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**"Hold The Phone...For 911!"**  
"WE WANT TO TAKE THE LEAD...and be seen as a progressive county," said Tyler County Judge Jerome Owens (center) at Monday's meeting of the Commissioners Court as they signed a resolution which will establish a 911 Universal Emergency number for all county residents. Deep East Texas Executive Director Jim Johnson (left) proposed the Resolution to the court which after agreeing to the 50 cent per access telephone line or a total of \$12 over a two year period, decided against it. "Would be worth it to establish an emergency situation," Under the proposal Warren and Chester would not be considered as long distance calls under the 911 format. Seated at right is Commissioner Precinct 3 Jerry Mahan.

## County Heritage Society Lauded

The Tyler County Heritage Society was honored for outstanding achievement in historical preservation at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Historical Foundation in Austin last Saturday. Accepting the Doelce Parnelle Award, named for a long time member of the foundation, were Christine Moor Sanders, Heritage Society president, and Dottie Johnson, publicity chairman for the Society and Heritage Village Museum. In making the presentation, foundation president Bill Bailey of Jacksonville, noted the Society's efforts to purchase the Village and their on-going work to preserve Tyler County history at the Village. Handing out the awards was Mrs. Charles (Faith) Bybee of Houston and Round Top, who chairs the foundation's Executive Committee. Also honored was Orla States Utilities, which received the Josiah Wheat Award of Merit for the Edison Plaza Museum in Beaumont, one of only two museums devoted to energy in the United States.

## Taxpayer Group To Meet July 17 For Annual Election Of Officers

The annual meeting will be held Monday, July 17, 1989, at Kirby Auditorium in Woodville. All taxpayers are urged to attend. Officers will be elected for the 1989-90 term and vacant director positions are to be filled. Dues are \$5 per household and may be paid at the meeting or mailed to P.O. Box 271, Woodville, 75797. If mailed, please include a note with your mailing address, phone number and names of those in members of your household above age 18.

## Council Signs Sewer Resolution

Woodville City Fathers met in regular session Monday and signed a resolution of intent to build a sewage treatment plant because of the future growth facing Woodville and the eventual need in terms of the Texas Department of Corrections Prison locating here. According to Mayor Tom Knapp, "The resolution was required by the Texas Water Quality Board to meet future anticipated growth trends for our city." In other action Tyler County Chamber of Commerce Prison Liaison Representative Gil Tubbs asked the council on behalf of the Chamber's Prison Construction committee to set forth equitable raise packaging for the second prison unit request for proposals. Council acted unanimously in favor of the Chamber proposal.

## McDonald's Eyes Woodville

A Houston contractor Jerry Ketchum, Inc. purchased a \$5 building permit from the City of Woodville Tuesday reportedly to begin construction soon on a proposed McDonalds Restaurant to be located, officials indicate, in the vicinity of Cobb Mill Road and Hwy 69 South.

The contractor left a set of plans at City Hall, "For local contractors to bid on," according to city hall authorities.

City Manager Walt Davis told the City Council Monday at their regular meeting that the firm might employ some 30 people from the area if the project gets underway. Officials said the permit indicated an 80 day completion deadline once construction begins.



Betty McBride Being Sworn

## Probation Department McBride Takes Juvenile Helm

The Juvenile Board of Tyler County voted Monday, June 26, to establish a new and separate Juvenile Probation Department and appointed Betty McBride as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer effective July 1, 1989. Kenny Simpson, who has served as Chief Probation Officer in Tyler County since September 1981 will continue his responsibilities as Chief Adult Probation Officer. Among the reasons for the separation were the monumental changes in adult probation which were mandated by recent legislative action. These changes included the consolidation of the Texas Adult Probation Commission, the Texas Department of Pardons and Parole, and the Texas Department of Corrections into one department, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Other changes will require lower caseloads and more services to adult offenders. Staying abreast of these and other changes are becoming difficult for one chief probation officer. Additionally, it was noted that adult and juvenile laws are different, the funding must be kept totally separate, the two services relate to two different state commissions, a juvenile probation officer may not be required to do adult probation work and vice versa, the training and certification for adult and juvenile officers are different, the standards of operation are different, and the legal authority governing the departments are quite different. Currently in Texas there are 154 juvenile probation departments and only 24 of these are administered through adult probation departments. The Board noted that currently in Tyler County there are approximately 3700 children enrolled in five school districts. Of these, 2000 are "juvenile" age per Texas Family Code definition. These documented juveniles do not include the high-risk group of those who are not enrolled in school nor the transient summer vacationers in Tyler County by virtue of it's proximity to several large lakes and resort areas. Furthermore, juvenile populations and referrals have increased over the years, a pattern that is not likely to change in view of the alcohol/drug abuse problems of today's generation, this coupled with the push to divert juveniles from commitment to the Texas Youth Commission will continue to place increasing demands on juvenile probation services. McBride was employed by the Tyler County Probation Department in September, 1984. She has been certified as an Adult and Juvenile Probation officer during this time, serving as an adult officer for four years and juvenile officer for the past year. She is a graduate of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA and recently completed her Master's degree in Criminal Justice Management at Sam Houston State University. She and her husband, Bernie McBride, who is Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Woodville, have been residents of Tyler County for five years.



## Top Lions

LION ACCLAIM—Woodville Lions Gordon McCluskey (photo right) and Elmer Ray Oates (photo left) are shown being presented a award by Paul Lion President Ray Nalley. McCluskey was named Lion of the Year while Oates received a Texas Lions Camp Award. Lion Members were awarded for participation in Texas Lions Camp.





## Paula Klages

Paula Klages, 43, of Victoria died at 12:20 a.m. Wednesday, July 5, 1989, in a local hospital following a long illness.

She was born July 13, 1945, in Port Arthur, daughter of Paul and Jessie Lee Whitmore Bandman of Woodville. A resident of Victoria for 21 years, she was a former resident of Seguin. She was a secretary in the media services department of Victoria College and a member of First English Lutheran Church.

Services were held Thursday, July 6, 1989 at 2 p.m. at the First English Lutheran Church. The Rev. H.A. Pearson and the Rev. Chester McCowan officiated.

Burial followed in Colonial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home.

Surviving in addition to her parents are two daughters, Carol Klages and Tanya Klages, both of Victoria.

Palbearers were Jim Hartman, Bob Gaines, the Rev. Bill Branch, Bob Nance, Ronnie Mikolac and Jerry Dvorak.

She was preceded in her death by her husband, Dwight A. Klages, on May 19, 1985.

Should friends so desire, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

## John T. "Jake" Nations

John T. "Jake" Nations, 63, of Woodville died Friday, July 7, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral was held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with burial at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Woodville. Bro. Delbert Lamb officiated.

A native of Monticello, Miss., he lived in Baton Rouge, La., 23 years before moving to Woodville 15 years ago and was a retired field operator for Phillips Petroleum in Baton Rouge. He was a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Irene Nations of Woodville, a daughter, Virginia Taylor of Woodville, and a son, John E. Nations of Woodville; stepbrothers, Charles Nations of Natchez, Miss., and LeVon Nations of Scott, Miss., a stepson, Bonnie Lee Dykes of Carson, Miss., and two granddaughters.

## Thomas Jay Bradberry

Thomas Jay Bradberry, 65, of Houston, Texas, died Tuesday, June 27, 1989.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 29, 1989, at 2 p.m. Burial followed in Allison Cemetery, Brother C.A. Bevil officiated.

A native of Oak Hurst, he lived in Houston for 25 years coming from Warren. He was a retired auto mechanic and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Esray Bradberry of Houston; son, Tim Bradberry of Conroe; daughter, Paulette Harris of Houston; sisters, Cathleen Fried of Houston and Fay Nell Jackson of College Springs and five grandchildren.

Palbearers were Charles Smith, William Bradberry, Ronald Harris, Tony Spencer and James Spencer.

## Eli "Jim" Turner, Sr.

Eli "Jim" Turner, Sr., 70, of Foster Hills in Woodville died Wednesday, July 5, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Denver.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 9, at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with burial at Fairview Cemetery. Rev. Bill Sager officiated.

A native of Fairmont, Minn., he lived in Nederland before moving to Tyler County five years ago and was a retired sales manager for Lin's Toyota. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Turner of Woodville; sons, Jimm Turner of Stafford and Kert Turner and Tim Turner, both of Fannett brothers, Ivan Turner of Woodville and Gene Turner of Groves; a sister, Kahla-Ono of Milwaukee; seven grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Serving as pallbearers were Charlie Williamson, David W. Self, Bruce Mulkey, Albert H. Turner, Harris Baton, Ronnie Leonard, Rusty Metrell and Richard D. Dixon.

## Marcus Eugene Martin

Marcus Eugene Martin, 71, of Town Bluff died Monday, June 26, at his home.

Funeral was held Thursday, June 29, in the All Faiths Chapel of the Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland with interment in Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home.

A native of Oklahoma, he lived in Friendswood several years before residing in Town Bluff and was a retired chief electrician with Lykes Brothers Steamship Line.

Survivor include his wife, Irene Harner Martin of Town Bluff.

## Legal Notice

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## John M. Coker

Services for John M. Coker, 92, of Lufkin, were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, at the Gipson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Barry Stephens officiating. Interment was in the Fielders Cemetery.

Mr. Coker was born in Angelina County and lived here most of his life. He was a member of the First Congregational Methodist Church. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I, and was a member of the Lufkin Oddfellows Lodge.

Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law, John W. and Judy Coker of Austin; grandchildren, Steve and Joni Coker of Dallas and Kenneth Bennett of Dallas; a number of nieces and nephews, including, Glenn Havard of Lufkin and Leon Coker of Louisiana.

Palbearers were Gary Havard, Jesse Cox, Hubert Turner, Butch Dowling, Austin Lewis and Tommie Mikal.

Gipson Funeral Home, directors.

## Ella Wayne Walker

Ella Wayne Walker, 71, of Colmesneil died Thursday, July 6.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 8, 1989 at 2 p.m. at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel with burial following in Ebenezer Cemetery. Bro. Sims officiated.

A native of Emile, Texas, Mrs. Walker lived Colmesneil most of her life. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include: husband, Sidney Walker; sons, Keith, Robert and Dwayne Walker, all of Houston; daughter, Bennie Waldrop of Colmesneil; sister, Bennie Crosby of Beaumont; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Palbearers were Charles R. Smith, Vernon Smith, E.C. Sheffield, E.L. Rawls, Paul Smith and Ray Smith.

## Wayne Robert Alexander

KERRVILLE—Wayne Robert Alexander, 43, of Center Point, Texas, died of a sudden illness on June 14, 1989, in Kerrville, Texas. A Veterans Honor Guard graveside service was held June 16 at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Kerrville under the direction of Kerrville Funeral Home. The Rev. John Platt of the First Methodist Church of Kerrville officiated.

A Vietnam War veteran, he had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal for Valor, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Aviator Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal. He was a helicopter pilot currently employed since 1984 by Abu Dhabi Aviation in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

He is survived by his son, Cy Alexander of Woodville, Texas, and his mother, Dorothy Alexander of Kerrville, Texas.

## Ben Terrance Brown

Ben Terrance Brown, 63, of Rockland, Texas died Sunday, July 9.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 11, 1989, at 11 a.m. at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel with Brother G.W. Patrick officiating. Burial followed in Rockland Cemetery.

A life long resident of Rockland, Brown was employed by Keller Ind. He was a member of Grace Mission Baptist Church in Colmesneil.

Survivors include wife, Jessie Odean Brown of Rockland; sons, Jesse Brown of Huntington, Terrance, Steven, Benny, Michael and Rickie Brown all of Rockland, and Paul Brown of Zavalla; daughters, Bonnie Gail Brown of Jasper and Maria Diane Atwood of Victoria; brother, Calvin Brown of Rockland; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Palbearers were Tony Parker, Clarence Dubois, Sr., Jack Graham, Avery Lee, Gary Brown, Benjie Dubois and Johnny Barton.

## Steven Ray Ogden

Steven Ray Ogden, 32, of Channelview, Texas, died Sunday, July 1, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, at the First Baptist Church in Colmesneil with burial in Colmesneil City Cemetery under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. The Rev. Larry Fontenot, Don L. Huckabee and "Bo" Owens were the clergymen.

A native of Tyler County, he lived in the Houston area for several years and was an electrician.

Survivors include his parents Georgia Ruth Ogden and Jack and Eva Lee Ogden, all of Woodville; two sisters, Jill Fontenot of Athens and Vicki Ogden of Woodville; four brothers, Jackie Ogden of Brookeland, Roger Ogden of San Diego, Calif., Bruce Ogden and Brian Ogden, both of Woodville; and grandmothers of Victoria, Huckabee of Woodville and Ed Ogden of Colmesneil.

Serving as pallbearers were R.L. Pentecost, Jay A. Benton, Rodney Bendy, Paul May, Darrell R. Kirkles, Wayne Pentecost, Jacques L. Blanchette and Larry L. Ariz.

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## Frontier Frolic Set Sept. 1-2

The Good Ol' Days Festival, Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Frontier Frolic, will be held Labor Day weekend for a full day Saturday, September 2, informal Pickin' and Grubbin' parties will be held at the "Jatunim" around the square, as crafters and concessioners will be set up, as events such as The First Annual (unannounced) Open Cown Danc Show will show off the best (the worst) of Tyler County's prize hunting dogs. (We might even wangle a housewife competition for those brave souls who have never been on one.) To enter, contact Cathy at 409-253-7413.

Survivors include: husband, Sidney Walker; sons, Keith, Robert and Dwayne Walker, all of Houston; daughter, Bennie Waldrop of Colmesneil; sister, Bennie Crosby of Beaumont; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Palbearers were Charles R. Smith, Vernon Smith, E.C. Sheffield, E.L. Rawls, Paul Smith and Ray Smith.

## Immunization Clinic Set July 18

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 immunization.

The clinic will be conducted at 717 E. 19th (Hwy. 190, E.) in Woodville, Texas.

The next clinic will be held July 18, 1989.

Clinic hours will be from 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Future clinics will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Parents are reminded to bring the child's immunization record and Social Security number if it is available.

The Tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccine is available to medically eligible adults. Should the parent or legal guardian have any questions, please feel free to contact the above listed field office.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Irvine

50th ANNIVERSARY—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Irvine of Lake Ivanhoe will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sunday, July 16, 1989 starting at 2 p.m. The couple will renew their wedding vows at the Woodville United Methodist Church in Woodville, Texas. There will be a reception at the church following the ceremony. Hosts for the event are their children, Mr. and Mrs. Cess Irvine of Neacoches and Rev. and Mrs. Bob Logan of Brownboro. They wish to invite friends and family to share with them in their celebration. Please, no gifts.

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## Dogwood Country



Cowart-Wilson

## Wilson, Cowart Set August 19 Wedding

TO BE WED—Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wilson of Woodville are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tammy Denise, to James "Darin" Cowart, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Cowart of Mount Vernon, Texas.

Tammy, a 1984 graduate of Woodville High School graduated from Texas A & M University in May and is presently employed by Texas A & M as a counselor.

Darin will complete his studies at Texas A & M University in August 1989, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in May.

Tammy and Darin will exchange wedding vows in a 6 p.m. ceremony on Saturday, August 19, 1989 at the First Baptist Church in Woodville. They would like to extend a special invitation to their family and friends to help them celebrate this joyous occasion at the ceremony and reception immediately following.

## Kinney Appointed To Title Association

Teddy Kinney, Vice-President and manager of Tyler County Abstract Company, has been appointed to a two-year term as chairman of the Automation Committee of the Texas Land Title Association.

This committee reviews all innovations and developments in the fields of electronic data processing, and computerization which are applicable to the land title industry. They sponsor vendor exhibitions at all regional seminars and at the state convention held in May each year. They also disseminate information to abstractors, title insurance agents, underwriters and others involved in land records through the association magazine and mail-outs to the membership of the statewide organization. The Texas Land Title Association is the "professional" association for the title insurance underwriters, independent title agents, and abstractors in the State of Texas.

Teddy has been involved with the automation committee for the past six years since she and her husband, attorney John Kinney, opened Tyler County Abstract Company, a computerized, sovereign abstract plant and, as such, one of the first in the State of Texas.

She recently attended with her family, John, Robert (18), Claire (16), and Mandy (14) the meeting of the Texas Land Title Association Board of Directors held June 15 and 16 at Horseshoe Bay Resort near Marble Falls.

## Local 4-H'ers Compete At District Fashion Show



Both Paula and Jennifer Jones, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jones of Woodville, competed at the District 9 4-H Fashion show Friday, July 7, in Neacoches.

Both Paula and Jennifer Jones, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jones of Woodville, competed at the District 9 4-H Fashion show Friday, July 7, in Neacoches. Both girls received blue ribbons in their category. Paula selected a wool-blend plaid skirt with a solid unstructured jacket for her project in Non-Tailored Daywear-Senior Division; Jennifer chose a shorts and top made of cotton/polyester for her Active Sport and Specialty Wear-Senior Division project. Paula and Jennifer are actively involved with the Woodville 4-H Club. Both girls are to be commended for their projects and their success in representing Tyler County with two blue ribbons to bring home after having competed against 19 other counties.



WINS BIG—Woodville Ruth Session, was the lucky winner of a \$100 shopping certificate as part of Brookshire Brothers Kool-Aid promotion. Mrs. Gillespie said: "I don't know if I can eat all the food \$100 will buy me at Brookshire Brothers." Store Manager Patrick Cherry is shown presenting the award.

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## Claudette Sessions Summa Cum Laude At UT

Claudette Ruth Session, a 1986 graduate of Jasper High School, was named to the Summa Cum Laude Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester of the University of Texas at Austin.

The Dean's Honor Roll, prepared at the end of each long-semester, semester, gives official recognition and commendation to those students whose grades for the semester indicate distinguished academic accomplishment.

The Honor Roll is subdivided into Summa Cum Laude and Cum Laude. Students are listed under each according to the number of grade points earned for the semester.

Session, a senior at the University of Texas at Austin, has a double major in secondary education and French. She is the daughter of Sadie Ruth Session, a first and second grade special education teacher in Parrell Elementary School in Jasper.

## Shape Up at the Tyler County Health Center

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## Couple Wed

NEWLYWEDS—In a Gazette wedding ceremony in Lufkin, Saturday, July 8, at 11 a.m., a former Susan Decker, of Lufkin, married Ronald Merritt, also of Lufkin. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Metzmeier, of Lufkin. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Merritt, of Lufkin. The Rev. Chris King, pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church officiated at the ceremony.

## B-B-Q Rescheduled

The Volunteer Fire Department of White Tail Ridge will hold their annual "Fourth" of July Weekend Barbecue and Dance this Saturday, July 15, at the White Tail Ridge pavilion. Originally scheduled for July 1, it has to be postponed due to the rain.

Barbecue will be served from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. with plates going for \$4 and \$2.50 for children.

The Dance will start at 8 p.m. and will feature "Full-on" and "Country" music.

Admission to the dance will be \$5 per couple and \$3 for singles. The road is in good shape. If it doesn't rain all week, and the public is invited to come out and have a good time.

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# OPINION

## Pearl of the Pacific 'No Water Spaniel'

I had been told to expect something spectacular when landing in Hong Kong by plane. But I had no idea just how spectacular it would be. When the plane touched down, we came into view. I began taking pictures. I finished the roll of film in the camera, loaded another roll and used nearly all of it.

It is happening so fast. So many things to see. Islands of all sizes, some with roads snaking over their green hills. Some show the first signs of development with construction sites dotting the landscape. Others are already developed, with tall buildings in place.

Then the ships come in view. Big ships. From all over the world. Some leaving, some coming, but hauling merchandise that has something to do with Hong Kong, the symbol of Chinese enterprise and ingenuity.

The closer we get to Hong Kong island, the more things there are to try to absorb. The skyscrapers appear. They are each like works of art, with gleaming facades. So straight. So close to each other. So high. So many of them.

Then the plane begins to descend and we pass in front of the skyscrapers and

apartment houses, and stores. The lower we get, the more interesting it gets. We land right downtown, in the middle of the harbor. When the plane touches down, we can look out our window and see a sampan. The sea is busy at Hong Kong. Forges take people back and forth from Hong Kong island to Kowloon, a city on the China mainland. Tug boats are taking large ships out to open water. Some people are fishing. Some are living on the smaller boats. There is activity everywhere.

The secret to landing in Hong Kong is to be sure you are sitting next to the window on the right side of the plane. It is like the best carnival ride in the world.

Hong Kong is a neon jungle at night. Every street is lighted with a million colors. Traffic is maddening, with vehicles moving on the right side of the streets. The pace is fast and exciting. Since it's a British colony, Kelly Rowes and Jaguars are common.

A train takes you to the top of Victoria peak and you get a breath taking view of both Hong Kong and Kowloon. Macao, a Portuguese colony, is just a 26 mile hovercraft ride away. The Chinese city of Canton is about the same

distance by train. The hotels are fascinating. The Peninsula Hotel is one of the best. The Victoria is, too.

Hong Kong is a thriving center of commerce. The British are hardly in evidence, so for the most part, Hong Kong is Chinese. Buddhist shrines decorate many of the smaller shops. Bird cages with birds in them are sold in shops on every block. There is an open market with all sorts of animals, birds, fish, fruits and vegetables for sale.

Shopping in Hong Kong is a true adventure. Fancy designer shops line the broad walkways of modern shopping centers adjoining most first class hotels. Shopping is one of the biggest attractions to Hong Kong. Because it is a free enterprise, keen competition makes prices reasonable.

The variety of goods available in Hong Kong is enough to astonish the most widely travelled shopper. Treasures and trinkets you just can't find at home.

Travel guides recommend you buy only from the Hong Kong Tourist Association. They also suggest you shop around

### By Tumbleweed Smith

and get several prizes before making a decision, especially on large purchases.

Hong Kong is a city of 6 million people. Laundry hangs on balconies of crowded apartment houses. A walk down any street is filled with interesting sights.

Most people who go to Hong Kong say they can't wait to get back. I'm already planning a return trip.

## Cheerleader Camp Builds Team Spirit Early For Woodville

There will be a Cheerleader Camp in Woodville at the Woodville High School Cafeteria from July 16-19, according to the cheerleaders.

The camp is for the cheerleaders of the coming school year. Ramos, who will share the responsibility with co-head cheerleader Amy Craine, said the camp is usually held out of town so it's fortunate that we are able to have it in Woodville.

Ramos said that the camp is a good way for the cheerleaders to begin preparations for raising school spirit in the coming year.

Cheerleaders have already been selected for the coming year and attendance is mandatory.

It's a time to learn more and plan more for the coming year. The cheerleaders will be working on their routines, learning new stunts, and practicing their routines.

After all, Sule says all of her news out of the papers.

## BOOSTER SPORTS BEAT



GO EAGLES—Shown above are the incoming cheerleaders for the Woodville Eagles for the coming school year. The girls were attending a cheerleading camp held at the Woodville High Cafeteria Monday and was being tutored by Linda Weaver and Dustie Frates from Sam Houston State University. The girls are from left to right: Front row—Becky Walker, Dawn Treat, Charla Weeks, Renee Whisman, Lucy Matkin; Second row—Molly Odum, Leslie Boykin, Melinda Dennis, Amy Durham; Third row—Kristen Cortes, Stefale Tancos, Amy Craine, April Brown, Charla Pence, Cristl Jackson; Fourth row—Eryn Deas, Pam Ledema, Sammantha Best, Vanessa Smith.

## Community Band Forming

Calling all ex-band students! Can you play a musical instrument? Do you want to be part of a community band and we need to see how many folks are interested. Nothing is definite yet, we first need to see how much interest we have.

Think about it—get those lips in shape and call Paula Thomas at 283-2131 or stop by Thomas Florist and sign up. We are trying to start a community band and we need to see how many folks are interested. Nothing is definite yet, we first need to see how much interest we have.

For Sports News? Contact Jim Kethan 283-2569

## Deer Trail Links Sponsors Special Olympics Golf Match

Deer Trails Country Club of Woodville will be hosting a four person scramble golf tournament on Saturday, July 15, 1989. The tournament will start at 8 a.m. The field will be limited to 22 four person teams with all players teeing off at 8 a.m. and eleven teams going at 1 p.m. Both tee times will be shot gun starts. Early entries will get their choice of tee times, so call your entry in now. Tournament fee will be \$20 per person or \$80 per team. The team winners will each receive a trophy and gift certificates.

Proceeds will benefit Area 7 Special Olympics. Area 7 serves Tyler, Jasper and the surrounding counties. If your child or a child of a friend is in this area help him or her to be able to do a little more in the Special Olympics. Last year the money raised was used to buy wheel chairs for kids to be able to participate in these races.

If you are not a golfer and would like to support this drive for Special Kids and Special Olympics, you can sponsor a hole for \$50. There will be a board of sponsorship with your business or your name displayed. Mail checks to Deer Trails Country Club, Box 150 Hwy. 190, Woodville, Texas, 75797. For further information you can call Bob Carrington at Deer Trails 283-7985, Tommy Lee 283-7616 or Sandra Faircloth 283-5811.

We want to urge everyone to come out and support this event. Remember—this tournament is not just for golfers—it's for golfers, golfers, golfers and you name it. All of you come out and support these Special Kids—you'll have fun guaranteed!!!

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## Sheriff Hennigan Get Plaudit Points Equal?

To The Editor:  
I am writing this letter to express my appreciation and to let the citizens of Woodville know what a competent and genuinely sincere person our Sheriff Gary Hennigan is. During the devastating flood which occurred in the Barlow Lake area, Sheriff Hennigan and his deputies, including his Chief Deputy Sam Bible, exhibited great compassion and understanding for those involved, and were always there when needed.

Sheriff Hennigan and his deputies set up patrols in the area to keep away looters, and were instrumental in the evacuation of the area residents. The patience in the area was efficient. It was noted by resident, Lynn Hollyfield, trying to return to his home that they were not only stopped at the entrance to the lake area, but were stopped 2-3 more times in order to ensure no one not actually living in the area was allowed to enter. To me, this meant a lot because in the past 20 years I have lived in the area, no Sheriff has ever helped in this way before.

Sheriff Hennigan also aided Judge Jerome Owens in his inspection of the area in regards to having it declared a disaster area. Sheriff Hennigan and his deputies have been much greater in both property and lives.

Sincerely,  
Mary Robinson  
Woodville, Texas

## Errant Old Crow

July 10, 1989  
Tyler County Booster  
104 S. Charleston  
Woodville, TX 75799

Dear Editor:  
Just a short comment on the recent letters in this column about the late Rufus and Homer and the errant Jetturo, all crows I understand.

I have only known about one other professed expert on crows. That was Edgar Allen Poe, but his crow talked without benefit of a talent tongue.

Mr. George says that his new crow talked with a Jay, but I'll give odds that he never mixed anything with his Old Crow.

Sincerely,  
J. Clark

## Dropout Prevention

The rate at which students are dropping out of school is a major concern facing education. Schools in Texas have an alarming average dropout rate of 33 percent. Local rates in East Texas seldom rise above 6 percent. The rate in Woodville is 4 percent. With the state dropout rate at this level, we are producing an illiterate state. When students dropout prior to graduation, they are not likely to get a job. Without a job, young people are more likely to be associated with poverty. The staff at Woodville I.S.D. has identified a need to keep all children in school until they graduate. Because all children can learn and be successful, we have developed a program to identify and serve potential dropouts. The program serves students in grades 1 through 12.

If a potential dropout is to stay in school, they must have successful school and home experiences. For the potential dropout, success in school is achieved by the proper identification and placement, positive school and family experiences, instruction at the appropriate level, and parental involvement in the student's education. Schools can address most of the success techniques, but parents must provide positive school and family experiences, and maintain a high expectation in school work as well as moral and ethical standards.

To start the process of dropout prevention, for school year 1989-90, we have appointed Sharon Tule and Linda Garaway as members of the family at-risk (dropout) coordinator. Mrs. Tule will serve at the elementary level and Mrs. Garaway at the secondary level. Both coordinators will collect student data to identify potential at-risk students. In determining whether a student is at risk of dropping out of school, the coordinator will consider the student's academic performance as well as whether the student is abused, physically, psychologically, or sexually abused; is pregnant; enrolls late in the school year; signs attending school before the end of the school year; is an underachiever; lacks motivation; or exhibits other characteristics that indicate the student is at high risk of dropping out of school.

Once an at-risk list is compiled, parents are contacted and students are enrolled in or served by one or more programs identified to serve at-risk students. Programs or services that may serve at-risk students are: Chapter 1, compensatory education; special education; individualized education; computer assisted instruction; counseling; dyslexia; speech services; school improvement; transition; vocational education.



FAIRWAY FOODS A WINNER!!—Woodville Lion Bob Aldridge, owner of Bob's Fairway Foods shows off his Woodville Lions Club Trophy following a winning effort in the Lions Club two-day softball tourney last weekend. Bob's Fairway Foods defeated Jarratt's Pharmacy in the final championship game with First National Bank whipping the Tyler County Sheriff's Department to take third place honors. Brookshire Brothers knocked off Southeast Texas Services and Loans for the consolation title. Friday night action brought all 16 teams together along with some 400 spectators. The Lions earned \$2,600 for area charities.

## Lions Softball Tourney Earns \$2,600 Awaits Possible Match

Letter to the Editor:  
I would feel much better about our President's 'thousand points of light' if they applied equally to all of us. We are all citizens of the U.S.A.

It seems that the President's scope of vision reaches out only to those who fall into his previous environments. He has little or no concept of the problems facing the rest of us.

He sees the plight of the financial institutions and helped them to far more than \$150 billion. He wants to see our congressmen and national judges get a substantial raise in pay. While he can not see any reason for giving the poorest paid a pitance raise. A raise of the minimum pay to \$5 immediately would cost only in the neighborhood of \$3 billion annually. This would take 50 years to reach \$150 billion.

Also he is for no new taxes. This means no new income tax, just hidden taxes. Hidden taxes are paid chiefly by consumers, you and me.

Sincerely,  
Dean O. Gray  
Wildwood, Texas

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## Camp Trip Underway

Superior's Cal Ronald R. Switzer announced today that Big Thicket National Preserve will be conducting a minimum impact camping trip. The trip will be a minimum impact trip, leaving only footprints. The trip will be a minimum impact trip, leaving only footprints.

The program focuses on proper camping habits for today's camper. Participants will need to bring their own camping gear. Sturdy, water-resistant footwear is also recommended. This overnight camp-out is a perfect way to learn how to enjoy the outdoors without damaging or destroying our natural resources. It is also a great way to take in some beautiful Southeast Texas scenery.

Group size is limited to eight individuals. Reservations will be required. For further information and/or reservations, call 409-839-2689.

## McFarland Graduates

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McFarland of Chester are proud to announce that their son, Arthur McFarland, has successfully completed basic training for the United States Marine Corps.

Private First Class McFarland graduated Friday, July 7, 1989, from Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris, Georgia. Following leave, Private First Class McFarland will return to California to further his training.

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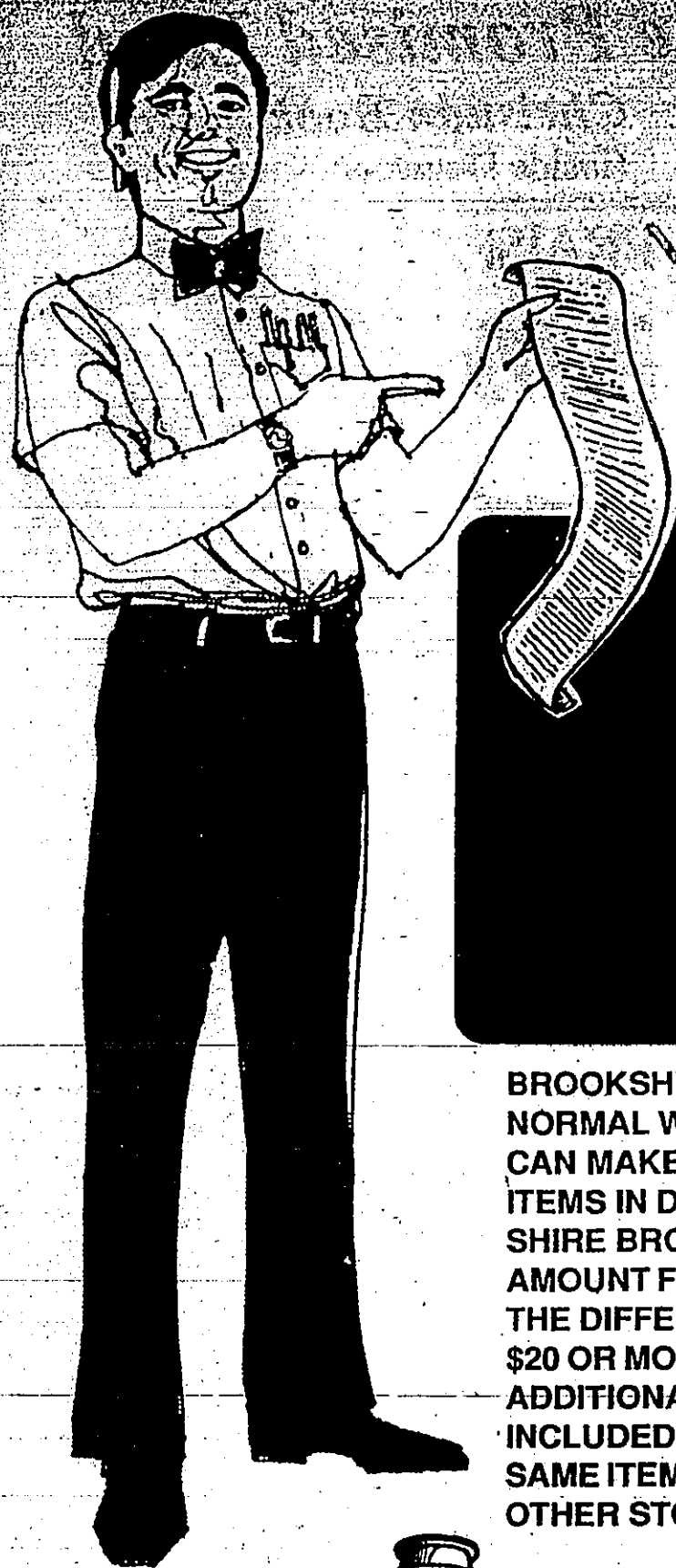
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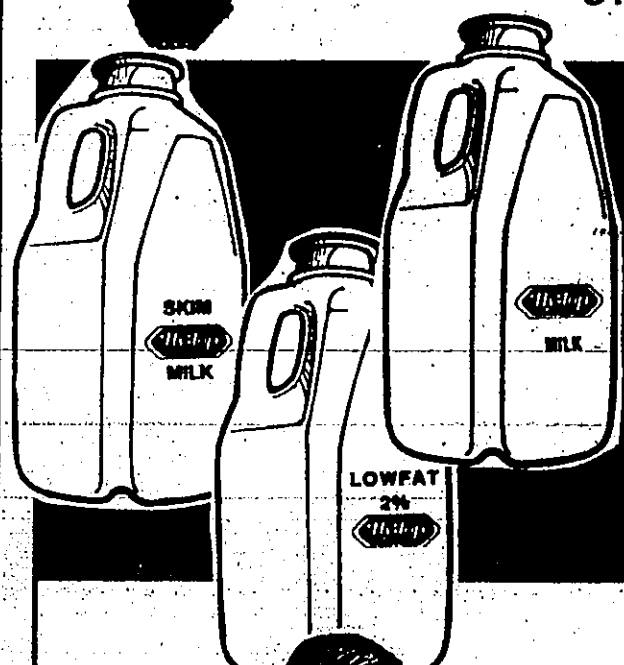
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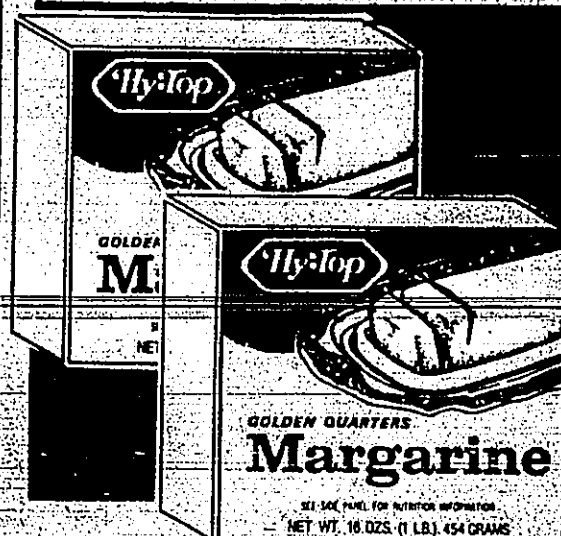
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HERITAGE VILLAGE MUSEUM

WOODVILLE, TEXAS 75979

JULY 13, 1989

### Heritage Society Lauded By Texas Historical Foundation

In recognition of its purchase of and continuing work with Heritage Village Museum as a repository of Tyler County history, The Tyler County Heritage Society received the award for "outstanding achievement in historical preservation" at the annual meeting of the Texas Historical Foundation in Austin on July 8.

Accepting the Deolce Parmelee Award, named for a long time member and contributor to the foundation, was Christine Moor Sanders, president of the Society. Making the presentation at the

#### Sanders Accepts Award For Outstanding Achievement

Awards Luncheon at the Driskill Hotel were Foundation president Bill Bailey of Jacksonville and Mrs. Charles [Faith] Bybee of Houston and Round Top, chairman of the Foundation's Executive Committee.

Also honored at the luncheon was Gulf States Utilities, which received the Josiah Wheat Award of Merit for the Edison Plaza Museum in Beaumont, one of only two museums in the county

devoted to energy. Accepting the award was Jill B. Street of Beaumont, museum curator.

The Foundation's Annual Meeting got under way on Friday, July 7, with a reception and buffet dinner at "Sweetbrush," the historic home of David and Judy Bland. Built in downtown Austin in 1853 by master builder Abner Cook for John Milton Swisher, who fought in the Battle of San Jacinto, the Greek

Revival mansion boasts walls three feet thick and high ceilings, both necessary as natural air conditioning. A native of Tennessee, who came to Texas at the age of 12, Swisher served in the Texas Navy and was a ranger in Tom Green's Brigade. He also served as a clerk in the Ninth Congress of the Republic of Texas in 1845.

After Swisher's death in 1891, the house passed from tenant to tenant with very little maintenance until 1923, when

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HERITAGE VILLAGE AND THE EAST TEXAS ECHO—Were cited by Texas Historical Foundation president, Bill Bailey (bottom right), as he announced The Tyler County Heritage Society winner of the prestigious Deolce Parmelee Award for Outstanding Achievement in Historical Preservation. Accepting the award at the Foundation's Annual Meeting at the Driskill Hotel in Austin were Christine Moor

Sanders (center), president of the Heritage Society, and Dottie Johnson, Editor of the Echo, which is published monthly by the Woodman newspaper in Woodville. Handing out the awards was Mrs. Charles Bybee (right), who chairs the Foundation's Executive Committee.

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WOODSMAN EAST TEXAS ECHO  
From Kentucky Subscriber:  
**Letter To The Editor**

Dear Editor,

I understand that you are interested in people in Tyler County of yester-year. I thought you might be interested in some of the things that I learned from my father.

My father was the oldest son of Charles Bigley Banks and Nancy Ann Wilkes. His father was a plantation and slave owner in Mississippi. My grandfather was Captain Charles Banks of the Pearl River Guards. My father, when 12 years old, took food to the Confederate soldiers. A black boy that went part way with him fell off his horse and froze. Father begged him to get off his horse and walk to help keep him warm, but he wouldn't.

Grandfather came home to Simpson County after the war. During the reconstruction days he was sheriff and held some of the other county offices.

Father came to Texas in 1870. He was a Texas Ranger in the early days of Texas, when there was much trouble with the Indians. Daddy was well educated and good looking. He was excellent in riding and shooting and was naturally very athletic. He wanted the prettiest girl. That girl was my mother, Sarah Avia Pickering. She was the daughter of Andrew Jackson Pickering. For those times he was wealthy. He owned and operated a ferry on the Neches River, a wagon yard shop and other things. He was brother to Dr. John Pickering and another brother, who was one of the leaders in the timber business.

Soon after Daddy and Mother were married, Daddy was deputy sheriff of Tyler County. The young contemporary men were afraid to tangle with him, so someone slipped up in the darkness of night and shot him with buckshot [some of the buckshot was still in his body when he died at 68 years of age. It shattered one of his eyes. He got over that and was a one-eyed man. He worked for the Houston Oil Company for several years. His title was "Land Man and

Surveyor." He was so efficient that many others came to him for help and advice. My parents left all their children land in Tyler County. I never sold mine, but paid my taxes and gave it to my daughter about five years ago.

We love Tyler County. In 1972 my husband and I moved from Baytown to Warren. We had one of the prettiest places in the county.

I was the seventh child of my parents. Mother died when I was seven and Daddy died before I finished High School. I worked and paid for all my college expenses. I got a B.A. degree from Sam Houston State University in 1935 and majored in Social Science. I taught school 12 years in all. I married in 1935 and lived happily with my husband for 51 years, lacking one week.

I always loved Warren and Tyler County, where I was born. After the family moved in about 1906, I did not ever live again in Warren until 1972. I lived in Dallas, San Antonio, Abilene and Baytown [30 years]. I taught school in Arkansas three years and in Texas for nine years. When we moved to Warren, I did not know anyone who lived there, but several people knew about my parents and welcomed me home.

I thought many times I would contact you, but since I was old and couldn't drive I just thought about it. I'm sure you know some of my best friends, who live there now. Among them are the Earnest Finleys and the Byron Swearings. I put a book "History and the Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes (ca 1735-1809) and His Descendants (1965)" in the library in Woodville. I'm sure there are several living in Tyler County who would be interested in reading this book and are descendants of Thomas Wilkes. I am proud to be one. I am now 89 years old, born May 14, 1900. We were mentioned in the book, page 125. I should like to hear from you.

Cordially yours,  
Bennie Banks Johnson

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JULY 15, 1989

HERITAGE VILLAGE MUSEUM

**Tyler County  
Community  
Calendar**

**JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 31:**  
JOHN JAY FRENCH MUSEUM, IN Beaumont: "Sailing Through Texas," an exhibit of model ships by Robert Haas and a history of the Port of Beaumont, including many artifacts. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

**JULY 15:**  
EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, Doucette. Gospel singing, featuring the Baytown Gospel Messengers, beginning at 7 p.m. Open to all. Highway 69, 2 miles north of Doucette.

**JULY 15-16:**  
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**JULY 20:**  
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**AUGUST 3-6:**  
18TH ANNUAL FOLK LIFE FESTIVAL. Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio. 5 to 11 p.m. Thursday, August 3; noon to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, August 4 & 5; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, August 6.

**AUGUST 12:**  
HERITAGE VILLAGE MUSEUM  
Palestine's Carol McKelvey in a one-woman showing of her East Texas photographs, specializing in wild flowers and the Big Thicket. 2:00 p.m. in the Museum Store. No charge.

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HERITAGE VILLAGE MUSEUM  
SAN ANTONIO

JULY 15, 1989

WOODSMAN EAST TEXAS ECHO

**Folklife Festival Features Local Folks**

**SAN ANTONIO**—As usual, Tyler County will be well represented at the 18th Annual Texas Folklife Festival August 3-6 at the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio.

An extension of the educational programs offered throughout the year by the statewide research and communications center of the University of Texas, the 4-day Festival is a celebration of the state's rich ethnic and cultural heritage, blending education and entertainment in an event the whole family can enjoy.

It was the Spring following its inception in 1971 that the Festival's originator, O. T. Baker, got in touch with Tyler County native Woody Woodrums and made him an offer he didn't want to refuse.

"He wanted to know if they built me the biggest brush arbor in the state, would I be in charge of it, and I said yes." And every August, beginning in 1972, Woody and the Woodrums Family Singers have taken their gospel music to San Antonio to be part of the continuous 8-stage entertainment scene and share the brush arbor with gospel singers from all over the state.

Actually, according to Woody, the brush arbor turned out to be a grape arbor. They couldn't find any brush in San Antonio, he said, but the idea is the same. Folks sit on the ground and listen, chat with the singers and learn the many variations of gospel music from plain old Southern to Contemporary. "It's a family thing," says Woody. You meet lots of fine people and really get to know them as they come back again and again, year after year.

Joining the Woodrums and other



**FOLK LIFE FESTIVAL VETERAN**—Woody Woodrums of Woodville gets ready to entertain Festival visitors for the 18th straight year as he warms up in the Brush Arbor built in 1972 especially for his kind of singing.

groups will be the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention of Henderson, which is working hard to keep a tradition begun in the early 1800's alive and well in Texas.

And the Folklife Festival wouldn't be the same without Whittier Sid Owens, who takes more than 50 years whittling experience to the Festival each year, where he is one of the favorite crafts people showing their ways and their wares.

Texas Rockers that have set the whole state a-rockin'. Vaughan has been making his rockers in Woodville for the past 14 years.

Visitors to the Festival can share the food, the music, the dances, the crafts and the traditions that were brought to Texas by the many ethnic and cultural groups who traveled to and carved their niche in Texas during the last century. From basket weaving to adobe mixing, quilt stitching to sheep shearing, the Texas Folklife Festival offers a variety of ways to experience the state's illustrious history.

Festival hours are from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, noon to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5, and from noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday, August 6.

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**Model Boats Sail  
Through Beaumont History**

**BEAUMONT**—The Port of Beaumont and Robert Haas' model boats will tell their history in a combined exhibit, "Sailing Through History," which can be seen at the John Jay French Museum Exhibit Hall during the month of July.

The Neches River and the Port of Beaumont are integral parts of Beaumont's past. Although shallow-draft vessels have sailed her waters for at least 150 years, ocean-going ships only made their way through the Sabine-Neches canal and into Beaumont after the canal was dredged to 25 feet in 1916. Since that time, the Port of Beaumont has increased its tonnage from 468,000 in 1916 to 4.6 million tons in 1988. The history of the Port and its shipping activities, along with some artifacts, will be on display.

In 1982, Robert Haas, a retired Singer Sewing Machine cabinet designer and artist, embarked on a new career—model shipbuilding. Research, exact scale plans and Haas' superb craftsmanship have resulted in the creation of a wide range of beautiful sailing vessels, which includes New England whaling boats, both Confederate and Union war ships and excursion riverboats.

**Christmas In July On 15th**

There won't be snow on the rooftops, but then there seldom is, and there won't be chestnuts roasting in an open fire, but there will be a big serving of Christmas spirit during the Southern Lady Show "Christmas In July" Arts and Crafts Show at the Beaumont Civic Center on July 15 and 16.

More than one hundred and seventy artists from eight states, as well as many fine local artists, will be on hand with everything from country quilts to designer dresses, wooden box minsters to full sized furniture, delicate jewelry, handmade baskets, and lots in between. There will be Christmas music and decorations and the chance for some car-

ols Christmas shopping. Among these artists are many working in what has become this year's hottest trend in arts and crafts clothing. The Southern look with gowns and capotes is popular, closely followed by the busy and lovely Victorian look.

The dried herbs, designer sweatshirts, lace dresses and denim jeans will all be at this show with original accessories to match, plus a variety of crystal, clay, paper and antique button jewelry.

"Christmas In July" will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 16. Admission is \$2.50 for adults. Children under 12 are admitted free.



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### A Message From The Texas Historical Commission

For generations, the unique heritage that is Texas' has been a source of fascination for Texans and non-Texans alike.

From frontier life to oil booms, Paleolithic to politics, bridges to courthouses, Texas history is the stuff of which movies and legends are made.

Fascination with Texas history and historic sites is a prime motivator in bringing tourists to the state. It was a similar fascination with Texas history and a commitment to preserve it that led a group of historically-minded men and women, including Woodville's own James Wheat, to plunge ahead in 1982 with a project that today is known as the State Marker Program of the Texas Historical Commission.

More than 10,000 Official Texas Historical Markers dot the highways and byways of the state, including the granite markers placed in 1936 as part of the observance of the 100th anniversary of Texas' independence from Mexico. In addition, a special series of markers was placed in commemoration of the Civil War centennial, as well as a sprinkling of private markers that have been approved for listing in agency publications. The

majority, however, are cast-aluminum plaques and medallions whose topics range from large cattle ranches to small family cemeteries.

The Texas program is one of the most ambitious and successful in the nation. Much of its success can be attributed to the continuing emphasis on local history in shaping the broader patterns of Texas' heritage. From the beginning, the marker program has relied heavily on participation of local citizens, and to this day county historical commissions around the state play an integral role in the marker process.

So, how do these markers come about? All such markers in Texas are initiated and funded at the local level, where research and documented historical narrative are completed by interested persons. Criteria and procedures for obtaining a state marker are contained in the Official Texas Historical Marker Guidelines and Application Form, available from the THC.

Evaluation of topics, coordination of paperwork and preparation of texts to

appear on the markers are handled by three staff members of the agency. The State Marker Committee, composed of members of the governor-appointed Texas Historical Commission, makes the final determination on eligibility of historical marker topics. State highway department officials cooperate in the placement of markers that appear along highway rights-of-way. All materials submitted in application for Official Texas Historical Markers remain on file with the THC.

Most markers are purely educational in nature and convey no legal restrictions to the property on which they stand. Approximately one-fourth of Texas markers, however, carry the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designation for the structures they mark.

One positive method of identification for this designation is the round building medallion; another is the appearance of the line, "Recorded Texas Historic Landmark," at the bottom of the marker text. These properties, which are cited as worthy of preservation for their

architectural and historical associations, are given a measure of legal protection in that owners should notify the THC before structural and/or cosmetic changes are made to the designated structures. THC staff architects then have an opportunity to assist the owners with their projects in such a way that the historical appearance of the building will be preserved.

All of this is not to say that every Official Texas Historical Marker is completely accurate. History is not a static medium and new facts often shed light on old interpretations. Markers, however, are a unique source of history for tourists and residents alike. As signposts of our heritage, they provide a convenient excuse for road weary travelers to pull off the side of the road and read about some segment of Texas history.

So, as you travel across the state, let history be your guide. And, if you read a marker and would like more information about it, jot down the title and location and call or write the State Marker Program, Texas Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711, [512] 463-6100.

### ★ Heritage Society Lauded

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It was purchased by Dr. and Mrs. Z. T. Scott, parents of the late actor, Zachary Scott. A prominent physician, who helped found the Austin Heritage Society, Dr. Scott had the badly deteriorated home moved to its present location overlooking Lake Austin, then enlisted the help of the late Dr. Samuel E. Cideon, professor of Architecture at the University of Texas, to restore the mansion, which bears the Texas Historical Medallion. In this endeavor, two wings were added to the original structure. Fronting the house is an iron fence, taken from the original courthouse. The front gates are from the Texas Capitol, which burned in 1871.

Named for the Chaparral Dulce, a native shrub which grows on the property and in the hills about Austin, "Sweetbrush" was purchased from the University of Texas two years ago by the Blands, who have restored it once more as a spacious, lovely, lived-in home surrounded by formal gardens.

#### Archaeology Theme of Saturday Meeting

Saturday morning's meeting focused on "Texas Archaeological Preservation and Regional Perspectives." Speakers introduced by Archeology Committee Member, John McRae of Ponder, were Texas Historical Commission archeologist, Pat Mercado-Allinger, president-elect of the Texas Archeological Society, and noted photo journalist and archeologist Bob Parvin, both of whom discussed the progress and problems of archeological research. Parvin noted that land owners, who know of valuable archeological sites on their properties but are afraid of vandalism, can be assured of anonymity if they work with T.A.S. professionals to record those sites.

Introduced during the session was Solveig A. Turpin, Associate Director of the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory at the Balcones Research Center in Austin. Mrs. Turpin led a long archeological dig in

Seminole Canyon in June, manned by amateur archeologists.



Awards Luncheon

Joan Rabins, director of the quarterly Heritage magazine, a publication of the Texas Historical Foundation, introduced the luncheon speaker, Ron Tyler of the Texas State Historical Association. Tyler spoke on his favorite subject, the Handbook of Texas, which is published by the Association and is now undergoing a revision that is due out in 1995 to coincide with the Sesquicentennial of Texas' statehood.

During his talk, Tyler honored the late David Prescott Webb, who envisioned the handbook 50 years ago and saw to its first publication in 1952 with over 1,000 volunteer contributions.

Dr. Webb was also founder of the Junior Historians, who celebrated their 50th Anniversary last April in Galveston, at which time the Tyler County Junior Historians were honored as the best new chapter in the State.

In speaking of the Junior Historians, Tyler quoted J. Frank Dobie as saying the "far reachingness of the Junior Historians is far beyond any history I have written."

The Texas State Historical Association also publishes "Riding Line," a quarterly newsletter, and the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, in addition to the Handbook and Junior Historian publication, "Texas Historian." Each issue of the Southwestern quarterly has been referred to by David Prescott Webb as a "brick in the building of the history of Texas," which is yet to be told in its entirety.

Heritage Village Museum Located On Highway 190 West Of Woodville Is Open 7 Days A Week From 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.



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## McKelvey To Exhibit Big Thicket Photos

The photography of Carol McKelvey of Palestine will be presented in a one-woman showing, at Heritage Village Museum on Saturday, August 12, at 2:00 p.m.

A graduate of S.M.U., Mrs. McKelvey has never taken any formal classes in photography, but her love of flowers as a member of the Pionette Garden Club of Palestine for the past 18 years has developed into another love, that of photographing those flowers and preserving them.

After a number of years, during which she took pictures at Garden Club Conventions and other related activities, Mrs. McKelvey's husband gifted her with a Minolta 7000, a camera she says almost talks to her. That spurred her on to even more photography, specializing in the wildflowers that were prevalent around her Palestine home.

Then, last summer, she decided it was time to visit the Big Thicket and look first hand at the diversity of plant life she had only read about. That first trip, during which she shot 5 rolls of film, was only the beginning. Since that time, she has put together a slide program from her Big Thicket photographs, which she has already shown to seven garden clubs.

Mrs. McKelvey is also a member of the Anglen Garden Club of Tyler and has served in a variety of district chairmanships for Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Besides her photography and flowers, she also collects "Hippies" in all shapes and sizes and works part-time at a family owned business.

The public is invited to her one-woman showing of wildflower and Big Thicket photography in the Museum Store at Heritage Village on August 12. There will be no charge, of course.



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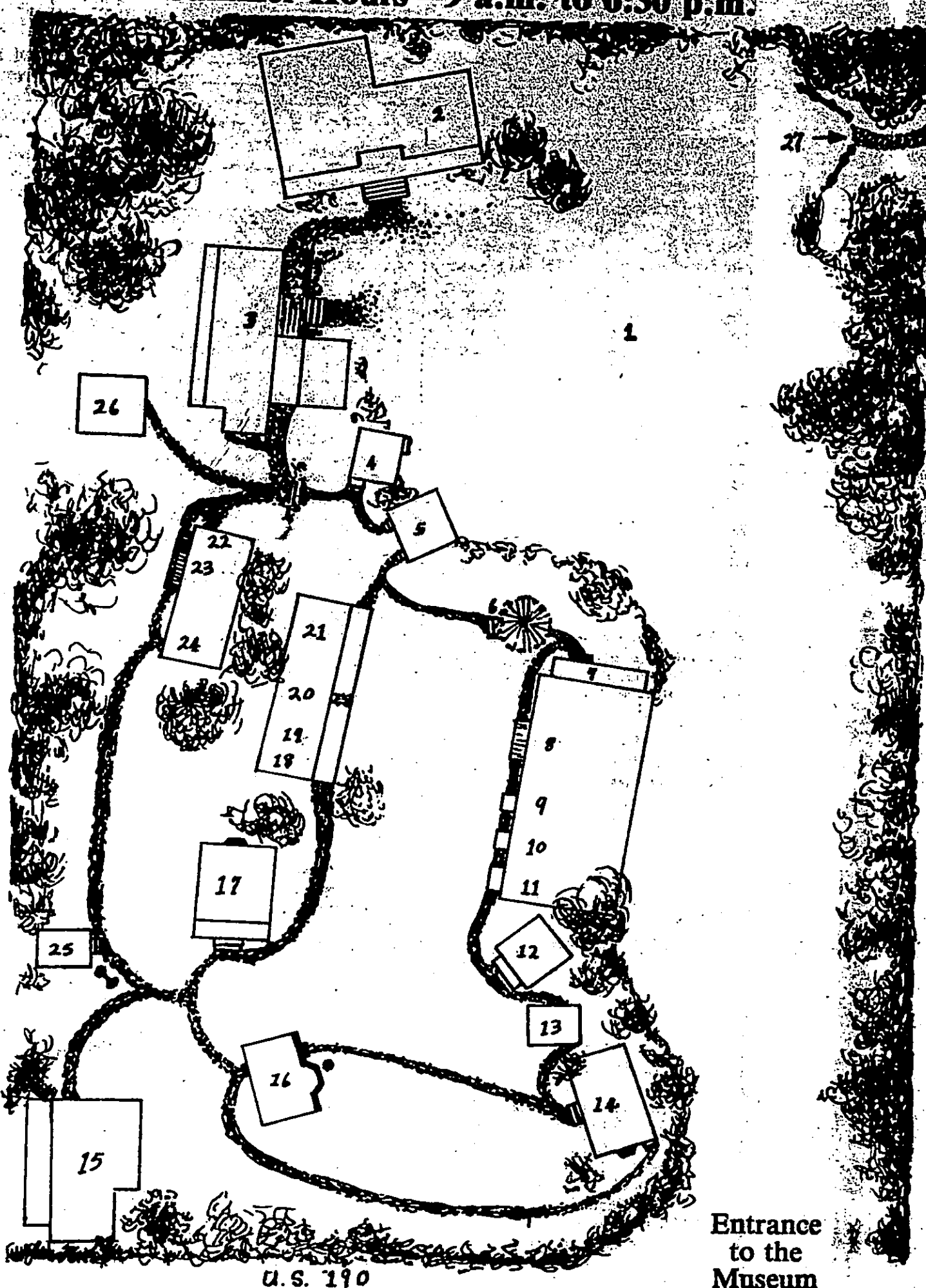
Woodville, Texas



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

Summer Hours—9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- 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 Kilian 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 Arlette 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 Durham 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 1930s, 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 Cowart Collier. Virginia Collier



Entrance to the Museum

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 Millam 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 paneling 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. Kenble of Port Arthur.

20.—PHYSICIAN'S 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, including Dr. John Shivers of Woodville and Dr. N. E. Laidacker of China.

21.—CHAIR FACTORY: Dallas Miller operated this chair factory in Burkeville until 1964, 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 those chairs. To be noted are the lathe on which he turned the legs, the hole puncher for his hides and drying racks for his chair backs.

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

23.—SEAMSTRESS SHOP: Recreation of an 1875-85 Shop, which was, in its day, a gentle 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.

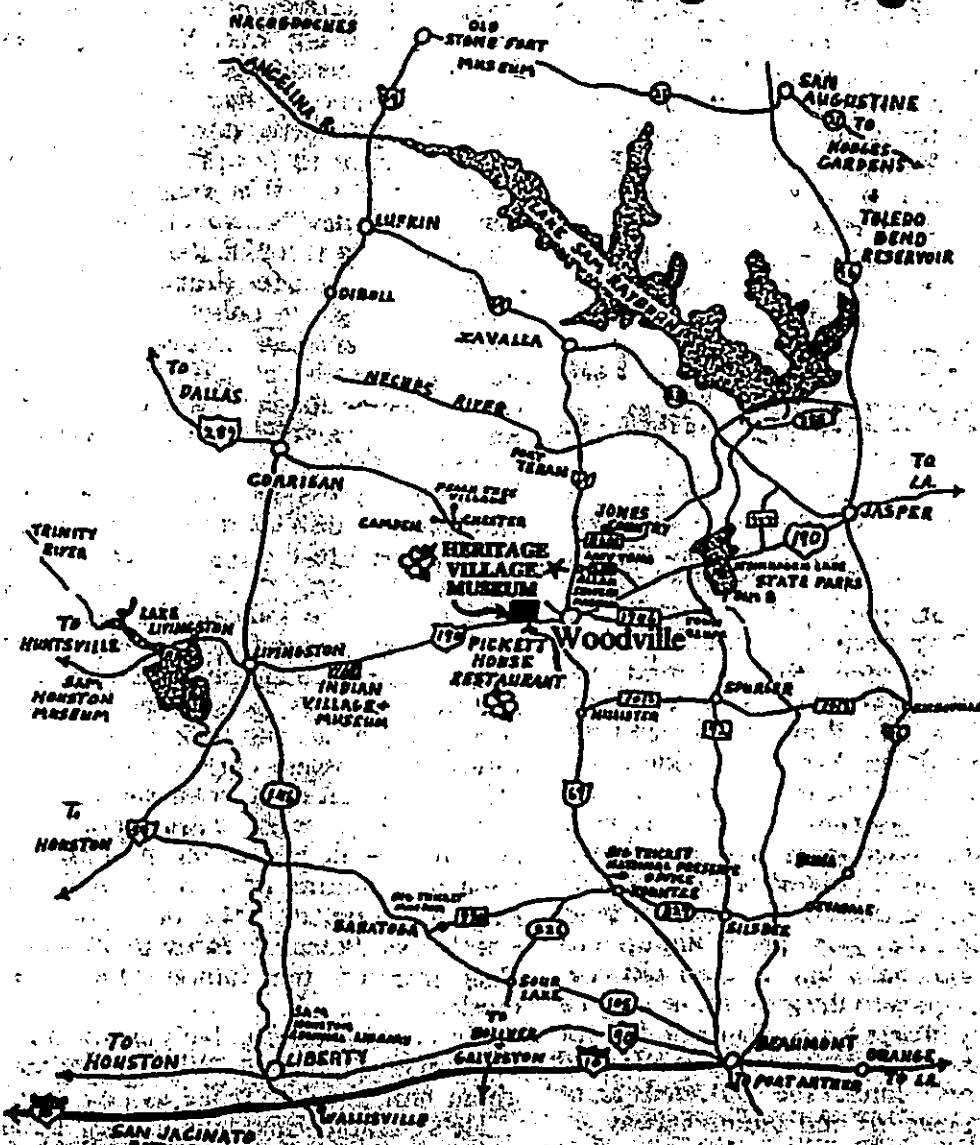
24.—LEATHER SHOP: Whether you needed a fine leather saddle, a pair of boots or ladies shoes, you would have looked for a shop like this, where the machinery was made especially for working on leather.

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 Heritage Village



## Notes From the Village

By Marjorie Schultz  
Village Manager



Marjorie Schultz

I've always heard that it could take all day to shoot one 30-second television spot, but I didn't really believe it until last Saturday, when KFDM-TV came to the Village to shoot a Crime Stopper spot.

It was hot; it was fun; it was frustrating and exciting. It was even scary. But all in all, it was very interesting, even when the same scene had to be shot over and over again before the producer/director shouted "that's a keeper."

To begin with, the station brought out a very big crane, and you know what happens to very large machinery when introduced to the mud of our recent onslaugths have produced all over the County. Well the dirt road that has recently been plowed for the Village to add authenticity was no exception. I suggested that they bring it in on boards, but since I'm "only a woman" and what do I know, they shelved my advice and were soon mired deep in mud. It took two wreckers to get it out. The second wrecker was called in to get the first wrecker out so it could get to the crane, which then was brought into the Village on a board road.

Moving right along, slowly, Woodville Dentist Dr. Malcolm Radford brought 3 saddle horses to the Village, two to be part of the street scene, the third for make-believe bad guy, Neal Wright, to ride. Thank goodness, Neal is an expert rider, because none of us expected him to have to ride a bucking bronco Rodeo Style. But, that's just what happened. Seems the horse he was riding is a trained jumper, so after many rides back and forth to get it right, the horse decided not to go around the hitching post Ray McKee had built by the Collier Store especially for this shoot, but to go over it. On the jump, the horse caught his foot, nearly went down and did some fancy bucking before Neal finally calmed him down. Thankfully, neither Neal nor the horse were hurt, only the hitching post, but that was quickly remedied.

Good guy stars of the shoot were Woodville veterinarian Dr. Larry Phillips, and his son Bryan, who played a Sodbuster and his son. Now, the plot was for them to be in town loading goods from the Collier Store on their buckboard [we moved Wood Fain's buckboard from the wagon shed for the scene and built temporary steps on the street side of the store]. As Larry and Bryan bump into Neal, who gives him a bad guy look that causes Larry to accuse him. For about an hour after that, Neal got to knock Larry down, over and over again, until they got it right.

As the story line continues, Neal leaves and the Sodbuster and his son see the Wanted Poster and decide to report the bad guy to Marshall Crime Stopper, a good guy in a white hat.

The End.

Of course, lots of other folks joined in on the fun as extras including yours truly, who got a walk through. In addition, there was Carol (Mrs. Larry) Phillips, daughter Karen, Dr. Radford, Bart Brandenburg and son, Jay, Neale's Jack Whitmeyer, Orlan and Christine Garza, Ray McKee and his daughter, Crystal, Albie Frestand, Earl Robbins and, if I forgot someone, it's only because they walked through faster than I did.

One other thing we got from those folks at Channel 6, besides our own excitement, was lots of nice compliments on the Village as a facility with lots of possibilities for shooting commercials and other types of video productions. They were even pleased with the water that hadn't drained in the ditches along the street. They said it made the set look more authentic. As part of their donation for use of the Village, they shot additional footage which they will edit into a 30-second and 60-second spot on the Village proper.

I think our own excitement rubbed off on them.

I really hate to take advantage of someone else's misfortune. But, sometimes, it just works out that way. Like about three rain storms back, you know the one that cancelled the second performance of our outdoor historical drama. Well, it also blew down the old barn the Paul Armstrongs were using as a cattle shed. Since the Armstrongs are friends of Jack Whitmeyer, they knew he was always a scrounging for old building materials to fix up the sagging structures at the Village, so they gave him a call.

Well, you know Jack said "Yep, sure do," and the barn belonged to the Village. Now, all Jack has to do is scrounge up a few hardy fellows to help him haul all those goodies to the Village, where you can bet Earl Rollins will put them to good use.

And speaking of Jack and his Manie, which is hard not to do since they are so involved with everything historical in these parts, the two of them took an assortment of antique tools, household goods, arrow heads and the like to Camp Niwana recently, where they talked to the Boy Scouts about what life was like in the early days of Tyler County. We need more people like these two, spreading the word and helping out at the Village.

Any volunteers???





## Opossums Are Neither Sleek, Nor Cunning

By ARNE GARDER

Opossums, better known in East Texas as "possums," could be termed "the animal nobody loves." Did you ever see a bumper sticker that read, "Have you hugged your possum today?" Even inveterate animal lovers must find some difficulty in snuggling up to a creature with close-set, black, beady eyes, a pointed pig-like snout, a belly that droops to the ground, a hairless tail that just sort of drags along behind, and an insipid grin on his face.

To say that the possum is not loved does not mean that he is not celebrated. According to an Associated Press story published June 22 in the Beaumont Enterprise, every October Rhonesboro, Texas throws a Possum Festival. Its motto is "Eat More Possum." A museum in the city is located at "Frank Ford's Grocery and International Possum Museum-Gas and Oil." Word is that the museum was established to disprove once, and for all the theory, that all possums are born dead on the side of the road.

Visitors to the Rhonesboro museum may view the head of an extinct Dinopossumsaur that looks remarkably similar to the skull of a cow. Also on display is an 11-foot Possum Touch Pole for those who would not touch a possum with a 10-foot pole. A photo of a "very rare" Chinese Black Velvet Possum of Alaska graces one wall. He happens to have black eyes, a black tail, black teeth, black ears, and black feet. Delicacy hunters can purchase a \$1 tin of sundried possum. Contents: "Pure possum killed by a log truck on U.S. Hwy. 54 West in Front of Ford's Grocery." A bottle of possum beer is not for sale.

We're talking affection, however, not fame. Perhaps to know the possum better, to understand him, would be to love him.

His family tree runs back for 30 million years and includes cousins like the kangaroo that live in Australia. All belong to the marsupial family, one of the most primitive ancient mammal families on earth. Marsupials distinguish themselves by carrying their young in a pouch. The possum, America's only marsupial, ranges from Argentina to Hudson Bay. Fossilized skulls unearthed in Montana indicate he lived in the dinosaur age. Zoologists type him as one of the stupidest and least aggressive of animals, but he is still around, sauntering through the woods. Sheer endurance can be a virtue.

Admittedly, the possum takes no prizes for appearance. "Magnificent, sleek, stunning, svelte, clever," do not describe the little beast. He looks something like a moth-eaten, wooly pig. Whitish-grayish fur bristles on his small body as if someone had just recently yelled "Boo" at him. Tiny black, leathery ears, naked of hair, stand at attention atop his head, pulling his face back to give him a pinched look. A possum may weigh 4 to 10 pounds, usually 8 or 9, although cousins from Central and South America as small as mice sometimes show up in Texas in banana bunches.

East Texas males are larger than females, but there are no beauty contest winners among the lot.

Some hidden charm may hover about the creature, however. Jean George, possum expert, witnessed a strange exchange between a possum and a raccoon,



an animal well-equipped to chew a hunting dog to shreds. One evening she saw a raccoon climb out on one end of a log to cross a gully, while at the same time a possum crawled on the other end of the same log. When they both arrived at the middle of the log, the raccoon swung underneath and allowed the possum to pass, then climbed back up and continued across.

Almost everyone loves a baby anything, but after a gestation period of only 14 to 17 days, shorter than that of other mammals, a possum is born ugly. Only the size of a bee, 1/2 inch long, he arrives as a pink blob with only his mouth and front legs developed. With no eyes to guide him as yet, he squirms his way up his mother's abdomen to her pouch. Even if he is fortunate enough to make the journey, the hapless baby has no assurance he'll survive inside the

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pouch. Usually the lunch counter has no more than 13 places, and he may have been accompanied by as many as 15 other brothers and sisters. If he is lucky enough to latch on to a mammary gland, it swells his mouth until he cannot turn loose.

For a month or so the baby develops more in the pouch. Then, he pokes his head out and discovers he can see. About the size of a mouse by now, he is clothed in soft downy hair. Alert to another world, he wraps his small tail around his mother's longer one and grasps the fur on her back to accompany her on her mighty treks.

An omnivore, the possum will eat frogs, rabbits, berries, young birds, eggs and ants. He is an infamous thief of the chicken house, where his inferior intellect gets him into trouble frequently. Stopping to eat his warm catch inside the

house or pen, he raises such a ruckus that the irate farmer comes out and does him in. Possums love persimmons. In fact, the persimmon tree is known as the possum tree. A hungry animal often climbs the tree, stuffs himself with the orange fruit, and then falls asleep hanging to a limb by his tail.

If America's only marsupial is not eating, he may be eaten. Constantly in danger from predators, the small mammal makes a favorite meal for large cats, foxes, coyotes, eagles, and hawks. Then, too, one of the finest sports in East Texas is to go on a possum hunt. At the time the possum has put on an extra layer or fat for winter, hunters grab their guns, call the dogs, and head out to hunt for the source of a popular delicacy—roast possum or possum stew.

Already short on beauty and brains, the possum is also shortchanged on com-

mon defenses that other animals have: large teeth and claws, pointed quills, raucous screams, armor plates, an offensive smell, lightning speed, or intelligent cunning. Two peculiar methods of self-defense help him to confound his enemies. When attacked in a tree, he can wrap his naked tail around a tree limb and hang down like an upside-down feather duster to escape a marauder. Or he can "play possum" or roll over as if dead, eyes rolled back and lips drawn back from small pointed teeth to protect his vulnerable throat. If a pack of dogs attack him, they may throw him up into the air and shake him like an old rug.

When he thuds to the ground, he lies in a seemingly lifeless heap. That's no fun for the canines, so they take a whiff and bound off later, the buffeted actor revives, dusts off and saunters away. Feigned death may not be quite what it seems, though. Zoologists suspect the possum's nervous system short-circuits from fright, throwing him into temporary paralysis.

Caught in the open, the possum strikes out for the nearest tree, dogs snapping close behind. His "smart" often fails him again. Even though he succeeds in climbing the tree, he dangles from a branch by his graping tail, making a perfect target. Sometimes the hunters don't bother to shoot. They merely shake the tree until the unfortunate creature drops off onto the ground.

Possums prefer to live in deciduous forests, mainly arboreal, the possum maneuvers skillfully in trees, hanging by his monkeylike tail while he uses all four feet to grasp a persimmon or some other booty. Opposable first hind toes make his antics in the tree almost simian. He likes dens padded with grass or leaves. Often, he borrows or steals homes of other forest creatures. This habit does not make him the most popular guy on the block. He has been known to bed up in walls or attics of human abodes, only to be ousted by his angry landlord when he is discovered.

Although he is rather dull, inactive, and lowly esteemed, the possum shows up again and again in folklore in songs like "The Raccoon Fiddled" and the "Possum Danced," and in countless stories.

Colonists saw the possum first in Virginia, where the Indians had given him his name. The animal was unfamiliar to the Europeans, and since they seized every opportunity to weave fantastic tales of marvels in the New World to take back to Europe with them, folklore about possums proliferated. Madame Merian in 1717 published drawings showing a mother opossum carrying her young on her back, their small tails tightly coiled about her own. In 100 years or so, artists had altered the image to show the mother with her tail arched majestically over her back with her babies suspended like so many shirts on a clothesline. A half century later, folklore had tempered portraits of the indolent creature to portray an awesome beast with a tail shot over her head, much like the devil's own. As the mother charged wildly through the woods, her offspring hung on for dear life.

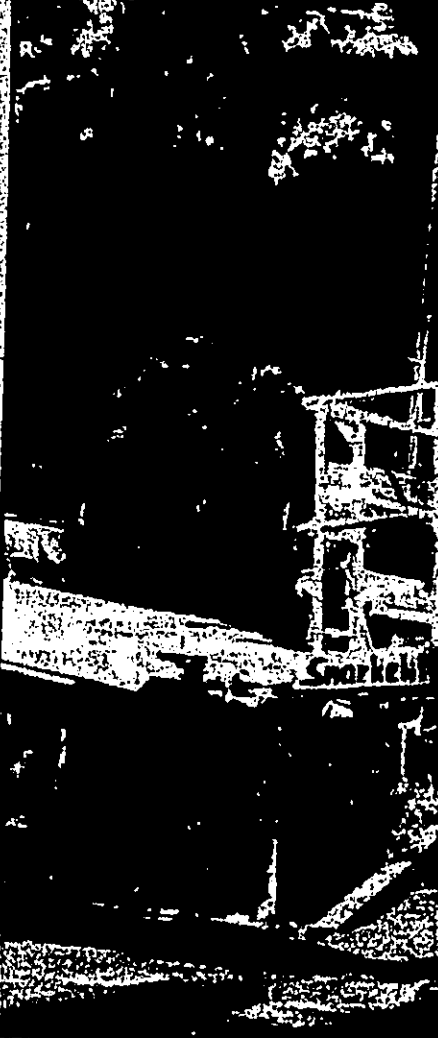
In good possum country, one exists per every 4 acres. Possums propagate rather prolifically, usually twice a year. The female is not impregnated through her posttrils, as folklore has suggested, however.

Another gross bit of folklore attributes a ghoulish habit of scavenging in the graveyard to the poor critter. While evidence to support this accusation is evasive, facts do indicate the possum's tail has a gruesome function. He uses it as a reserve food supply. When he can find no paw-paws, persimmons, chicks, or bugs for meals and he is close to starvation, the possum curls up and chews off his own tail right to his rump.

Admittedly, most tales about the possum ridicule him or malign him, but happier mentions of him do pop up. Pogo was a possum, of course, and T.S. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* inspired the famous Broadway musical, *Cats*.

He's not handsome. He's not exciting. He's no cerebral giant. What can be said about him, then, to make us love him?

He's durable—and he is as East Texas as turnip greens and purple hull peas.



## Seed Color

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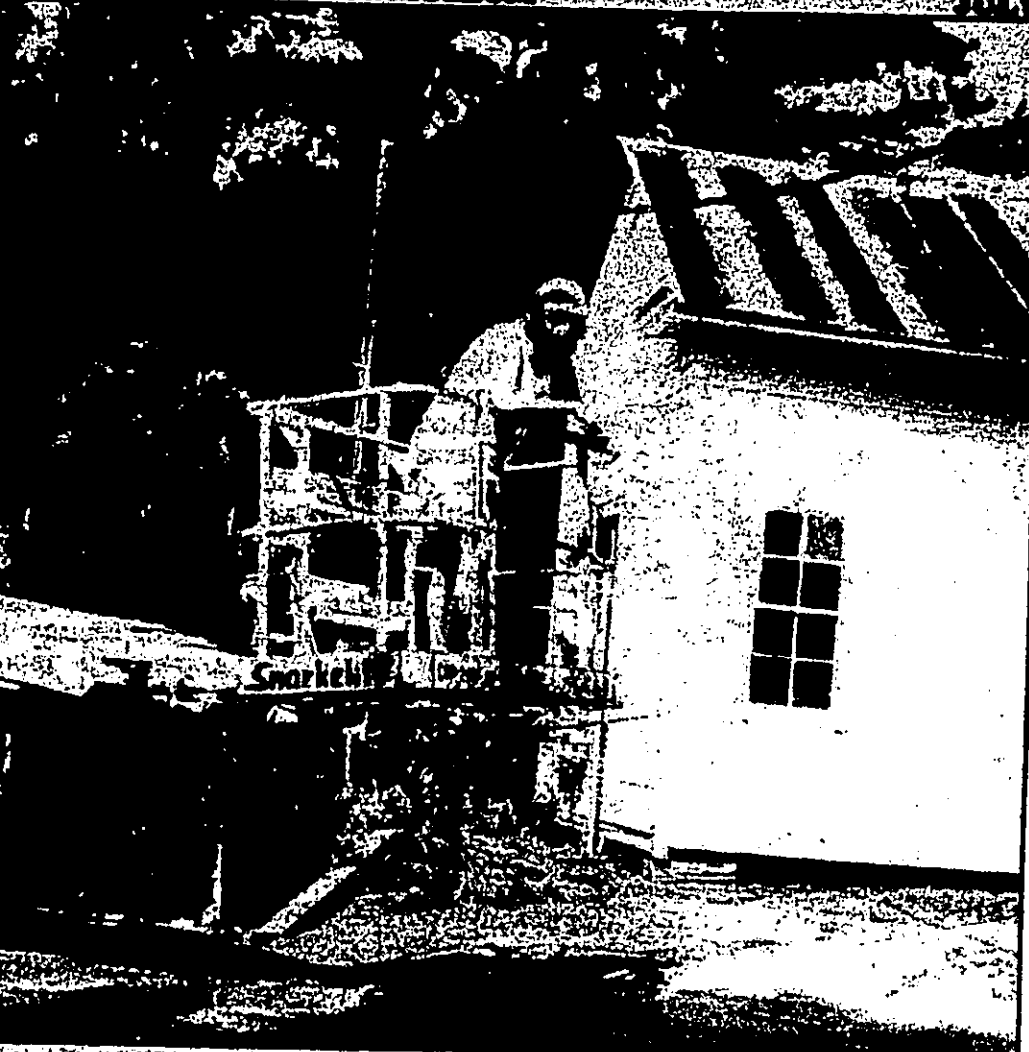
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2. Each settler must, when called by the Governor of said Province, take the oath of allegiance to the government exercising the sovereignty of the country.

3. Six hundred and forty acres of land will be granted to the head of each family, and in addition that that, three hundred and twenty acres to a man's wife, one hundred and sixty acres for each child, and eight acres for each slave.





**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION**—And another mini-western is about to begin as KFDM-TV of Beaumont takes advantage of Heritage Village's authentic pioneer setting to produce another action-filled Crime Stopper Spot. Getting shots from aloft, upper left, is Channel 5 camera man Rick Thomas. Pictured left are Village staffer Earl Radtke, chatting with the Village's favorite woodman and nice-guy, Neal Wright, who plays the bad guy in the spot. Above, Christine Gannaway watches Jay Brownburg and Bryan Phillips fight it out for the cameras. For details on the day's memorable shooting, see FROM THE VILLAGE, page 7.



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which land will be laid off in two equal tracts, one on the river in an oblong, the other is to be located so as not to interfere with the river lands; one of said tracts must be actually inhabited and cultivated by the person and family who has permission to settle it, within one year from the first of January 1822.—Twelve cents and a half per acre, must be paid me for said land, one half on receipt of title, the other half in one year after, which will be in full for surveying fees and all other charges—each settler will chuse his own tracts of land within the limits designed by said Austin.

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4. Mechanics and men of capital, will receive additional privileges in proportion to their capacity to be useful.  
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## 'Gov. Bill' Epitomizes The East Texas Spirit

When Bill Daniel of Liberty rode his "White Charger" as Parade Marshall in Tyler County's Western Weekend Parade three years ago, the possibility of the Tyler County Heritage Society owning Heritage Village was just a faded dream. Fortunately, Raynell Spurlock of Woodville, a fellow graduate of Baylor University, snapped a picture of Gov. Bill as he led the last parade he and his lovely wife, Vara Faye, were in together.

Raynell and her husband Elton L. Spurlock, have been taking a keen interest in the activities of Heritage Village, since the Heritage Society purchased it in the Fall of 1987, and recently, when Mr. Spurlock came across the picture of Gov. Bill leading the parade, he had an idea. He had two large prints made and sent both to his friend in Liberty County, asking him to sign one of them over as a gift to Heritage Village Museum.

The former Governor of Guam was delighted, not only with the picture and the thoughtfulness of his friends from Woodville, but with the thought of having it displayed at the Village, which is fast becoming a noteworthy depository of Tyler County and East Texas history. Not only did he lose no time in returning one picture properly inscribed, but he included an autographed copy of "Mr. Texas, Governor Bill Daniel," a handsome volume published by Baylor University detailing his many accomplishments as well as those of his late wife and father, the honorable M. P. Daniel.

It was President John F. Kennedy who appointed Daniels as Governor of Guam. That was in 1961 after Daniel had already turned down the governorship of the Virgin Islands as not enough of a challenge. He eagerly accepted the Guam appointment, however, and the "Texas Tornado" hit the tropical paradise on the run, visiting every corner of the island to determine what the real needs were.

Before long, the governor started a "Grow It On Guam" campaign, planting a vegetable garden on the palace grounds to show the natives how to produce their own instead of importing everything from the United States, as had been the rule under the U.S. Navy. The Texas rancher also established guidelines for the Departments of Agriculture and Land Management, personally writing the standards for the care and feeding of all livestock. He even brought in some of his own beef herd to help upgrade those on the island.

Known as the Eagle Governor by the people of Guam, Gov. Bill stretched his agreed-upon one year to more than two, during which time he turned the College



GRATITUDE, FOND MEMORIES AND GODSPEED—With these words Gov. Bill Daniel signed a copy of "Mr. Texas," which Elton Spurlock presented to Heritage Village Museum recently on his behalf. Accepting the book and a photograph of Daniel, leading Woodville's 1986 Western Weekend Parade, is Christine Moor Sanders, president of the Tyler County Heritage Society. The Heritage Society owns and operates the Village.

of Guam into a full-time accredited four-year institution, abolished the dual wage system so Guamanians could earn the same pay as Civil Service employees, created a tourist commission and initiated the election of a governor by the citizens as well as a congressman as a non-voting member of the United States Congress.

Because of his many successes in Guam, Gov. Bill Daniel and his family were asked to represent the United States on a 4-month tour of 42 foreign countries, after which he became a consultant to the United States Department of Interior.

Although he carried the title of Governor, politics have never been Bill Daniel's main interest. He made his mark in the Texas State House of Representatives by pushing through a bill to build a Supreme Court and State Office Building. Signed by Woodville's own favorite son, Governor Allan

Shivers, the bill was introduced after Daniel discovered precious state documents being kept in an old dairy barn, unprotected, and found that the state's bill for renting additional, but inadequate, space was costing taxpayers more than \$250,000 a year.

In 1942, Bill Daniel was elected County Attorney for Liberty County after a strenuous 1400 mile horse and buggy vote-getting trip to every back road in the county, which he undertook after President Roosevelt rationed gasoline. He had vowed a house-to-house campaign, and he kept his promise. The voters responded in his favor.

Probably one of Daniel's greatest accomplishments was the restoration, development and usage of Plantation Ranch, located on a strategic bluff overlooking the Trinity River. Established in 1818 by Revolutionary War veteran, Aaron Cherry, who reportedly

crossed the Delaware with George Washington, the ranch became one of the largest and most productive land holdings West of the Mississippi. It boasted the territory's first cotton gin, river boat landing, stage coach station, school house and sugar mill. In 1936, the Texas Centennial Commission named the ranch the oldest permanent Anglo settlement in the state.

Refusing government subsidies, available because of its historic status, Bill and Vara Faye Daniel built the ranch into a showplace of 19th century life. They constructed a complete pioneer main street, full of artifacts, including a replica of Liberty's first log cabin courthouse. They opened the courthouse to the public for special events, such as Bill Daniel's Crippled Children's Parties, Easter Egg Hunts, Big Thicket Treks and Wild West Shows. Most of these buildings were later donated to the Strecker Museum in Waco, where they were lovingly moved by Homer Booth, the same man who recently moved the Hamm House from Town Bluff to Heritage Village Museum.

Bill Daniel has been called many things in his life: rancher, churchman, lawyer, landman, legislator, oilman, orator, conservationist, timberman, showman, banker, sportsman, historian, and always humanitarian. He's been honored under all of these titles, but the honors of which he is probably most proud are those bestowed on him and his family by his beloved alma mater, Baylor University, which boasts the Hon. M. P. Daniel Esplanade, the Vara Martin Daniel Fountain Plaza and the Bill Daniel Student Center, all made possible by the foresight, the generosity and the love of people of this remarkable man, known as Mr. Texas.

It is his life and the lives of those he loved that are also honored in the book, which Gov. Bill has donated to the Genealogy Library at Heritage Village Museum, where all may read in full about his many accomplishments. In it, he wrote "To all my fellow-East Texas friends in the Woodville area and especially Elton L. and Raynell Spurlock and the Heritage Village Museum—with gratitude, fond memories and Godspeed. Devotedly, Gov. Bill 6/22/89."

## Silverware Exhibit Slated

Asparagus tongs, drinking straws, grape and poultry shears and souvenir spoons are among the items in the newly-opened display of silver flatware at the McFaddin-Ward House Visitor Center.

Entitled "Silver Spoons," the display consists of flatware items from the extensive silver collection amassed by the W.P.H. McFaddin family.

According to Diane Kerehuk, creator of the exhibit, the oldest piece in the display is a sterling silver marrow spoon, circa 1785, made by George Smith of London, England. As the name suggests,

the spoons were made to scoop marrow out of beef bones.

The grape shears on display were used to snip small clusters of grapes from a large bunch in the center of the table. The shears are silverplate and were made about 1900 by William Hutton & Sons Limited of Sheffield and London, England.

Also on display are 19 of the silver souvenir spoons from the McFaddin-Ward House collection, ranging from a Lucas Gusher souvenir spoon, made about 1910, to souvenir spoons from

Monte Carlo and Budapest, both circa 1935. Also included are spoons commemorating the Alamo and the State of Texas.

Open throughout the summer at the Visitor Center, 1906 Calder, the display reflects the complexity of flatware forms that were at one time available in silver and the lifestyle and tastes of the McFaddin-Ward family. The Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.; on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

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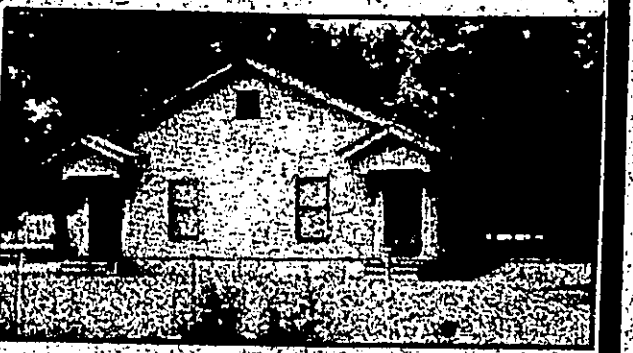
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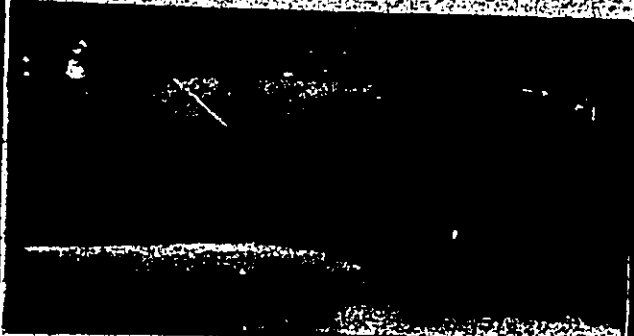
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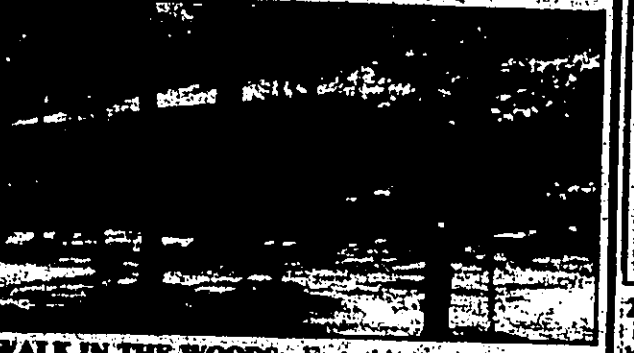
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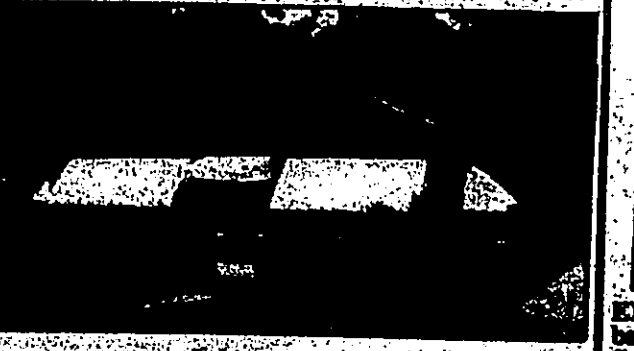
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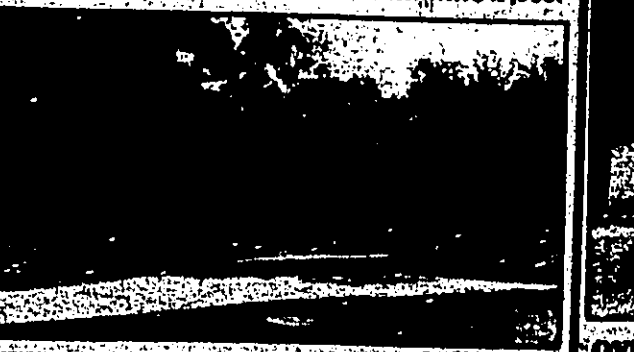
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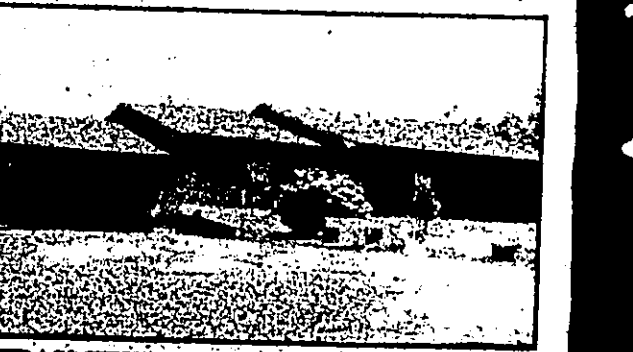
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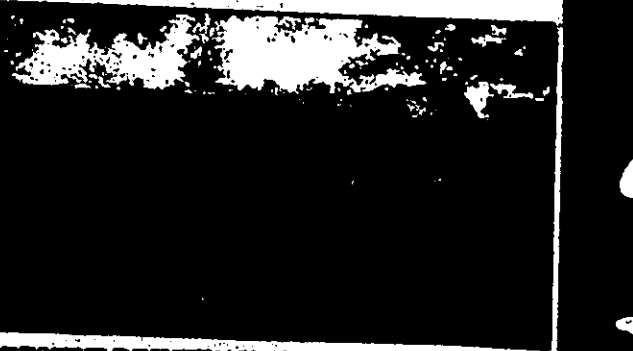
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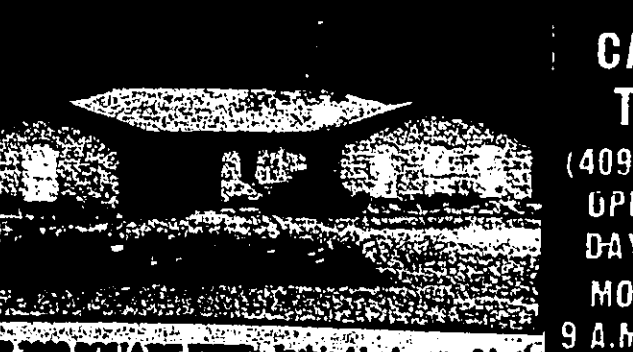
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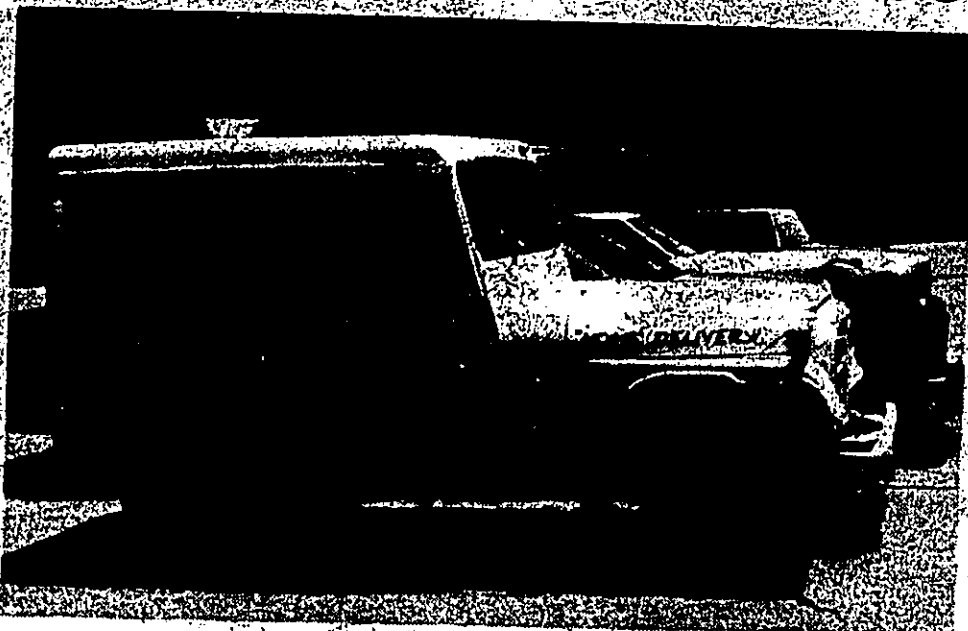
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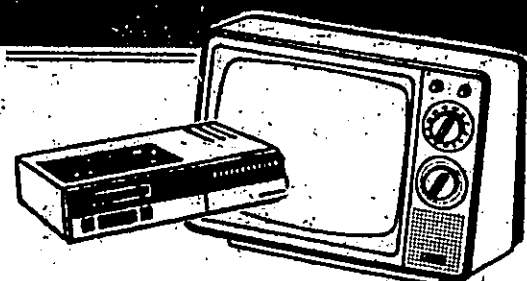
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