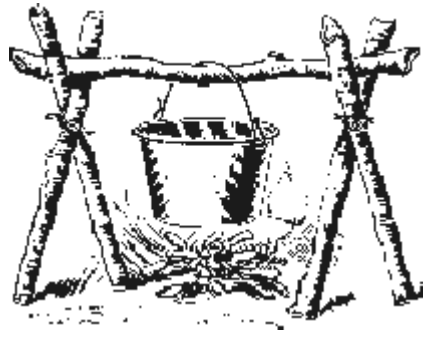
Sure enough, we had fed the minister a dinner of horse meat.



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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Telling Our Stories

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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