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TYLER COUNTY DOGWOOD FESTIVAL 1990

By Patsy Duke



Western Weekend was marvelous. I thought it a bit of exaggeration when told there would be thousands of horses and riders in the parade. It was not an exaggeration at all. Never have I seen so many horses and riders in one place at one time—one full hour of horses, mules, a donkey, cars and wagons parading through the streets of Woodville. The trailriders, 16 groups including Cowboys for Christ, consisted of senior citizens, middle agers, young adults, teenagers and small children. Each of these men, women, boys and girls, apparently enjoyed riding horses and enjoyed nostalgia of the old west mingled with "today's" west. A happy, whooping bunch, they were well behaved—just folks having a good time—beautiful people—those in the parade as well as the spectators.

Between Warren and Hillister, as I was en route to Woodville Saturday morning about 9:00 o'clock, I passed a group of trailriders leaving their camp, headed toward the starting point of the 2:00 p.m. parade. They, too, were a happy, orderly group with flagmen at the head, the rear and several in between keeping their horses and the passing highway traffic a safe distance apart.

In addition to the parade, the weekend entertainment included: a rodeo Friday and Saturday nights; crowning of the Western Weekend Sweetheart and trailride dances. As the weekend finale, a dance was held at the Woodville Inn.

Prior to and following the parade, clubs and organizations offered food, beverages, balloons etc. from their booths set up around the courthouse square.

C. C. and Verdruc Haygood's "Melody Masters" provided Blue Grass music which lent a festive air to the celebration. The group played in front of the Opera House across the street from the courthouse to an audience that spanned generations. Senior citizens, middle agers, young adults, teen agers and young children sat on folding chairs on the courthouse lawn, on concrete benches or leaned against the ground's permanent wooden rails, relaxed and enjoyed the music.

From 5:00 until 11:00 p.m., the musicians entertained their listeners in the Opera House. According to Ms. Haygood, spokesperson for the "Melody Masters," the group plans to perform all Gospel music during the final weekend of the Dogwood Festival—same time—same place.

Western Weekend was good. Robert Chapman, director of Western Weekend and all his helpers deserve a tip of the hat for a job well done.

And there is more to come as the anticipation of the Queen's Dogwood Festival grows and final preparations are put into place.

Last week I visited the old Recreation Hall on Reid Street. Betty Holton, in charge of decorations, invited me to go by and observe how the paper flowers are made. I knocked but no one answered. The door was unlocked so I opened it and looked inside. The room was empty with the exception of dead branches neatly stacked in piles on the floor. Other standing dead branches and small trees had "come to life"—some with pink; some with white paper flowers fastened to their branches. The room, though silent, was filled with an aura of activity and anticipation of work to be finished.

I left the Recreation Hall and walked to the amphitheater located behind the Woodville I.S.D. Business Office, on North Charlton where I found Mr. Clyde Taylor, a Woodville Carpenter, busily constructing the wooden set for the historical pageant.

Mr. Taylor graciously gave me a guided tour of the amphitheater pointing out the Queen's throne, the place designated for the choir, the stage and the buildings that are being constructed on the set.

According to Mr. Taylor, who has built pageant sets for many years, the set will be completed by Thursday and Thursday night the entire pageant will be practiced.

On Saturday, at the last minute, the amphitheater will be decorated with the paper flowered trees and branches. I've been told, "It's a sight to behold!"

Fred Sullivan designed this year's set and drew up the plans. He has not designed the set every year but has designed a number of them beginning in the early 1970's. He also paints the sets.

According to Sullivan and Mr. Taylor, following the final Dogwood Weekend, the sets are disassembled and the lumber stored to be used for the next pageant.

Arthur Lee Polk and his brother-in-law, Cecil Fortenberry, Woodville electricians, are in charge of setting up and taking down the lights.

Through the eyes of a newcomer, these are just a few of the many people involved in making the Tyler County Dogwood Festival—1990 a success. The festival is a county effort—the effects of community cooperation—family entertainment where vendors, visitors, participants, residents alike can take home memories of lasting value. **HAPPY DOGWOOD FESTIVAL—1990!**

Western Weekend Results

Along with the spectacle of thousands of hooves marching through Woodville the winners were announced for the various contests throughout the first week of the Dogwood Western Weekend.

Chosen the Western weekend Sweetheart for 1990 was vivacious Brandi Gloor, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gloor, of Beaumont. Brandi represented "The Wild Bunch" Trailriders.

First runnerup was Julie Kinnear, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mike Kinnear of Jasper. She represented the Spurger Trailblazers; and, Second Runner up was Wendy Ferguson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nolan Ferguson, of Hemphill, representing Somerset Stables; Third Runnerup was Molly Woods, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jimmy T. Woods, of Newton, representing the Tyler County Youth Riders.

The Miss Congenality Award was given to Miss Laura Lewis, daughter of Mr and Mrs Doug Lewis, of Kirbyville, representing the East Texas Trailriders. Parade Results: "For Largest Trailride": The East Texas Trailriders; "Best Appearances": Tejas Saddle Club; "Most Authentic" was the Spurger Trailblazers.



Buckin' Bulls Were Highlight of Western Week Action



Western Weekend Sweetheart Brandi Gloor, of Beaumont

Eleventh Annual Texas Pow Wow April 6-8

Hundreds of outdoors enthusiasts are expected to participate in the Eleventh Annual Texas Pow Wow, April 6-8, 1990, in the Angelina National Forest. Camping headquarters will be at Caney Creek Recreation Area with guided walks scheduled to Upland Island Wilderness and to Longleaf Ridge, proposed new national recreation area and wildlife refuge.

Sponsored by Texas Committee on Natural Resources, a non profit conservation organization, and other environmental and educational groups, the Pow Wow is billed to launch the month of April as "A Month of Earth Days" in observance of the twentieth anniversary of Earth Day.

Congressman Steve Bartlett (R-3rd) of Dallas will speak at a Saturday, April 7, 4 p.m. program in the amphitheater of the Caney Creek Recreation Area. The public is invited. Bill Oliver, Austin folksinger, called "a troubadour for Mother Nature," by

Time Magazine, will perform.

Edward C. "Ned" Fritz, TCONR forest task force chairman, is Pow Wow coordinator.

The walks scheduled Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday morning will be led by experienced guides. Included are walks for children and youth, a view of the towering Cherrybark oak, early morning birding, a giant magnolia, and a walk with special wildflowers and vanishing plant associa-

tion. There will be walks identifying insects and fungi, and a walk to the lost falls on the Neches River. A Sunday morning walk will go to Longleaf Ridge where old pines, baygalls, the endangered Red-cockaded woodpeckers and big trees along the river are located.

Sunday at 1 p.m. a Catahoula Forest will be led by a guide of the Natural Area Preservation Association.

For Pow Wow information and brochure, call 214-368-1791 or write Texas Pow Wow, TCONR, 5934 Royal Lane, Suite 223, Dallas, Texas 75230. There is no Pow Wow registration fee, but campsite fees are payable to the U.S. Forest Service.

Sanders On Foundation

The Texas Historical Foundation welcomes its newest member of the Board of Directors, Ms. Christine Moor Sanders of Woodville. Ms. Sanders joined the Board of Directors in March of 1990. She is a fifth-generation Texan on both sides of her family.

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DETTA To Meet

The Deep East Texas Development Association, which marks its 30th anniversary this year, has a new headquarters site and a new group of officers.

The Association recently voted to move the DETDA headquarters site from San Augustine to Lufkin to be nearer the region's major governmental, educational and business functions.



Tony Bennett

DETTA's new address is at 515 South First, Lufkin, and its new telephone number is (409) 639-4744.

Tony Bennett of Diboll, president of DETDA for 1990, said the move was designed to help bring about revitalization of the association and its purposes.

"With a headquarters site in downtown Lufkin, we anticipate a much higher profile and a stronger awareness of the role DETDA plays in bringing about growth and progress for Deep East Texas," said Bennett.

DETTA's major objectives in 1990, said Bennett, will be to broaden its membership throughout the nine-county area; to establish an educational foundation, to increase DETDA's awareness among state officials and legislators in Austin, and to play a greater role in economic development.

The Association will continue to have monthly meetings in various communities throughout its region.

Other new DETDA officers are Gordon Steele of Lufkin, first vice-president, and Eugene Koci of Woodville, second vice-president. Bob Bowman of Lufkin will serve as secretary, succeeding Martha Buckner of San Augustine, who was recently honored by DETDA for her work. Donnie Henson of Newton is the outgoing DETDA president.

DETTA operates in Angelina, Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Sabine, Shelby, Polk, Newton, Jasper, and Tyler counties. It was established in 1960 with the purpose of bringing together regional leaders in behalf of economic growth, tourism promotion and other development objectives.

Don't Forget To Vote In Runoff Election Tuesday, April 10, 1990

Seitz' Add Son To Fold

The Rev. Mark and Kathleen Seitz are the proud parents of a second child, Matthew, born at 9:44 p.m. on Monday April 2, 1990 at Tyler County Hospital with Dr. Paula Schultz, in attendance.

The youngster arrived weighing in at 7 lbs 13 ozs. and was 20 inches in length.

Hospital Charge Nurse Nancy Rose was curious about why "THE BOOSTER" newspaper reporter was so interested in this particular child. "We deliver hundreds here," she said.

The reporter smiled and said "Why don't you ask the mother?"

"Two-year-old sister, Amy will welcome her brother home soon."



Mother Kathleen Seitz and Son, Matthew

Obituaries

Mary Frances Pearce

Mary Frances Pearce, 64, of Dan B, Texas died March 24, 1990. Services were held Thursday, March 29, 1990 at 2 p.m. in Edwards, Daniels, Stanley Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mark Seliz officiating. Final disposition will be in California. She was a native of Cassville, MO and lived in Tyler County since 1975. Survivors include her husband, Robert Pearce of Dan B; daughters, Betty Sevier, Sandra Ray and Roberta Ryan all of California; an Aunt, Ruth Terry of Oklahoma; an Aunt and Uncle, Charles & Hazel Martin of Arkansas; sister, Ella Mae Calder of West VA.; 7 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren.

Claud Everett Ashworth

Claud Everett Ashworth, 69, of Woodville died March 24, 1990 at Tyler County Hospital. Services were held March 26, 1990 at 2 p.m. in Edwards, Daniels, Stanley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Steve Benhall officiating. Burial was held at Mt Zion in Apply Springs, Texas. Mr. Parish was born in Lufkin, Texas and was employed as a Log Cutter. Survivors include his wife, Audrey Parish of Woodville; sons, James Parish Jr. and Larry Parish, Robert Parrish all of Woodville and Calvin Mosley of Lufkin; daughters, Delores Mosley of Athens, Tx., Beverly Morgan and Tammy Thurber both of Woodville; brothers, Joe Parrish and C. W. Parrish of Splendora; Jerry Parrish and George Parrish of Doucette; Reggie Leon Parrish of Ft. Accessibility, Louisiana and 3 grandchildren.

James Edward Parrish

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Ruth Ann Riley Parks

Funeral for Ruth Ann Riley Parks, 89, of Chester was held at 2 p.m. April 1, 1990 in the Chapel of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with the Rev's George Standlee and Bobby Franks officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Chester under the direction of Riley Funeral Home. Mrs. Parks was born May 19, 1900 in Chester and passed away March 29 at Tyler Co. Hospital in Woodville. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Parks. She was a lifelong resident of Chester and a member of the Caney Creek Baptist Church near Chester. Survivors include a daughter, Naomi Parks Howell of Chester and a son, Rudolph Parks of Chester. (4) Four Grandchildren; (10) Ten Great Grandchildren and (2) two Great-Great Grandchildren. Serving as pallbearers were: Roy Travis Josey, Lyndon Howell, W. J. Howell, Jr., John Wilson, Darrel W. Gray, Jr. and O. T. McLain. Honorary pallbearers were: Billy Anderson, David Howell, Jr., and Martie Lynn Franks II.

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Colmesneil Elementary Wins 1st At U.I.L.

Colmesneil Elementary won first place at the district U.I.L. literary meet last Saturday at Ewaldale. Junior High and High school won second place. First place winners in the elementary division were Jennifer Pittman; in dictionary skills (grades 5-6) Luke Wilkinson; in listening (grades 5-6) Joey Brown, Jennifer Pittman, Jeff Brown, Deborah Mashaw and Justin Mitcham; in team music memory with Joey Brown receiving a one hundred percent certificate for a perfect score.

Junior High first place winners are Vicki Wood, in modern oratory, and Rachel McKinney in poetry reading. Bringing home first place medals in high school are Chris Ilean, for science; Melissa Stewart,

for Shortband; Geary Bean for poetry reading; and Steven Graham, who won first in three events: Keyboarding, prose interpretation, and headline writing. Other elementary school winners are: Meghan Parker, second place in listening; Joey Brown, second place in dictionary skills; Deborah Mashaw third in calculator; June Waldrip, second in Oral reading; Amanda Fowler, third in oral reading; Wendy Bell, fourth in oral reading; Christy Adaway, third in storytelling; Amanda Thomas, fourth in listening skills; Meghan Parker placed second in listening skills; Meghan Parker placed second in listening skills; Meghan Parker placed third and fourth in spelling grades 3-4; Amanda Fowler, also won fourth place in ready writing.

Other Junior High winners are Rachel McKinney, second in impromptu speaking; Steven Graham, third in impromptu speaking; Katrina Dubois, fifth in modern oratory; Jessica Graham, fifth in oral reading; Vicki Wood, fourth in calculator; Carrie Patrick, third in spelling; Timothy Russell placed third in dictionary skills, and Jessica Graham placed fifth. Colmesneil One-Act Play, won and advanced to district. Larisa Porter was named best actress; Steven Graham was selected for the all star cast and Terri Broussard received honorable mention. In the district competition, Larisa Porter and Steven Graham were named to the all star cast, and Terri Broussard given honorable mention and Joe Broussard were awards.

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Shirley Ray Suiton of both Colmesneil and Pineda has been making and selling porcelain dolls for over a decade. Just recently she changed materials for doll making. Now she uses corn husks. She dyes each color used and creates each fashion. The American Indian dolls are exclusive originals.

Graham, Britnell On Presidents Honor Roll

Lance Graham, of Colmesneil and Phillip A. Britnell, of Woodville, is listed on the President's Honor Roll for the Winter Quarter at Texas State Technical Institute in Waco. Graham, a student in the Machine Shop Operation program, is the son of Dorothy F. Harroll of Woodville, and a graduate of Woodville High School. The President's honor roll is for students with a 4.0 grade point average.

Val is an art graduate of University of Houston, with merchandising experience. He opened the new business in the fall of 1989 and enjoyed his first rush season for Mardi Gras. Specializing in dance and party costumes and masks has proven quite successful for Val.

Margaret moved to Chester 16 years ago where she has kept her sewing machine and fingers busy with beautifully sewn fashions. They prefer working with man-made fibers to create comfortable and beautiful fashions.

For more information about the Waco campus, call the Admissions Office at 1-800-792-TSTL.

Shopping With Dee



Oh, what fun shopping and browsing will be on Saturday, April 7 on the Citizens State Bank's three parking areas. Nearly 200 arts and crafts vendors with practical and unique wares for sale.

Many of the craftspersons are Tyler Countians who work quietly at home - sewing, baking, sewing and painting. Doris Davis of Colmesneil, Jewel Poindexter of Doucette, Erlene Melancon of Spurger, June Reid of Colmesneil are only a few.

DOLLS by Shirley Ray

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Dogwood Country

River Bend Gets High Marks

The River Bend nuclear power plant received the highest possible performance ratings in three key categories—plant operations, radiological controls and emergency preparedness—in the latest "report card" from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

NRC officials who participated in the latest Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) review board had given the plant a lower rating in that area. The Category 1 rating means that GSU's attention and involvement are readily evident and place emphasis on superior performance of nuclear safety and that "a high level of performance... is being achieved."

Health Lecture

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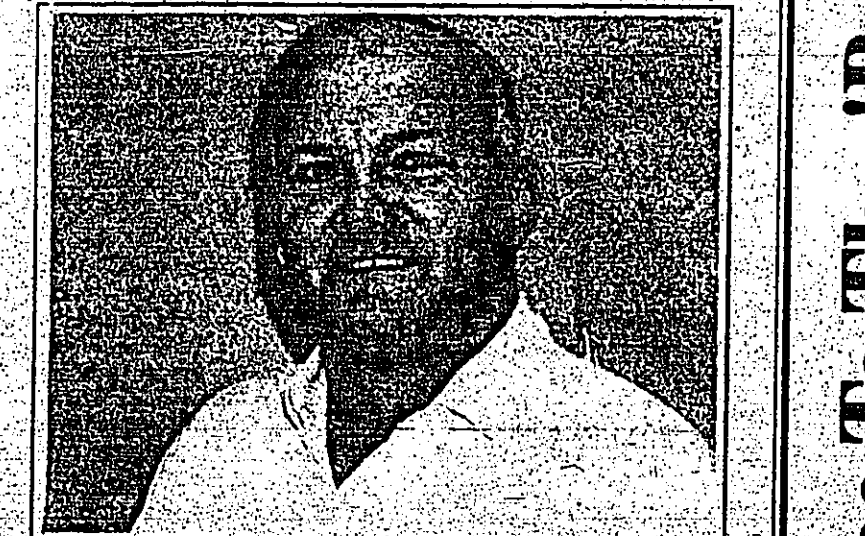
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To Be Wed

MATTHEWS-REYNOLDS TO WED-Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ballard of Beaumont and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matheaux of Port Arthur announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Lisa Ballard Reynolds to Mark Andrew Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Matthews of Warren. The wedding is set for April 7, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Anne's Catholic Church, Beaumont, Texas. Friends and Relatives are invited through the press.

Easter Cantata

The Choir of Bethel Baptist Church will present their annual Easter Cantata on Friday, April 13, at 7 p.m. and again during the 11:00 Worship Service Easter Sunday Morning.

The Cantata, "The Day He Wore My Crown" was created and arranged by David Clydesdale and features more than a dozen beautiful resurrection songs written by some of Gospel's greatest talents such as Dallas Holm's "Calvary" as viewed by Peter and the Woman at the Well; Dottie Rambo's "Behold, The Lamb" "Comerstone" by Lari Goss and the title song by

Philo Johnson. Ernie Overstreet, Music Director, said, "This Cantata represents our most challenging endeavor. Our Choir has spent countless hours in practice and others have worked diligently in creating costumes for the drama and I am very pleased with their progress. It's a beautiful story and the thrill of presentation almost makes all the work seem insignificant."

The public is invited to either or both presentations. Bethel Baptist Church is located on Farm Road 1943 West on block off US 69 in Warren. The Rev. Larry Shine is Pastor.



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Highway Contracts Total \$223,000

In its continuing effort to pump more money into local economies, the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation has announced the issuance of more than \$223,000 in local maintenance contracts this year in Tyler County.

The Highway Department contracts presently under way in Tyler County include roadside mowing and placement of seal coat. The Highway Department realizes the importance of making the effort to insure that tax dollars find their way back into the local economy at the local level," said Franklin Young, district engineer for the eight county Beaumont district which includes Tyler County.

Young adds, "The benefits to the State for using smaller, local contractors to conduct maintenance operations lie in the added flexibility the program provides to the Department and in insuring the least possible cost to taxpayers. Benefits to the local community lie in the realization of a steady in-

flux of tax dollars into their local economy."

The 71st Legislature mandated that the Highway Department allot 25% of its budget for maintenance work to contractors. Statewide, it is anticipated that the Department will spend approximately \$108 million on maintenance contracts in FY 1990. The eight county Beaumont district is doing even more. Currently the district, which includes Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, and Orange counties as well as Tyler, has 28% of its budget for maintenance work under contract.

Even though the Highway Department is meeting its goal, Southeast Texas contractors are encouraged to continue inquiring about upcoming maintenance work. Interested contractors may place themselves on a bidder's list by contacting the Beaumont district offices' Maintenance Section at (409)892-7311.

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Antiques DOGWOOD & ANTIQUES-CLEARANCE: Pine Harvest Table was \$225 now \$175; Mahogany Trunk was \$225 now 150; 2 Queen Anne Walnut Chairs (refinished) were \$95ea now \$45ea; Walnut Queen Anne Drop Leaf Table was \$295 now \$195; Walnut Chest was \$175 now \$125; Primitive Washstand was \$80 now \$60; Oak Kitchen Cabinet was \$125 now \$90. 106 S. Charlton. 283-7842. (11-TFN-NC)

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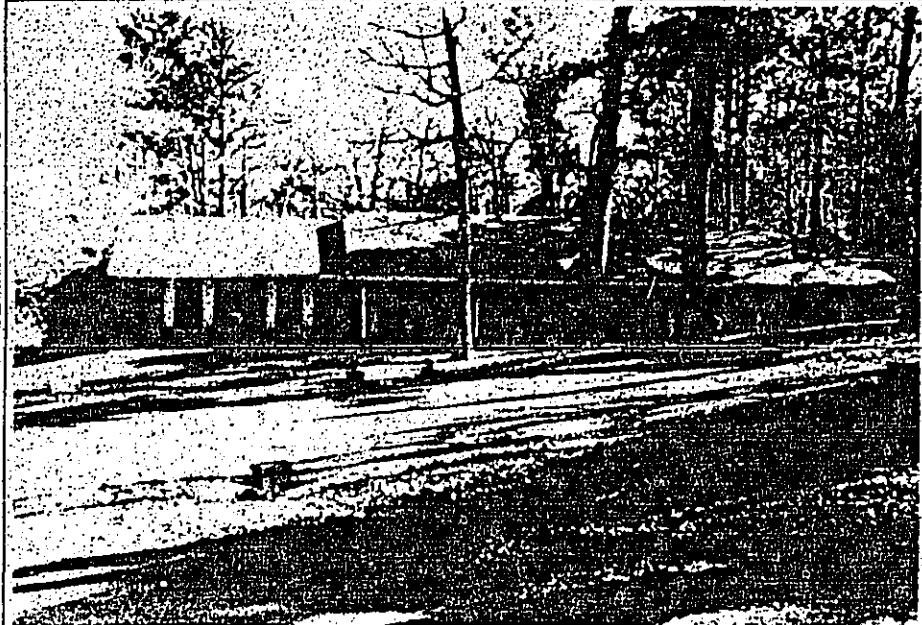
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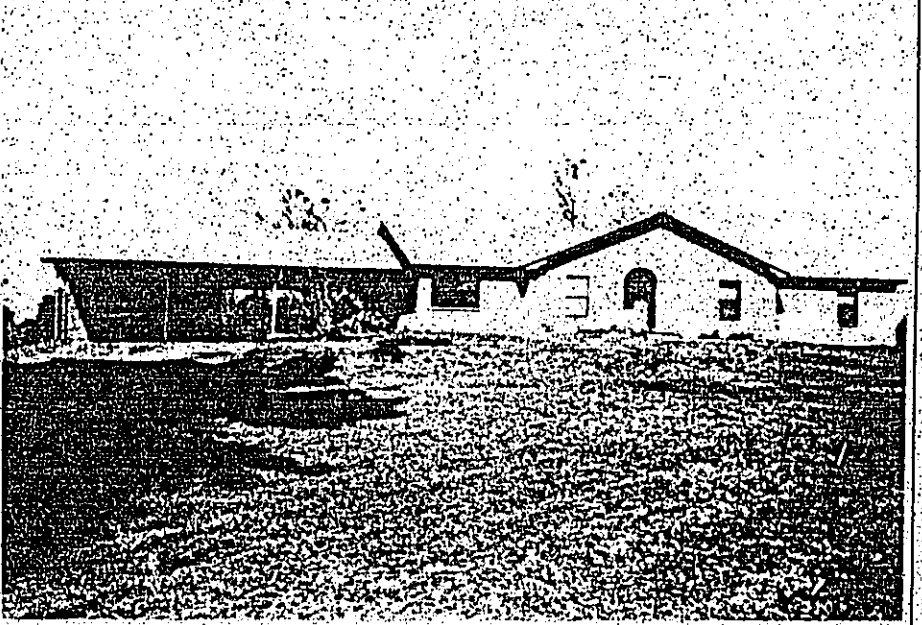
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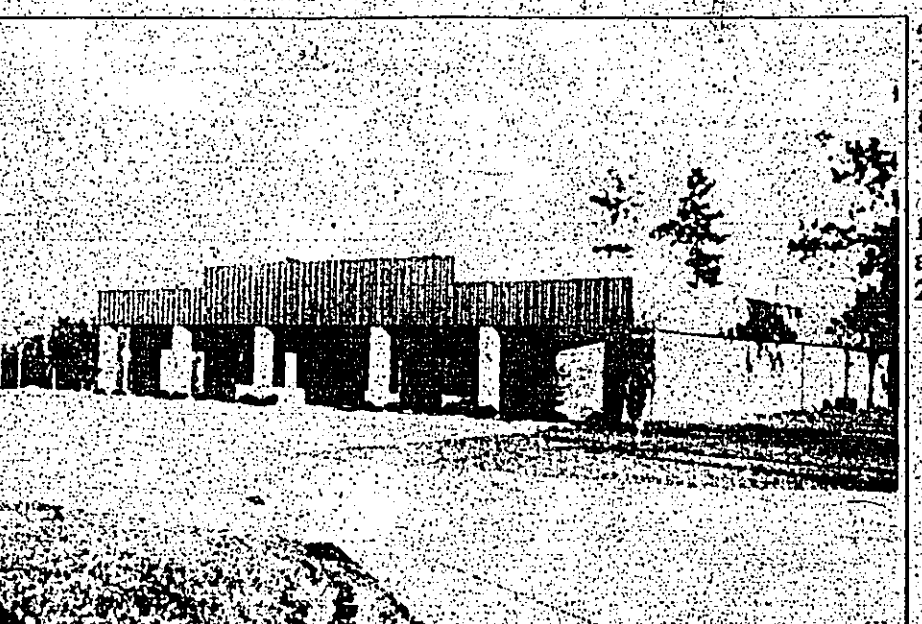
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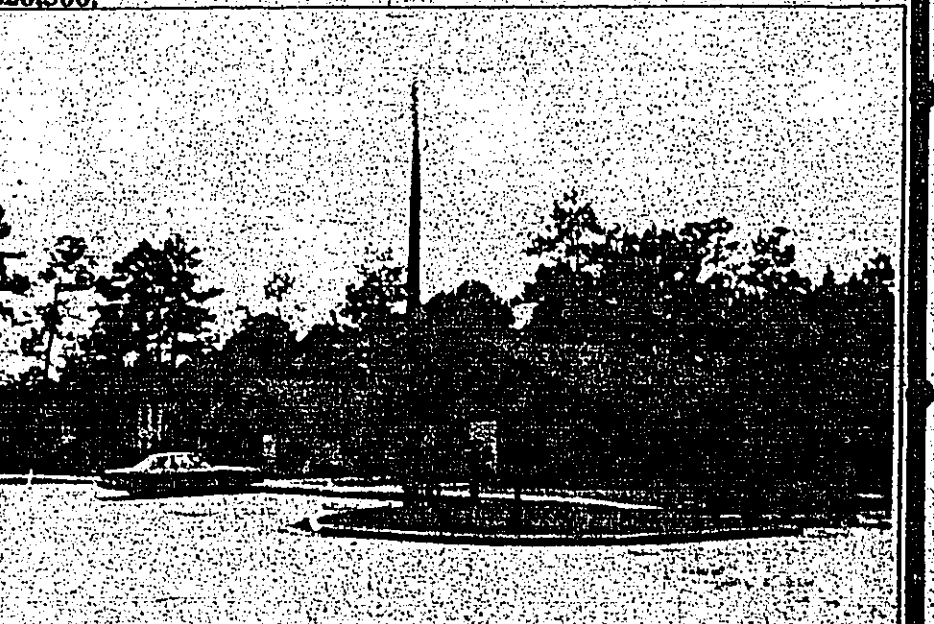
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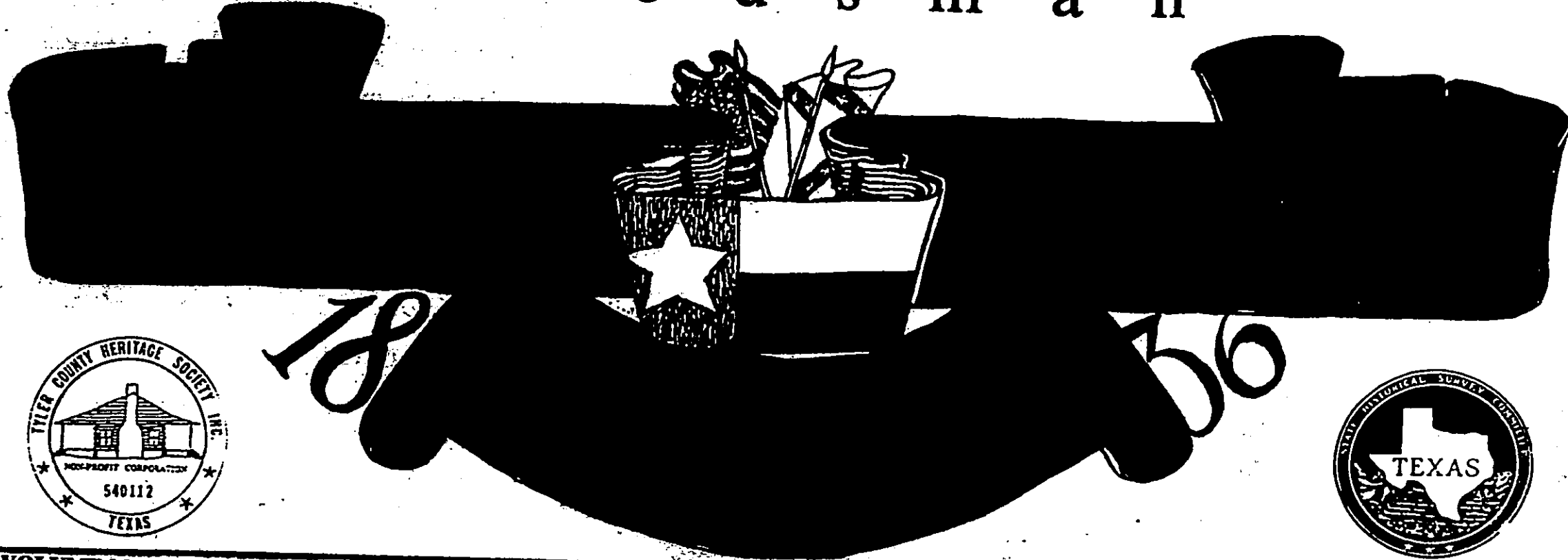
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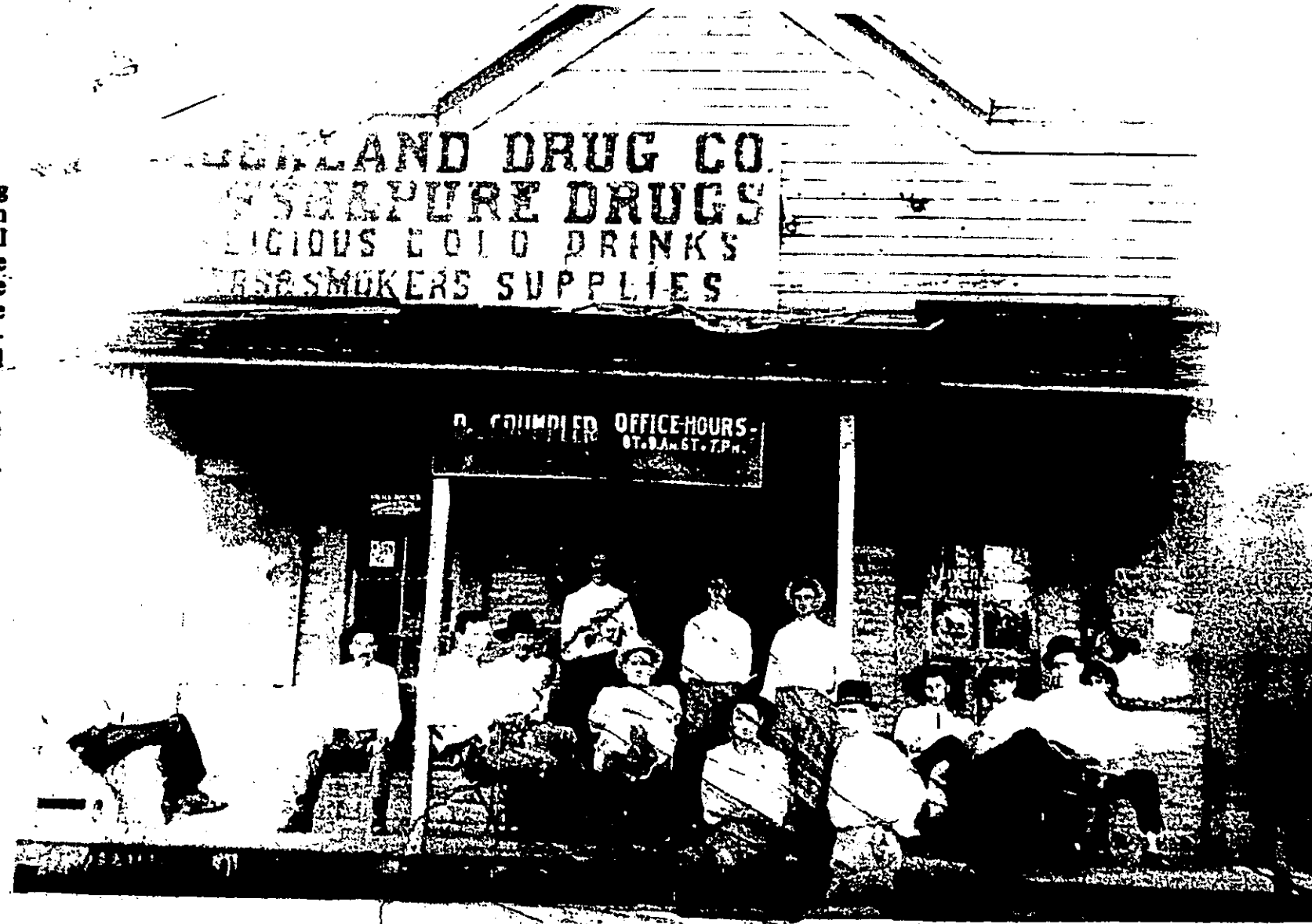
Fifty years seems like a long long time, but those who have worked with the Tyler County Dogwood Festival for almost that long say the years have fairly flown by, as they recall the various events, the flowerful floats, the lavish historical pageants and the procession of beautiful girls who have vied for Dogwood Queen.

And so it's Dogwood Time again in Woodville, time for the world to see Tyler County at its springtime loveliest. Time to rejoice in the fun of an old time parade, complete with clowns and cycle riders, that brings out the best of communities throughout East Texas. Time for visitors and homefolks alike to relive part of Tyler County's fascinating history during the longest running outdoor pageant in the South.

The idea of a dogwood festival started in the spring of 1938, when the later J. E. Wheat invited some state highway dignitaries to meet him at the Polk and Tyler County line to solicit their support in getting Highway 190 extended through Woodville and beyond. The result of this meeting was much more than a highway and eventually a bridge across the Neches River, both of which did come to pass.

At the time of the visit, the dogwoods were in bloom and the forests ablaze with delicate white blossoms peaking out from the pine forests. And, just as it is today, the visitors were impressed, so impressed that Wheat thought, why not let the whole state know about what we have to offer in Tyler County. Why not have a festival to salute this phenomenon of spring?

And so he presented the idea to town leaders, got the support of the



THE EARLY DAYS OF ROCKLAND—The historic community of Rockland in northern Tyler County will be the focus of the annual Tyler County Dogwood Historical Pageant. The pageant, "The Sound of the Whistle—Sawmills and Railroads" will be presented in the Dogwood Amphitheater at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 7.

townspeople, and the idea of a Dogwood Festival was off and running. The first Festival took place in 1940 with a pageant playing to about 300 visitors.

Today, thousands of visitors come to Tyler County on the first Saturday

of April to witness this harbinger of spring, which includes a 5K Fun Run, an Antique and Classic Car Show, a fabulous parade that is as colorful as any you'll ever see anywhere, and an Arts and Crafts Fair that takes over the downtown area. Climaxing the day is a

colorful outdoor pageant beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Dogwood Amphitheater, during which the Dogwood Queen is crowned.

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Sanders To Serve On Texas Historical Foundation Board

Christine Sanders, who has served as president of the Tyler County Heritage Society for the past three years, has been asked to serve on the Board of Directors of the Texas Historical Foundation. Her first meeting will be held on April 13-14 at Columbus.

Garden Tours Offered By McFaddin-Ward House

BEAUMONT—Garden tours of the McFaddin-Ward House grounds will be conducted on the first and third Wednesdays of April, May and June.

The garden tours, which do not include a tour of the historic house, will be offered at 1:15 and 2:45 p.m. and will

begin at the Visitor Center at Third and Calder with a showing of the MWH garden slide show.

No admission is charged, and reservations are not necessary except for groups. For more information, call (409) 832-2134.

★ Festival Celebrates

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Rockland Theme of Pageant Theme of this year's historical pageant will be the once flourishing village of Rockland, which is located a mile off Highway 69 North, just before it crosses the Neches River.

The village that once boasted two hotels, nine stores, two doctors, two drug stores, a livery stable, dance hall, round house and a shop where trains were repaired, quietly supports only a post office and a Baptist Church.

Rockland was at the end of the T&NO line during those early days. Folks either worked for the railroad or the Cameron Mill, which built hundreds of houses for their mill workers. After the mill closed, jobs could be found for a number of years at the quarry just across the river. The men travelled to work on the Rockland Ferry, which continued to operate

across the Neches until the highway bridge was built in 1931.

Aloha Freeland, whose school teacher husband also pastors the Rockland Baptist Church, where she plays the organ and teaches Sunday School, is the author of this year's pageant, which will have a cast of approximately 200 Tyler Countians.

This year's Dogwood festivities will start on Thursday, April 5, with a three day Carnival and Mini-Midway at Eagle Stadium on Pecan Street. On Saturday, a 3.1 mile 5K Fun Run will begin at 8 a.m. at Hennigan Park, two miles west of downtown Woodville, an Arts and Crafts Fair at 9 a.m., Car Show at 10:00 a.m., and Parade at 2:00 p.m. Coronation of the Queen and the historical pageant will begin at 7:30 p.m. As usual, the day will end with an impressive fireworks display.

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Tyler County Community Calendar

APRIL 4-6
HERITAGE VILLAGE MUSEUM. Bessie Maddox of Spurger, quilting in Whitmeyer Library.

APRIL 5-7
CARNIVAL & MINI-MIDWAY. Eagle Park on Elm Street. Evenings only, Thursday and Friday; All day & evening, Saturday.

APRIL 7
EAST TEXAS BLACKSMITH ALLIANCE. Gathering at the Forge, 9 a.m.; Heritage Village Museum. Topic, Knife making with Ken Fortenberry.

47th ANNUAL DOGWOOD FESTIVAL IN WOODVILLE.
8:00 A.M. - 3.1 5K FUN RUN begins at Hennigan Park, two miles west of Woodville. Entrance fees: \$8. Adults, \$5, High School and Younger.

9:00 A.M. - ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR, sponsored by Business & Professional Women's Club, downtown Woodville.

10:00 A.M. - ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW, on the square.

2:00 P.M. DOGWOOD PARADE travels east on Highway 190 through downtown Woodville, north on Highway 69.

7:30 P.M. - PRESENTATION OF QUEEN'S COURT, CORONATION OF QUEEN AND HISTORICAL PAGEANT, Dogwood Amphitheatre. Reserved seating: \$6 & \$4.50. Tickets available at downtown merchants or at gate.

APRIL 7-14
ARCHEOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK, kicks off month-long series of programs and exhibits at Heritage Village Museum.

APRIL 14
2:00 P.M. HERITAGE VILLAGE. Talk by Dr. James Corbin, Professor of Archeology, Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches.

APRIL 10-MAY 20
EXHIBIT FROM TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, Heritage Village Museum. Open 7 days a week, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

APRIL 21
BIG THICKET DAY, BIG THICKET MUSEUM, Saratoga.

2:00 P.M. FLINT KNAPPER RON BRANEFF. Exhibit and demonstration, Heritage Village Museum.

APRIL 22
2:00 P.M. DR. BRIAN BABIN, Heritage Village Museum. Talk and exhibit of archeological finds in East Texas. Bring your findings in for identification.

APRIL 27-28
2:00 P.M. JACK WHITMEYER, Heritage Village Museum. Exhibit from his extensive collection of prehistoric findings. Bring your findings in for identification.

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Pre-History Unravels In Tyler County

By Anne Garner

Prehistoric Indians roamed Tyler County perhaps as many as ten to twelve thousand years ago. Archeologists recently discovered a prehistoric Indian campsite along Turkey Creek, just north of Woodville. Who were these first Americans? What were they like? From where did they come? To whom did they bequeath their way of life?

Dr. James E. Corbin, the archeologist who surveyed the site, says that Indians may have occupied the floodplain of Turkey Creek on this site sometime from 500 B.C. through 500 to 800 A.D. In prehistoric times Tyler County was a transition area between Northeast Texas Indian culture, mostly agricultural Caddos, and the Upper Texas Coast or Southeast Texas Indian culture, predominantly Atakapan hunters. Both Caddos and Atakapans ventured into the area although it was not in the usual range of their habitation.

In the latter part of this period, a change from hunting and gathering to agriculture took place in northeast and east Texas among the Indians. The change did not occur even at the beginning of the historic period along the coast. According to Dr. Corbin, the significance of the Woodville site, that qualifies for State Archeological Landmark status, is that it falls within that period. Who lived along Turkey Creek?

Caddos? Atakapans? Others?

Only archeological examination of remains where the ancient Indians lived can provide any answers. Dr. Corbin says further excavations are scheduled to begin on the site within the next several weeks. "Dates are difficult to set and are flexible with only surface excavations," he says. No radio-carbon dating has been done yet.

Tyler County resident, Jack Whitmeyer, says there are tremendous numbers of artifacts in the county from the Paleo-Indian Period that began approximately 10,000 B.C. and the Archaic Period that dates back to 6,000 B.C.

Mr. Whitmeyer, a part-time resident of Tyler County from 1951 to 1971 and a full-time resident since then, has knowledge about history and archeology of this area stored in his mind like barrels in a ship's hull. "I have 400 to 500 projectile points from around Dam B from the Paleo Period," he says. "A little girl, one of our Junior Historians, recently kicked up a point about four, five, or six thousand years old on a trail right behind Pickett House."

Artifacts are scattered all around Tyler County, according to Whitmeyer. "I know a man that has a good half of a prehistoric rhinoceros and have word of a man who has one of the little three-toed horses that came from behind the church at Moss Hill," he says. "On some big rock boulders along a little

creek in the same area, there are marine fossils, [fossils of prehistoric] camels, rhinos, turtles, and everything else," he adds.

Prehistoric Indians lived in East Texas during the time that Aztec, Maya, and Inca empires reached their zeniths farther south. "I have one point highly reminiscent of South American points. It could have been accidentally made that way, or it could have been traded up here," Whitmeyer says.

Archeology in East Texas remains undeveloped. Although only one site has been excavated, 38 archeological sites have been marked and recorded in Tyler County. The recent discovery is recorded as 41TR38. Scientists in the U.S. use a special system for numbering sites although some are given names also. As one of the fifty states, Texas is assigned the number 41. TR is the abbreviation for Tyler County, and 38 indicates the site's sequence in being discovered and recorded.

The Texas Antiquities Act, passed in 1969, requires a professional archeological survey and excavations of significant sites that lie in the path of public construction projects, such as highway construction, utility construction, mining and coastal development, and reservoir projects construction. Woodville city authorities were following that law when they called in experts to check out public utility construction

areas near Turkey Creek where site 41TR38 was discovered.

In order to understand Indian culture, it is necessary to know something of the past. Who can fathom the ways of a frog unless he knows it spent part of its life as a tadpole or appreciate a butterfly

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without recognizing that it metamorphosed in a cocoon from a caterpillar?

During the last great Ice Age, when much of the earth's water was frozen in huge masses of glaciers, the water level of the seas lowered. About 40,000 years ago, a land bridge, as much as 1,000 miles across at its widest point, appeared between Siberia in Asia and Alaska in North America, called the Bering Strait land bridge. People in Asia followed herds of big-horned bison, shaggy mammoths, sabertooth tigers, and other animals across the bridge into North America. The ancient hunters are called Paleo-Indians. Scientists believe Paleo-Indians first arrived in North America about 13,000 years ago, just before the land bridge disappeared under water. [Some experts say they came earlier.] Spreading across the continent, Paleo-Indians arrived in Texas about 12,000 years ago. Some migrated farther southward until they reached South America.

According to the State Historical Commission, the Paleo-Indian Period covered from 10,000 B.C. to 6,000 B.C. Paleo-Indians banded together in small groups, moving from camp to camp in search of food, probably moving around in the same area year after year. They relied mostly on big-game hunting for food, but they also hunted smaller game and gathered wild plant foods. The spear was their most important weapon.

The Archaic Period dates from 6,000 B.C. to A.D. 500. During Archaic times,

people depended more on plants and smaller game animals for a food supply because most of the large game animals that Paleo-Indians had hunted were now extinct. The projectile points that Archaic peoples made for their darts and spears are different from earlier kinds. An Archaic point has a stem at the base and is crafted in many different styles. Because plant foods were an important part of people's diet, grinding tools called the mano and metate are common in Archaic sites. Pit ovens were commonly used to bake plant roots, and these ovens survive today as features that are called burned rock middens.

Sometime after A.D. 500, new tools and new ways of producing food changed the lifestyles of people in Texas. During the Late Prehistoric Period from A.D. 500 to 1500, introduction of agriculture led to village settlements. Pottery and arrowpoints are the main indicators of the Late Prehistoric Period. Although some groups settled in permanent villages, many Texas Indians continued their nomadic lifeway, living much as they had lived in Archaic times.

The Historic Period began in Texas with the arrival of the Spanish in 1500. The introduction of guns and horses, competition for land, and the appearance of new diseases altered forever the lives of native Texans. Although there are many Texans of Indian descent, only three groups live in the state today—the Alabama-Coushatta, the Tigua, and the Kickapoo.

When archeologists study the remains of the past culture of a people, they do not simply search for artifacts. They examine all of the evidence—flint flakes, burned rock, broken pots and tools, discarded food bones, and even pollen from plants, left behind by the hundreds of generations of people who lived before. Neither do archeologists excavate every site in Texas. On the contrary, they tend to retain as many sites as possible as undisturbed scientific and cultural preserves, much as scientists seek to preserve wilderness areas.

Work performed in the field is only a fraction of the time consumed in an archeological investigation. Researchers spend long hours in special treatment and cataloging of artifacts, in laboratory analysis, and in report writing. Geologists, geologists, paleontologists, architects, anthropologists, historians, physicists, cultural geographers, bone experts, biochemists, and even computer wizards collaborate with archeologists to unravel mysteries of past civilizations.

A site may be as big as a village where hundreds of people once lived for generations or as small as a camp where a few hunters stopped for a short time. Before archeologists excavate a site, it is recorded and photographed carefully. Then surveyors make an accurate map of the site. Next, an archeologist uses wooden stakes and string to divide the site into measured squares or grids that help him keep accurate records of exactly

where things are found. Only then is he ready to excavate.

He digs in a grid square on the surface and in carefully measured levels downward, mapping the artifacts as they appear in place in each level. The dirt removed from each level of each square is sifted through a wire screen. For each level throughout the excavation, the archeologist keeps complete and careful notes on small objects such as flakes of flint or beads-trapped on the screen as the dirt falls through.

Large objects, like hide-scraping tools, often are found where they were left long ago, but they may be covered by several feet of dirt. To uncover the artifacts, the scientist digs with a trowel and brush, being just as careful to properly excavate a broken projectile point or a fragment of a pot as a whole artifact.

Each artifact that is discovered in place in the ground is carefully measured, recorded, and placed in a labeled bag. The label on the bag shows the site number, when and where the object was found, and who found it. Objects found on the screen also are bagged and labeled.

Archeologists are specially trained to search for answers to questions: How did this get here? When was it made? How was it made? What was it made from? How was it used? Who made it? Why was it discarded?

Even the soil in a site can hold

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Village Holds Archeology Month In April

In recognition of Archeology Awareness Week, April 7-14, Heritage Village Museum will present a series of special archeological programs and exhibits throughout the month, beginning on Saturday, April 14.

On that date at 2:00 p.m., James Corbin, Professor of Archeology at Stephen F. Austin University, will talk about the significance of recent archeological finds in Woodville. The site was uncovered in February during a survey made by the Water Development Board prior to the digging of a new waste water line for Keller Industries.

What the development board's archeologist saw in the first few shovels full of dirt, taken from the site near Tyler County's Turkey Creek, was enough to call in Dr. Corbin. In addition to his teaching duties at SFA in

Nacogdoches, Corbin has been serving as an independent archeological consultant for various industrial projects for the past 20 years. His first such experience was during the two years he spent as an archeological surveyor for the Alaskan Pipe Line.

According to Corbin, the Woodville site does not have the necessary requirements for National Historical status but does qualify as a Texas Archeological Landmark. Work on the sewer line will probably continue at either end, he said, while an archeologist is selected to supervise the site excavation.

A graduate of the University of Texas, where he received his BA degree in Anthropology, and Washington State University, where he earned his PHD, Corbin first became interested in archeology as a teenager in his home

town of Ingleside, Texas. The local preacher, who was a pre-history buff, subscribed to *Archaeology Magazine*, which he passed along to his young friend. Corbin says he read each issue from cover to cover, many times over.

The public is invited to come to the Village at 2:00 p.m. April 14 and hear Dr. Corbin's fascinating talk on the importance of archeological surveys.

Exhibit From Austin
For a month, beginning April 20, Heritage Village Museum will display a 6 panel, 12 sided traveling exhibit assembled by the Texas Archeological Society. This exhibit, which will be

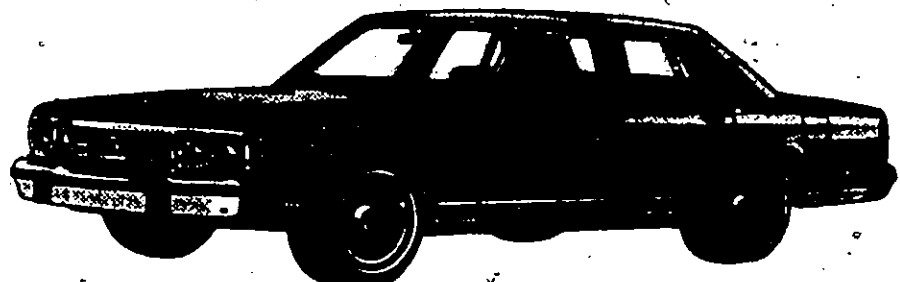
coming to Woodville from The Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, will include photographs, drawings, artifacts and text, all giving evidence of the habitation of Texas 12,000 years ago.

Flint Knapping
On Saturday afternoon, April 21, Ron Braniff, a flint knapper from Vidor, will be in the Village Museum Store beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Braniff will demonstrate his arrowhead making skills and show part of his personal collection of artifacts found in East Texas and Louisiana.

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★ **Pre-History** (From Page 4)

answers. Ashes in the soil show where a fire once burned. A place where many flint flakes are found can tell where tools were made, and the decayed remains of a post may show where a house once stood. Special samples of soil are studied to see if pollen from plants, bits of charcoal, and other material are present. All of these are clues that help to date and identify the people who lived at the site.

When the excavation is finished, the artifacts, special samples, and records are taken to a laboratory. The artifacts are washed and catalogued, and each ob-

ject is given a special number that tells exactly where it was found. Then the archeologist studies the artifacts and other clues to ascertain how a people lived many years ago. As a final step, he shares his information by writing a report.

For many Tyler County folks, the life and customs of our Indian predecessors is a romantic and fascinating subject. Perhaps Site 41TR38 will help us to uncover new truths about the ancient peoples.



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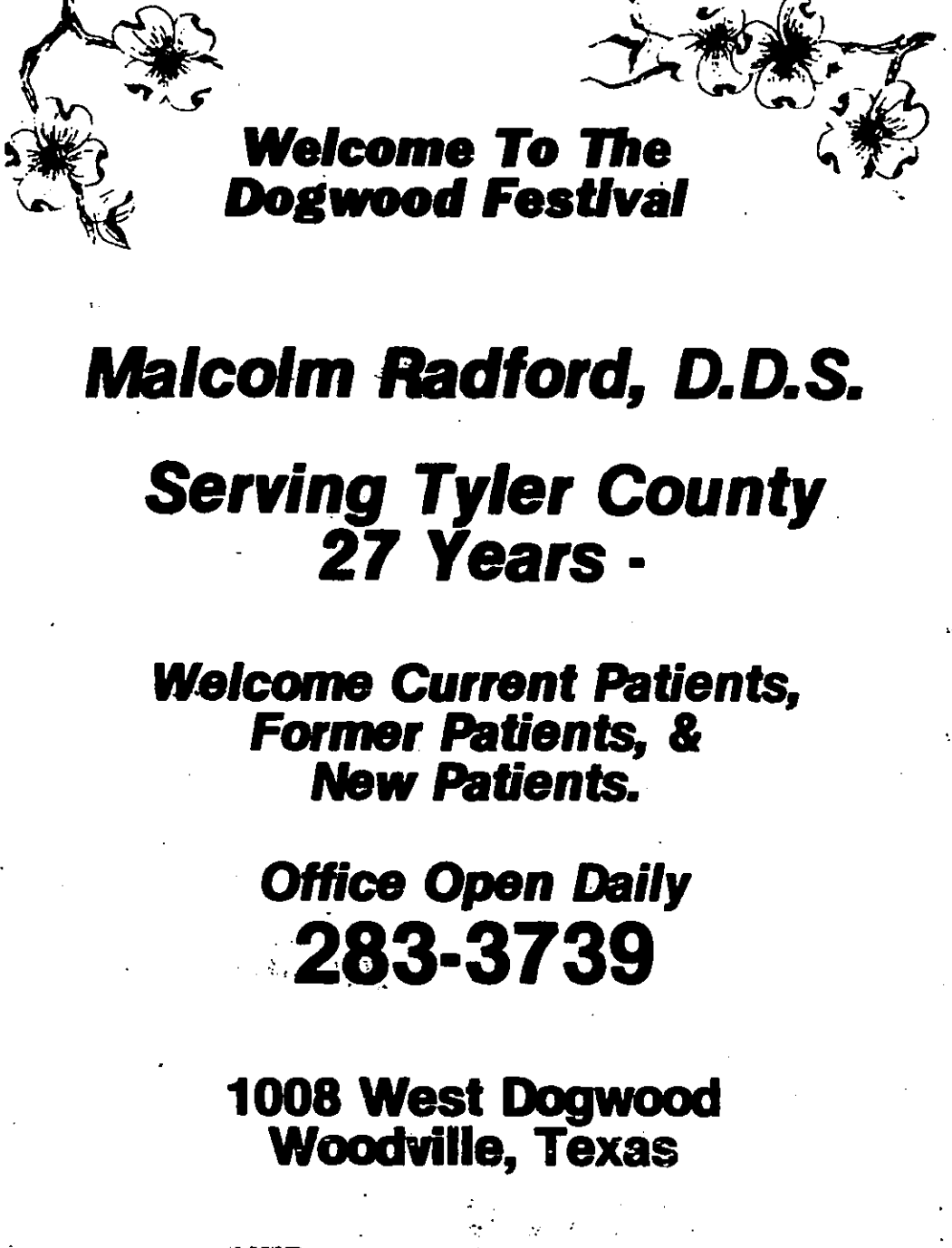
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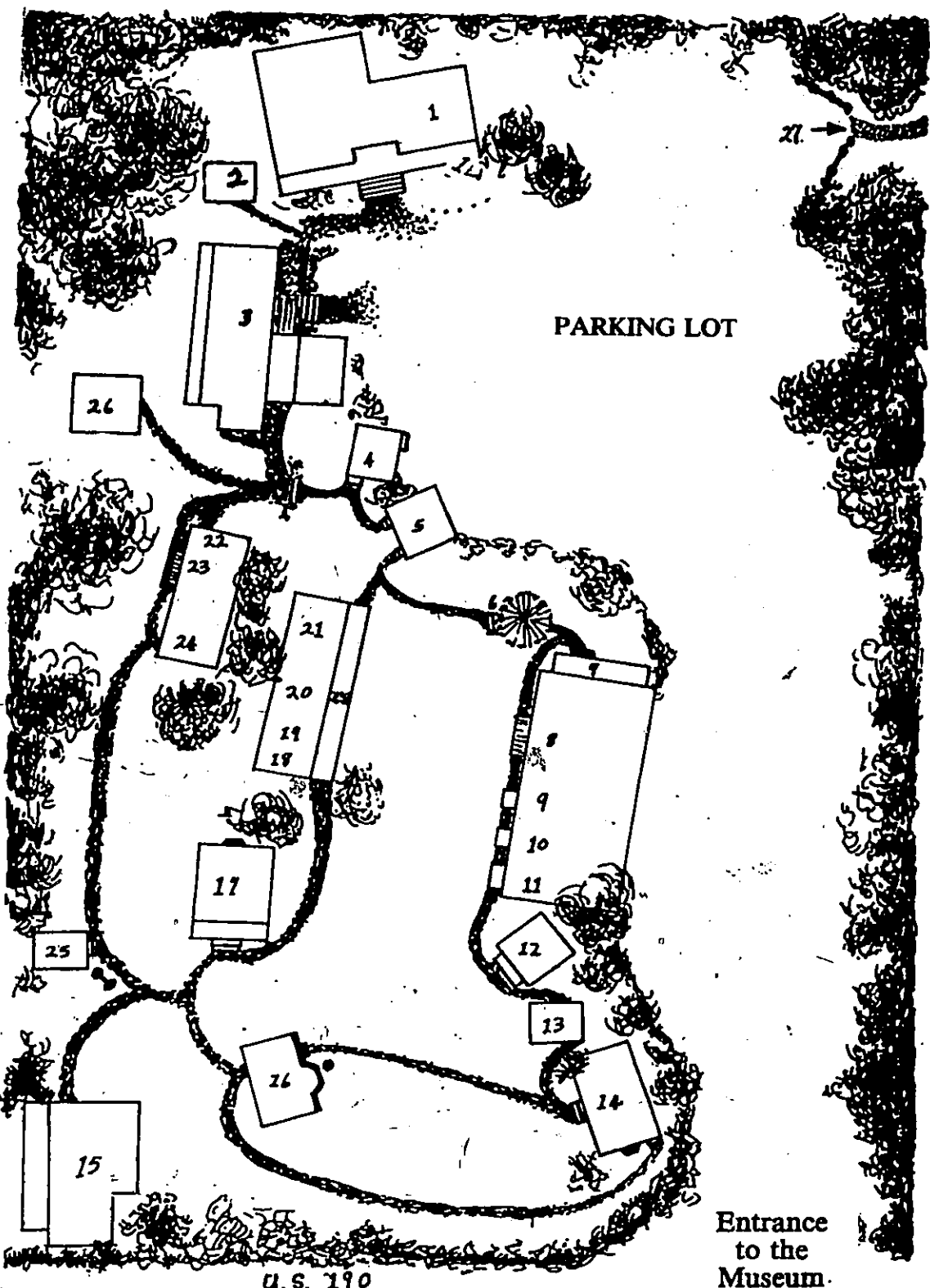
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Heritage Village Museum: A Unique Collection Of Early Tyler County Artifacts

1. **PICKETT HOUSE:** Country cook served Boarding House style. Open daily.
2. **CORN HUSK CORNER:** Judy Walls' exquisite corn husk creations, dolls and ornaments, are made, displayed and sold here. Each of her period dolls are carefully researched to dress and culture to make them true and valuable collectibles.
3. **MUSEUM STORE:** Enter the Village proper through this store, which features a unique collection of fine hand made crafts, including dolls, quilts and a variety of wood work items. The Store also carries the best selection of books on Texas history in the area.
4. **JEWELRY SHOP:** Custom jewelry designer John Killam demonstrates his artistry for Village visitors.
5. **JUSTICE OF THE PEACE:** In the old days, the JP's duties included assisting in g. minerals as well as performing n. r. 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:** 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 and other treasures.
8. **TEXAS TRIANGLE FACTORY:** The traditional triangle, which rang across pioneer lands both as an alarm and a chow time "come 'n get it," is made here for sale at Heritage Village and around the world.
9. **POST OFFICE:** Willie Reinhardt was the last postmaster of the Pluck Post Office, once located near Corrigan. Of special interest is the Spencerian script on the wall, a common style in the old days.
10. **BARBER SHOP:** In this 100 year old Barber Shop, you had your choice of two chairs, which could be laid back and revolved, but not raised and lowered. And you could take a bath in the 1836 copper tub, which once belonged to a Jefferson, Texas, blacksmith.
11. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL:** Every town had one.
12. **BLACKSMITH SHOP:** In use in Colmesneil in the late 1800s, this shop is now the home of the East Texas Blacksmiths Alliance. Village Blacksmiths fire up the forge most weekends 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. Horses or mules were used to turn the grinders through which sugar cane was squeezed before the slow process of cooking the cane juice to produce a delectable syrup. In the shed, you'll see a wagon used for freight between Woodville and Beaumont, 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



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15. **BIG HOUSE:** Treasures galore were once displayed in this building, which housed the original Village entrance and shop. It is now used for storage, but plans are under way to replace it with a temperature controlled facility for delicate textiles and treasured old documents.
16. **RAILROAD STATION:** Materials for this depot came from the 1890 station in Hillister. The loop hanging on the wall
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. No visitor to the Village should miss this fine collection of interesting 19th century items.
18. **COTTON GIN:** This machinery was

19. **APOTHECARY:** In an old time drug store, only prescriptions and home remedy materials were sold. The prescription counter is from a drug store in Rockland, which is now nearly a ghost town but was once the thriving terminus of the railroad from Beaumont.
20. **PHYSICIANS OFFICE:** This typical doctor's office of the late 19th century 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. 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:** Musical history memorabilia from the collection of Bubba Voss of Orange has been increased to include old sheet music donated by Fred Bennett of Woodville. Don't miss the early phonograph display.
23. **SEAMSTRESS SHOP:** Recreation of an 1875-85 Shop, which was, in its day, a genteel 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 in the period.
24. **LEATHER SHOP:** Saddles, boots and shoes were made here.
25. **LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE:** This typical one-room school house is where all grades were taught by one teacher. Older students were pressed into service to help the younger ones. The plantation bell outside was used to call the students to class.
26. **CANTILEVERED LOG BARN:** This 140 year old log barn once belonged to the family of famous East Texan John Henry Kirby at Peach Tree Village near Chester. It was moved log by log to Heritage Village, where it has been rebuilt by Village volunteers.
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.

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Heritage Village Wins Awards

by Marjorie Schultz

At Heritage Village and wherever the Tyler County Heritage Society strives to preserve our history, we know that volunteers are one of our most important assets.

Well, at long last, those assets are being recognized by the American Museum Volunteers of Texas. Presentation of the award will be made at The Texas Association of Museum's annual meeting in Lubbock April 4-7.

Accepting the award on behalf of these selfless workers will be Christine Sanders, who as the Society's president for the past three years has led the pack in giving of her time and her talents. Unfortunately, it will also cause her to miss her first Dogwood Pageant ever.

According to Christine, volunteers gave 31,500 hours to the Heritage Society last year. And although she worked many volunteer hours herself to come up with that total, we frankly think she may be short a couple of thousand hours short, but it's hard to tell. Volunteers are too busy to keep track of their time.

Whatever the total, we know the Society and Heritage Village just couldn't do without them. Volunteers are the backbone of any worthwhile organization, and we're glad they are being recognized collectively if not individually.

But then, all of Tyler County is to be congratulated. Because of the support of the entire community, the Tyler County

Heritage Society has been selected to receive two prestigious awards from the Texas Historical Commission. These awards will be presented at the Annual Historic Preservation Conference in Abilene on April 27.

The Tyler County Junior Historian Program, which is sponsored by the Society, is being honored as the Outstanding Educational Program, and last October's enormously successful Harvest Festival at the Village was chosen for Outstanding Community Involvement.

Everyone who worked on either of these projects should take a bow. And special thanks to Christine Sanders for submitting these projects for consideration.

Christine, by the way, is conducting a series of informal history classes at the Village, including the history of the Tyler County Historical Commission, the Heritage Society and Heritage Village Museum.

The second of these meetings took place last Thursday morning, and those attending viewed the new 30-second video on the Village, which was recently released by Forest Glen Productions in Austin.

Anyone interested in learning more about our history is invited to attend these sessions. For more information as to time and place, just give us a call at the Village.

This Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Bessie Maddox will be set up in the



Marjorie Schultz

Whitmeyer Library at the Village, quilting away on one of those marvelous tops pieced from squares that Houstonian Lorraine Allen's great grandmother left her in an old cheese box. They are beautiful, and Bessie's quilting skills are something to see. Lorraine and her mother, Ruth James, will both be on hand to see what Bessie has done.

Bessie, of course, is our wonderful Spurger lady, who does all that fine work on the quilts we sell right here in the Village.

Also on April 6, the visiting Dogwood Duchesses, their parents and escorts will be guests of Heritage Village Museum, eating lunch at the Pickett House and touring the Village.

Also guesting that same day will be five young men from southwest Holland, which make up a Group Study Exchange Team sponsored by the Woodville Rotarians. With their Team Leader, who is a Rotarian, these young men are visiting the 42 clubs in the Eastern District of Texas.

On April 7 the East Texas Blacksmith Alliance will meet at the Village for their monthly Gathering At The Forge. The topic will be knife making with master knife maker Ken Fortenberry as their leader. All interested blacksmiths and the general public are invited to come to the Village on the morning of April 7 to see these craftsmen in action.

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★ Archeology Month (From Page 5)

Babin April 22

Whitmeyer April 27

On Sunday, April 22, at 2:00 p.m., Dr. Brian Babin, one of Tyler County's two well known amateur archeologists, will present part of his extensive collection of over 500 prehistoric artifacts during a program at Heritage Village Museum.

One of the newest appointees to the Texas Historical Commission, Babin will talk about his collection, the wheres and hows of finding certain items, and answer questions about Tyler County's earliest residents. Amateur collectors or anyone who has a possible archeological find, is invited to bring that find to the Village that day for identification and/or verification.

On Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, Jack Whitmeyer, a member of the Board of Directors of the Tyler County Heritage Society and a well known and respected amateur archeologist, will bring part of his personal collection of prehistoric artifacts to the Village, where he will talk about his finds and answer questions.

Whitmeyer will also be happy to help identify and verify items brought to the Village on either of those afternoons, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend any or all of these informative programs and demonstrations at the Village during April. There is no charge, of course.

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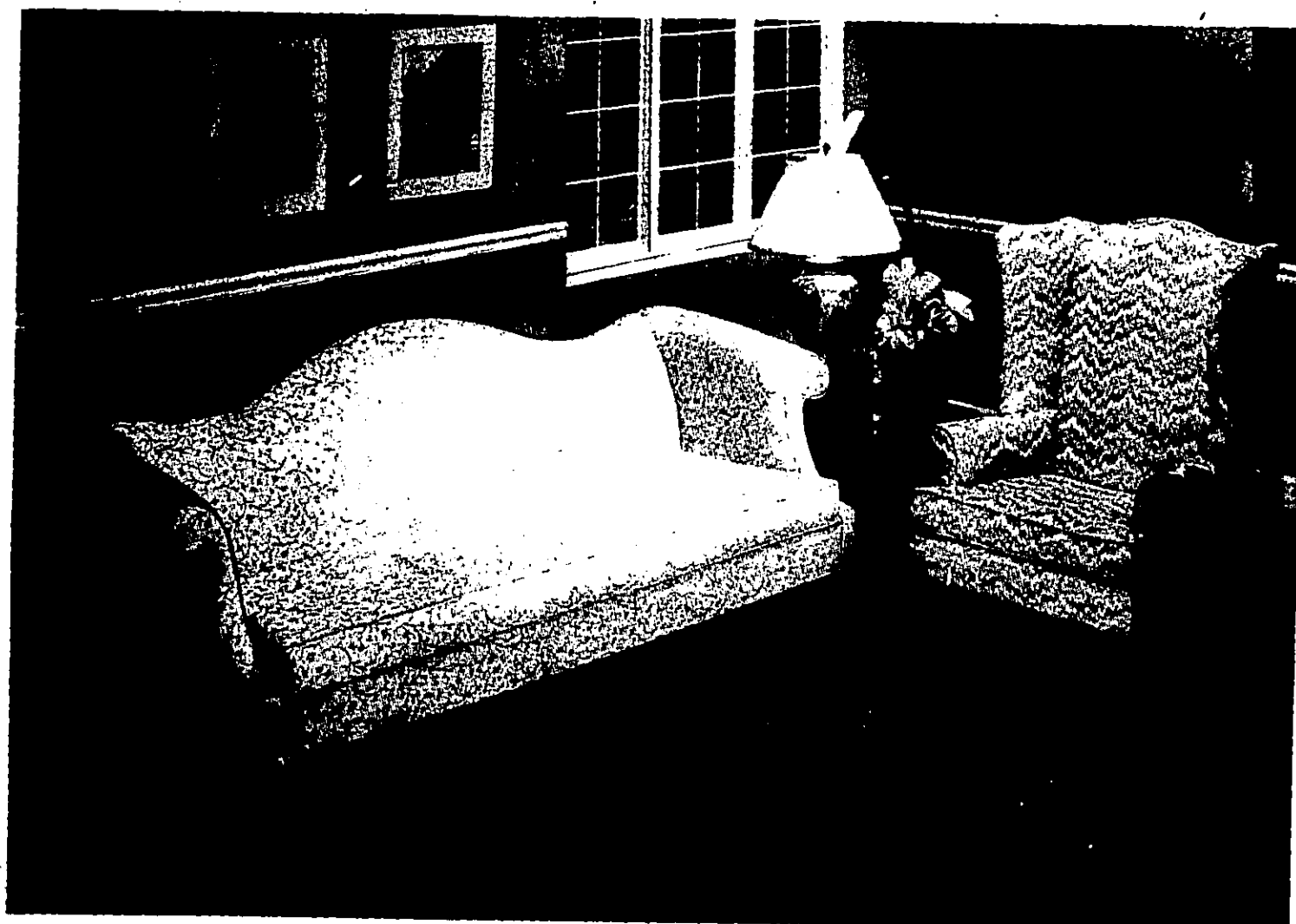
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How I Recaptured A Part Of Texas From Mexico
—Or, Always Expect The Unexpected—

by T. E. Phillips

EDITOR'S NOTE: T. E. Phillips's career with the U. S. Border Patrol spanned the years of World War II. Often, during our conversations, he has mentioned that during that period he was engaged in counter-espionage for the United States Government. As fascinating as his Border Patrol stories are, we wanted to know about this other part of his early career. In the following, he gives us the first taste of those times.

After passing my written examinations in Beaumont and my oral examination in Lake Charles, I was assigned to the Brownsville District of the U. S. Border Patrol. The year was 1928.

On arriving in Brownsville, I was ordered first to report for a physical at Fort Brown. The old Army doctor I reported to gave me a piece of advice that foretold the life I was to live for the next 24 years. He said "learn to shoot fire arms and always have some at hand."

I was sworn in by the Assistant Chief Patrol Inspector, who was a retired Colonel from the U.S. Air Force. He had charge of all reports, supplies and such, and he was always ready to get me any kind of book I wanted or need-

ed. He was a great help to me in my studies. When I was sworn in, I was issued a World War I .45 Colt revolver, a small paperback Immigration Manual and told to learn to speak Spanish in six months. No books or instructions of the Spanish language.

There is no doubt that I had the best instructors that ever helped a beginner. The Chief Patrol Inspector had been a Texas Ranger during Pancho Villa's time and was one of the three rangers and eight cowboys who stopped Villa when he raided the Norias Ranch. The Chief showed me where he had been standing during the fight, just inside the doorway. Even though the house was adobe with walls two feet thick, there were so many bullet holes in the walls around that doorway, the door had to be replaced.

After showing me where 17 bandits had been buried in one grave without benefit of ceremony, he told me he wanted fighters, not eaters and sleepers. He then told me to always expect the unexpected and to never be careless. The Chief was an old man at that time and did not live nearly as long as I wished he would. He was always ready to help me, and because of this he was one of my heroes.

The Senior Patrol Inspector, Clifton Brown, had been a Marine Sergeant and fire arms instructor, who had been released from the Marines to become fire arms instructor for the Border

Patrol. He wasn't just good; he was the best. The first time I met him was the afternoon I was sworn in. He asked me if I wanted to go for a ride with him and his partner. That was the first time I saw an officer use a pistol. He was so fast I couldn't believe it.

After we returned from our ride I asked Inspector Brown if he would make me a good shot with a pistol and a good officer. He told me that I was to be at his station in Donna and if I would try and do as I was told, he would not only make me a good officer but the best shot in the patrol. Well, I tried and tried, and when I passed my six month test, he told me that I would rate among the top ten pistol shots in the United States.

The third man working at Donna was John Hensley of whom I have written in previous stories. Hensley was one of the old time Texas Rangers and the man about whom Zane Gray wrote in "The Lone Star Ranger." Mr. Hensley was getting old by this time, and he'd sneak rather sit on the porch drinking coffee and talking about the good old days than to try and make more good old days. He too helped me in every way he could.

The three of us always tried to work together. These were dangerous times, too dangerous for just two men to work the border. Prohibition was in full swing and nearly everyone was connected in smuggling in some way.

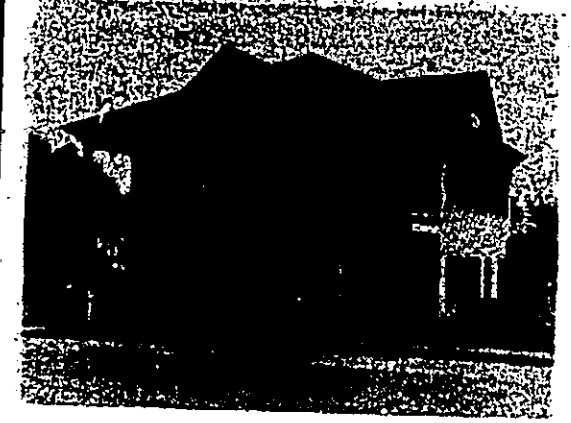
When the three of us were riding together, I always sat in the back seat,

as the new man had to open the gates. I also had to ask all my questions in Spanish as neither Mr. Brown nor Mr. Hensley would answer any of my questions unless I tried to ask them in Spanish. Most of the time the two of them would talk Spanish to each other, or one would say something in English, and the other would answer in Spanish. This was their way of helping me learn the language. With their help in Spanish and my studying the Immigration Manual from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. every morning, I was finally accepted as an officer in the Border Patrol.

During this period, the Army at Fort Ringgold near Rio Grande City was strictly Cavalry, as was Fort Brown at Brownsville. The army would patrol from Brownsville to Rio Grande City on horseback about every two weeks using an old road known as the El Camino Real. At this point, the road followed the outline of the Rio Grande River, which was four or five miles to the South in most places.

The Mexicans had a fence running along the south side of this highway and used the land between the road and the river, which was legally part of Texas, however they wanted to. They ran cattle on the land and used the river for transportation and for their smuggling operations. There were boats almost anywhere one wanted to cross the river. The Patrol Officers were warned not to go south of the highway.

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Allan Shivers Library And Museum NEWS

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- APRIL 4 10 A.M. Day Care Center Film
- APRIL 5 2:00 P.M. Library Books Delivered To Both Nursing Homes
- APRIL 6 10 A.M. Dogwood Court Tour
- APRIL 7 2:00 P.M. St. Pauls School
- APRIL 11 11:00 A.M. Metallic Club Tour
- APRIL 11 10:00 A.M. Day Care Center Film
- APRIL 13 1:30 P.M. Board Meeting
- APRIL 13 2:00 P.M. St. Pauls School
- APRIL 16 9:30 A.M. Retired Teachers Of Tyler County
- APRIL 17 7:30 P.M. Reading Club
- APRIL 18 10:00 A.M. Day Care Center Film
- APRIL 19 6:30 P.M. John Gray Institute, George Scully-Consultant
- APRIL 20 2:00 P.M. St. Pauls School
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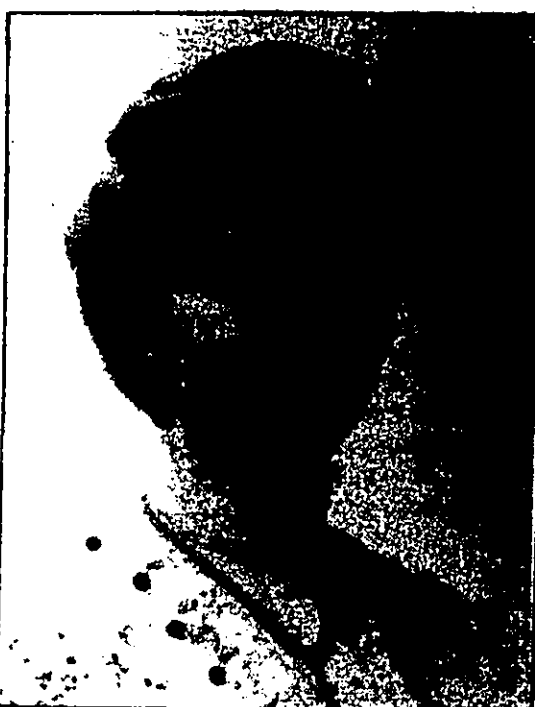
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The Life And Times Of Eppie Blewett Quicksall

by Manie Whitmeyer



EPIE BLEWETT QUICKSALL

Eppie Blewett was born October 10, 1885, in Cairo, Jasper County, Texas, the second daughter and second child of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Blewett, both Jasper County natives. My mother always preferred saying she was born in Colmesneil "because people know where Colmesneil is, and old Cairo was nothing but a lumber camp out in the woods and there's nothing there any more. Anyway, we moved to Colmesneil when I was three months old."

The house where the Blewetts lived in Colmesneil is still standing and occupied and in very good condition. The town was booming in 1886, being the Katy railroad terminus and location of the big Yellowpine sawmill. Dr. Blewett was a sawmill doctor. Eppie remembered standing on the front porch and watching the train engines being turned around on the turn-table. She also remembered the Bendys lived behind them "in a house with round porches." I think that house is still there too.

Eppie and her older sister, Manie, always played in the front yard late in the afternoons, waiting for "Papa" to come home on his horse. When they saw him coming, they would race to see who would get to him first. The winner got to ride home in front of his saddle.

Dr. Van Stewart and his family lived in Colmesneil at this time, and his daughter Bunny was about fourteen years old. She was much taken with the little Blewett girls and used to come over on afternoons to see if they could walk to town with her. Their mama would bathe them and dress them in their best to walk downtown in Colmesneil.

The Alabama-Coushatta Indians used to walk from their Reservation in Polk County to Chester, Colmesneil, Town Bluff, Woodville and then back to In-

dian Village twice a year to trade, and they walked directly in front of the Blewett's house. This was quite thrilling and frightening to two very small girls, who thought all Indians did dreadful things to white people if they could catch them. I'm sure this was aided and abetted by their mother, who thought it was so funny to watch her daughters. She'd call "children, the Indians are coming!" and Eppie and Manie would run to the front bedroom and crawl under the bed. So far so good, but then they'd stick their heads up just high enough to see out the window, 'cause they just had to see those Indians.

There were two little scalps in plain view, if the Indians had been interested but, thankfully, they were friendly. My mother said the Indians were dressed like everybody else, but the Chief wore his feathers, and each man wore one feather stuck in a band around his head. They walked in single file, the Chief first, then the men, then the women and children.

My aunt told me that when they were playing in the road after the Indians had passed one day, they found a little leather bracelet or anklet with bells on it.

The Methodist circuit rider used to visit my grandmother every time he came to town, the Blewetts being Methodists. My grandmother grew very fond of him, because he always went out and chopped wood and filled her wood box in the kitchen before he left. He said he did that because her husband was a doctor and had to be gone so often; he didn't have time to chop wood and she might run out some time when he was gone. My grandmother never forgot that young circuit rider.

When it became known around Colmesneil that the Blewetts were going to move to Beaumont, somebody told my mother that when they moved to Beaumont they wouldn't be able to get any good pine kindling to light their fires. She used to say "what a thing to tell a little child!" Of course, being only four years old, she believe it literally. She filled a little box she had with kindling and put it on the front porch with the furniture and other belongings to be hauled to the train. The box was one of Eppie's treasures. It was a gift and it was made of ebony and had a beautiful redbird painted on the lid. A little boy, who was hanging around watching the move, snatched the box of kindling and made off with it. Eppie cried inconsolably, of course, and Papa went all over Colmesneil asking folks if they had seen the little box, but nobody had. Anyway, Eppie found that people in Beaumont had all the pine kindling they needed to light their fires.

Eppie did get to take one thing with her that she wanted very much. When she found that they were going to move, she began to weep and wail because she didn't want to leave "Big Kitty," her pet

cat. Papa went to work and built a cozy little cage, and Big Kitty rode to Beaumont in style in the baggage car. She lived to a ripe old age and had many progeny.

My Aunt Manie said that when the train pulled into Beaumont it was after dark, and there was a row of gas lights in the station. It was the first time the Blewett children had ever seen gas lights, and Aunt Manie said she thought that it was a most beautiful sight.

Doucette and the Hog Farm. My mother lived in Beaumont the rest of her long life except for two or three years spent in Doucette and on Turkey Creek.

In early 1918 my parents and four-year-old sister moved to Doucette, when my father took a job as a timber cruiser with Long Bell Lumber Company. My mother hated giving up her home in Beaumont, but she immediately made dear friends in Doucette and enjoyed living there very much.

Daddy had a Model T Ford automobile, and he used to take it on his rounds in the woods, when he couldn't ride the logging train. The roads were absolutely awful; the car would get stuck at least half a dozen times during the day, but that was no problem. In wet weather Daddy would always take a couple of big, husky black men (the trackers) with him, and when the car got stuck one of them would get on the front and one on the back fender, and they'd pick up that Model T and move it out of the mud. When he took my mother and sister with him, they couldn't do that, but both of them learned to get out and push. They used to regale me with wild stories of coming down red clay hills sideways. "Old Patie Hill" coming into Doucette was always slick as glass, they said.

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where most members of the smuggling gangs had their operations, including many of the old Villa bandits. All the bandits were or wanted to be smugglers, as that was the main work of the valley. As a result, there were so many gangs, they robbed each other.

When the U.S. Border Patrol was formed in 1924, most of the Texas Rangers were moved back from the border, leaving the valley to the Patrol, which for a number of years didn't have many officers. With the population of the valley being better than 98 per cent Mexican, there were simply not enough officers who would or could do anything about the smuggling along the border. So, the Border Patrol not only had to try to stop the smuggling of aliens, liquor and more, they had to watch the local officers, as most of them had some kind of connection with the smugglers.

Expect The Unexpected. I had been accepted as an officer and had been in several fights along the river. I had saved Inspector Brown's life by being able to handle a pistol as he had taught me. I had saved Mr. Hensley's life too, when he became careless and let the guard for a smuggling gang we came upon get behind him with a rifle. I remember now that he

never thanked me or even mentioned the incident to me, but he did to Mr. Brown. By this time, I had gained confidence in myself as an officer, and Brown more or less turned me loose to work as I pleased. There was a man assigned to our station that I worked with, but I was in charge.

One day a bunch of Senior Patrol Inspectors got together for a conference, and I managed to listen. They were trying to figure ways to let the Mexicans know that the valley belonged to Texas and that we did have some laws. One of the places they discussed was on the river between Mercedes and Donna. It seems there was an old farm or ranch still used by some Mexicans, who had moved back to Mexico. All the men agreed that there would be trouble from using the farm, but they didn't reach any decision about what to do.

I had a partner at the time, who wasn't too worried about going down on the highway, and I talked him into going with me to find the place and inspect it. We started out one morning very early and drove to within four or five miles of the place. We hid our car north of the highway and were in the woods on the south side before daylight, so we were sure no one knew

we were there. We finally arrived at the farm about 10 a.m. There were no houses, barns or fences, but there was a good farm of 20 to 30 acres, a large part of which was planted in some kind of beans. Fifteen to twenty men and women were busily picking the beans.

We looked for trails, roads or any signs of people going from the farm north to the highway, but there were none. Then we eased out to the banks of the river and looked up and down. Across the river we saw a big wooden boat with two men sitting in it. One man was lying down with his hat over his face. The other was sitting on the front part of the boat with a rifle in his hands.

We worked ourselves forward to a point where we could see all the people working. No one seemed to be armed, but there was a young man sitting down with his back against a tree. His hat was off and he was smoking what was bound to be marijuana. He had a two handed machete with a blade about 30 inches long standing between his knees. I told my partner that I was going out to talk to the young man and that he was to watch for trouble.

When I walked out into the opening, all the workers stopped working and

stood watching me. I walked to within a few feet from the man, who had gotten to his feet holding the machete in both hands. I didn't get a chance to say a word as the young man stepped towards me and raised the machete over his head. Suddenly I remembered what my old Chief Patrol Inspector had told me, always expect the unexpected. That was when my training under Mr. Brown saved my life. I was able to outdraw the man as he tried to hit me with the machete. I only had to shoot one time.

We then called the people together and told them to go back to Mexico and never come back, except by bridge and with permission. When we looked back across the river, we saw the boat with the two men coming across. I threw the machete into the river, and we returned to Donna, where we made our report to the Senior Patrol Inspector, who in turn made a report to the Chief, Mr. Gay.

Mr. Gay and some other officers went down to where everything had happened and after Mr. Brown and Mr. Gay had inspected everything, Mr. Gay told me that I had taken the last piece of Texas from Mexico.

★ Life Of Eppie Blewett Quicksall (From Page 10)

When my mother first moved to Doucette, one of her new friends said, "We could tell you never lived in a sawmill town before." "Why?" she asked. "Because you have too much stuff. We live in mill towns and we have to move so often we don't accumulate anything we don't need."

Hallowe'ens were big nights in Doucette. The big boys always roamed around turning over outhouses, and a wagon was always disassembled and reassembled on top of the mill office or store. The little folks dressed up in sheets and ran all over town making noise and imagining they were scaring people out of their wits. They had never heard of "Trick or Treat." One Hallowe'en night my sister came out of her house garbed in a sheet at the same moment her two playmates across the street came out of their house, similarly garbed. They scared each other so bad they all ran back inside.

Phebe Armstrong spoke of the importance of the Community Church to Doucette in "From The Forks of Turkey Creek." My sister loved that chapter; she speaks of the Community Church as "the place where I kissed Santa Claus."

There was always a Community Christmas Tree at the Doucette Church (it was always a big holly tree then), and Santa Claus would come and distribute sacks of candy and fruit to the children. Daddy was supposed to be Santa Claus on this particular Christmas, but the flu epidemic was raging.

He was down with it. There was a little carnival wintering in Doucette, and they had a little clown who was a dwarf and seemed to like children. Somebody had the bright idea of asking him if he would play Santa Claus for the children, and he jumped at the chance. He made himself into a regular "Night Before Christmas" Santa, and he climbed into the church through the back window, which seemed so much more authentic than walking in through the front door and down the aisle. My sister was in transports of joy; she ran down the aisle, threw her arms around Santa Claus and kissed him. Santa behaved appropriately with all the children, putting their heads and giving hugs, and all the parents said he was the best Santa Claus they'd ever had.

Savannah was a black woman who worked for several Doucette ladies, my mother included. Sometimes when mother was feeling lazy on a Wednesday, she would watch the dinner dishes in the sink and watch for Savannah to pass on her way home from Mrs. Cruse's. She'd call, "Savannah, come wash my dishes." Savannah would come in grinning from ear to ear. "I told Miss Montague you'd call me to come wash your dishes on my way home." She was paid a dime for her trouble.

Dr. and Mrs. Grady Bevil were a young, just-married couple who lived in Doucette; they later moved to Beaumont and my sister and I were close friends of their daughter. The whole family were cut-ups. The young doctor and his wife used to have everybody in Doucette in stitches at times. Dr. Bevil would let out a whoop you could hear all over town, then come out of his house on a dead run, tearing down the street past the mill office (he was 6'7") yelling "She's after me boys, she's after me." Mrs. Bevil would indeed be coming after him, waving her broom and screaming like a banshee.

One time when Daddy took my mother and sister with him to look at some timber, he parked the Model T in what looked like a pretty, open spot among the pines, so they'd have a nice place to get out and walk around while they waited for him. My sister Eppie got out of the car to play and my mother walked a few steps and froze. There lay a big black snake, coiled up sleeping in the sun. She warned Eppie and beat a hasty retreat, only to see another snake coiled up asleep in another direction. Horrified, she looked around and saw several more coiled-up reptiles, all taking their ease. She hustled Eppie and herself back into the car and no doubt gave Daddy an awful when he returned.

Daddy really got in Dutch the night they went to the High School graduation in Woodville and took Izora Cruse with them. On the way home, Izora, who was sitting in the back seat with Eppie, pulled her white silk stockings off and forgot and left them in the car when she got out at her house. That was the end of the incident until a week or two later, when my mother found a pair of young lady's white silk stockings in the back seat of the Model T. It was a long time before Izora remembered to come claim her stockings and cleared up the problem.

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