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THURSDAY, June 7, 1990  
Woodville, Texas 75979

## Alabama Coushatta Held 1st 'Fun Run' June 2nd

The Alabama-Coushatta Indian Health Service will hold its first annual "FUN RUN and WALK" Saturday, June 2 at the Indian Reservation. The course will allow participants who are serious runners to follow a 5-mile trek through the beautiful and scenic Big Thicket area. Those who would like to participate by walking will enjoy a shorter route (3.7 miles).

Fluids will be available at frequent intervals along the course. A T-shirt will be given to the first 100 registered participants. A trophy or ribbon will be awarded to the winners of each age group. Also, a trophy will be given to the first male and female for best time.

Age classifications for males and females are as follows: 12 and under, 13-16, 17-23, 24-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 and older.

The race will start promptly at 8 a.m. in front of the Indian Reservation Gym and will end at the same place. The gym is located in the main Reservation Complex Area, 16 miles East of Livingston on Highway 190. Entry forms are available for those wishing to pre-register from the Indian Health Service Clinic, located next to the Community Center, or by writing to: Alabama-Coushatta Indian Health Service, Rt. 3, Box 640, Livingston, Texas 77351. (409) 563-2050. Entry fee is \$5.00 for all participants.

Pre-registered athletes may pick up their numbers and T-shirts at the Clinic prior to the race until 4 p.m. Friday, June 1. Others may register on race day between 7:15 and 7:45 a.m. at the Gym.



## Wal-Mart Matches \$2,000 For Hospital Auxiliary

Woodville Wal-Mart Store Manager Mike Zedlitz is shown Thursday (at right) handing over a Wal-Mart Foundation \$2,000 grant to the Tyler County Hospital Auxiliary President Judy Brown (extreme left) while Auxiliary Members from left: Caroline McGuire, Jane MacEliven, Pat Collier, director of Volunteers and Ruth Durham, Auxiliary Treasurer, are all shown grinning from ear to ear. According to Ms. Brown the funds will be used to purchase bed scales needed to insure the proper administration of doses of medication in bed ridden patients.

## Youth Baseball Gets \$500

The Tyler County Youth Baseball Association was recently the recipient of a cash grant for \$500 from Champion International Corporation's Champion Fund for Community Service. The funds will be used to repair the bleachers at Heanigan

park. The fund is a direct way for the forest products company to recognize, support, and encourage employees who volunteer their time to the communities in which they live and work. Champion employees who volunteer their

services to a nonprofit organization may make one request each year to help underwrite programs for the organizations in which they are active.

Donnis Battise, a forest technician on the Woodville Area in Champion's Timberland Divi-

sion, is a coach of the Indians, one of the Little League teams that participate in the Tyler County League. "It was Donnis' application for a cash grant for the bleacher renovation project that netted the Association the funding."

## DPS Report Issued

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated a total of 15 rural traffic accidents in Tyler County during the month of April, 1990, according to Sergeant Roy D. Henry, supervisor of Highway Patrol Area 2B-4. As a result of these accidents, Troopers reported 9 injuries and no traffic fatalities.

Thus far in 1990, Troopers have investigated a total of 74 motor vehicle accidents in Tyler County resulting in 48 injuries and

one traffic death. In the ten East Texas Counties that comprise Highway Patrol Sub-District 2B-B; Angelina, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San

Augustine, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler, Highway Patrol Troopers have responded to a total of 724 rural traffic accidents since January 1, 1990. These accidents have resulted in

15 deaths and 513 injuries. This will compare to 652 accidents, 14 deaths, and 439 injuries during the same time period last year (1989).

## Tyler County Hospital Emergency Room Expanding

Officials of the Tyler County Hospital have issued invitations this week for the official groundbreaking ceremony Friday, June 8 at 10 a.m. which will kick off the new Hospital Emergency Room Expansion. The public is cordially invited.

## AARP To Meet

The AARP, American Association of Retired Persons will hold a meeting June 11 at 10 a.m. at the Lions Den. Bring a covered dish and stay for dinner.

## TWHCoA Aging Forum Here Soon

WOODVILLE-- A local forum for the Texas White House Conference on Aging (TWHCoA) will be held for the public on Saturday, June 23, 1990, at the Tyler County Senior Center, 201 Willow Street, Woodville, Texas at 8:30 A.M.

The Forum, cosponsored by the Deep East Texas Area Agency on Aging and the Texas Department on Aging, will provide local citizens an opportunity to discuss key issues affecting older persons and their families.

"Similar forums are being held all over the state, and the feedback gathered in local communities will be examined during the Texas White House Conference on Aging next fall," said Holly Anderson, Director of the Area Agency on Aging. "We're encouraging adults of all ages to attend. Aging is an issue that will ultimately affect all of us."

Topics to be discussed at the local forums may include such important issues as health, including the cost of care and medicines; community and social services, including in-home services and senior centers; housing, including nursing homes; economic security, including Social Security and employment opportunities; and societal well-being, including intergenerational and volunteer issues.

"We want to have some grassroots input on these and other issues that will affect our elderly population in the next decade and in the next century," said Ms. Anderson. "Voices we hear at our local forums can be instrumental in shaping future policy."

Local forums being held around the state will be completed by July 15, and the Texas White House Conference on Aging is

scheduled for October 17-19, 1990 in Austin. A date for the national White House Conference in 1991 has yet to be called by President Bush.

Several other national forums on aging have been held in Washington since 1950, with official White House Conferences held in 1961, 1971 and 1981.

According to Gary Cook, Chairman of the Texas WHCoA Executive Committee, Texas' conference will be held whether or not a national event is scheduled.

"The statewide conference, along with the local forums that precede it, represents an opportunity for

Texas to take the lead in addressing the needs of an aging population in a changing society," Cook said.

Further information about the Woodville local forum can be obtained by contacting Jay Hoge, at 490-384-9085 or 1-800-435-3377.

Seniors who are homebound or otherwise unable to attend their local forums can still submit their comments in written form. Forms for this process can be obtained by writing to: Deep East Texas Area Agency on Aging, 203-A South Main Street, Jasper, Texas 75951.

## Hunting Permits For Preserve Issued Soon

A limited number of hunting permits for the 1990-91 season will soon be available to the public for specific areas within Big Thicket National Preserve. Hunting permits will be issued on a first-come first-serve basis. Each hunter must be present to register for a permit. A driver's license or some other official form of identification will be required. Mail and/or telephone requests will be accepted. Hunters may register for only one unit.

A hunting permit will allow hunters to take white-tailed deer, squirrel, rabbit, feral hog, and waterfowl, subject to Big Thicket National Preserve and State of Texas regulations. Legal firearms will be limited to bow and ar-

row, shotgun, .22 rim-fire cartridge rifle, and muzzle-loaded rifle in each unit. It is important to note that the Beaumont Unit and the Neches Bottom Unit can only be reached by boat.

Hunting permit registration for specific units will be as follows: Big Sandy Creek Unit (400 Permits) and Beech Creek Unit (150 Permits) at Woodville Elementary School Cafeteria, North Charlton Street, Woodville, Texas on July 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or until last permit issued.

For more information contact Big Thicket National Preserve (Ranger Division) at (409) 839-2692, or the North District Office in Woodville at (409) 283-5824.

## 'Shroud Of Turin' Is Doucette Topic



DOUCETTE HOMECOMING GUESTS--Were treated Sunday to an authoritative discussion by Dr. Joe Wesley Dickerson, of Jasper, on the mysterious "Shroud of Turin", of which Dr. Dickerson is a noted expert. David F. Mann volunteered (photo left and right) to be a "cadaver" helping Dr. Dickerson illustrate the use of the shroud in the early burial rites. Dickerson outlined the scientific studies and the "space age" technology implemented thus far to try to uncover the mystery behind the Shroud which is kept in Turin, Italy. Many believe the Shroud image (shown at left) to be that of Jesus Christ. Dr. Dickerson asks persons who hear his talks to "Decide for yourself."

Obituaries

Velma L. Gurley Herbert

Funeral services for Velma L. Gurley Herbert, 70, of Santa Monica, California were held Monday, May 28, 1990 from the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Michael Gurley and Reverend Ken Gurley officiating. Interment followed in the Midway cemetery. Mrs. Herbert died May 24, 1990 at her residence in Santa Monica.

Ollie Ida Vance Ledbetter

Ollie Ida Vance Ledbetter, 91, of Woodville, died Sunday June 3 at her home after an illness. Graveside services were held Tuesday, June 5, at 11 a.m. at Guicefield Cemetery in Grapeland under the direction of Rife Funeral Home in Woodville.

Ruby Lee Smith

Ruby Lee Smith, 85, of Woodville died Wednesday, May 30 at her home. Graveside service was held June 1 at 10 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery. The Rev. W.R. "Bob" Owens officiated with interment following under the direction of Rife Funeral Home in Woodville.

Callie O. Harvey

Callie O. Harvey, 90 of Woodville, died Wednesday, May 30, 1990 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 1, at Edwards, Daniels, and Stanley Funeral Home in Woodville with a graveside service at 12:30 p.m. at Little Rock Cemetery in San Augustine County.

Bennett Pickens Smith

Bennett Pickens Smith, 85, of Woodville died Thursday, May 31, in an automobile accident in Warren. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. June 2, at Eubanks Funeral Home in Canton with burial at Old Bethel Cemetery in Van Zandt County. Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. Rev. Jack Burgess officiated.

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Tompkins/Saxon Wedding In Corrigan CORRIGAN - Michelle Lea Saxon and Douglas Tompkins exchanged vows in a candlelight, double ring ceremony March 31 at First Baptist Church in Corrigan.



Robn Rice & Wendell Durham To Recite Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Rice of Lawton, Oklahoma, announce the marriage of their daughter, Robn Rice to Wendell Durham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Durham of Colmesneil, Texas.

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Mrs. Joseph Landa

Mrs. Joseph Landa, Matron of Honor was Stacy Weatherford of Dolocata, bridesmaids were Tamanna Clowers of Kilgore, Ramonda Clow of Woodville and Shelly McClure of Woodville. Best man was father of the groom Edward Landa. Groomsmen were brothers of the groom Edward William Landa, Michael Landa all from Houston and Scott Low of Woodville. Flower girls were Hillary and Chelsea Robinson of Houston. The groom is the son of Lucille and Edward Landa of Houston.



Jillian Borden & Stephen Taylor To Be Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Borden of Houston announce the engagement of their daughter, Jillian Carol, to Lieutenant Stephen William Taylor. He is the son of Clyde and Lavonne Taylor of Orange.

Shelley Borowski & Michael Harvill To Repeat Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Borowski, Jr. wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shelley, to Michael Harvill. The marriage will be held at First United-Methodist Church in Beaumont, Texas on Saturday, June 23, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. The bride-to-be is employed by Savings Bank in Beaumont. The prospective bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harvill of Vidor, attends Lamar University and is employed by Rawson and Co.

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First Baptist Church of Doucette will have a Vacation Bible School every Sunday evening beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on June 17 through July 8...

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Vacation Bible Study will be held at Victory Baptist Church, FM 1746, July 15. Grades K-5 will meet in the mornings from 9:00-12:00 a.m. Come to the place where FRIENDSHIP grows...

Indian Baptist Mission Campmeeting
The First Texas Indian Baptist Church will be having a Campmeeting, sponsored by Indian Baptist Mission, beginning June 10 through June 15, 1990.

Miracle Baptist Gospel Singing
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Fowler Reunion Set for June 10th
Relatives of the Fowler Family will have their annual family reunion Sunday, June 10, at the Colmesneil Community Center. Family and friends are invited for a good time and fellowship.

Durham Reunion
The descendants of Billy and Edilla Durham will have their 81st Annual Reunion at Kirley Springs on the Chester Highway near Woodville on Sunday, June 10 at 11 a.m.

Hicks Family Reunion
The Hicks Family Reunion is set for Sunday, June 10, at Dam B Bluff View Park on Hwy. 92. Family and Friends are invited and are asked to bring a basket lunch for the noon meal.

Jordan & Crosby Reunion
The Jordan and Crosby Reunion will be held on June 24 at Lucy and Douglas Crosby, Shirley Tolter's house on 2992, sell down Crosby Road. Bring a covered dish, lawn chairs, memories, family and friends, and crafts to the house on 2992, sell.

It's A Boy
Pat and Cris Dobbins are proud to announce the birth of their son Nathan Adam Edward Dobbins, born March 29, 1990, at 4:00 P.M. at Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston. Nathan weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20 inches long.

It's A Girl
Denise and Kyle Russell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Brittany Janice, born March 17, 1990 at 4:08 A.M. in Conroe Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

It's A Girl
Travis Lynn Walker is proud to announce his sister, Tracy Lynette Walker, born May 24, 1990, at Woodland Heights Hospital, Lufkin. Weighing 7 pounds and 5 ounces and 18 3/4 inches. Parents are John and Sherry Walker of Colmesneil, Grandparents are M/M Level C. Walker of Woodville, and M/M S.E. Collier of Colmesneil.

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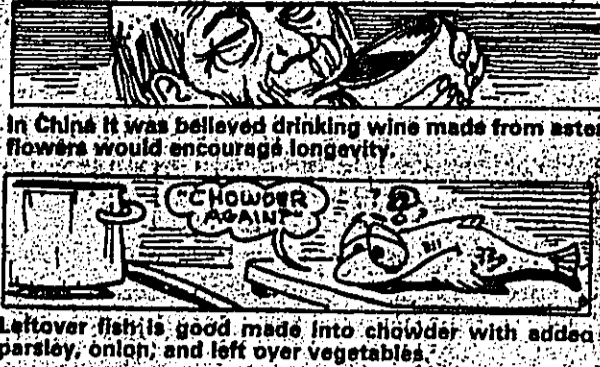
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**BID NOTICE**  
The Woodville Independent School District will be receiving bids for a wood frame building (old administration building) located at 209 Kirby Drive, Woodville, Tx. The building must be removed from school property within sixty days of award of bid. The building may be demolished or moved, as long as all debris is removed from the building site. Information concerning the above building may be obtained by contacting the administration office of the Woodville I.S.D. All bids must be returned to the Woodville I.S.D. Administration Office, 505 N. Charlton, Woodville, Tx 75979, by 3:00p.m., June 18, 1990, at which time bids will be opened. All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "BUILDING BID, OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING". Bids will be considered at the regular Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 1990. The Woodville I.S.D. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. (22-2-TC)

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lope, clearly marked "SCHOOL BUS BIDS". Bids will be awarded at the regularly scheduled meeting of Board of Trustees at 7:00pm on Tuesday, June 19, 1990. The Woodville Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. (22-2-TC)



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## Reliving The Civil War

—Junior Historians Encounter Buck Meeks—

First Lt. William Daniel Dickson, serving with the 1st Georgia Volunteers, spoke informally to a hushed group of Tyler County Junior Historians recently as they met in the Youth Center of the United Methodist Church in Woodville.

Junior Historian president Sharla Owens presided over the meeting, welcoming new members who will be part of the 1990 class. She then turned the meeting over to the young man in Confederate grays, who took them back to 1864 when he was already into his fourth year of service.

"I do not like this war thing," he said, "but should you decide to join my unit, this band of brothers, I have enlistment papers in my pouch. We'll provide transportation back to Georgia."

In reality, Lt. Dickson is Walter Watson "Buck" Meeks III, a museum technician with the 24th Infantry Division Museum at Fort Stewart, Georgia, and a volunteer reenactment soldier.

It was in his role as museum worker

that he spoke earlier in the day to the students at Woodville Middle School, talking about history as a career path. During two sessions at the school, he impressed upon the students the importance of being aware of who they are and of those who made them what they are.

It was a lesson he learned early in life from his father, who taught him to "be respectful and mindful of history." It was a lesson that was easy to follow, since Buck grew up at Myrtle Grove Plantation, a historic Southern mansion built by the Arnold family in 1849 near Richmond Hill, Georgia.

The Arnolds later divided their properties, leaving a portion to their daughter who became the grandmother of Juliette Gordon Lowe, founder of the Girl Scouts and a one-time resident of the mansion.

Buck's grandfather found the plantation the answer to his dreams following World War II and purchased it exactly one hundred years after it was built. The

home was selected as the site for a sequence in the recently released movie "Glory," in which Buck also appeared as a reenactment soldier.

As a youth Buck was "always hanging out" at nearby Fort McAllister, where his Lt. Dickson was once stationed. As he learned its history and later worked at its museum during school vacations, Buck became enamored with its abandoned Confederate earthworks, which had been reconstructed and are administered by the state of Georgia. After graduation from college with a degree in political science, Buck went to work for the museum at Fort Stewart, which gives members of the 24th Infantry Division a sense of their heritage.

Buck was one of four military museum representatives who attended the Winedale Museum Seminar last year. It was at this time that he met Christine Sanders, then president of the Tyler



BUCK MEEKS STRIKES POSE WITH FRIEND

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## 'Whispers In The Wind' To Be Performed At Heritage Village June 22-23

Just one year ago Heritage Village Museum opened its doors to a new kind of history, an original outdoor drama entitled "Whispers In The Wind" which played to an enthusiastic and appreciative audience assembled right in the middle of the Village.

And now it is time to listen to those whispers of Tyler County's past once again, as the play, written by Aloha Freeland, is replayed at the Village on Friday and Saturday evening, June 22 and 23, at 8:00 p.m.

The unique staging of this fact-based drama puts the audience on a raised platform in the center, while the action takes place all around—sort of a theatre-in-the-round in reverse—giving the audience the feeling of being part of the

lives of the fictional Wilson and Collins families during the period from 1832 to the 1880's.

A cast of over 100 Tyler County amateur thespians will participate. Narjorie and Charlie Schultz will repeat their roles as Elizabeth's parents.

When former school teacher Aloha Freeland, who also authored this year's Dogwood Pageant on Rockland, wrote "Whispers," she envisioned it as an annual event at Heritage Village. Mrs. Freeland will again be at the helm, directing and producing her well-documented labor of love.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12. For reservations, please call (409) 283-2272.



PUTTING ON WHISPERS—Last year's performances of Whispers in the Wind drew rave reviews and sell-out crowds.

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# Visit Beautiful Tyler County—Today!

## 1990 Junior Historians Chosen From Area Schools

The 1990 chapter of the Tyler County Junior Historians, having been duly selected from their respective schools, will begin their introduction into Tyler County history at 9 a.m. on June 11 at Heritage Village Museum.

Focus of their week long crash course will be Environmental Awareness and the effect of the Big Thicket on the early settlers.

New Junior Historians from the Woodville Middle School are Holly Blakeney, Grace Boykin, Josie Yearwood, Jason Dickerson, Nikki Griffin, Kelli Larson, Lauren Evans, Todd Vaughn, Angela Dubose, Leigh Blakeney, Eric Bartz, Mark Santos and Marie Calhoun.

Selected from Colmesneil are Rachel McKinney, Vicky Wood, Kevin Sheffield, Jeff Brown and Les Stinson; from Chester, Jennifer Bryan, Stacy Whitworth and Kim Woodruff.

Monday through Wednesday, June 11-13, will find the young historians at the Village, touring the museum's Big Woods hiking trails under the tutelage of Leslie Dubey, a Big Thicket National Preserve Park Ranger. During that time the youngsters will also learn to make stained class using Big Thicket inspired designs of their own. Judith Haney will be their teacher.

On Thursday the group will travel to Beaumont, where they will take the Big Thicket Boat Trip on the Neches River and visit the John Jay French Trading Post. The French Museum is particularly significant in that it was the Big Thicket that brought John Jay French to this area. He needed lots of land and an abundance of pine trees to provide the tannic acid needed for his leather tanning business.

On Friday of their orientation week, the Lufkin Zoo will present a program at the Village, during which the Junior Historians will be introduced to many of the actual animals that are native to the Big Thicket.

The week will end on Saturday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., when the youngsters tour their own families on the hiking trails, telling them what they have learned about the Big Thicket and what it meant to early settlers.

The class will continue to meet once a week throughout the summer for a series of programs, hands-on workshops and field trips.

Those remaining in the 1988 and 1989 Junior Historian chapters will spend part of their summer rebuilding the two log barns, recently moved from the Crosby home near Spurger, a gift of Shirley Tolar. Mrs. David Provost will work with the group in this historic rebuilding project. A number of special field trips, including another archeological search of McFaddin Beach, are also being planned.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Since "Possum" George Jones is from this area I thought someone might help me. Does anyone know his genealogy, his ancestors and any descendants?

Mr. Jones' ancestors came from the same area, and I wondered if I could establish a connection.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Chedester  
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Roby, TX 79543  
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## ★ Civil War

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County Heritage Society, who invited him to come to Woodville.

As a member of the 48th New York Volunteer Infantry, a small re-enactment group, Buck says he can be either a Union or a Confederate soldier, depending on the numbers needed for any given situation. The reason for re-enactment, he says, is not to win or lose the war, but to faithfully recreate a particular battle. Buck's group also participates in Living History programs throughout the Eastern States.

When he came to Woodville, Buck brought with him a small Bonnie Blue flag. This was the unit flag of the Meigs Volunteers of Georgia, one of the many volunteer groups who came from all over the United States to help the Texans in their fight for freedom. The flag with a single white star centered on a dark blue field inspired 15 year old Joanne Troutman to design the Long Star Flag as the flag for Texas.

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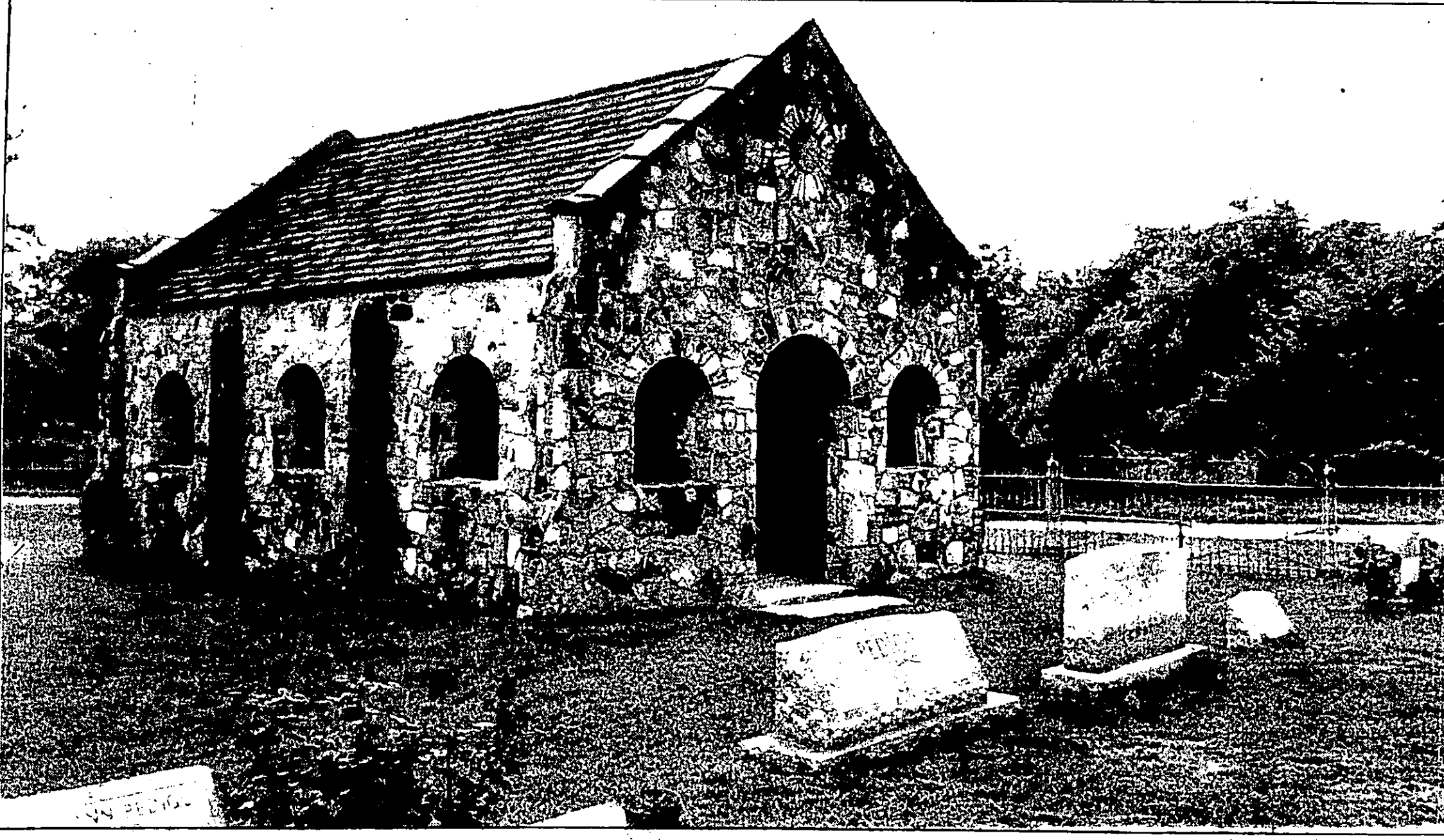
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# Tyler County Community Calendar

- JUNE 9, 1990**  
CHRISTIAN YOUTH FESTIVAL, 2-10 p.m. on Wheat Street on south side of Court House, Woodville. Contemporary Music and other entertainment especially staged for young people. No charge.
- JUNE 11-15, 1990**  
JUNIOR HISTORIANS' Orientation Week in Tyler County history at Heritage Village Museum.
- JUNE 16, 1990**  
1990 JUNIOR HISTORIANS tour family members through Heritage Village and Big Woods.
- JUNE 21, 1990**  
SALAD LUNCHEON; 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Christian Church on Charlton, next to Woodville City Hall. Sponsored by Tyler County Extension Homemakers Council. Tickets \$4.50.
- JUNE 22-23, 1990**  
"WHISPERS IN THE WIND," 8:00 p.m. Heritage Village Museum. Annual presentation of historical outdoor drama. \$5. Adults, \$2.50 children under 12.
- JUNE 23, 1990**  
HOWARD PEACOCK and "The Nature Of Texas." Autograph Party 2-4 p.m. Heritage Village.
- PEDIGO CEMETERY DEDICATION**, Tyler County Historical Commission. 2 p.m. Town Bluff.
- BLUEGRASS**, Wood Fain Opera House on the Square in Woodville. Jam 4 p.m., Show 7 p.m.
- JUNE 30, 1990**  
THE BRANCHES, IN CONCERT, 7 p.m. Wood Fain Opera House, on the square in Woodville. No charge.
- JULY 4, 1990**  
FLAG CEREMONY 10 a.m. Village Museum. Boy Scouts from Camp Urisland.
- JULY 7, 1990**  
GATHERING AT THE FORGE, East Texas Blacksmiths Alliance 10 a.m. at Heritage Village Museum.
- JULY 7-8, 1990**  
BASKET MAKER JESSE SAPP from Gladewater at Heritage Village Museum.
- JULY 8, 1990**  
NATURE TRAIL TOUR OF BIG WOODS at Heritage Village Museum by Big Thicket National Preserve Park Ranger. 1-4 p.m. No charge.



**FAMOUS ROCK SHELTER**—This rock structure helps to make the Pedigo Cemetery at Town Bluff one of the more lovely in the county. Built of native stone during the 1930's, it has sheltered members of the Pedigo family during funerals for more than 50 years.

## Pedigo Cemetery To Receive Historical Plaque

—Dedication Slated For June 23, 2 P.M.—

Dedication of a historical marker commemorating the Pedigo Family Cemetery will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, under the direction of the Tyler County Historical Commission. The cemetery is located on Pedigo Hill approximately three miles north of old Town Bluff.

Participating in the program with Henry Allen, Pedigo, Lillian Lumpkin Fitzgerald, Elmer Joe Pedigo and J. C. Clark will be Jack Whitmeyer, chairman of the county commission, and Jane Moody, who wrote the well-documented application that brought this honor to

the Pedigo Family Cemetery. The grandchildren of A.B. Pedigo will unveil the marker, which reads as follows:

"Abram (Abel) B. and Julia Pedigo came to Texas in 1837. With their eleven children, they established a plantation near this site in the 1800s. In addition to farming, the family operated a grist mill, cotton gin and sugar mill.

"The Pedigo's daughter Cordelia and her husband, Sid McCarthy, lived in nearby Hardin County. Soon after Cordelia gave birth to twin daughters in 1883, one child and Cordelia died on May 24, 1939. They were brought back to the family farm for burial, thus beginning the Pedigo Family Cemetery. The surviving twin was left to be reared by her grandparents. When Sid McCarthy died three years later, he was interred here next to his wife and child.

"All but one of A.B. and Julia Pedigo's children are buried in the family graveyard. After A. B. died in 1906 his son, Jack Hamilton, inherited the plantation and later formally set aside the cemetery in County Deed Records. He donated additional land to increase the size of the burial ground in 1939.

"A native rock chapel, built in the cemetery by A.B. and Julia's children, was dedicated to these area pioneers in 1938."

In Mrs. Moody's report to the commission we read further that A.B. Pedigo married Julia Ann Wooten on January 21, 1857, in the state of Florida. He bought the Holland home, which had been built near the Neches River by slave labor, and had it moved to the plantation around 1884. A.B. and Julia had five boys and six girls.

When A.B. died, his son Jack and his wife, the former Lula Alice Ogden, moved to the plantation and began rearing their family and running the business. A stipulation he placed on the deed for the cemetery was that one must be a Pedigo descendant or spouse in order to be buried there.

There was no place for people to gather at the cemetery for services. Bad weather was a big problem. At San Houston Pedigo's funeral on December 16, 1932, it was so cold that his daughter, Ann Pedigo Tucker, became ill and subsequently died of pneumonia.

Because of this, J.H. Pedigo and his brothers and sisters, Ella Pedigo Goolsbee, Doris Agnes Pedigo, Annie Pedigo Grimes, Willie Pedigo and Cordelia McCarthy-Ficks, decided to erect a chapel in memory of their parents. The chapel was built from native rocks hauled in from Rockland, Texas. At the rear of the chapel above the podium is an inscription that reads "Chapel Erected in Memory of our Loving Mother and Father A.B. And Julia Ann Wooten Pedigo by Their Children 1938."

The Pedigo descendants are very proud of their heritage and their family cemetery, which at the time of Mrs. Moody's report contained 97 graves. A cemetery fund has been created and donations from family members are made in order to maintain the grounds and make it one of the most attractive cemeteries in Tyler County.

To reach the Pedigo Family Cemetery, which is open to the public, take FM 1746 east from Woodville to Town Bluff, north on FM 92 for 2-1/2 miles and turn left on a dirt road opposite the Fairview Baptist Church.

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By T. E. Phillips

Ed. Note: T. E. Phillips, former Municipal Judge for the City of Woodville and currently "commissioned" as the Judge of Heritage Village, served his early years in the fledgling Border Patrol along the Rio Grande Valley. Involved in more than 30 gun-battles and shot twice in the line of duty, Judge Phillips' stories of his career in the Border Patrol are straight out of the Wild West—the Wild West of the American Border during three decades from 1920 to 1950. The Judge is a regular feature of the East Texas Echo.

During World War II, there was one man the United States wanted very much. A professor at one of our major colleges, he was trying to organize his students into what was known as the German-American Bund Movement. But when he realized that the government was interested in his activities, he left the country.

Since arresting spies was part of my job to find this man and bring him back.

I was in Georgia when I received word that the Professor had been located in Lima, Peru. My orders were to report to New Orleans at once and board the U.S.S. Arcadia, which was ready to sail. When I arrived in New Orleans I found the ship fitted out as a hospital ship with the United States flag painted on both sides and on the deck and diplomatic immunity arranged for.

Before we left the States, each officer was supposed to have a series of special shots in case we were attacked by German submarines, which at the time were sinking a ship a day in the Gulf of Mexico. The shots were very bad and made most of the officers extremely sick, sometimes for several days. The nurse told me that we were assigned to the same life boat and in case of trouble she would take care of me, so I would not have to have the shots before we left.

The last time I shipped out on such a mission, we went east from the mouth of the Mississippi and around Cuba. This time we headed directly across the Gulf, using our immunity to radio our direction and speed. We could not talk to any other ships, however. For that reason, we had to ignore a call for help from a ship that had been torpedoed and purposely go around the area. When we saw a life raft with a small canvas shade, we could not investigate in case it might be a trap.

Instead we hurried through the Panama Canal and headed south to Peru. When we reached Lima, two men were waiting for me. Taking one man with me, we went with the men to a large hotel. As we crossed the large lobby toward the coffee shop, we saw the professor inside with two other men. When they saw us coming they quickly left the hotel, getting into a car and heading—we were to discover—for Paraguay by way of Bolivia. After checking with the men who were supposed to be watching the professor for us, we took off in hot pursuit, but they beat us to the Paraguay border, where the guards refused to let us enter.

When we got back to Lima, we had orders to go to Santiago, Chile, where we would be furnished with cars to drive to Paraguay from a different route.

Now the roads in South America, in 1941 were really very simple. There was one main highway that started in Venezuela and ran south to the tip of

# 'Felipe' Always Gets His Man

### —Capturing A Nazi Sympathizer In Paraguay—

Chili. There was only one major crossroad. It started in Santiago and ran east over the tops of the mountains, touching every nation except Uruguay and Ecuador on its way to Buenos Aires.

When we reached Santiago, we were not allowed to land. In fact, the Chilean government wanted to attach our ship for the duration of the war. Our orders then were to return to the north end of Chili to the small coffee port of Arica. The town was across a small bay. The port, built out into the water, was large enough for two ships to be loaded at the same time. The trains out of the port were small diesels.

We did not even try to land, but rather anchored in neutral water. After staying there a few days, the two men working with us came aboard to talk to me privately. They explained the situation carefully and told me they needed the best pistol shot we had, a man who was not afraid. I knew there were several men among our group who would fill the bill, but when he told me that this man might not come back, I knew I had no choice. I told him that I would have a man ready when they were.

About 4 p.m. the two men returned carrying a big bundle of used clothing. There was a big hat, cotton shirt, flannel trousers, sandals, poncho and most importantly a 9mm Luger with two cartridge holders holding 10 shots each. They also had a jar of some kind of stain that looked like strong coffee. When I told the men that I was the one that would be going, they seemed pleased. They made me remove my ring and my watch and anything else that might identify me as an American. When I was stripped, they painted my feet up to my knees, my arms up to the elbows, my face and my neck.

As I dressed, they explained every detail of where and how things were supposed to work, then told me to wait. The captain of our ship wasn't supposed to know what was going on, but before I left he came to my stateroom to wish me luck. For goodness sakes, he said, bring that man back.

Just before dark, a small boat picked me up at the baggage door and took me to the docks where a diesel motor and coach were waiting. It was a small car with front and rear doors, the latter nailed shut. Inside there was one long seat and four little benches on either side with just enough room to walk between. In the rear was a large wood burning stove and a small pile of wood.

When the train started with me as its only passenger, I felt very much alone. I couldn't see anything as we travelled up the mountains, crossing country lines, but I knew when the train stopped from time to time and later with a map was able to trace my journey.

Finally after many hours, the coach stopped and there was a knock on the door. When I stepped out I could see a man standing across the street. As I started toward him, he turned and walked away. Although the street lights were dim I could see the black hat he was wearing, which identified him to me. I followed the man to a large city park, filled with trees, benches and trails. As he walked through the park and around a small band stand, he came upon a bench facing the corner. He put his hand

on it as he passed by but kept walking. That was my signal so I went over to the bench and sat down.

The man walked across the street, then turned and walked across the other street in front of a large building on the opposite corner. He didn't stop but as he passed another man, that man lit a match as though to light a cigarette. That identified the new man to me. The buildings across the street from me were two storeys. I don't know what the corner building was but the one next to it was a cafe with a glass front. Next to it was an entrance to stairs leading to an upstairs hotel.

I don't know how long I sat there looking at those buildings, but finally a light was turned on in the cafe and I could see a man and a woman working inside. Upstairs a light came on in one of the rooms. I had been told that the professor always took an early walk before breakfast. As I watched, a man came out of the stairwell and walked down the street past the cafe. Just as he got under the corner light an Army Officer came across the street carrying a quirt. I believe at that time they were called swagger sticks, but all officers carried them. The officer saluted the man with the quirt, identifying him as the professor.

I sat very still as the professor walked across the street toward me and started through the park. He stopped once and

looked back at the officer, who was walking down the street.

The professor was almost to the band stand where a trail turned through the park, when I walked up to him and with my left hand motioned for him to take the trail. The Luger was in my right hand under the poncho, ready for use if necessary. I said just enough in English to let him know I wasn't fooling. Without hesitation, the professor took the trail to the opposite corner, where the man in the black hat was waiting for us. We followed him back to the train, which had been turned around and was ready to go.

No sooner had the professor and I seated ourselves in the car than the Army Officer boarded the car. He walked up to the professor, assuming the salute position and looked at him very carefully in the dim light of the one lantern that hung in the corner. He then saluted him with the quirt once more, assuring his identification. Since I had not had the chance to search the professor, I watched him very carefully. But when the officer turned and stopped in front of me, I could see that he was armed. Although I had the Luger under my poncho pointed right at his row of medals I was still mighty scared. The officer saluted me with the quirt held in his right hand, then took it with his left and presented it to

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# Hicksbaugh: Station For The "Eat Turnips & Grunt" RR

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** History minded though I may be, I didn't really mean to search out my dog's birth place. It just worked out that way. I remember now that the house next to the Triple D Guest Ranch, where we picked up our Duke, was quite old, but I was still too new to Tyler County at the time to take notice of names such as Hicksbaugh, even if it did come up in the conversation, which I don't think it did. I remember only that we turned off Hwy. 69 at Lake Hyatt Estates, so that name has stuck in my mind. Hicksbaugh only started to tickle my historical fancy when Iida McClain mentioned that her first teaching job had been at Hicksbaugh and that she lived with a local family while there. What Mrs. Wiedenfeld and I discovered, when we went to the home of A. Y. Collier to take an oral history on his life at Hicksbaugh, was that it was at his parent's home where she boarded. And so the story unfolds, in part anyway.

by Dottie Johnson

Acton Young Collier Jr. and his brother Jack Collier don't know how old Hicksbaugh is or exactly when it got its start as an important part of the sawmill history of Tyler County. They didn't move into Hicksbaugh proper until A. Y., better known as "Hap," was 15 years old. Jack was 5 years younger. That was about 1924.

Prior to that the family had lived in Call, where Hap was born, in Magnolia, and on a farm between Hicksbaugh and Village Mills, where Jack was born.

Those who know their "Methodism in Tyler County" history know that Acton Young, a Kentuckian by birth, was a circuit preacher in this area and later became presiding elder of the Southeast Texas District, which extended to the Gulf Coast. He was also a Woodville merchant and served on the Tyler County Commissioners Court in 1869, the last year before it was abolished by the Union occupation forces. He was also the grandfather of Woodville, author, Phebe Young Armstrong.

In the late 1840's, when his sister Temperance Crawford died in Tennessee, her husband brought their infant daughter, Rebecca, to the Young home at McMahon Chapel in Sabine County, where she became a member of the family. Her father never returned from the Gold Rush in California.

Rebecca married William G. Collier, the youngest son of Benjamin Collier of Early County, Georgia, whose family came to Tyler County by the hundreds, starting as early as 1849. Will and Rebecca named their first born son Acton Young Collier after the uncle who raised her.

And so back to Hicksbaugh, which was located exactly where the Triple D Guest Ranch now stands. In fact, the main house, which was once the home of



A. Y. AND JACK COLLIER—Descendants of original Hicksbaugh settlers, enjoy a chuckle in front of the last remaining Hicksbaugh structure.

Hap's older brother Frank, had been the site of the main building of the sawmill town. After serving in World War I, Frank returned to become foreman of that sawmill.

Standing in the middle of the old Hicksbaugh Road, which ran straight through the little settlement, and looking east, you can almost imagine the business section to the left of the main building. Here was a company store, where Jack worked as a delivery boy, a hotel they called "The Beaniery," barber shop, theatre, school, post office, a short-lived ice cream parlor and a doctor's office. Of the doctors the Collier brothers remember, one, a Dr. Jordan, was killed by a train right there in Hicksbaugh and another, Dr. Haley, was shot to death while visiting in Polk County. Not a very healthy place for the practice of medicine.

The sawmill had its own railroad, a trestle over Turkey Creek to the east and a turntable for trains that ran between the main T&N road at Hyatt, "just a stopping and getting off place," and Hicksbaugh. The official name for this spur was the "East Texas & Gulf," but the locals called it "Eat Turnips & Grunt."

At its height, Hicksbaugh was home to about 500 people, who lived in company houses built along roads that paralleled the main road on both sides. The Collier family paid \$3 a month rent

Paul Worksbaugh was the manager, when they all lived and worked there.

Of all the buildings that once dotted the landscape at Hicksbaugh, only two remain. One is on the east side of the main road, just south of the main building. The Colliers remember it as the home of B.F. Swanson, the company bookkeeper. The Mauer family lives there now, and it was here that our Duke was born. The other, a little further south on the west side of the road, is the home of the Stackpole family, whose forebears once operated "The Beaniery."

Another interesting building in the area, although not in Hicksbaugh, is the old "Gore" one room school. Of course, that's not what Hap and his contemporaries called it when they went to school there. Back then everyone called it "Possum Trot." The County Line goes right through the middle of that old school house, which has been converted into a home by the Thompson family. The Colliers were still living out in the country on a farm, when they consolidated the school with the larger 4-room school at Hicksbaugh, so the folks ran a wagon into town to bus the children back and forth. Later, Hap's father rigged up an old truck to be used as a school bus.

Hap married Minnie Bozeman of Warren in 1928, a year after the mill closed down for the first time. Things got so bad for a time the brothers took to raising tomatoes on the old Martin Dies Sr. property just north of Hicksbaugh.

## ★ Bring Back His Man (From Page 4)

... without saying a word. It was just getting to be daylight as he left. I could see his head pass the little glass in the door.

When we got down the mountains and back to the dock late in the morning, the two men were waiting for us. They took the professor without saying a word or even taking notice of me. Soon the little boat returned and took me back to the ship, where another man was waiting to take me to my stateroom. Once there I locked the door and took a long hot bath. It took a lot of rubbing to get that stain off. When I got out of the tub, all the borrowed clothes were gone; the Luger too, which I had hoped to keep. But the quirt was laying there next to my suitcase.

I have that quirt to this day, or rather Heritage Village Museum has it, where it will soon be on display with other mementos of my experiences in counter-espionage during World War II.

On our trip back to the States we picked up a group of German prisoners in Columbia. As we reached the mouth of the Mississippi, we met three steamers loaded with fuel coming along the coast from the east. As we stopped to wait for them to get ahead of us, we were close enough to see the men working on deck. The captain and I were standing watching when the torpedo hit the middle ship. The submarine had used our vessel as a shield, as there were two FBI's guarding them. We immediately sped up and zig zagged into the river and safety.

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## ★ Hicksbaugh (From Page 5)

He was a fine man, they remember, well thought of in the community. Finally Hap and Minnie moved back to Call, where he worked as a planer for ten cents an hour. Later he went to Magnolia for 24 cents an hour, then back to Hicksbaugh when it reopened. In 1939, the sawmill closed down again, this time for good.

Hap left Hicksbaugh at the beginning of World War II. He joined the navy, where his training at Hicksbaugh served him well. He spent three years operating a crane and loading ships, many of which has been built with timber from

the old mill. After the war, he went back to the world he knew, but this time in Woodville, where there were two sawmills. Hap worked for the Woodville Lumber Company as a saw filer for 20 years. Since retiring in 1965, Hap has been called on many times to tell the new generation about saw filing. There aren't too many filers left, he says. Although things haven't really changed that much, few know how to do it right. Just last year, Hap went to Cleveland three times to "straighten those folks out on their files."

Idea McClain wasn't the only school teacher to board with the Collier family. Another was Faye Brown of Orange. The only difference was that Faye stayed on to marry Jack Collier in a very unusual and secret ceremony. It took place in the middle of the night in the middle of the road with Brother Harper officiating in the headlights of an automobile. The year was 1936. Married women weren't allowed to teach school, but the young couple needed Faye's salary to get started. After the ceremony she stayed on with the Collier family, teaching a total of four years at Hicksbaugh, two at Warren, while Jack stayed with her family in Beaumont and worked for B. F. Goodrich. Later Jack put in 30 years with Sears in truck tire sales. He and Faye made their home in Beaumont, while Hap and Minnie stayed on in Tyler County, now living on FM 1943 just a few miles north of Hicksbaugh.

Among the many memories these two brothers shared, during a pleasant morning's interview, was the time when Turkey, Village and Black Creeks all flooded and no one couldn't get out. Even the railroad trestle was under water, although the young men showed off by going across it under water. An airplane dropped food and newspaper to the stranded residents.

They also remember the tornado of 1929 that blew a lot of the Hicksbaugh houses away. Jack was out in his delivery wagon taking goods to the white section and then to the quarters, when it hit.

When he got back to the main part of town, he found the store off its sills and seven mill stacks were blown down, and when he got home to check on his mother, he found the garage had blown away, leaving his brother's car, which had been parked inside, unharmed. Hap, who was married and living in his own home, said his cow and calf were blown away, but they returned a few days later. The mill rebuilt everything and it was back to business as usual.

The brothers were both into sports as young men. Hap played baseball, Jack basketball, and they traveled far and wide to compete, even as far away as Votaw. They remember Josey Parties and Sacred Harp singing at Pineville. They remember, too, the sawmill whistle that told them when to go to work and when to quit and when there was an emergency, and someone was injured on the job.

And Hap remembers going to his grandpa Will Collier's funeral at Beech Creek, where most Colliers were and are still buried. This was in 1918, when he was only four years old. He went on horseback with his father. It was the first time anyone remembered seeing people going to a funeral in automobiles but, roads being what they were in those days, Jack and his Dad and their horses beat them all. It was the only time Jack remembers seeing nickles put over the eyes of the deceased. Grandpa Will was a small man, Jack remembers. He wore a No. 3 shoe and worked in a hospital during the Civil War.



William & Rebecca Collier  
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Descendants of Austin's Old Three Hundred will meet Saturday, June 30, at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Richmond, Texas.

Featured speaker will be Galen Greaser, long-time official translator of the original Spanish and Mexican land grants covering 26 million acres of land in Texas. These are in the Archives and Records Division of the Texas General Land Office in Austin.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. The meeting will start at 11 a.m., followed by a catered barbecue luncheon at 12:30 p.m. An important order of business will be the election of officers for the next

term. Committee meetings will be held after lunch.

Deadline for becoming a charter member of this organization is June 30, the day of the meeting. It is also the deadline for submitting articles for publication in the first volume of ancestors' histories, which the organization plans to compile.

Those wishing to join and attend the meeting can get complete information and make reservations for the luncheon by calling the president and founder, Pat Goodrich, at (713) 421-7341 or Registrar Sissie Kipp at (713) 265-0324.



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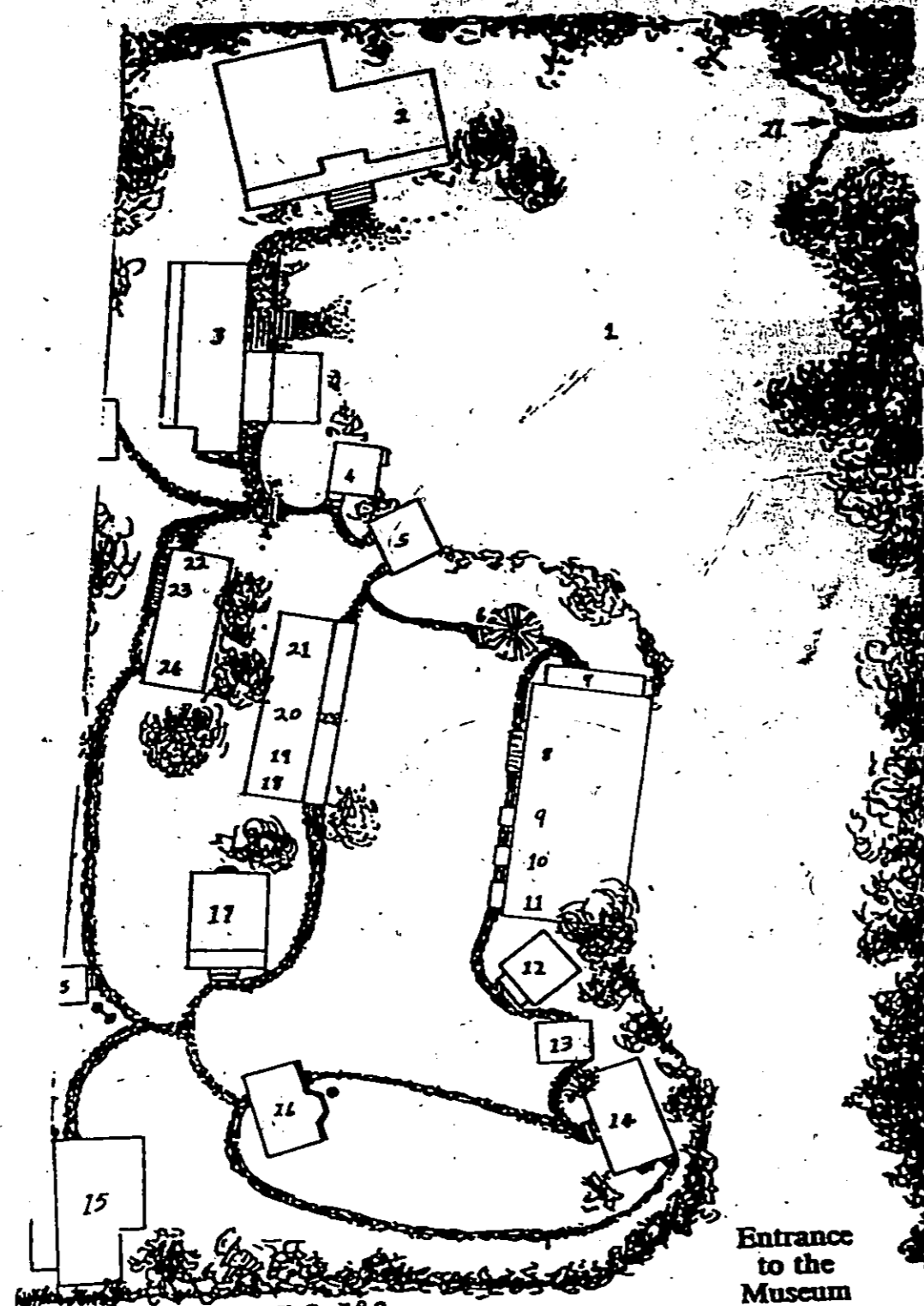
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- 4.-JEWELRY SHOP: Custom jewelry designer John Killam demonstrates his artistry for Village visitors.
- 5.-JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: In the old days, the JP's duties included assaying minerals as well as performing marriage ceremonies and handing out 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: 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 DINNER BELL 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 1950s, was moved intact from near Hillister. It was awarded a medalion of the Texas Historical Commission.
- 15.-BIG HOUSE: Treasures galore can be found here: a spinning wheel, a complete 1886 newspaper print shop from Florence, Texas, an old hand operated washing machine, and an antique loom



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- 16.-RAILROAD STATION: Materials for this depot came from the 1890 station in Hillister. 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. No visitor to the Village should miss this fine collection of interesting 19th century items.
- 18.-COTTON GIN: This machinery was used to re-gin old mattresses, once an important local industry.
- 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. M. E. Laidacker of China.
- 21.-CHAIR FACTORY: Dallas Miller operated this chair factory in Burkeville until 1904. 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 into the period.
- 24.-LEATHER SHOP: Saddles, boots and shoes were made here.
- 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 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.
- 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.

## Japanese Art Collectors Discover McGovney, Delcambre At Village

By Marjorie Schultz

The only thing Sotheby's and Christie's, those two prestigious art auction houses in the Big Apple, have on us is a mere 78 or 82.5 million dollars.

Heritage Village has its own Japanese clientele, intrigued with the works of art available at the Museum Store.

As reported last fall, Yuzenki Yamamoto and his sister Keiko Yokozawa came to the Village during a combination business and pleasure trip to Texas. And here they fell in love with Helene Delcambre's primitive paintings. They had never seen anything quite like that before. They said they wanted to take several back to Japan. They would return to pick them up, they said.

And so they did. And the time they also discovered the wonderful house paintings of Leroy McGovney, but the one they liked best had a spot of wet paint. A call to Leroy brought him surrying out with his brushes. So delighted were the visitors to actually meet the artist, they ended up buying three of his paintings as well as five of Helene's.

Keiko wondered if it might be possible to meet Helene as well, but Helene was not available. So Keiko, who teaches English in Japan and serves as her



Marjorie Schultz

brother's translator, left the following note for Helene:

"Thank you very much for letting us have your pictures. We are very happy to meet with your pictures. We really don't know anything about pictures, but we can feel something very warm from all the pictures you painted. And we would like to see you some day in the very near future. We are going to give these pictures to our mother and good friends and also to school where my son (8 years

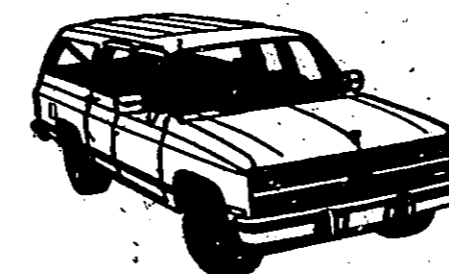
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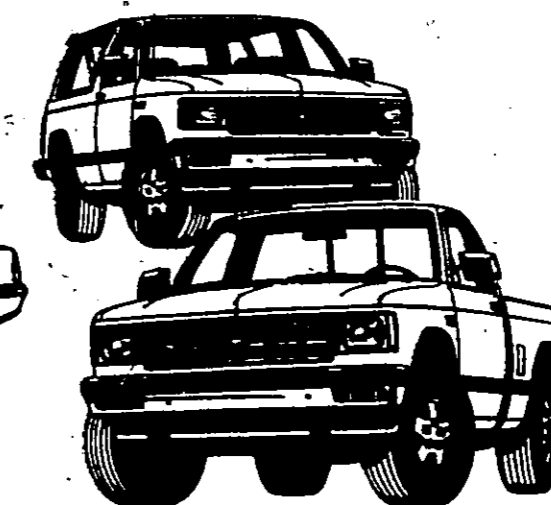
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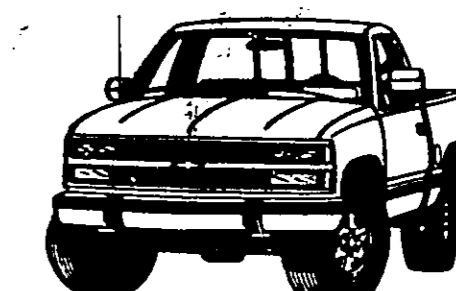
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# ★ Japanese Art Collectors

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old) goes."

But Sotheby's and Christie's never get letters like that. And, let's face it, their buyers never get a chance to meet the painters either or get a touch-up in the parking lot.

## Junior Historians

Christine Sanders attended the Awards Program at the Woodville Middle School and presented the trophy for the Outstanding Junior High School Chapter in the state to the school's Junior Historian members. These students then presented certificates to those selected to be part of this year's new class. Orientation is scheduled for the week of June 11-15. A complete list of all students chosen for the 1990 class can be found elsewhere in this paper.

Later, Roxanne Babin presented the trophy at the Woodville High School Awards Banquet, and at the awards ceremonies at the Colmesnel and Chester Middle Schools. Nikki Davis, valedictorian of her 8th Grade Class at Colmesnel, while Heather Claymon did the honors at Chester.

In speaking to each of these groups, Roxanne mentioned the many achievers among the Junior Historians, of whom we are all very proud.

Jim Mountain, director of Heritage Canada, who was keynote speaker at the Preservation Conference in Beaumont



**LEROY MCGOVNEY GOES INTERNATIONAL**—When two Japanese art collectors stopped by Heritage Village recently, they had a chance to meet the painter of one of the pictures they purchased. Leroy McGovney met them in the parking lot, where he customized a painting for them.

this past month, purchased a copy of the Heritage Society's Junior Historian video to take back to Canada with him. He said he was very impressed with our approach to historical education. He hopes to introduce a similar program in Canada and wanted the video to back

him up. This excellent 30-minute video, in which the Junior Historians present themselves so beautifully, as well as the Village video and the Pioneer Video are all available for sale at the Village Museum Store.

# Blueberry Time

All right now, all you blueberry lovers, get ready to indulge yourselves.

Heritage Society member, Muriel Peltam, who has been hiding behind her recipe-gathering ever since she and her husband Curtis retired to Wildwood 11 years ago, has come out in the open with the greatest cookbook since someone discovered we could grow blueberries in Tyler County.

And we've got it, "The Blueberry Lovers Cook Book," right here in our Museum Store. It's a great book, crammed full of great recipes, kitchen tested by Muriel, who was Director of Nutrition and Food Services at M.D. Anderson Hospital for 25 years.

A graduate of the University of Connecticut, with a degree in Foods and Nutrition, Muriel loved the little blueberries that grew wild in her native states. Imagine her delight when the folks over in Georgia came up with a variety that would grow in the South.

It was enough to make her write a cookbook, which is exactly what she did.

And if that's not enough, we have some of that great fruit her recipes call for sale at the Village too, delicious fresh blueberries hand picked by our own publicity chairman on her farm in Spurger.

We've got lots of homemade jellies and jams at the Village too, so come on out and get ready to gorge.

# Early Caddo Indians Were Highly Civilized

By Anne Garner

According to early descriptions of the historic Caddos of East Texas, the Indians' appearance and behavior startled the white man. Most of what is known about them has come from written records of Spanish clergymen and French traders, Europeans who began to arrive in Texas in 1542.

Garcilaso de la Vega, one of the De Soto expedition's chroniclers, observed that the people were "naturally well featured" but made themselves "hideous" by artificial cranial deformation that caused their heads to be elongated and made to "taper off toward the top," and by tattooing.

Almost a century and a half after this, Joutel, a Frenchman in La Salle's expedition, found the Caddos' tattoos particularly repulsive. Caddos used needles or other sharp-pointed objects to prick the skin until the blood flowed and then rubbed powdered charcoal into the wounds to make striking tattoos. According to Joutel, they tattooed "scores of streaks on their faces, from the top of the forehead down the nose to the tip of the chin," and intricate plant and animal designs on their bodies.

Joutel thought the women "would not be disagreeable did they adhere to nature," but they were tattooed as much or more as the men, adding tattoos at the corners of the eyes, "and on other parts of their bodies, whereof they make more particular show on their bosom, and those who have the most are reckoned the handsomest, though that pricking in that part be extremely painful to them."

In addition to tattooing themselves, the Indians further amazed the Europeans by painting their faces and bodies for special occasions with a brilliant red color combined with bear grease. Shells, bones, feathers, and pretty stones were worn in the ears, nose, and hair, on armlets and wristlets, and at the knees. When European traders arrived, the Indians discarded many of their traditional adornments in favor of glass beads and metal trinkets.

Particularly disconcerting to the white men was the Caddoan custom of greeting the arrival of strangers with small parades and a great deal of weeping and wailing. Both men and women wept their greeting. Caddoan women also wept in the face of impending death, and the French and Spanish soon learned to watch for tears that might predict their own deaths.

In the 400 years since their first encounter with the Europeans, Caddos have suffered upheaval and displacement. Although historic Caddos maintained a culture that only vaguely reflected the splendor of their Early Caddoan ancestors and other Mound Builders in the Eastern United States, early European explorers considered them highly civilized among North American Indians. From this elevated position, their fortune sank. They became political pawns of rival colonizing powers, Spain and France, and finally wards of the United States government.

France and Spain began fighting for control of Caddo territory in the late

17th century. The Frenchman La Salle, having failed to extend French control over the Mississippi Valley, died while on an expedition among the Caddos of East Texas in 1686.

Hearing of the French presence in Texas, Spain in 1689 founded several missions in the land they claimed. France

Most Caddo clothing was made of tanned deer skins. Expert tanners used deer and buffalo brains in a process that turned out lustrous black leather. The Caddos made moccasins, leggings, breechcloths, and shirts from the skins for winter. In summer, men stripped down to breechcloths. Ceremonial

clothing was richly painted and ornamented with seeds, turkey feathers, or other decorations.

Hair styles varied from tribe to tribe, but commonly a man's hair grew to about two inches all over his head except for a small patch on top that grew to waist length and was decorated with feathers. Sometimes the hair was greased and duck down stuck to it, or it was dyed. Women parted their hair in the middle, pulled it into a queue, knotted it at the neck, and fastened it with a decorative tie.

Round, thatched Caddoan houses and temples resembled closely those used by their Mound Building progenitors. Historic Caddos put in open-sided arbors to dry corn, although the best ears were hung in the tops of their houses. Smoke from the fire in the center of the house kept out weevils and insects from seed for the next year's planting.

When a family needed a dwelling, it notified an official called a caddi. He set a construction date and selected a building team. Some of the men brought poles, and others were put in charge of other building activities. Women put together special coarse grass for the thatched covers of the house. If a man was late for the housebuilding, he was switched across the breast. Women were whipped on their bare shoulders, but all the punishment for tardiness was done in



Caddo village scene.


responded by establishing trading posts among the Caddo people on the Red River in Louisiana, Arkansas, and northeast Texas. The Caddos were caught in the middle of the struggle for dominance for almost a century. Spain finally won the contest when England gave her Louisiana as a reward for helping the British in the French and Indian Wars.

Three major groups of Caddos existed during this period, living in loose confederacies. Natchitoches occupied the Red River region in northwest Louisiana. Kadohadachos (origin of the name, Caddo) were located along the Great Bend of the Red River in southwest Arkansas. Hasina'i lived in eastern Texas. Hasana'i also were called Tejas, meaning "friendly," by the Spanish, and from Tejas came the name Texas.

Still using some of the advanced agricultural techniques of their highly civilized ancestors, the Caddos raised an abundance of garden food—corn, beans, squash, melons, sunflower seed, and tobacco. Although successful farmers, they used few tools. In the loose, sandy soil of East Texas, hoes made of a deer bone or a crooked stick were all they needed.

Both men and women worked in gardens, the men doing the heavier tasks. For meat, the Indians hunted buffalo, deer, and bear, but they also ate wild hogs, prairie chickens, ducks, turkeys, birds, rabbits, mice, and snakes. They fished, using trot lines with short lines hung about a foot apart. Europeans borrowed their fishing methods. Nuts from the forests such as pecans, acorns, and chestnuts and wild fruits like plums, cherries, mulberries, blackberries, and grapes supplemented their diets.

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## Allan Shivers Library And Museum NEWS

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**ALLAN SHIVERS LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

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 June 7th 2:00 P.M. Books delivered to both nursing homes  
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 June 19 10:30-11:15 Story Hour:  
 Kindergarten-3rd Monthly Lectures - Birds, Insects & Snakes;  
 Grades 4th-5th - Sun Tents - Champion Forest  
 June 20th 10:00 A.M. Day Care Center Film  
 June 21st 6:30 P.M. John Gray Institute  
 June 22nd Books delivered to both nursing homes  
 June 26th 10:30-11:15 Story Hour:  
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# Local Author Boasts Beautiful New Book

by Dottie Johnson

"I hope at least one reviewer recognizes the quality of the writing," said Woodville author Howard Peacock, as he glanced at the rave reviews for his recently released book "The Nature of Texas."

Peacock will be at Heritage Village Museum from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, to autograph the book he spent the last two years editing.

The author was not asking for such recognition just for himself, although his own words are included in this exciting compilation of exquisite prose and photographs that takes you from the grandeur of Palo Duro Canyon to the wildlife sanctuaries of Aransas Pass, the mysteries of Caddo Lake to the springs of Big Bend.

"We've become a sighted world, not a reading world," he said somewhat sadly. "We're enamored with images."

No one can deny the importance of photography to the book nor Peacock's appreciation of it. But throughout, some of Texas' finest writers have interpreted the essence of those photographs and often captured what the lens did not. I hope they get their due, says the man who has been writing about the nature of this Texas, both ecologically and humanly, for the past 50 years.

Besides being a voracious writer, teacher and disciplinarian, Howard Peacock is also a survivor, when it comes to something he truly believes in. And one thing he has always believed in, ever since he camped on Village Creek as a boy, is the Big Thicket.

He even wrote about the Big Thicket in his first newspaper, written in long hand with a big fat pencil on Big Chief tablet paper. Set up in columns on both sides, just like a regular newspaper, the "Victoria Street Bugle," generally covered three topics: the Big Thicket, the Neches River and Baseball. Howard was an ardent baseball fan, serving as mascot for the Beaumont Exporters in 1932,

when he got to see such baseball greats as Hank Greenberg and Schoolboy Rowe.

There was only one copy of his newspaper, of course, so distribution was simple if a bit time consuming. Each month Howard took his completed newspaper from house to house, asking people if they would like to read it while he waited. If they did, he was usually given Coke or more often an Orange Crush—ample reward for a boy of nine who liked to fool around with words.

With such an auspicious beginning, it was little wonder that Howard became editor of the Beaumont High School newspaper, then reporter and feature writer for the Beaumont Journal, the evening newspaper. Competition was keen between the two papers, and Howard had to really scramble to get the story first. "It was a superb training ground," he says.

Peacock spent three years in the Philippines with the Navy during World War II, naturally editing the naval newspaper. When he returned to the states, he decided to take advantage of the G.I. Bill and go to college. After two months at SMU, he changed his mind. The classroom atmosphere was stifling, the teachers too rigid. He knew he didn't belong, so he returned to churning stories in Beaumont at his own hectic pace for a very little money.

After five years of scraping for every dollar, Howard and his wife Kitty took the plunge and moved to the big city, Houston.

During the next 25 years, Howard Peacock followed his chosen career, as a free lance writer, working at a variety of regular, albeit fascinating jobs at the same time. Among those jobs were editor of the Southern Pacific corporate magazine, Campaign Director of the United Fund and Administrator of the College of Law at the University of Houston. The latter caused some consternation among the students, since he had no college diploma to hang upon his office wall. To placate them he joined

Mensa and displayed instead the certificate that declared him to be in the top two percent of the population, intellectually.

In 1963, Peacock became Executive Director of the Bill of Rights Foundation, an organization that developed out of the destructive political atmosphere pervading Houston at the time. The organization worked toward making controversy a respected word, to encourage the free flow of opposing ideas without name calling. "Ideas In Focus," a television show they produced on KPRC-TV, brought men of ideas to the forefront and helped promote the cause.

After seven years, Howard Peacock said "enough." The organization was stable, had won national recognition, received many awards, and it was time for him to get on with his life, to give his energy to that one area which was consuming more and more of his time, saving the Big Thicket.

Howard Peacock was a conservationist long before the word was coined. He just didn't realize it until he started getting involved with the Big Thicket in the late 50's, more so in the 60's and heavily in the 70's. As early as 1938, however, his father had taken him on a long hot trip and lectured him on soil conservation, showing him what was happening to this precious land with clear cutting and bulldozing. Not only did it take away the top soil but the seeds as well.

Years later, as president of the Big Thicket Association, strictly a volunteer

job, he spent many a weekend taking influential people from all over the country into the Big Thicket, telling them some of those same things and explaining what he and his group were trying to do to preserve it from human predators. And he hasn't rested, even though President Gerald Ford signed the bill in 1974 that made the Big Thicket the first National Preserve in the country. Since that time, he has continued to work to save Big Sandy and Village Creeks and the canyon lands on the Neches River, which were not included in the original 84,000 acres.

Meanwhile back at the typewriter, which only recently became electric, the demands of freelance writing have changed over the past 50 years, according to the man who sold his first story on camping in the Big Thicket in 1940. Diversified as his writings are, from personality profiles, nature studies, stories about people and places and specific interest magazines, Peacock says he spends 50 percent of his time marketing his work, sending out queries and working with editors. The editor calls the shots, he says. The editor gives you the recipe; you have to cook it. But first, you have to get his attention, and sometimes that can be a long and arduous process.

This is one of the reasons Howard Peacock, writer and conservationist, is glad he likes cornbread and beans. They've served him well during the lean times inbetween.

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# Homesteading In The Big Thicket

By Beth Houseman, Park Ranger  
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Just off Highway 69, between Kountze and Warren, one can glimpse into the lives of some of the early settlers of the Big Thicket.

All that remains of the family farm that was located on the site is a log cabin, built over 50 years ago, which the National Park Service has preserved and is using as an information station for the Big Thicket National Preserve. The construction of the cabin is typical of the log cabins built by much earlier Big Thicket settlers.

In the early 1930's, Mr. James Staley and his family, who were living on Hwy. 287 where it crosses Beaumont Creek, wanted to move away from this busy road. Thinking he could homestead any vacant land, he made claim to 160 acres and began building a home. He believed, as did many others, that the Homestead Act allowed him to own land without actually purchasing it. All you had to do was prove that you had been living on and cultivating a parcel of land for an extended number of years, and you could

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a spirit of good will, according to reports of white men.

Housebuilding required about one-half day for completion. When all the work was finished, the family to live in the new house served the workers a meal of corn and venison. Everybody feasted and partied the rest of the day.

Temples were built like ordinary dwellings, except larger. In early historic times, they were still erected on mounds left by their ancestors, but the Indians seemed to know little about the mounds or who built them. Perpetual fire burned in the center of a temple. If a house fire went out, it was relighted from the temple fire.

Although the influence of the priests was not as strong as during the Early Caddoan period, the religious leaders were still powerful in the historic Caddoan society and were considered the upper class. Their positions as political and religious leaders passed from parent to child like royal titles in Europe. Religious ceremonies took place in the temples. The Indians believed in one great God who created earth and in many minor gods.

Marriage ties were weak and couples divorced for the flimsiest reasons. If a neighbor offered a pretty wife, more trinkets than her husband provided for her, she might leave the husband's house and move to the neighbor's. Generally, the Caddos practiced monogamy, but a man sometimes inherited his dead brother's wife and children to add to his own family. Wife swapping was not uncommon.

Childbirth was a rough ordeal. A woman knowing her time was near built herself a small hut on the bank of a nearby creek or river. In the center she drove down a stake to which she could cling during the rigors of childbirth. She went there and gave birth unassisted. After the

acquire up to 160 acres of public lands.

Mr. Staley built his cabin on wood stumps using logs that were chinked together with mud. The fireplace was made of clay. The kitchen was equipped with a table, ice box and wood box until butane was available, at which time a stove and refrigerator were added.

The family got their water with a basket from a 27 foot well located between the cabin and the barn. Later, when a seismograph crew made a test well, a hand pump was put on the new well. This was used until electricity came to the area in the late 40's.

One of the prized possessions in the log cabin was Staley's German organ, on which he would practice before playing at local dances.

The Staley family had lived in the cabin for a year or two before they were discovered by the Kirby Lumber Corporation, which owned the land. Although Staley had noticed large trees being hauled out by oxen, he thought Kirby was just beginning to cut the area. Originally Kirby wanted the Staleys to move, but finally agreed to an acknowledgement of tenancy, which Staley

first signed in 1938. He signed four more times through 1958.

Meanwhile, Staley built a barn, using materials salvaged from the house on Beaumont Creek. The family had about a hundred hogs, which grazed in the open forest. Each year, they would round them up, slaughter and smoke some in their own smokehouse and sell the rest in Kountze.

The family also cleared land for a fruit orchard and a vegetable garden, depending on these to produce the majority of their food and cash income. The children helped plow the fields with mules. Staley took the fruits and vegetables to the grocers in Kountze and the farmer's market. Later, Staley bought a Model A and expanded his produce route to Beaumont.

This was typical of the Big Thicket way of life with families working together on a small farm, depending on it to provide their needs.

In 1955, Kirby inspected the land and decided to charge Staley \$12 a year rent, which Staley was never able to pay. A car accident had injured his leg and hip and he was unable to work. Every year, when Kirby tried to collect, investigators would report the situation as destitute and Kirby would waive the fee. Since Staley was no longer farming, Kirby cleared with pine the land he had reseeded.

In the early 60's, Staley sold the cabin to W. Kelly Smith and moved to Kountze. Smith and his wife fixed up the cabin, added a bathroom and applied to Kirby to use it as a camphouse. After signing an Acknowledgement of Tenancy, he agreed to pay \$40 a year rent.

When Smith died in 1968, he left the cabin to his five children, and Kirby raised the rent to \$125. The children, in turn, sold the cabin to their mother for \$10. In 1972, she signed a campsite lease with Kirby.

A James Williams, who had been renting the cabin from Mrs. Smith, bought it in 1975 and was in the process of paying it off when the government bought it for the Big Thicket. Smith was asked to vacate on September 1, 1978.

By now many improvements had been made to the cabin. Electricity, telephone lines, plumbing, a septic tank and three wells were noted during the government appraisal. The chimney and fireplace were now brick and an outside laundry and storage house had been added. But the rustic charm of the original cabin remained.

To reach this Information Station of the Big Thicket National Preserve, turn onto FM 420 off Highway 69 between Kountze and Warren and go 2 1/2 miles. The station, which is on the left, is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Creekbank Fishing Is Nearly Lost Folk Art

By Anne Garner

Any veteran creekbank fisherman will tell you that there is good, wholesome vulgar enjoyment in worm and minnow fishing, like taking a tongue-curling, shurping lick off an ice cream cone.

To fish on a creek involves awesome simplicity. Just bait up with a worm, minnow, pine sawyer, catpala worm, or breadball. Take off your shoes, stretch out in the shade of a tree, brace the pole between your toes if you like and live, just as Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn did. When a fish nibbles on your line, jerk back to set the hook, flip the fish onto the bank, and then bait up for more.

Perhaps the basic uncomplicated nature of creekbank fishing endures as its most alluring charm. Every year government makes income tax returns more unintelligible. Religion, intended to satisfy the soul, has become inextricably entangled with philosophy, anthropology, politics, and advertising. Backyard baseball and football have evolved into multi-million dollar corporations with boards of directors. In contrast, worm and minnow fishing requires little preparation, equipment, skill or hassle.

Many attempts have been made to adulterate the lowly sport of worm and minnow fishing, however. Practitioners of fly-fishing tout their use of split bamboo or nylon wands, enameled line, cobwebby leader, and tiny pieces of plastic fluff at the end of the line. They whip and pop their lines above their heads and wind in their fish on reels built as precisely as a clock.

Fly fishermen have been known to leer condescendingly at a worm fisherman threading a glistening night crawler on his hook, making the latter suffer the anguish of embarrassment or even sulky defiance. Among the swelling ranks of fly fishermen, however, occasionally a dedicated angler will state honestly that the worm or minnow fisherman needs no defense and should offer no apology. Creekbank fishermen who use worms and minnows, defenders say, are decent, humble, laid back, sometimes inarticulate folks who only want to have their fun in their own simple way.

If a worm and minnow fisherman were inclined to do so, he could boast that he practices a pristine art, uncorrupted over the ages. He could proudly announce his reverence for the worm, supported by the fact that Charles Darwin considered the earthworm so useful that he wrote a book on the subject, *The Formation of Vegetable Mould Through the Action of Worms*. Although Darwin did not mention the worm's great value to the bait angler, he extolled its worth.

Looking up, the worm fisherman could even point out that the Lord is likely on his side. The benevolent deity has planted worms in the earth for dual purposes, to provide bait and to allow that anyone who wants to go fishing must work for the privilege by turning over a few spades of dirt.

On the other hand, the angler who buys his artificial lures from a sporting goods store gives up part of his adventure, as though he had missed the point

ing chapter of good book or never heard the first movement of a symphony. The fly fisherman never experiences the reminiscent smell of the manure pile behind the barn or the revelry of plunging a spade or fork into the porous earth. He never knows the excited expectancy of uncovering a fat, shiny worm or the brown lump wriggling in the bottom of a coffee can. Absent also is the mystery of lowering volantly gyrating worm into the depths of the water.

A keen, poignant justice surrounds fishing with a worm or minnow that does not accompany fly-fishing. The fisherman wagers a worm and the fish bets himself. When the fisherman catches the fish with a worm or minnow, he has his own reward from a fair test of wits. If the fish steals the worm, he gets a free dinner. If the fish is caught by the fisherman, he has sacrificed himself for a possible gain, not for the deception of a mouthful of plastic and feathers. Fly-fishing smacks of fraud. The jigger pretends to be something it isn't.

Testimonials by those who have spent time with a pole, cork, and worm on the creekbank leave little doubt that to their notion this way of fishing is superior to all others.

Here in Tyler County, Buren Williams says his father, an expert creekbank fisherman, had an uncanny knack for "hearing" fish. He declared to Buren, then a small boy, that he could accurately locate them, just around the next bend in the creek or in the next deep hole, by listening for them. His dad fished with minnows by "dabbling," flicking the bait to various places just below the surface of the water. "Didn't matter if that minnow was dead or alive," Buren says.

Over in Polk County, Mr. W.H. Roberts says he's dug a freight train load of worms down below his house in the Menard Creek bottom. He would scratch them out with a grubbin' hoe to fish for goggle-eyes, sun perch, mud cat, and channel cat.

Roberts has lived on Menard Creek since 1908. One room of his house was built of logs before 1850. Hand-hewn windowsills are still in the house although the original logs have been covered with siding on the outside and sheetrock on the inside.

When he was a youngster, he and his family set up two or three tents on Menard to fish overnight. Creek fishing along Menard has decreased in recent years, according to Mr. Roberts. "Now scarcely anybody fishes in Menard," he says. "Otters ate up lots of fish and creek dried up in the 50s."

Pete Peterson says that when he was a boy his family and one or two others used to pack up and drive their wagons down to the creek to fish for two or three days and nights. "It was a real treat to go fishing there," he says. To trap minnows, the fishermen put bread in a gallon jug with a screen funnel on its neck.

Pete recalls putting watermelons in the creek to cool on the fourth of July fishing trips. When his dad boiled coffee over an open campfire, he placed a green melon on the top of the pot to keep it

from boiling over and eggshells in the brew after it boiled to settle the coffee grounds.

Remembering a few hazards that came with creekbank fishing, Pete says water moccasins slithered up the creekbanks sometimes, drawn by the light of the campers' lanterns. Pineywoods rooters roamed the area, always searching for food. He and other campers had to build tables high enough that the porkers could not steal their food. The grunting spongers occasionally climbed into their boats and gobbled up their fish bait. "One morning when we were cooking bacon for breakfast over the open fire," Pete says, "one of the rascals charged in, scooped up the bacon while it was frying, and ran off with it."

Ladies enjoy creekbank fishing too. When Miss Marinda Barclay's mother wasn't working, she was fishing. "She loved to fish and I was right there with her," Miss Marinda says. "We'd get up about four o'clock in the morning to go fishing and sometimes stay until dark. We walked to where we'd fish. Seems like we had more time then. Everywhere we went, we walked." They used cork fishing or tight-line fishing (no cork) and worms, minnows, or crawfish for bait. "We'd fish and then hunt around in the woods for mayhaws, muscadines, hickory nuts, or whatever else we could find to eat," she says.

Their catch included catfish, perch, and fish eels, according to Miss Marinda. Her mother dried the skins of the fish eels, cut them into strips, and wrapped her daughter's hair in the strips to make it grow.

Miss Marinda still has the iron pots and stilletts her mother used to cook their fish on their wood stove.

Mrs. Sue Bracken says some of the sweetest memories she has are of creek fishing with her daddy when she was eight to ten years old. She grew up one of the youngest in a family of eight brothers and six sisters in the Pope Mill community east of Woodville. Miss Sue's father-farmed in the Toodlum (Theuvino):

Creek bottom. She says her father would say to her and two brothers, "You children sit on the bank. When I get the corn plowed, we'll go fishing."

"My father always took us if he said he would, but he wouldn't let us go by ourselves," Miss Sue says. "We'd cut a small ironwood tree, trim it up, and make a long, limber pole. Then we would dig some worms or use sawyers for bait to catch small perch. Later we would scrape them and fry them and oh, were they good! They are my favorite fish yet."

From time to time, part of the family camped out to fish in Toodlum Creek. "My father had mules," Miss Sue says. "He would load all our stuff on one mule, Old Kate, and we'd all walk up the creek to a large magnolia tree. We put our blankets on the ground and slept under the tree to keep off the dew. Hoot owls would holler and whip-poor-wills call."

Elton Pope, Miss Sue's grandfather, has a gristmill on Toodlum Creek. "We caught big red perch where the corn sifted into the creek from the mill," she said.

Miss Sue recalls taking eight to ten youngsters at a time on fishing trips a number of years later. "Malcolm (Collier) began to go with us when he was about five years old. The kids would fight over poles, worms, and everything else, but we sure had a good time," she says. "Those are sweet memories, too."

To savor the pure enjoyment of creekbank fishing constitutes a good enough reason for doing it. There are other reasons also. To fish so close to nature gives the soul an outlet to feelings, a surcease from life's trials, a conversation with the earth. To be genuinely enraptured by the wonders of nature stands us very close to the heavens themselves and gratifies the innate craving for an intimacy with those forces about which we know so little.

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