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**Commodity Distribution Planned for May**  
The distribution of U.S.D.A. commodities for the month of May has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 1989, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The location is to be the Lion's Den, Woodville, Texas.

**Taxpayers' Association to Meet**  
The Board of Directors of the Tyler County Taxpayers Association will meet Monday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Citizens State Bank. The meeting is open to the public.

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The Texas Department of Health, Public Health Region 7 office announced plans today for the continuation of a series of monthly immunization clinics for all children needing immunizations. The clinic will be conducted at 717 W. Bluff, (Hwy 190 E.) in Woodville, Texas. The next clinic will be held May 16, 1989.

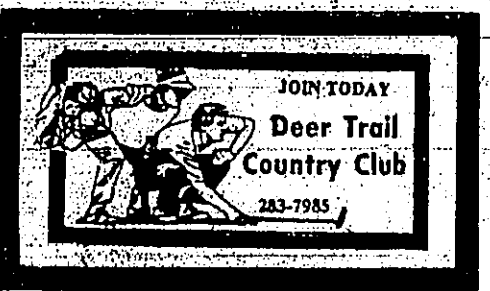


**WOODVILLE CITY COUNCIL**-- Ken Weaver, a local pharmacist, is shown at left during swearing in ceremony Monday along with incumbent Mayor Pro-tem Doug Tolbert (center) and Councilman Billy Rose. City employee Myra Odum administered the oath of office.

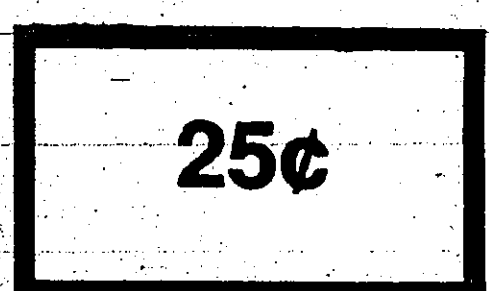
## School, City Officials Elected In Light Vote

Light balloting across Tyler County produced several new faces on the political scene in Tyler County School and City municipal elections. The Woodville School Board saw U.S. Postal employee Tillman Johnson earn the place 7 seat with 400 votes while place 2 contender Royce Hill totaled 267 votes to win. Dr. Jim Jinnette ran unopposed for the place 3 seat receiving some 481 votes. In Warren School Board elections Julia Greenwood won the Place 1 seat with 529 votes. Harold Davis won the Place 2 seat with 529 votes. In the place 3 race, Paul Hicks received 503 votes. Colmesneil School Board elections saw incumbent Jimmy Crews win another term with a total of 166 votes along with Bobby Wilson winning the other available seat with 70 votes. In Spurter School Board election activity Edie Nor-

**WOODVILLE SCHOOL BOARD**-- School Board President George Jarrott is shown Monday administering the oath of office to Dr. Jim Jinnette and to newcomers Tillman Johnson and Royce Hill as they take up district responsibilities during difficult financial times for the Woodville school entities.



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THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1989  
Woodville, Texas 75797



**TEXAS LAND COMMISSIONER VISITS**-- Gary Mauro, State Administrator of the Texas Veterans Land Board (second from left) was the featured speaker Tuesday at the Woodville Inn for the Tyler County Board of Realtors and guests. Mauro told the group about his agency's advocacy to use Texas natural gas resources for state owned fleet vehicles and also appraised the board of the loan incentives available to Texas Veterans. Shown above Mauro receives gifts from Mayor Tom Knapp as Realtor Board President Ann Tolbert (at right) and Past President Thelma Cain look on.

## Little League Gets \$750 From Champion

The Tyler County Little League recently received a check for \$750 from the Champion Fund for Community Service to purchase a Jug's Pitching Machine for the league. The check was presented to Gary Hennigan, President of the Tyler Little League Association by Donnie Battise, a Champion International employee from the Timberlands Division, Forest Lands Department. Donnie is a Forest Technician on the Woodville District and serves as a Little League Coach in his spare time. The Champion Fund for Community Service is a direct way for Champion International to recognize and support employees who volunteer their spare time to the communities in which they live and work. Champion will contribute cash to qualified organizations in which Champion employees are active.

## Anderson Honored By Council

Woodville Mayor Tom Knapp presented Councilman Gordon Anderson a plaque Monday in recognition for his 27 continuous year in service as a City Councilman for the City of Woodville. Anderson, was deeply moved by the occasion which marked his retirement from City politics saying he had never worked for a finer Mayor than Tom Knapp. "He's one of the best." The council then seated Ken Weaver who was elected to fill the vacancy created by the retiring Anderson. After administering the oath of office to returning councilmen Billy Rose and Doug Tolbert the city got down to business with the award of a \$244,302.58 base bid to Pate & Pate company of Huntsville for a 21 inch sewer line to be installed on Railroad Street. In other action the council heard Four Square Gas Company representative Danny Vines report to council of gas price incentives which still have to be worked out by contract with Austin Gas Lawyer Frank Youngblood. According to Mayor Tom Knapp who asked the council to study the gas purchase aspects thoroughly and to "invite the current gas vendor in for comparative sales analysis. In other business the Council set a public hearing date of Monday May 15 to get public input into the planned Gulf State Utilities rate increase. Hearing time is 7 p.m.



**COUNCILMAN GORDON ANDERSON HONORED**--Longtime City Councilman Gordon Anderson accepts his nameplate and a "Thank You" from City Secretary Walt Davis at Monday night meeting.

## Doucette Pioneer Entertainer J. "Wood" Fain Dies At 83



**J. "Wood" Fain**

John "Wood" Fain of Woodville for 83 years has touched the lives of everyone he came in contact with his wit, love and vast storehouse of knowledge. He is recognized by family and friends alike as an outstanding man in every manner. On August 2, 1905 in the town of Emporia (near Diboll) a son was born into the happy home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fain. Shortly thereafter the family moved to the booming town of Doucette where Wood played, worked, and attended public school, growing into a vibrant young man. He had one brother, Frank, and a younger sister, Minnie Pearl. Upon graduation from Doucette high school, Wood traveled to Southwestern Texas to attend San Marcos Baptist Academy. Then he moved again to attend Lone Morris Jr. College. There the "loving" but what he met a very busy young lady named Annie Lois Hayes. After much deliberation and pursuit, she consented to become his bride and move back to Doucette where he went into business with Sinclair Oil Company. A son, John Hayes Fain, was born October 6, 1931. John earned many awards and became active in The Rotary International in Jasper upon return from serving in the Korean War. Johnny was the recipient of the "Man of the Year" award during his term as president 1959-60 when he suddenly died as a result of an automobile accident January 2, 1960. Wood Fain is remembered most as the owner of the Fain Theatre. He moved his family to Woodville in the early 1930's where he purchased a theatre which was located on the corner of Highway 29 and 100. The theatre was known as the Fain Theatre. Wood did not limit his activities to his family alone though he was a dedicated family man, or his business. He went beyond those two realms touching every aspect of community life. He was Mayor of Woodville from April 1948 until April 1952. He is remembered as an outstanding leader in the Boy Scout of America program, an active member of The Methodist Church of Woodville, and a church member of The Woodville Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Woodville. He loved to travel, whether it was throughout Tyler County sharing with history and a story of historical note, or to distant lands around the world. Several years following the death of his wife, Lois, Wood married a teen sweetheart, Lula Harville Ray. Together they traveled far and near enjoying life, helping others and often for The Rotary International. A close friend and fellow Rotarian, Rev. Clyde A. Bennett was often Wood's traveling companion. A special memorial plaque which Wood had requested on behalf of his son arrived in Woodville in May 2, 1989 completed Wood's journey. Wood and Lula lived until the morning of May 4, 1989, and saw the plaque with great pride as it read the following: "The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International A Paul Harris Fellow Memorial is hereby given in memory of John Hayes Fain. This gift will provide a living memorial. Delivering the Foundation programs to further international understanding and friendly relations among the peoples of distant nations." John Wood Fain is quietly buried in his back yard and his dog, "Furry" nearby on the morning of May 4.











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**It's A Boy!!**  
Greg and Karen Kirkpatrick of Warren, Texas, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Joshua. Joshua was born on April 22, 1989 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Beaumont. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

**Old Shiloh Singing**  
The Tyler County monthly singing will be held at the Old Shiloh church, Saturday night, May 13 on Farm road 256 N. between Hwy 190 W. and Hwy 207. Come sing with us 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.  
Robbie Conner, Chairman

**HELP WANTED**  
Keller Aluminum Products of Texas has immediate openings for assembly workers. Any person who is interested may apply on Mondays at 7:00 A.M.

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## Dogwood Hill Revival May 12 - 14

There will be a revival May 12-14 at 7 p.m. at the Dogwood Hill Baptist Church. The church is located on Highway 100, 7 miles east of Woodville. The church is a beautiful building with a large sanctuary. The church is a member of the Texas Baptist Convention. The church is a member of the Texas Baptist Convention. The church is a member of the Texas Baptist Convention.

Attend The Church Of Your Choice This Sunday!

## PINE STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST 604 PINE ST. WOODVILLE, TX. 75979

### "Speaking Your Mind"

Almost every automobile bumper in this nation has something pasted upon it. We have become a nation which speaks its mind in blue-sized portions suitable for digestion during the height of rush hour traffic. Clothing has become another favorite medium of speaking one's mind. We are ruled by opinion polls, which do no more than "sample" thinking rather than reflecting reasoned understanding. As people, we speak our minds in almost every way except through sustained discussion, and it is of little wonder, then, that Bible authority has become a matter of subjective thinking in this society. Subjective thinking deals with what the subject believes based upon his or her own experience regardless of evidence to the contrary. Subjective thinking believes that what makes one feel right is, therefore, right. Consequently, one can voice an opinion without fear of contradiction because he is his own standard of judgment. The standard which applies in both cases is not subjective, but rather it is OBJECTIVE: it is the standard of the objective rather than the subjective, and the object of religious thinking is GOD. The consequence of this fact is that religious nationalism which speaks its own mind is NOT in speaking the mind of God. (Is. 45:19; 55:6-11; Lk. 6:46; 1 Pet. 4:11). ---Ken McLenore

## Card of Thanks

Thank you to all who attended the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Kirkpatrick. The funeral was held at the Old Shiloh Baptist Church on Saturday, May 13, 1989. The church is a beautiful building with a large sanctuary. The church is a member of the Texas Baptist Convention. The church is a member of the Texas Baptist Convention. The church is a member of the Texas Baptist Convention.



TEXAS NURSING HOME WEEK IN WOODVILLE-Woodville Mayor Tom Knapp is shown just after signing into effect Texas Nursing Home week in Woodville in the company of the administrators of The Holiday Pines Manor Care Center and Woodville Convalescent Center Administrator Robin Bashnagel.

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## Davis Admitted To Alpha Chi

Twenty-two students were admitted into membership in Alpha Chi (national college honor scholarship society) at a meeting held this month in the boardroom at East Texas Baptist University, according to Dr. Rose Mary Magrill, a sponsor and director of the Manlye Jarrett Learning Center.

Dr. Bruce Tankersley, professor of religion at ETBU in Marshall, Texas, was the guest speaker following the induction ceremony. Dr. Magrill said. Those inducted into membership from this area included: Alan Davis, Colmesneil, Texas, the son of James C. and Brenda Davis. Alpha Chi is a co-educational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinction. The local chapter at ETBU, Alpha Zeta Chapter, was chartered in 1958, and the parent organization, Alpha Chi, was organized on February 22, 1922.

## JP Industries

would like to thank everyone who attended the Grand Opening celebration on Saturday, April 29th. The event was considered an unqualified success due mainly to the large turnout by the local community. JP Industries would particularly like to thank the following individuals for their help throughout the event:

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Hwy 190 at 92, Dan B. Texas. Sunday Morning worship at 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening worship at 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday night worship at 7:00 p.m. Rev. J.D. Hughes, pastor. 283-3324.  
R.C. Tilley, pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m., Evening Worship 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
COLMESNEIL ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
J.C. Carter, pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m., Evening Worship 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m., Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m., Office hours 8:30-4:30.  
HILLISER ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
M.D. McCallister, pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., (C.A.'s youth) 5:30 p.m., Evening Worship 7 p.m., Spiritual Renewal Wednesday 7 p.m. Office 283-2725, Home 283-3549.  
OAK GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Hwy 92 between Fred and Spurger. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., Evening Worship 7 p.m., Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m., Office hours 8:30-4:30.

**SHADY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
West of Woodville. Sunday School 10 a.m., Evening Worship 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Service for youth 7 p.m.  
**TRINITY CHRISTIAN CENTER**  
Hwy 160 west of Hwy 207 and Nollis St. Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Bible Study Wednesday 7 p.m., Pastor Fred Hill.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
1 mile south of Warren. Head Elder Jerry Rogers, Services Saturday, Sunday 10:30 a.m., Sabbath School 9:15 a.m., Tuesday night Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
604 Pine Street, corner Hwy 207 and Nollis St. Ken McLenore, Evangelist. Sunday, 9:45 a.m., Bible Study 10:30 a.m., and 6 p.m., Wednesday Services, Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m., Office 283-7514.  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
W.M. Timmerman, pastor. Located 15 miles east of Woodville on Hwy 190. Sunday School 10 a.m., Morning Worship 10 a.m., and 6 p.m., Wednesday Bible Class 6 to 7 p.m., 283-7275.  
**HILLISER CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
OFFICE 1013 Beaumont Hill, Dr. J. Edgar Hill, Pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., Evening Worship 5 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study and singing.  
**WOODVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Eugene Greer, Minister. Hwy 190 West, Sunday Bible School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Evening Service 6 p.m., Wednesday Bible Class 7 p.m., Office 283-3977.  
**WARRICK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Minister, Larry Spear, P.O. Box 223, Warren L.S. 77664, Phone 409-547-2785 or 547-1661, 547-3041.

**CHRISTIAN**  
Disciples of Christ J.R. Johnson, minister. 100 Charlton Church Road 9:45 a.m., W-300 10:45 a.m., other meetings as announced.  
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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
704 W. Holly, Woodville 383-7171. Worship Services 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:45 a.m., W.M. Sager, pastor. 283-2663.  
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OUR LADY OF THE PINES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Rev. Patrick O'Connell, pastor. 1601 Pine St. Hwy 287. Mass Schedule: Sunday 8:30 a.m., Sunday 9 a.m., Tuesday thru Friday 7:30 a.m., Monday Communion Service 7:30 a.m., C.D. Classes Sunday 10:45 a.m. (The Catholic Community of Woodville will celebrate Mass at 6:00 p.m., each Sunday at the United Methodist Church. Hwy 69. For more information call Our Lady of the Pines 283-3567).

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## Golden Hinde will arrive in Beaumont on Friday, May 12

BEAUMONT—The world's only authentic, fully operational replica of an English fighting-tall ship comes to Beaumont's Riverfront Park on Friday, May 12—the start of a three week visit which will end Wednesday, May 21.

The ship, called the Golden Hinde (pronounced highnd), made history 410 years ago when the famous sea captain, Sir Francis Drake, became the first man to navigate a ship around the world.

Managing Director of the Hinde, John Carter, explained, "If people want to find out what life was like for buccaners 400 years ago, they should not miss this opportunity to see this colorful Elizabethan warship. She will be open from 9 a.m. until sunset every day of the week."

There are five levels of deck and exhibits to explore. They include:

- The gun deck where the cannons and arms are kept but, which in Drake's day, was also home to 60 sailors.
- The carved soldiers' head which sailors would rub for good luck.
- The Great Cabin which Drake used as his command quarters, and, of course, the hold where both food and Spanish treasure was kept in great wooden barrels and sea chests.

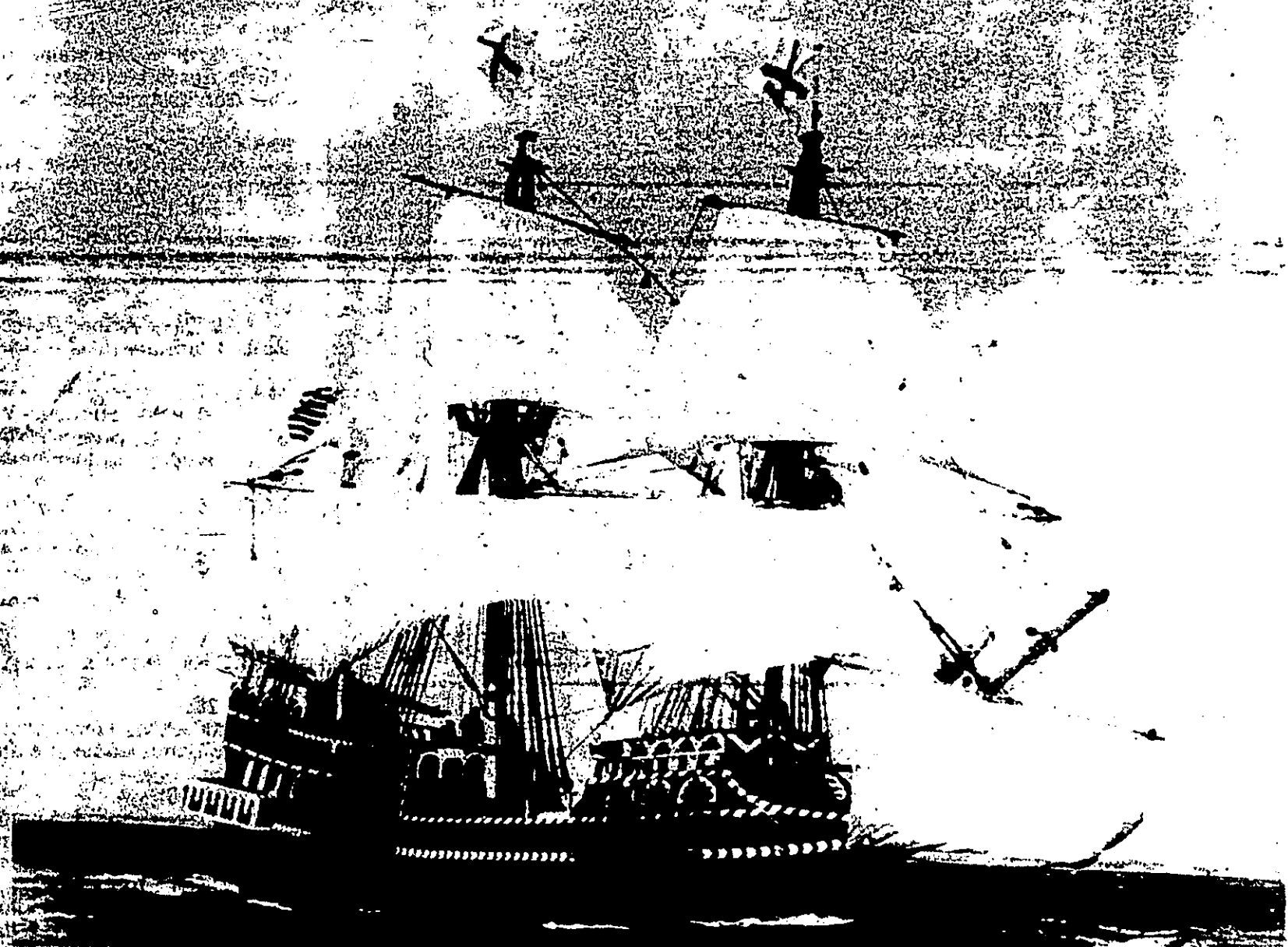
Expanding on the ship's rich history, Mr. Carter continued, "The Golden Hinde was the only one of five ships which set out from England to return."

Sponsored by his Queen, Elizabeth the First, Francis Drake sailed around the world in the Golden Hinde in just three years. He began his voyage at Plymouth in England in 1577 and returned in 1579 to a hero's welcome.

On his history-making voyage, Drake claimed California for his Queen in 1579.

He also plundered many Spanish treasure ships. At the time, England and Spain were clashing over religious differences and though the accorded him for

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Replica of Sir Francis Drake's 'Golden Hinde' beats across the ocean on one leg of the famous English explorer's 1579 circumnavigation of the globe.

## Golden Hinde recalls Elizabethan conquests

In June 1579, a small English ship, the Golden Hinde, beat her way northwards off the west coast of America.

Her commander was Francis Drake, admiral, explorer, and privateer, returning homeward with a fortune in treasure seized on the Pacific coast from the surprised Spanish.

Drake was probably looking for the mythical North West passage, to give him a short-cut home to England, but the weather grew cold, the ship was in need of repair, and the crew were in poor

health. They struggled on until they reached latitude 48-degrees North; but conditions grew steadily worse and Drake decided to put about and seek a sheltered harbour, where he could carry out repairs and let his crew recover.

He headed South and at last, in latitude 38-degrees North he found a 'fit and convenient harbour', on what is now the coast of California, which would serve his purpose.

As the Golden Hinde approached the

land, the cliffs reminded Drake of the white cliffs of Dover.

On his landing, he named the place 'Nova Albion', due to its likeness to England and claimed the territory for his Queen and country.

On that day, the 17th of June 1579, Drake became the first Englishman to lay claim to undiscovered territory for his people.

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## Historic Preservation Week is May 14-20

These for the 17th Annual National Historic Preservation Week, May 14-20, is "Look Homeward, America." Citing the state's rich and varied heritage, Gov. William Clements also has proclaimed this period as Preservation Week in Texas.

Across the state and the country, communities will be organizing house tours, workshops, block parties and fund-raising events in the name of protecting America's most cherished ideal: the home.

"Historic preservation gives Americans a deeper understanding of their diverse architectural and cultural heritage," said Curtis Tunnell, executive director of the Texas Historical Commission. "It contributes to the livability of Texas towns, cities and rural areas, and promotes local pride and community self-help."

Cosponsored by the THC and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, this event celebrates such different habitats as streetcar suburbs, vintage inner-city apartments, rural farmhouses, shotgun houses and bungalows.

The THC is the state agency for historic preservation. It seeks to oversee preservation efforts by placing historical markers, working with cities and towns to revitalize their central business districts, identifying and protecting archaeological sites, working with county historical commissions and administering federal preservation programs in the state.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the preservation of historic buildings, districts and maritime resources in the country.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Over the past 100 years, the house recently donated and moved to Heritage Village in memory of Charlie and Arie Hamra, has been the kind of home Historic Preservation Week is all about. Talking to various family members, neighbors, friends, all remember this home with warmth and love, because that's the kind of aura the house and its many many owners and inhabitants exuded. An interesting sidelight can be seen in the At The Village Column on page 7.

## It mimics sleep

By Carl Nichols  
Big Thicket Naturalist

The ornamental lawn tree often used in landscaping in the Southern United States and commonly called the "Mimosa" is really the SILK TREE, *ALBIZIA*. It was named after P. Degli Albizia, an Italian nobleman and naturalist.

The Albizia, or Mimosa if you prefer, actually gives the appearance of sleeping at night. If you go out and look at your Mimosa tree after dark you will find that the small leaflets are tightly folded along

the center stem of the leaf and will stay that way until next daylight. You may also find the leaflets folded on a very dry and hot day. It is the tree's way of reducing exposed leaf surface to conserve moisture under unfavorable conditions.

The true Mimosa plant family is represented in Texas by the viny shrub, which we as youngsters all knew as "Sleepy Vine" or some similar descriptive name.

Well, that's how the mimosa got its name. It is from the Greek word "Mimos", which means "to mimic".

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## Tyler County Community Calendar

**MAY 10-13:**  
7:00 P.M. Jasper Lions Club Rodeo. Rodeo Arena, 1 block east of highway 96 north at Calvert.

**MAY 12-31:**  
9 A.M. - 4 P.M. Golden Hinde, replica of an English fighting tall ship, Beaumont's Riverfront Park. Adults, \$3.50, Children, \$1.75.

**MAY 13-14:**  
Kaleidoscope. Outdoor arts & crafts show, continuous entertainment, ethnic foods, activities for entire family. Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont. 11 A.M. - 11 P.M., Saturday, Noon to 7 P.M. Sunday. \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 Senior Citizens, Children under 12 FREE.

**MAY 14:**  
3:00 P.M. Heritage Village Museum. Chamber Music Ensembles presented by Rachel Swift, Band Director, Colmesneil Schools.

**MAY 20:**  
9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Heritage Village Museum. East Texas Blacksmith's Alliance Workshop.

9:00 A.M. Tyler County Beef And Forage Tour. Elmer Ray Oates Ranch, FM256, 1 mile north of FM287.

All Day - Armed Forces Day Ceremonies at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

**MAY 21:**  
3:00 P.M. Heritage Village Museum. Program of Jazz Music, presented by Newton Band Director, Jack Dennis, and members of the Newton Band.

**MAY 26-27:**  
Saturday 8 A.M. to 9:30 P.M.; Sunday 8 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Spindletop Arabian Horse Show; Fair Park Coliseum, Beaumont.

**MAY 27:**  
9 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Heritage Village Museum. East Texas Blacksmith's Alliance Workshop.

**MAY 28:**  
3:00 P.M. Heritage Village Museum. Heritage Village Band, under the direction of Jim Hudgins.

**JUNE 4-10:**  
All Day - Second Annual Great Blueberry 'Eatin' Meetin' and Thicket Country Picnic. Kountze.

**JUNE 5-9:**  
9 A.M. Heritage Village Museum. Tyler County Junior Historians meet daily to learn history and crafts of early pioneers.

Hopewell Methodist Church, Highway 190 East. Singing School taught by retired music teacher, Woody Woodrome, under the auspices of Heritage Village Museum.

**JUNE 9-10:**  
8:00 P.M. Heritage Village Museum. "Whispers In The Wind", outdoor historical drama, based on actual events in Tyler County's pioneer history.

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## Sacred Harp, Round and Shaped Note—

## 'Three ways to read music' begins June 5

According to E. W. "Woody" Woodrome, Sacred Harp singing came to this country with the immigrants, and as it moved West over the mountains, it took on the various flavors of the people who passed it along. The basics remained the same, however, four notes based on the four strings of a harp.

Many are the residents of Tyler County who still remember the Sacred Harp and Shaped Note singing they learned in their youth, and now, everyone is invited to share in this unique experience, when Woody teaches his "three ways to read music" at Hopewell Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. each evening June 5 through 9 and June 12 through 16.

A native a Tyler County, Woody spent his first 7 years of schooling at Hopewell, where he also attended his first singing school and sang on stage for the first time at the age of five. The oldest of five children, who at one time composed a family singing group, Woody continued his music at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, where he majored in voice, minored in piano, and got a degree in education that allowed him to spend the next 35 years teaching others what he had learned.

Music History and directing the High School Choir. Since Woody had an ear for languages as well as music, his choir sang in Italian, German and French as well as English.

Every year, beginning in 1972, Woody has spent part of his summer vacation at the Annual Folklife Festival in San Antonio, where he brings together musicians from all over the state, presenting a continuous program of folk music under the biggest Brush Arbor in the state.

Since retiring two years ago, Woody and his wife have been splitting their time between their Nederland home and a home in Ivanhoe. But, when he can,

Woody likes to spend a little time at Heritage Village, under whose auspices his Singing School will be offered to one and all as an extension of the Village's May Music Month. There will be no charge for the lessons, of course.

So, even if you can't read music, Woody is going to show you three different ways that you can, so join the teaching, the singing and the fellowship of good old time gospel and folk music at Hopewell Methodist Church, Highway 190, approximately 6 miles East of Woodville, each evening at 7:00 p.m., June 5 through 9 and June 12 through 16.



Recording Star Woody Woodrome will teach during the month of June

Woody's first teaching assignment was in West Columbia, where he taught music and English. From there he went to Cleveland, where he taught English and Spanish and directed the choir at the First Baptist Church. And then he moved to Nederland, where he spent the next 24 years teaching English, Spanish and

## Historical outdoor drama set at Heritage Village in June

"Whispers In The Wind" an exciting outdoor drama, written by Aloha Freeland, of Towns Bluff, especially for staging at Heritage Village Museum, will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday, June 9, and again on Saturday, June 10, at the Village.

The drama, based on actual, carefully researched historical events that took place in Tyler County, will be staged as an entirely new concept in Theatre-In-The-Round with the audience seated on a raised platform in the center of the action, which will take place all around them. The sets for the play will be authentic buildings that make up the Village scene.

Featuring adults from the entire Tyler County area as well as members of the Tyler County Junior Historians, which are sponsored by the Village, the play will follow the frontier adventures of the fictitious Wilson and Collins families as they settled in Tyler County, taking you back to a time when pioneers fought Indians on one hand and conquered the wilderness with the other.

Romance, music, dancing and tragedy will combine to make this an evening that will entertain and enlighten both old and young audiences alike.

Mrs. Freeland, a native of Indiana, who has become fascinated by the

history of Tyler County and its importance in the creation of Texas first as a Republic and then as a state, taught 5th Grade at Woodville Intermediate School for 15 years before establishing the Doucette Christian Academy, where she served as principal. Since that time, she has assisted her husband, Kenn Freeland, in his Beginning Data Processing Classes for Angelina College in Woodville, is pianist and Sunday School teacher at Rockland Baptist Church, where Freeland is pastor, and has published her first book of poetry, entitled "Reflections."

During her 20 years in Tyler County, Mrs. Freeland has also been an active participant in the annual Dogwood Festival, serving as narrator for several years, and was sponsor of the initial class of Tyler County Junior Historians at Heritage Village last year.

For the past four months, however, Mrs. Freeland has devoted most of her time to researching and writing her historical outdoor drama "Whispers In The Wind," which she envisions becoming an annual event at Heritage Village Museum.

Since seating will be limited, tickets for this innovative presentation should be purchased in advance at the Village. For reservations, please call (409) 283-2272.



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## VooDoo on the border:

**Editor's Note:** Unfortunately the tragic incidents involving satanic cults, which have been reported recently along the lower Texas border, have been part of life in those parts for many many years. Here, T.E. Phillips relates some of his own experiences with cults and voodooism during his 24 years with the Border Patrol.

By T. E. Phillips

There has been so much in the newspapers and on TV lately about the 13 men found murdered in Mexico and the woman killed in the United States by a satanic cult that it brought back memories of when I was in the U.S. Border Patrol in the 1920's.

Part of my work was inspecting religious cults, voodoo, black magic and witch doctors. And even though I tried to make a study of these cults, watching the meetings and talking to the leaders, there is no way that I can explain things what I witnessed.

I do believe, however, that hypnotism is involved and that people will believe what they want to believe.

Very near where the murdered men were recently discovered in Mexico, I had a very interesting case.

A young man was plowing an orchard near the river. The weather was very hot, so the man decided to go swimming. The river was up and running swift, and the man drowned.

I was called in to watch the operation as people from both sides of the river tried to locate the body.

Firemen from Weslaco worked hard, but failed. In the afternoon, when most of the men had given up, some men from Mexico asked if they could bring a row boat and a voodoo doctor to locate the body. I agreed, and they brought the boat over with an old, old woman aboard so I could see what equipment she was going to use.

It consisted of a wooden saucer, a little larger than normal saucer size, and a candle stuck in the center with melted wax. That was all.

Next the men rowed the boat to a place above where the man had entered the river, which was around a bend from where I stood.

The current was very swift and the wind was blowing as a thunder storm was coming up, so I could not see what the woman did as the boat went around the bend, but I could see the saucer with the lighted candle coming back around the bend by itself.

When it reached a spot in front of me, it started across the river then came to a complete stop in the river.

In spite of the wind and the swift current, the saucer remained still and the candle continued to burn.

I didn't believe it, so I asked the men in the boat to bring the candle for me to inspect. There was nothing wrong, so I asked the old woman to do it again. They repeated their actions, and the saucer and candle did as before.

Where it stopped, the old woman said, was where the man's body was.

The men then picked up the candle. As they were taking it and the old woman back to Mexico, there was a heavy bolt of lightning and thunder that kind of shook the ground, and the man's body came to the surface exactly where the saucer had stopped. Don't ask me to explain it.

Another time, I was called to investigate a case where a young woman had found an empty cigar box under the front steps to her house.

The box had a snap shot of the woman inside. It was a very poor picture, but the woman could be identified.

Also in the box was a small rag doll, which had been placed in a pasteboard box made to resemble a coffin.

When I was called in, the woman had been sick for about five weeks, couldn't walk without help and had lost so much weight, I took her to a doctor for a thorough examination. The doctor said there was nothing wrong with her except that she was simply scared to death.

And she did, in fact, die a few days later.

A similar case was that of a woman, who found a cigar box under her front porch steps, which contained small bundles of the woman's hair tied with a ribbon.

The woman identified the hair as hers, saying that a neighbor had cut her hair for her. The box also contained a few pieces of cloth that the woman said had been cut from her own clothes.

I took this woman to the same doctor and again he reported, "There is nothing wrong with this woman", but then he added, "what she needs is a good paddling." I didn't paddle her, of course, and I don't know what happened to her.

A Little Closer To Home  
As I started to work early one morning, I found a well made doll about 6-inches long tied to the post on my front porch.

The doll was dressed as a border patrolman, complete to the sand brown belt.

The only thing wrong with the doll was that it had a straight pin with a big head stuck in the right side under the arm.

Less than ten days later, I was in the biggest gun battle of my life, firing across the Rio Grande.

The fight was so close to where we lived that my wife, Bobbie, could hear the shooting.

I did not keep the doll, as I turned it in to the office, but I do have a buck shot pellet in my right side exactly where the pin was stuck in the doll.

Religious Caste At Work  
One day I received word that a religious cult would have a ceremony at a place near Brownsville at the Ebbonitos Ranch.

My partner and I went out to inspect the place and found it well prepared with a rectangle, about six by 20 feet, marked off with shells. At one end there was a pile of stones, and along each side there were three smaller piles of stones.

Also found six graves, four completely filled in with fresh dirt, the other two freshly dug and open.

There was one trail from the graves to the pond and another through the woods from the road to the rectangle.

After our inspection, we went back to town, returning just before dark.

It was the night of the full moon. We had been hidden about three or four hours when we saw a number of cars and trucks coming across the pasture from Edcouch.

When they stopped, possibly 35 or 40 people got out of the cars and came up the path to the rectangle.

They were led by a boy dressed in a white sheet carrying a big lighted candle, a big man dressed in a white robe, then a man and a woman.

The boy placed the candle in the big pile of stones at the head of the rectangle, and the man sat there.

Then the boy placed the man and woman in the rectangle facing the man and the candle. The boy lit a small candle for each pile of stones along the sides, and one of the other men sat behind each candle.

The leader started a weird chant that I could not understand. After about 15 minutes of this, the boy led the man and woman to the open graves, where they were wrapped in blankets, lowered into the graves and covered.

I couldn't see how deep the dirt was piled on them.

One of the men then led all the people in singing several church hymns, after which the couple was uncovered, and the procession started to the pond in the same order as they had come, the boy leading the way, followed by the man, the couple and then the rest of the group.

When they reached the pond, the man in the robe waded into the water with the couple where he baptized them. But when they came out of the water, I arrested them and found out that the couple had paid the leader for his doctoring in helping his wife get well with a good wagon and a pair of mules.

I put the leader in jail, where he stayed for two years, because the district attorney didn't know what to charge him with.

I delivered the team and wagon to the U.S. Customs service, as it had been smuggled into the United States from Mexico, and I sent the man and woman back to Mexico.

This was a religious cult.

Witch Doctors  
One day I had information that a curandero was coming over from Matamoros for his weekly service. He crossed the river west of town and was brought to where his patients were gathered, which was in West Brownsville.

At this time I was working with an officer name Manuel Saldana, and we worked together both in Mexico and the U.S. Manuel could not drive a car, so I went to pick him up that afternoon and told him of the information that I had and that I wanted to arrest the Curandero.

Manuel was ready to go to work, when suddenly he became so sick he could not go with me.

When I reached the house, where the Curandero was to be, there were several cars and lots of people standing in the yard.

The house was small with one big room, one small room and the usual brush arbor out the back door to be used as a kitchen.

When I went in the front door, I found the house crowded with people sitting around the wall on the floor.

The house was supposed to be vacant. The small room had a blanket for a door, and when I walked through it I found three people in the room: a woman, the curandero and a young man.

The young man had been stabbed with a large butcher knife, and the knife had been driven completely

## A Border Patrolman Recalls Cult Worship in the 1920's



T.E. Phillips, Circa 1938

through his body, entering just to the left of his heart not coming out the back just to the left of the back bone.

This had happened two months before, and the man had never been to any one except this witch doctor.

There were no stitches of any kind. The scar in front was about 4-inches long, and where it came out the back was about 6-inches long.

The young man was sitting in a straight chair and was naked to his waist.

The doctor was well-dressed and was wearing a vest with the coat off. He had a big watch chain across the front of this vest, and the chain had a big gold nugget on it that was bright and shiny.

I think the Doctor used this chain and nugget to hypnotize the young man, as he appeared to be asleep. His eyes were closed, and he did not say a word.

The curandero wanted to stop, but I told him to complete the treatment as I wanted to watch.

All the medicine that the doctor used was a bottle of liquid that I later took to the druggist to find out what it was.

It was a kind of hair tonic that the Mexicans used, called Brillantine, and some rubbing alcohol.

The doctor would rub some of this on his hands and place his left hand over the place that the knife had entered the man's body. With his right hand he would reach almost to the

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## Heritage Proud:

## Junior Historians Share State Crown

Once a Junior Historian, always a Junior Historian.

That means Tyler County's award winning chapter, which worked its way through the history of this area at Heritage Village last year, will return this summer for in-depth craft studies that will enable them to demonstrate those crafts at the Village.

Meanwhile, a new group will be following in their footsteps with a week-long cram course in history, beginning June 5, learning the basics of a variety of crafts from rope making and basket weaving to pottery and nature trails. This will be followed by weekly field trips and additional classes throughout the summer and a series of weekend Living Village presentations at the Village.

According to sponsor, Roxanne Babin, names of prospective Junior Historians, grades 6-8, are now being taken at the Village and by teachers at the various county middle schools. A group of 20 students only will be selected by members of the Tyler County Heritage Society, and their names will be announced at the Award Day Programs at each of the participating school districts.

The charter group, which brought home a trophy for outstanding new chapter from Galveston last month, will have the opportunity of studying a chosen craft in depth, enabling them to demonstrate that craft for visitors during Living Village presentations. These youngsters, who probably know the ins and outs of Heritage Village better than most, will also be training for Docent duty at the Village.

And both classes will be involved in Aloha Freeland's spectacular historical



The Tyler County Junior Historians visited the San Jacinto Monument on their way to winning prestigious recognition from the state.

drama "Whispers In The Wind," which will be presented at the Village on Friday and Saturday nights, June 9 and 10.

## Blueberry Eatin' Meetin'

Who will be the nation's first Baby Blueberry?

That question will be answered on Friday, June 9, when children through the ages of three years compete for that title and four others as part of the Thicket Country Picnic/Blueberry Eatin' Meetin' celebration taking place in Kountze June 4 through 10th.

Other winners in different age groups will be crowned Blueberry Muffin, Blueberry Belle, Blueberry Princess and Blueberry Queen.

The Deep South Pageant System is co-sponsoring the event with the Thicket Country Tourism Development Group and the Texas Blueberry Festival Association.

Girls from everywhere are invited to participate in the pageant that will be held at the old Intermediate School cafeteria starting at 7 p.m.

Pageant dress is not required, says Dorothy Watkins, Director. "Contestants may wear dressy dresses. Girls seven years and younger should wear white socks and white shoes. Girls fifteen years and younger may wear short or long dresses, and the older girls, ages 16 thru 19, will compete in long party dress and interview. For interview, please wear a nice Sunday dress."

Qualified pageant judges will be used and contestants will be judged on overall appearance, facial beauty, and stage presentation.

In addition to the title winners, four

runners-up in each age division will be named. The winner will receive a beautiful crown, large trophy and beautiful bouquet. Runners-up will receive trophies.

All non-finalists will receive ribbons. Winners and runners-up will receive beauty fees paid to the Deep South Pageant Nationals.

The Pageant is part of the Second Annual Great Blueberry Eatin' Meetin' that this year is being combined with the Thicket Country Picnic.

Other activities will include a recipe contest, a blueberry pancake cookoff, a Taste of Hardin County, "Games Like the Olden Days", and live entertainment.

Other major events during the week include a Swimming Rodeo at the Honey Island Swimming Pool on Tuesday, June 6; an Arts, Crafts, Flea Market in downtown Kountze all week long, where the greatest array of outdoor/indoor booths ever assembled in the Big Thicket will be found; a week-long Treasure Hunt on Village Creek; Tent City, TX, set up for tent and pickup camping throughout the week; and Wild Hog Hunts with Neal Wright, a professional Thicket Country Guide, and Wilderness survival instructor.

For more information on the Blueberry Queen Pageant, call Dorothy Watkins in Garrison, Texas, or Buddy Moore: (409) 246-2470.



## Allan Shivers Library And Museum NEWS

102 N. Charlton, Woodville, TX

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 - 10:00 A.M.  
Baptist Day Care And St. Paul's Episcopal School Pre-School (3 & 4 year old)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 - 1:30 P.M.

Allan Shivers Library Advisory Board

THURSDAY, MAY 11 - 9:30 Noon  
Library Directors from neighborhood meet for conference (Buna, Jasper, Kirbyville, Livingston, Diboll, Groveton, Trinity, Kountze, Etc.)

MAY 17 & 24

Day Care and St. Paul's Pre-School 1:30 P.M.

St. Paul's Elementary School Children

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# Heritage Village Museum - A Unique Collection of Early Tyler County Artifacts

1. **PARKING LOT** for visitors to Heritage Village & Museum Store, Pickett House and Big Woods Nature Trails.

2. **PICKETT HOUSE:** Country cooking served Boarding House style in quaint atmosphere of old time school house. Open daily, 11 am-3 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-8 pm Sat, 11 am-6 pm Sun.

3. **MUSEUM STORE:** Enter the Village through Museum Store, where you'll find a unique collection of gift items in keeping with historical, educational and ecological theme of Village.

4. **JEWELRY SHOP:** Custom jewelry designer John Kilham demonstrates his artistry in silver, karat gold, precious and semi-precious stones for Village visitors. Also open to general public through separate entrance on parking lot.

5. **JUSTICE OF THE PEACE:** In the old days, the JP's duties included assaying minerals as well as performing marriage ceremonies and handing out punishment to criminals. Village Judge T. E. Phillips, former Woodville City Magistrate and Border Patrolman offers interesting evidence of his colorful careers.

6. **BAND STAND:** A miniature copy of the old band stand, where townspeople gathered on a summer evening. Next to it is Woodville's first piece of fire-fighting equipment, donated by the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department.

7. **PAWN SHOP:** Old-time mechanical money banks in the window, a Chuck Wagon with spaces for flour, sugar, salt, coffee, most everything a family needed moving West, a stage coach money box and hard-hat diving equipment are just a few of the hundreds of interesting objects on display.

8. **TEXAS DINNER BELL FACTORY:** The old-time blacksmith might not have been able to cast a bell, but he could always forge a triangle, which rang across pioneer lands both as an alarm and a chow-time "come 'n get it," and are now being made and sold at Heritage Village.

9. **POST OFFICE:** Willie Reinhardt was the last postmaster of the Pluck Post Office, once located off Hwy. 287 near Corrigan. Of special interest is the Spencerian script on the wall, a common style in the old days, using a split-nib pen, that is impossible to duplicate with today's ball points.

10. **BARBER SHOP:** In this 1888 Barber Shop, you had your choice of two chairs, which could be laid back and revolved, but not raised and lowered. And, if you really needed it, after a shave and a hair cut, you could take a bath in 1836 copper tub, which once belonged to a famous Jefferson, Texas, blacksmith, and was donated to the Village by Arledge Coleman.

11. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL:** Every town had one of these, but this one was built especially for picture-taking.

12. **BLACKSMITH SHOP:** In use in Colmesneil in the late 1800s and donated by the Milton Durhams of Woodville, this shop, which is now the home of the East Texas Blacksmiths Alliance, offers one of the major attractions at Heritage Village with Village Blacksmiths firing up the forge most weeks to delight visitors as they make decorative items to sell in the Museum Store.

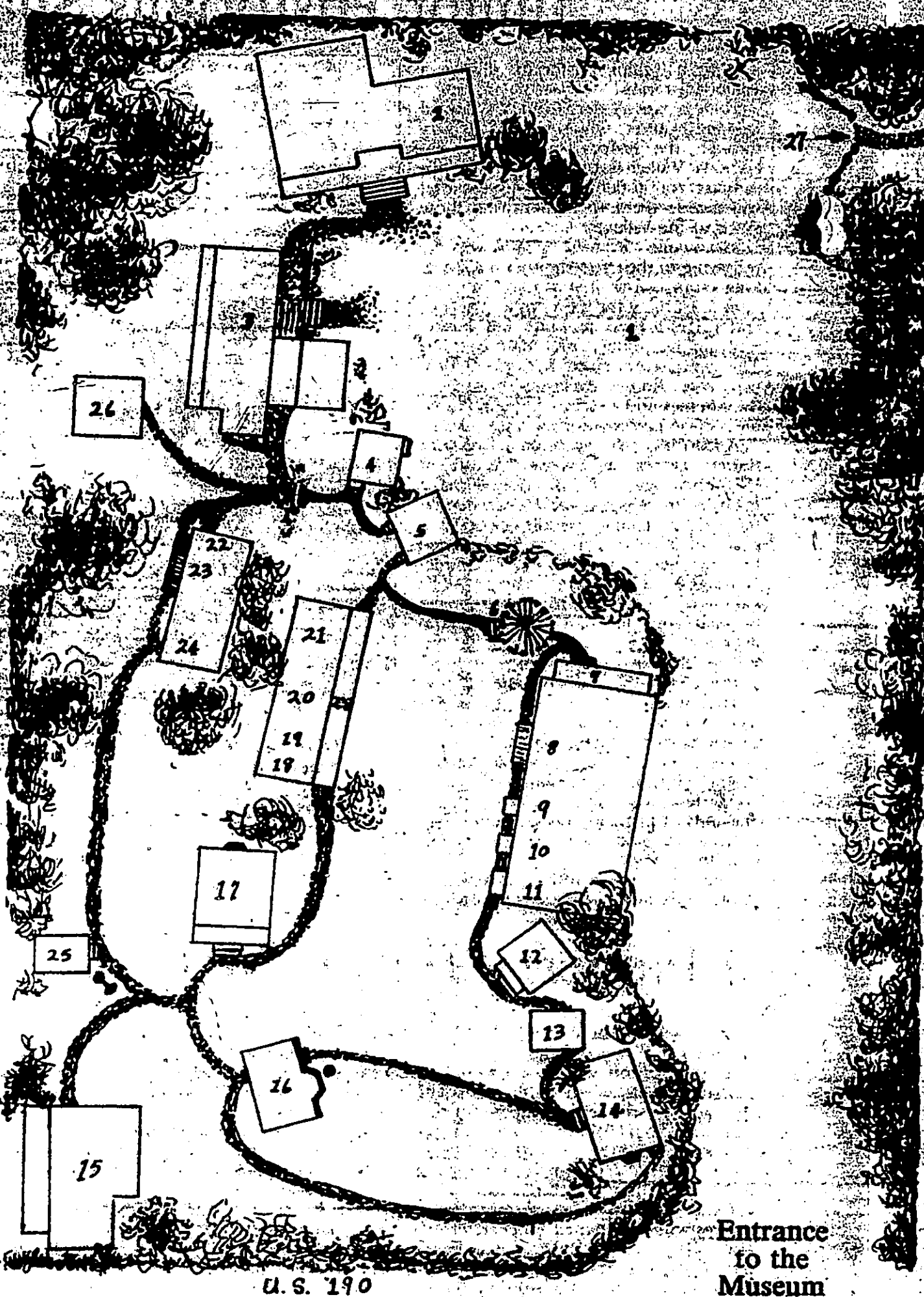
13. **WAGON SHED, CANE GRINDER, SYRUP MILL:** Behind the shed, a cane grinder and syrup mill bring back sweet memories of yesteryear, when horses or mules were used to turn the grinders before the slow process of cooking to produce a delectable syrup. In the shed, which was a catch-all for just about everything, you'll see a wagon used for freight between Woodville and Beaumont, donated by the J. Wood Fains, and a buggy, donated by late Gov. Allan Shivers, a famous Woodville son.

14. **TOLAR CABIN:** Built by Robert Tolar for his bride in 1866 and donated by his ancestors, the cabin, where family members prepared meals for all comers into the 1950s, was moved intact from near Hillister. It was awarded a medalion of the Texas Historical Commission.

15. **BIG HOUSE:** Treasures galore can be found here: a spinning wheel donated by Dr. Howell Grimes, a complete 1886 newspaper print shop, donated by the Garner and Watson families of Florence, Texas, an old hand operated washing machine, an antique loom with string heddles and four harnesses, set up by Catherine Morony of Woodville.

16. **RAILROAD STATION:** Materials for this depot came from the 1890 station in Hillister. Most of the artifacts inside were donated by Millard F. Martin of Houston, others by C. H. Hartwell and J. A. Summersill. The loop hanging on the wall held the Order Stick, which the station master would hold out to a passing train, so orders, information and outgoing mail could be picked up without the train slowing.

17. **Z. C. COLLIER STORE:** Much of the original materials and furnishings are included in the reconstruction of this general store, built in Town Bluff in 1863 by Zacharia Coyart Collier. Virginia Collier



Howell and her husband, Charles A. Howell, of Beaumont had the store rebuilt at Heritage Village as a tribute to her grandfather. Mrs. B. C. Richardson, a member of the Barlow family, who purchased the store from the Colliers, contributed many of the artifacts as did David Collier of Woodville. Joseph Barlow, who lives on the site of the old Collier home, donated timbers and bricks that were part of the original store.

18. **COTTON GIN:** The principal of this miniature cotton gin, donated by the Milam family, is the same as a large one. Only the purpose was different, and at one time it was an important local industry. Cotton was removed from soiled mattresses, reginned to clean and soften it, then covered with new ticking. The Seed Separating Machine hanging on the wall was used to separate various sizes of grain or to cleanse corn and beans before sending them to market.

19. **APOTHECARY:** In an old time drug store, only prescriptions and home remedy materials were sold. The parsel on the left was contributed by the Woodville Methodist Church, and the glass for the prescription counter, from a drug store in Rockland, was

donated by the late Dr. and Mrs. Keubler of Port Arthur.

20. **PHYSICIANS OFFICE:** A tribute to the many doctors who have contributed to the health and welfare of Tyler County residents over the past 130 years, this typical doctor's office is a composite collection of many donations. Dr. John Shivers of Woodville and Dr. N. E. Laddacker of China.

21. **CHAIR FACTORY:** Dallas Miller operated the chair factory in Rockville until 1904, when his family donated it to Heritage Village. Miller, considered to be the best chair maker in this part of the country, was also a genius in fabricating the machinery he needed to make these chairs. To be noted are the lathe on which he turned the legs, the box press for his hides and drying racks for his chair backs.

22. **MUSIC SHOP:** Much of the musical history memorabilia to be found in the shop came from the collection of Dubbs Veaz of Orange. Old sheet music was also donated by Fred Bennett of Woodville. One of the very first photographs ever made can be seen in the window.

23. **SEAMSTRESS SHOP:** Recreation of an 1875-85 shop, which was in its day, a handy way for a lady to earn a living. A delightful look into the past world of fashion, this shop has many original items used over 100 years ago, in addition to a variety of dresses and hats created especially by Martha Stark and Joseph Gerriets after much research into the period.

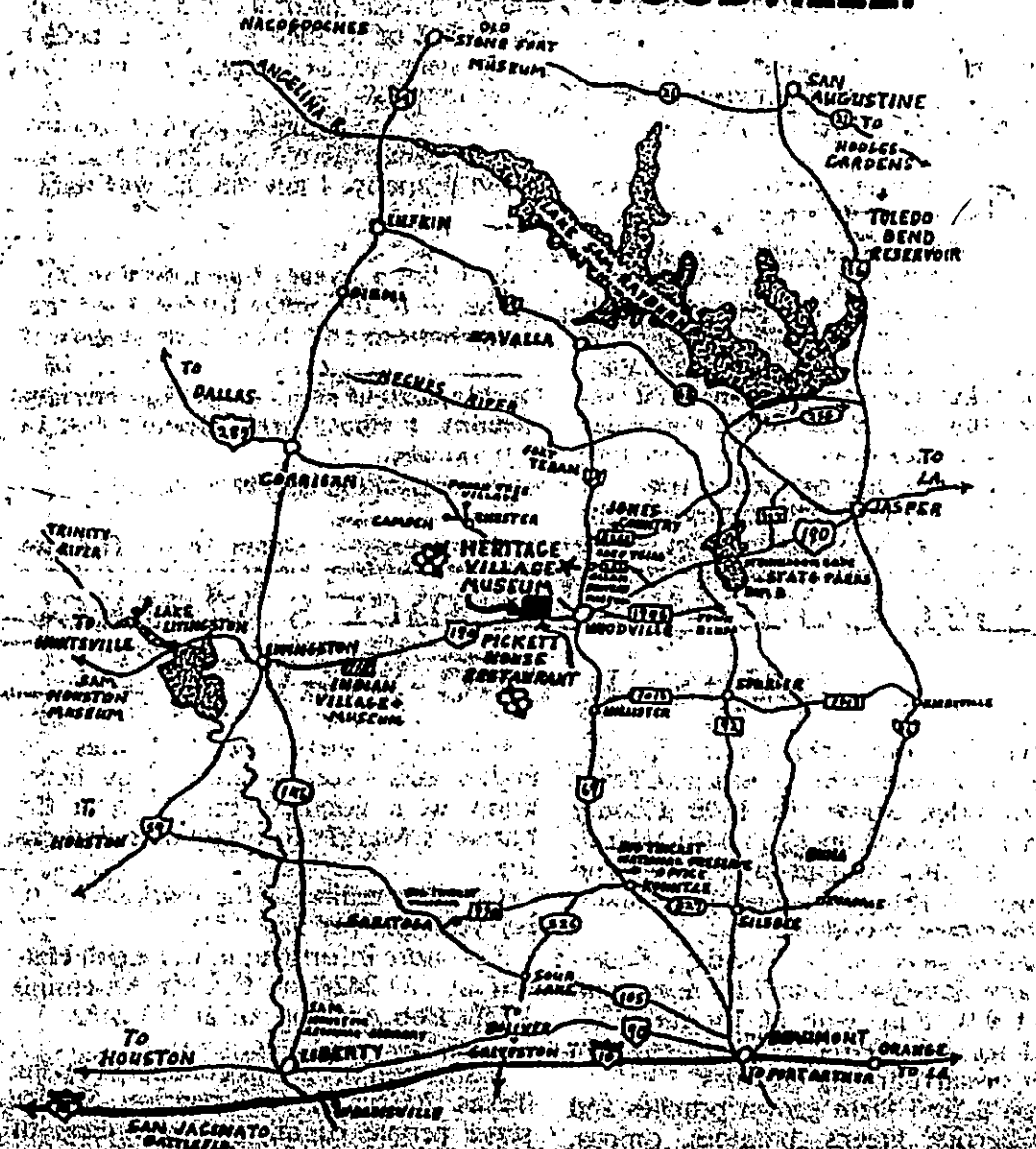
24. **LEATHER SHOP:** Whether you needed a fine leather saddle, a pair of boots or leather shoes, you would have looked for a shop like this, where the machinery was made especially for working on leather.

25. **LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE:** Recently adopted by the Retired Teachers Association of Woodville, this typical one-room school house is where all grades were taught by one teacher, and older students were pressed into service to help the younger ones. The plantation bell outside, of course, was used to call the students to class.

26. **CANTILVERED LOG BARN:** This 140-year-old log barn, which once belonged to the family of John Henry Kirby at Peach Tree Village near Chester, was moved log by log to Heritage Village, where it is being rebuilt by Village volunteers. The barn was donated to the Village by the Fellowship Baptist Church of Nederland, current owners of Peach Tree Village.

27. **THE BIG WOODS:** This 11.5 acres of woods and hiking trails, adjacent to the original Heritage Village properties, offers all the delights of the Big Thicket, just on a smaller scale.

## HOW TO FIND WOODVILLE:



## Notes From the Village

By Marjorie Schultz  
Village Manager



Marjorie Schultz

There I was under the house with Earl.

Well, almost...

Actually, Earl Rollins, our new man who knows just about everything there is to know about construction and old buildings, was showing me what had to be done under the recently donated Hamm house to jack up its underpinnings, when we heard the car drive up.

I wouldn't have paid that much attention to it, except that it drove straight back from the highway and stopped directly in front of the house. As I exclaimed, myself, from the dirt, a well-dressed lady stepped out of the car, took one step toward the house and stopped.

After a few seconds, she said, more to herself than to me or to her lady friend, who was still sitting in the car, "that's it, all right." And, then, looking straight at me, she announced, "I spent my wedding night in that house, right in that room," and she indicated the front parlor, where we'd been told, many a young couple had courted back in the days, long before Charlie and Arie Hamm purchased it in the mid-forties.

But, then, before I could catch my breath, she was back into the car and gone. And I'm in a big trouble.

You see, I'm supposed to ask questions, but sometimes I get discommodated by the situation and forget. So, now, those who are tracing the history of the house - many hours have

already been spent and many more are needed to put it all together - would like very much to know just who that lady was, when she was married and to whom, who owned the house when she stayed there, and any other pertinent details she might provide.

So, here's my plea to that dear lady. You read about the house before. More than likely you are doing so again. So, please help me get off the hook by calling me at the Village at 283-227 and identifying yourself. Then I'll pass the word on to our Tyler County Heritage Society lady, who remembers to ask all those questions, and she and I will both be eternally grateful, as she is working on a full fledged history of the house to be published, hopefully, in the June issue of the East Texas Echo.

## Blacksmiths schedule workshops

All members of the East Texas Blacksmiths Alliance and anyone interested in becoming part of this group, dedicated to preserving the ancient art of blacksmithing, is urged to attend either or both of the Blacksmith Workshops to be held at Heritage Village Museum on Saturdays, May 20 and May 27.

According to Village Blacksmith-in-charge Charlie Schultz, the first Saturday will be devoted primarily to knife mak-

ing. Schultz says he and his fellow Village Smiths will start firing up the forge at 9 a.m. each Saturday, so "y'all come and share your ideas and get your time in at the anvil. Should be a fun time for everyone involved as well as Village visitors, who are hot and heavy this time of the year and love to see you do your stuff." For further information, call Heritage Village Museum at (409) 429-2272.

## Blacksmith Workshops

Village Blacksmith, Charlie Schultz, has announced a schedule of workshops and demonstrations to be held at Heritage Village Museum throughout the year, prior to the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers in November.

Saturday May 20, 1989	Blacksmith Workshop
Saturday May 27, 1989	Blacksmith Workshop
Saturday June 10, 1989	Cooking at the Forge
Saturday July 1, 1989	Fourth of July Celebration
Saturday Sept. 23, 1989	Cooking at the Forge
Saturday Oct. 14, 1989	Blacksmith Workshop
Saturday Oct. 21, 1989	Blacksmith Workshop
Saturday Nov. 11, 1989	Annual Meeting and Election of New Officers

For more information on the Blacksmith Alliance, call Heritage Village Museum at (409) 429-2272.



# Alone on the River:

By Anne Garner

"Cat, what did you do with that acre of watermelons you raised on your island?" I asked the Neches riverman.

"I put my name on them and pushed them out in the river to see what would happen to them," Cat replied.

Columbus K. "Cat" Eason says he has lived within hollerin' distance of the Neches River, except for short periods, since 1924. Solitariness is rare these days. Few have the courage to seek it absolutely. Cat does. He lives smack in the middle of the river on an island of approximately 30 acres. No electrical wires span the river to his place. No telephone invades his privacy.

Around Christmas Cat checked into Tyler County Hospital for a few days, where I came to know him. We shared our interest in the Neches River and he invited me to come to his island in the spring. His friend, Alonzo Beaver, a Dam-B riverman, offered to pilot us down the river. No road approaches Cat's home.

On a sun-filled, crisp April morning, the kind city people only dream about, we slid down the embankment behind Al's home and pushed out onto the river. Immediately, time snapped back some 50, 75, or even 100 years.

The river stretched for mile after mile with no houses on the bank and no fishing boats in view. Did it appear much the same to pioneer East Texans paddling down its middle decades ago? The surge of the water's swell, sound of waves lapping the front of the boat, and the mossy, earthy smell of its wetness made us a part of the river itself.

Every bend offered a panorama fit to be framed for the finest landscape masterpiece. The Neches wound like a vast green ribbon through the countryside. Its waters, swollen from spring rains, flowed quietly but swift and deep. Whirlpools swirled to alert us to shallows. Along the bluffs, white-trunked sycamores contrasted with velvet greens of pines and various hardwoods. Lacy-topped, bell-bottomed cypress trees grappled the earth along the river's edge. Knobby cypress knees poked up in small inlets. The full river current bit new chunks off high cliffs of the river bends and deposited them downstream in white sandbars. Such a scene must have prompted Henry David Thoreau to say: The morning wind forever blows; the poem of creation is uninterrupted; but few are the ears that hear it. Olympus is but the outside of the earth everywhere.

Two hours down the Neches, we halloped to Cat as we neared his landing. Cat appeared at the top of a bank, standing as tall and lean as one of his pine saplings. His Stetson was cocked to one side. We tethered the boat and scaled the bank to a trail that led to Cat's home on his island. Cat looked stronger for his 72 years than when I had seen him in December. He motioned us to sit in the swing or pull-up chairs in the shady clearing.

"How did you come to live on the Neches?" I asked.

"You'll have to talk to someone higher up than men to know that," he said. "It's quiet out here, and I figured I could have anything I needed."

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Cat's needs are simple. He built the two structures that make his living quarters. One is a kitchen, clean and tidy, with a butane stove and refrigerator and a dirt floor. "If I spill something, I just rake over it and that takes care of it," he said. A separate room a few feet away is well framed and has a wooden floor. It holds spartan furnishings: a neatly-made bed, a few chairs, chests, and a wood stove. A small mirror is tacked to a tree, and a shelf nailed beneath it holds a wash basin. A son helped him dig a water well.

Cat may never have read Thoreau's Walden, but his preference for a spare existence is reminiscent of the loner's retreat to the barest essentials. Thoreau said: A man is rich in proportion to the number of things which he can afford to let alone.

Cat was raised below Spurger and Fred on Beach Creek. There were 17 children in his family, 10 who lived to be grown. When he was four years old, Dooley, the son of ex-slaves, gave him his nickname because Cat tagged along with him as he worked on the Eason Farm. His love of the river came early.

"I cut pine knots in the woods or helped my dad with chores. Then I'd go back to the river to trap," he said. In his younger days, he knew John Henry Kirby, who picked him up sometimes as he walked from Spurger to Woodville. Cat spent a while in the Army during World War II, and talks nostalgically of those times. He has been in most states and in New York City once. "I didn't care about it," he said. "Too much going on." He always came back to the Neches.

Eleven children are in Cat's family, five boys and six girls. They visit him occasionally, and he is proud of his family. He alludes to family problems that nudged him to homestead his island, but he is a private man and vague about details. He tells only what he wishes to be known. If his move to the island was a full retreat, he voices no regrets. His days have been full. His life seems to say, like Thoreau:

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to confront only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

The island holds enchanted woods. Giant hardwoods have shaded out most undergrowth. Sunlight shafts through the treetops to illuminate the open forest floor. A lone shoot reaches for light from the hollow stump of a huge sycamore, eight to ten feet in diameter. No automobiles or trucks break the stillness, no radios shriek, no sirens wail. The quietness is punctuated only by birds chirping, hogs grunting, or chickens clucking—altogether pleasant sounds.

Each morning at daybreak, a buck and two does come up to peer in the window of Cat's house. Friends found them as fawns, abandoned in the woods or orphaned by hunters, and brought them to his place. They slept with him for a time when they were still little. Cat feeds them marshmallows. He has chickens, ducks, and two dogs. Squirrels come out into the clearing when Cat appears with his coffee in the morning. "You don't see them, but they are there," he says. Sleek piney-woods roosters, ten pigeons, and a small nanny goat trekked with us through the woods.

Once a month Cat shops for groceries.

Cat Eason lives a life Thoreau would have understood



Columbus K. "Cat" Eason is a monarch in his own land.

He goes by boat to Sheffield's Ferry bridge and then to Woodville, Jasper, or Silsbee. He buys pinto beans, rice, flour, and meal by 25 pound bags, then seals them in plastic cans. Although illness interferes with his gardening somewhat now, he raises corn, peas, potatoes, watermelons and other vegetables on the mud bars.

At different times he has hunted, farmed, fished, and trapped coons, mink, fox, and bobcats, which he sold to fur companies. "We always got our correct pay," he says. He has also drilled oil and water wells, cut mulberry timber for fence posts, made cross ties, split shingles, made barrel staves out of white oak, and even bartered between jobs. "I liked it all, but I never cut pulp wood," he says.

"I live in a little country of my own. This is no camp. It's my home," Cat says, gesturing to include his island. "Did you see my sign?" Indeed we had. Clearly visible near his boat landing, it stretches two feet tall and 10 feet long and warns trespassers to stay away. Vandals wrecked his place twice when it was on the other end of the island and killed his turkeys and hogs. "I want to love everybody, but they can be my friend or my enemy, whatever they choose," he says, dark eyes snapping.

Henry David Thoreau

## Tyler County's Farmer's Market Opens in mid-May

Keep your eyes open for the freshest fruits and vegetables Southeast Texas has to offer, when the Tyler County Farmer's Market opens in mid-May in front of Bob's Fairway Foods on Highway 69 (Magnolia Street) just South of downtown Woodville.

Market days will be Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until about 9:00 a.m. with all produce offered for sale at the Market grown in Tyler or surrounding counties.

You'll find farm grown peaches and strawberries, greens, potatoes, onions, tomatoes, snap beans, purple hulls, blackeyed peas and more, and before

he is voicing a feeling of the past when most men were closer to the earth, or is he speaking in kinship with us all—to claim our ground and stand it the best we can? The hermit on Walden Pond felt much the same. He said: I am monarch of all I survey, My right there is none to dispute.

"Do you ever get lonely?" I asked.

"No. Five weeks have passed when I saw no one. I have my island and my animals," he said. "My children and grandchildren come to visit sometimes. I may make coffee at 1 or 2 in the morning and go outside to drink it. I might stay up until 2 or 3, then go back to bed. I don't sleep so well anymore, but I'm never lonely."

When it was time to go, Cat insisted that we needed five or six days to see his island properly. I am sure he was right.

Time is but a stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink I see the sandy-bottom and detect how shallow it is.

For this current slides away, but eternity remains. I would drink deeper; fish in the sky, whose bottom is pebbly with stars.

Henry David Thoreau

you know it, there'll be blueberries and apples and sweet potatoes. You never know what goodies you'll find at the Farmer's Market to take home and enjoy.

Cost for selling at the market is \$10: per year, \$1. per day.

For more information, call Keith Hutton at 283-2424 or County Extension Agent Bob Armentrout at 283-2482.

Education programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

## ★ VooDoo (Continued from Page 4)

wound and start twisting and pulling, at which point the man would start groaning and crying.

The doctor would keep pulling for a few minutes, then grab with his left hand, at the mouth of the wound, grip his left hand firmly, then turn to the man's mother, who would kiss the hand.

This continued for three or four times, and when the doctor finished I took him to the bridge and sent him back to Mexico.

"The young man's family lived near San Benito, and the mother took him home."

The next day I told a medical doctor about the deal, and he said no way, so I went to San Benito and had the woman bring her son to the doctor's office for an examination.

The doctor took one look and said take him to the hospital at once.

In those days we didn't have medical aid, welfare or food stamps, so I doubt that the man was taken to the hospital.

I never heard any more about him. But the doctor was very positive that any one with that kind of injury could not have lived without professional treatment.

### Black Magic

After being told about a pending installation of some members into a black magic group, I located the house to be used in an isolated area near the edge of Brownsville and checked it out thoroughly. It was a vacant one room house with a brush arbor for cooking.

The meeting was to start at 9 p.m., so I got there at 10 p.m., left the car and sneaked into the brush arbor, where I had found a place that I could look through a crack in the wall.

I could see about 35 men in the

room, lighted only by three small candles. The only furniture I could see was a small table and a chair, where a man dressed in a black robe was sitting.

Standing next to the man was a young person, whom I presumed was a boy (later I was told it was a girl), dressed in a black robe with a hood. Several of the men gave talks, but I could not hear very well, so don't know what they said.

This went on for some time. Then the man in the robe stood up and made a short talk, after which three men came to the table.

They didn't have their hats on so I was able to recognize one man as a Brownsville business man.

The boy in the robe brought a small dish pan and a butcher knife and placed them on the table. Next, a man brought a black rooster, a game

rooster I think. The man in the robe held the rooster and cut his throat. The rooster was tied so he could not struggle. The boy held the dish pan to catch the blood, and the man gave the dead chicken to someone else to take out.

He then picked up what looked like a small paint brush and put chicken blood on each of the three men's heads. The men were kneeling down.

The boy brought three tin cups and poured the rest of the blood into cups and gave a cup to each of the three men.

"The man in the robe made some kind of signal, waving his arms and making a short speech. I could not understand, but he was chanting something. Then the three men drank the blood, after which all the other men came around to shake their hands."

At that point, I decided it was time for me to leave.

## ★ Golden Hinde recalls Elizabethan victories (From page One)

capall Navigations" of Hakluyt: "At our departure hence our General set up a monument of our being there, as also of her majesties name, the day and yeere of our arrivall there, with the free giving up of the province and people into her Majesties hands, together with her highnesse picture and armes, in a peece of six pence of current English money under the plate, whereunder was also written the name of our Generall."

The importance of Drake's action was not immediately apparent to his contemporaries.

After all, he had circumnavigated the globe, returning with marvellous descriptions of the Spice Islands of the Great South Sea, the wonders of Java and Ternate, which he spent six hours unfolding to his Queen.

He had severely dented the pride of King Philip II of Spain and carried the English ensign into waters over which it had never flown before.

The English claim to Nova Albion was not seriously pressed until 1753.

An English map produced by Thomas Jefferys in 1753 describes the Bay as "Port St. Francis Drake 1578, not St. Francisco."

The matter was finally resolved by Spanish colonization of the area, but it is nevertheless historical fact that by his attempted annexation of the western coast

of North America, Drake had initiated the process by which the Age of Exploration in England grew into the Age of Colonialism.

## ★ Golden Hinde arrives (Continued from Page One)

his pirating ways, Queen Elizabeth was pleased that Drake had won the fear and respect of Spain.

For his great service to Queen and country, Elizabeth made Drake a Knight of the Realm in 1581 to become Sir Francis Drake.

"The success of the Golden Hinde as an educational, living museum depends very much on the visitors who come to see her," Carter said.

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## Always on Sunday

### Village music program features vocals and jazz

A special program of music is being presented at Heritage Village Museum at 3:00 p.m. each Sunday afternoon during May as part of the Village's theme of Music for May.

Under the direction of Jim Hudgins, retired Public School and University Band Director, the programs will offer a variety of musical talent for suit varied musical tastes.

On Sunday, May 14, Rachel Swift, Band Director for the Colmesneer Schools, will present student Chamber Ensembles in a program prepared for state wide competition in public school music.

On Sunday, May 21, the music will turn to jazz, as Newton Band Director Jack Dennis presents his students in a program of jazz favorites sure to please the most upbeat fan.

And, on Sunday, May 28, Jim Hudgins will be on hand personally to conduct the Heritage Village Band, a

group of local men, who enjoy making music and do it extremely well.

A graduate of East Texas State University in Commerce, his home town, Hudgins went on to do graduate work at Stephen F. Austin, where he later served as Director of Bands for 10 years. Prior to that time, he directed High School bands at Timpson and Port Arthur and after a successful stint as a musical instrument salesman for C. G. Conn Ltd., the largest manufacturer of its kind at the time, he returned to High School Band Directing at Warren, simply because "they needed me at the time."

Now retired on his Holy Forks farm overlooking the Neches River, Hudgins was also a charter member of the Beaumont Symphony Orchestra, his instrument being the French Horn.

Everyone is invited to enjoy Heritage Village Museum at its musical best every Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. during the month of May.

Jim Hudgins, left, invites the public to get with the beat and attend the Heritage Village Sunday music programs.

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### HILLTOP ACRES

4 Bedroom, 2 bath brick with almost 4,000 sq. ft., brick fireplace, game room, garage, carport, (2) central heat & air with impressive view from 35-acre hilltop. Hunting lease and lake access available. \$159,900.

THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN ONE OF THE LOVELIEST AREAS OF TYLER COUNTY.

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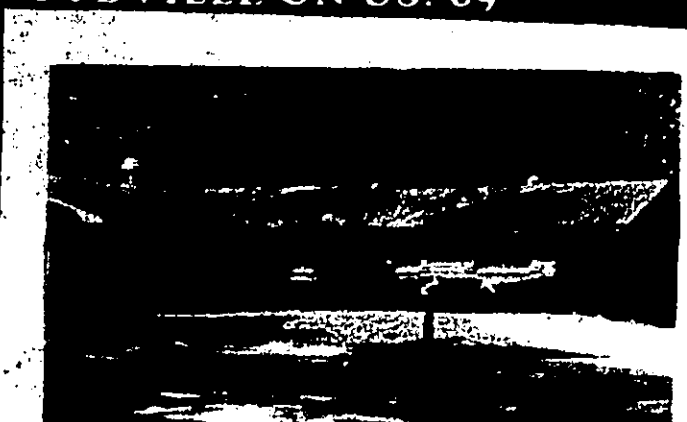
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- Companion, large lot, near lake with outbuildings. \$1,500
- 2 Story, 10 room, 2 bath, 2 car garage, 1 acre. \$119,000
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TRAFFIC RARE ON THIS STREET—  
Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick. On Cul-D-Sac in Town, With Fireplace And Double-Car Garage. Owner Financing. Low Down....\$55,000



Two Bedroom, One Bath, Dining Room, Living Room, Den, Detached Double Car Garage, Paved Street, 1 1/2 Acres. \$36,900



3 bedroom, 1 bath with new roof, new carpet and new central heat & air, wrap-around porch on 4.5 acres. Reduced to \$39,900. Owner Financed.

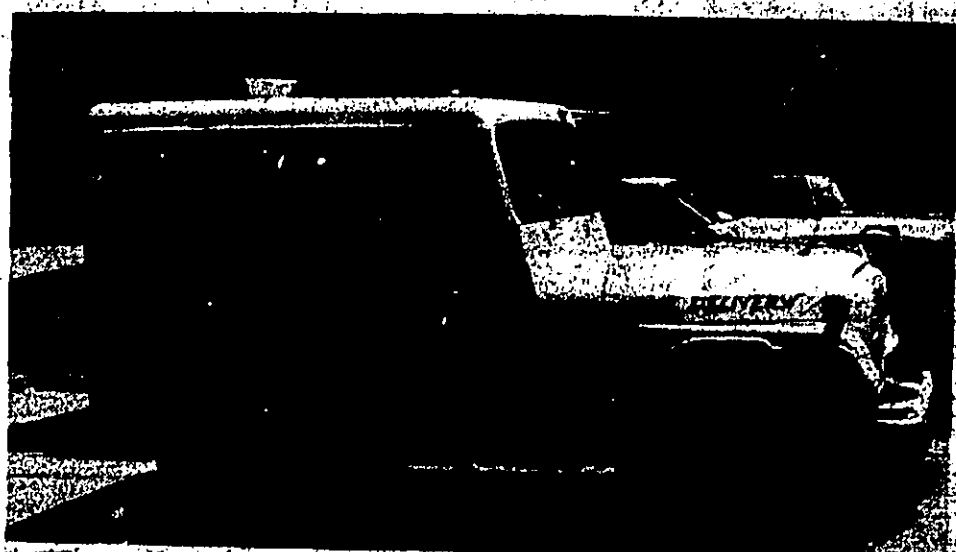
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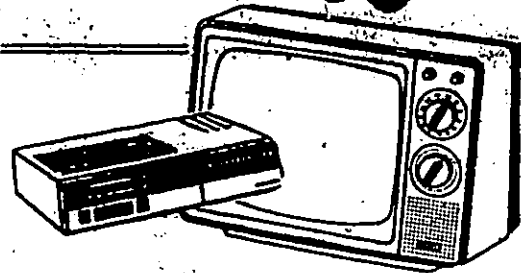
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