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Zavalla Independent School District
Post Office 45
Zavalla, Texas 75980-0045

Zavalla Elementary

PO Box 45
Zavalla, Texas 75980

December 5, 1997

Dear Ms. Mingee:

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to participate in such a meaningful way in our *Pioneer Day* at Zavalla Elementary. Having the opportunity to learn about the history of Zavalla was great for our students and for us adults as well. Even though many hours of preparation were put into the planning of this day it could not have happened without each of our participants.

You helped make special memories for our students by giving of your time and talents to contribute to the success of our *Pioneer Day* celebration. *Please know that you are very much appreciated, and that all of us here at Zavalla Elementary send our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Sincerely,

Sarah Thrasher, principal

Huntington Herald Highlights Of 1915

By MIRIAM TATUM

Also in the news for that
week: "No. 666 will cure mala-

townsman, Geo. J. Ivy. George
just took up his duties of cashier
and commended them to the



Richard Donovan
2126 South First Street
Lufkin, Tx 75901

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Past City

What's in a name: Two 'l's' or just one?

Sec. 8 Page 2 The Lufkin (Texas) News, Sunday, February 22, 1976



'ZAVALA' PROOF

An early 1940s photograph shows Betty Mingee standing behind a "Zavala" road sign. The sign is her proof that the town name was once spelled with one "l."



'ZAVALA'



'ZAVALA'

Zavalla
Betty Mingee 1997

This book is my last and best effort to draw a pictorial record of Zavalla. The Zavalla of my youth and also of today. The photos of our past have been supplied by many descendants of the early settlers of Zavalla. Old names marring other old names, so that today many of us are related by marriage or as daughter Patti put it "Connected". There were not that many people in this area, so often more than one member of the family married into the same family.

The business places of Zavalla that were here and families in the 1930's are gone! In their place are other business and Zavalla is still a town with pride. We have incorporated, have a fire department to be proud of, a water system, and soon a sewer system, a local policeman, an emergency rescue unit, new schools to replace the ones lost by fires. A school board, a city council, a group of firemen under the chief, a group of America Beautiful Clean that have taken several awards for cleaning up Zavalla and making it pretty. The town is moving forward after many years of just hanging on. When the Zavalla A.B.C. group had a flag raising, July 5, 1997 a big beautiful flag to fly over the town. We nearly burst with pride! Long may she fly.

I first started gathering old photos of Zavalla when I did a year long series in honor of the America Bi Centennial. I used your pictures and every week from July 1975 to July 1976 I featured photos and stories of the area people. I copied the old photos of Zavalla that passed thru my hands. In order to put this book of memories together. I have asked for and gotten more photos of old Zavalla - Thank you to all who shared them with me and I hope that this book will always make you remember not only our present, but also our past.

You will find photos of school's and school groups that may have your grandparents as school children. By your sharing I have included photos of all of our schools, except the first one that was a two room frame and I even have two photos of children outside of that school. I have identified by your help some of the students in the groups, if you know others please, please let me know so I can add their names to my photos.

The people have always been what is most important to building a town and keeping it going from one generation to another!

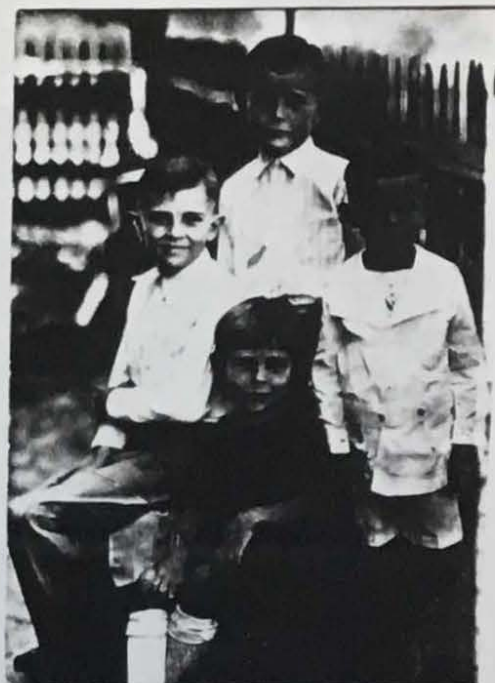
The people support the stores, any improvements and our schools! For a small town Zavalla has always tried to improve our schools, hire good teachers. our schools have been burned repeatedly and the whole town votes bonds to rebuild. They know those children will be our leaders of the future. We must give them the best education available. I am very proud of the photos of those early Zavallians I have been given to put in this book.

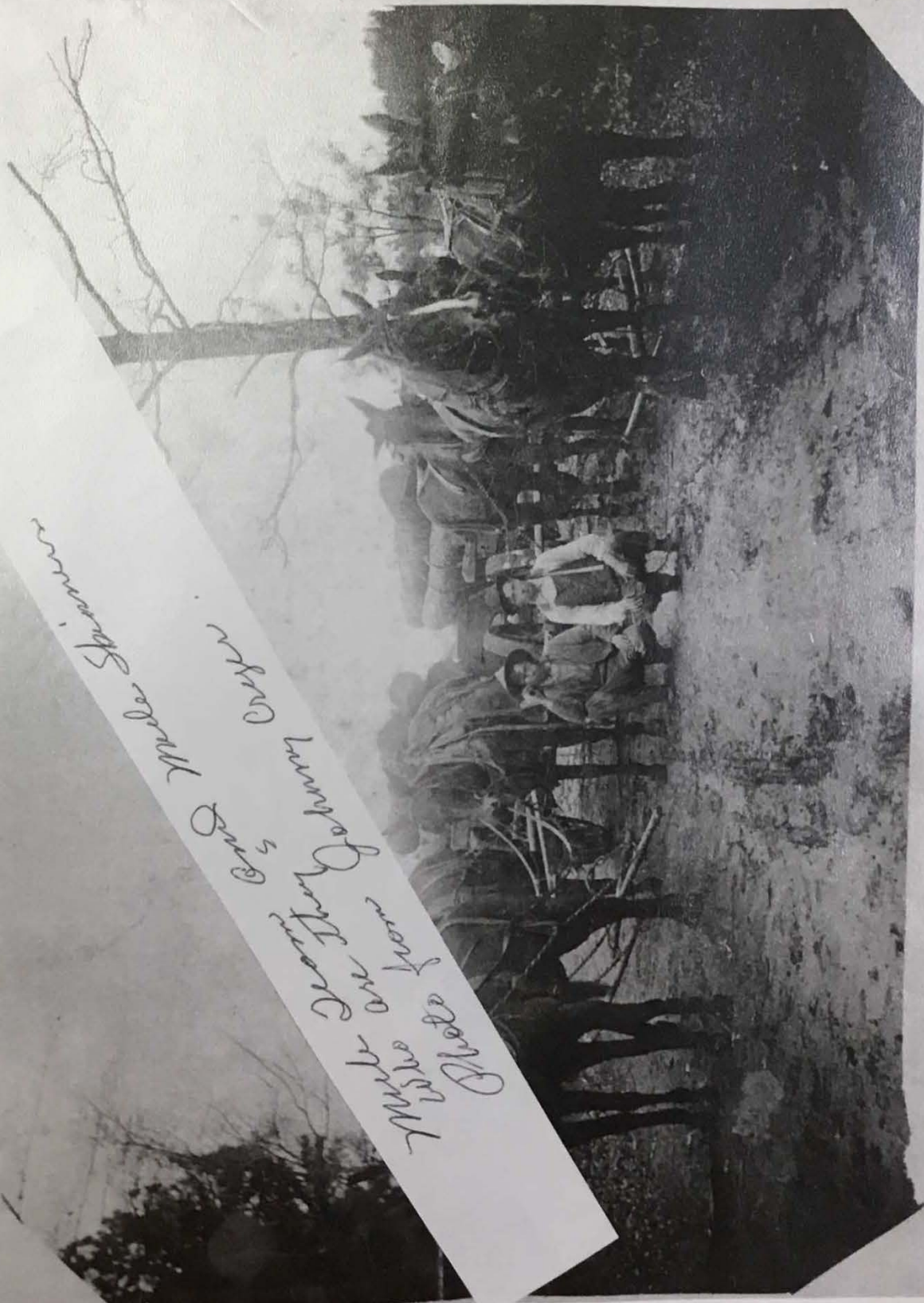
As with every thing I do. I could not succeed without the help of my husband of fifty one years. He goes to the library for me. He takes photos to copy for me. He wasn't born here, but Zavalla is dear to him. He has been active in annual Santa parade, Civic Club, City incorporation, Fire department organization, and in the past active in the Masonic lodge, Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church. When younger and more able to get around, he was at every meeting for every project that benefited Zavalla.

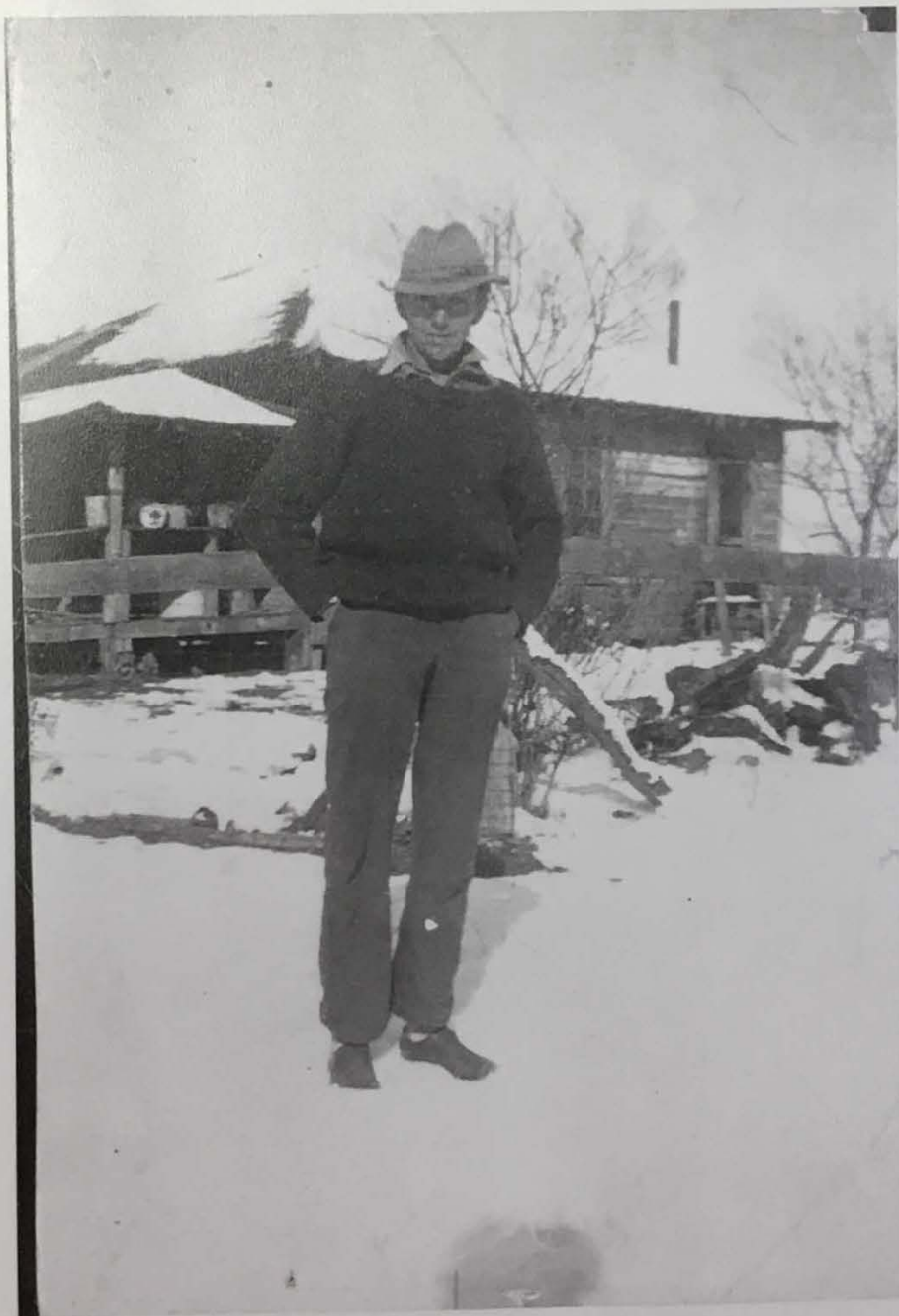
So I wish to dedicate this book to Lee Mingee who has been an active cheering partner to Zavalla for the 27 years since I talked him into moving me back home. Home to Zavalla where my roots grow deep! I have passed that love of Zavalla on to him and as in all our life together he has been a part, an important part of putting this book together! I could not have done it with out his help. Thank you Herman Lee (Leo) Mingee.

Betty Massey Mingee

BETTY, BOK







(My Dad) Jap Massey in Snow 1940
What is building in back of him?

Angelina County
November 12, 1846 Tax List
Squire Brown Assessor-Collector

James Bridges	640 Acres	
A. Chumnley , Samuel Burris	1,111 Acres	
G.T.W. Collins, William Colwell, Elizabeth Colwell,	2,399 Acres	
Robert Walker, John L. Graham, Peter Galloway	177 Acres	
John McGenis, ?, John McGenis agent for Peter Galloway, Barney Rhodes, Matilda Cherry	177 Acres	
Jesse McIntosh	177 Acres	
William Herrington	640 Acres	7 slaves
William M. Moses	330 Acres	
Daniel McIntosh	300 Acres	
W.W. Hanks	540 Acres	1 slave
L.L. Shoftner	50 Acres	1 slave
John McAnaly	637 Acres	
David Barren	150 Acres	
A.J. Colwell, Winfield Wright, Josiah Martin	100 Acres 1 lot in Sabinetown	
Elizabeth Stanley	1,100 Acres	
Samuel Gilliland	1,476 Acres	
Green Stanley, John D. Step, Solomon Step, Francis Hill, S. Davis, Micheal Byous	3 lots in Calhoun 6 slaves	
Joel Banks, John h. Grayham	2,813 Acres	
A.C. Colwell, James Delaney, Nathan W. Gann	480 Acres	
Elisha A. Evans	420 Acres	
John D. Gann	2,080 Acres	
George Massingale 1846.TAX	640 Acres	1 slave

Samuel Gann	320 Acres	
John Evans, Solomon Gann	320 Acres	
John F. Jones	150 Acres	
John Massingill	640 Acres	
W.G. Lang	1,265 Acres	
W.G. Lang agent for I.Martin	490 Acres	
John Clover, R.H. Ogg, Henry Massengill, Thomas Crawford	750 Acres	
Archibald Vincent	320 Acres	
Archibald Vincent agent for F.T. Brooks, John A. Aldridge	320 Acres 640 Acres	
Joel W. Aldridge	320 Acres 640 Acres	
Elizabeth Griffin, William Griffin, Robert Goodwin	320 Acres	
Shurley Goodwin, Joseph Goodwin, William Goodwin, Ansel Red, Mashack Red, Allen W. Red, Samuel Chatham, Mesch Red, William J. George, Willis Price, John J. Bowman,	1,00 Acres	16 slaves
James L. Ewing	1,476 Acres	
James L. Ewing	320 Acres	29 slaves
James L. Ewing	1,107 Acres	2 slaves
James L. Ewing	1,000 Acres	
James L. Ewing agent for I. Lewis, A.Young,	320 Acres	
Isom Medford		11 slaves
Fleciance Lopez, Benifacia de Asuna, Delons Causes, James J. Jones	320 Acres	
James J. Jones agent for J.D. Jones	640 Acres 320 Acres	
Isaac Dunagin agent for Seth Dunagin 1846. TAX	4,621 Acres	

County Judges of Angelina County

Information by

James Stanley Commissioner Precinct 4 Angelina County

Hon. Julius Grimes Justice of Peace Precinct 4 Angelina County

County Judges

Herrington, Joseph	1846	1848
Finley, Ephriam	1848	1850
Herrington, Joseph	1850	1852
Walker, Thomas R.	1852	1854
Bradshaw, Josiah	1854	1855
Herrington, Joseph	1855	1858
Mantooth, Thomas	1858	1860
Cleaver, William	1860	1862
McGowen, Samuel K.	1862	1864
Gaines, J. W.	1864	1865
Burden, Robert E.	1865	1866
Herrington, Joseph	1866	1868
Wright, Issac E.	1868	1870
Branton, Arnold	1870	1874
Granberry, John	1874	1878
Rush, Charles H.	1878	1880
Herrington, Joseph	1880	1884
Maroney, J. T.	1884	1890
Finley, LaFayette	1890	1894
Maroney, J. T.	1894	1896
Massengill, John M.	1896	1898
Maroney, J. T.	1898	1904
Townsend, W. J.	1904	1906
Jorden, T. W.	1906	1908
Maroney, J. T.	1908	1910
Robinson, John F.	1910	1912
Robb, E. B.	1912	1914
Robinson, John F.	1914	1916
Robb, E. B.	1916	1920
Robinson, John F.	1920	1922
Maroney, J. T.	1922	1924
Courtney, R. A.	1924	1928
Rolaton, Butler	1928	1932
Barge, W. D.	1932	1934
Rolston, Butler	1934	1934
Evans, W.L.	1944	1946
Rolston, H.R.	1946	1952
Maroney, J.T. Jr.	1952	1954
McFarland, Edward	1954	1958
Rolston, H.R. (Hiram)	1958	1962
Hubbard, Oran L.	1962	1970
O'Quinn, Joe H.	1970	1972
Anderson, Clark	1972	1974
Welch, Claude	1974	1978
Jones, Dan	1978	1990
Berry, Joe	1990	

Commissioners Angelina County
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Windham, John D.	1846	1847
Crawford, Thomas	1846	1848
Evans, John	1846	1848
Hill, Francis	1846	1848
Fulcher, Joshua	1847	1848
Gann, Nathan D.	1848	1850
Sickenberger, Otto	1848	1852
Stringer, T.L.	1848	1850
Paschal, John	1850	1852
Gilliland, Samuel	1850	1852
Moses, William C.	1850	1852
Crawford, Thomas	1852	1854
Anderson, Wm.	1852	1854
Hill, Francis	1852	1854
Hill, Joel	1852	1854
Rabon, Levi	1854	1858
Walker, Thomas J.	1854	1856
Stanley, Wm. G.	1854	1856
Fulcher, Joskua	1854	1856
Ewing, James L.	1855	1858
Fairchild, Wm. H.	1856	1858
Hill, Joel	1856	1858
Havard, Jeremiah	1858	1862
Mantooth, Samuel	1858	1860
Largent, W.J.	1858	1860
Denman, W.L.	1858	1860
Stern, Charles A.	1860	1864
Oats, L.C.	1860	1864
Red, Ansel	1860	1862
Evans, Jubal	1862	1864
Aldridge, James J.	1862	1866
Wood, Henry M.	1862	1866
Havard, Charles	1864	1866
Allen, A.T.	1864	1866
Davis, Harrison	1864	1865
Perkins, John W.	1865	1866
Dunn, W.W.	1866	1868
Wilkerson, John	1866	1868
Johnson, George W.	1866	1868
Havard, Jeremiah	1866	1868
Bonner, W.H.	1868	1870
Perkins, J.W.	1868	1870
Richardson, John F.	1868	1870
Weaver, L.C.	1868	1870

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Nesbert, Jas.	1876	1878	Precinct 1
Finley, W.N.	1876	1878	2
Johnson, F.W.	1876	1878	3
Gilliland, J.P.	1876	1878	----- 4
Kerr, Joseph	1878	1880	1
Bonner, W.H.	1878	1882	2
Moore, T.C.	1878	1880	3
Cassels, W.H.	1878	1884	----- 4
Fuller, B.J.	1880	1886	1
Russell, James E.	1880	1884	2
Tillery, G.W.	1882	1884	2
Collier, Henry	1884	1886	2
Brewer, A.J.	1884	1886	3
Gilliand, Eli	1886	1888	----- 4
Brookshire, W.H.	1886	1890	1
Walker, R.P.	1886	1888	2
Russell, J.E.	1886	1888	3
Brewer, Guss	1888	1890	2
Chestnutt, Joseph	1888	1890	2
Cassells, W.H.	1888	1898	----- 4
Brewer, J.A.	1890	1896	2
Fairchild, J.J.	1890	1892	1
Havard, W.F.	1890	1894	3
Brookshire, W.H.	1892	1894	1
Guinn, H.M.T.	1892	1894	2
Arnet, J.C.	1892	1898	3
Hill, J.F.	1894	1896	1
Sanders, E.G.	1896	1898	2
Guinn, H.M.T.	1896	1898	1
Havard, J.M.	1898	1900	----- 4
Russell, L.C.	1898	1900	3
Tredwell, S.J.	1898	1900	1
Sumerall, J.A.	1900	1904	----- 4
Smith, C.A.	1900	1902	3
Arnett, J.C.	1900	1904	3
Robb, E.B.	1902	1906	1
Richardson, T.F.	1904	1906	----- 4
Jordan, Walter	1904	1908	2
Russell, A.B.	1904	1906	3
Mann, W.T.	1906	1908	1
Arnett, J.C.	1906	1908	3
Poland, W.F.	1906	1908	----- 4
Hill, J.F.	1908	1910	1
Finley, R.E.	1908	1912	2
Ivy, R.M.	1908	1912	3
Hawkins, R.E.	1908	1912	----- 4
Bynum, W.D.	1910	1914	1
Forrest, J.F.	1910	1914	3
Platt, L.	1912	1914	1
Jordan, W.J.	1912	1916	2
Bingham, W.E.	1912	1916	----- 4

Angelina County Commissioners
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Fairchild, J.M.	1914	1916	Precinct 1
Treadwaell, J.L.	1914	1918	3
Jones, F.C.	1914	1918	----- 4
Bynum, W.D.	1916	1918	1
Fenley, J.P.	1916	1918	2
Fairchild, J.M.	1918	1920	1
Fenley, T.P.	1910	1920	2
Ivy, R.M.	1918	1920	3
Barge, C.A.	1918	1920	----- 4
Davis, J.F.	1920	1922	1
Sanders, E.G.	1920	1924	2
Scroggins, John H.	1920	1924	3
Richardson, T.F.	1920	1922	----- 4
Bynum, W.D.	1922	1924	1
Locke, J.W.	1922	1926	----- 4
Crocher, V.V.	1924	1926	1
Allen, J.W.	1924	1928	2
Treadwell, J.L.	1924	1926	3
Walker, J.E.	1926	1930	1
Scroggins, John H.	1926	1928	3
Barge, W.D.	1926	1932	----- 4
Odum, L.C.	1928	1932	2
Conner, W.A.	1928	1930	3
Smith, B.M.	1930	1932	1
Sayers, D.M.	1930	1932	3
Cansler, Charles E.	1932	1934	1
Hinsen, W.T.	1932	1934	2
Scroggins, John H.	1932	1934	3
Pickard, J.B.	1932	1934	----- 4
Nerren, Jack	1934		1
Hinson, W.T.	1934		2
Ivy, W. Dan	1934		3
Firdell, Graham	1934		----- 4
Cansler, C. E.	11-6-1934		1
Penn, E. E.	"		2
Ivy, W.D.	"		3
Pickard, J.B.	"		----- 4
Nerren, Jack	11-3-1936		1
Hinson, W.T.	"		2
Ivy, W.D.	"		3
Fridell, M.G.	"		----- 4
Thompson, J.W.	11-8-1938		1
Presnall, J.E.	"		2
Lowe, Joe	"		3
Barge, C.A.	"		----- 4
Thompson, J.W.	11-5-1940		1
Presnall, J. E.	"		2
LaRue, Joe	"		3
Barge, C.A.	"		----- 4
Ford, C.B.	11-3-1942		1
Presnall, J.E.	"		2

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Walters, J.W.	"	Precinct 3
Barge, C.A.	"	----- 4
LaRue, Joe	11-7-1944	1
Presnall, J.E.	"	2
Walters, J.W.	"	3
Cryer, W.H.	"	----- 4
Stubblefield, J.O.	11-5-1946	1
Jiggs, Parker	"	2
Vanglahn, W.L.	"	3
Cryer, W.H.	"	----- 4
Stubblefield, J.O.	11-2-1948	1
Parker, Jiggs	"	2
Vanglahn, W.L.	"	3
Weaver, Richard	"	----- 4
Stubblefield, J.O.	11-7-1950	1
Finley, W.P. (Pete)	"	2
Vanglahn, W.L.	"	3
Jones, Earnes	"	----- 4
Stubblefield, J.O.	11-4-1952	1
Finley, W.P.	"	2
Vanglahn, W.L.	"	3
Jones, Earnes	"	----- 4
Stubblefield, J.O.	11-2-1954	1
Poe, Sam	"	2
Vanglahn, W.L.	"	3
Boulware, J.W.	"	----- 4
Pouland, Calvin	11-6-1956	1
Poe, Sam	"	2
Davis, Hamp	"	3
Parker, T.B.	"	----- 4
Parker, W.T. Jr.	11-8-1960	1
Parker, L.T. (Jiggs)	"	3
Davis, Hamp	11-6-1962	2
Parker, T.B. (Bassett)	"	----- 4
Tillman, Leon	11-3-1964	1
Shofner, Bo (Charles)	"	3
Parker, L.T.	11-8-1966	2
Cryer, C.M.	"	----- 4
Tillman, Leon	11-5-1968	1
Shofner, Bo (Charles)	"	3
Parker, L.T.	11-3-1970	3
Colwell, Robert	"	----- 4
Tillman, L.T.	11-3-1972	2
Shofner, Charles (Bo)	"	3
Parise, Louis	11-5-1974	2
Colwell, Robert	"	----- 4
Tillman, Leon	11-2-1976	1
Thompson, K.E.	"	3
Henderson, I.D.	11-7-1978	2
Colwell, Robert	"	----- 4
Berry, Joe	11-4-1980	1

Angelina County Commissioners
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Arnold, Frank	"	Precinct 3
Henderson, I.D.	11-2-1982	2
Colwell, Robert	"	----- 4
Berry, Joe	11-6-1984	1
Nerren, Monroe (Jim)	"	3
Henderson, I.D.	11-4-1986	2
Colwell, Robert	"	----- 4
Risinger		3
Stanley, James	11- -1990	----- 4
Delbert Jones	01-01-1999	----- 4
Kenneth Timmons	01-01-1999	2

Early Zavallians buried in the Zavalla Cemetery
by Betty Mingee 1997
Source Angelina County Cemetery Book

I grew up hearing that the first body buried in the Zavalla Cemetery was a Mexican man who worked on the railroad. If this is true I can't find a record and he has no tombstone.

The tombstone is what I had to use to compile this list. If you know of any family members or others buried there, give me a call, I am always glad to add information on our Zavalla history.

Earliest ones I found are as follows

1. Johnny McGilbery	b. 1-30-1859	d. 10-31-1893	
2. J.C. McGilbery	b. unkown	d. 11-30-1902	(Son) on his tombstone)
3. John Carrie	b. unkown	d. 10-2-1902	
4. Cleo Dudley	b. 1-1-1903	d. 9-1-1903	
5. J.C. McGilbery Sr.	b. 1-30-1859	d. 4-30-1904	
6. Gillie Boulware	b. 11-19-1903	d. 9-3-1904	Son of C.F. and O.L.Boulware
7. S.N. (Samuel) Carpenter	b. 3-25-1850	d. 3-24-1907	
8. George M. Hawkins	b. 1-1-1831	d. 4-2-1908	
9. L.G. Carpenter	b. 4-27-1850	d. 12-8-1908	Wife of Sam
10. Sally Jane Peters	b. 1862	d. 1910	
11. Louis Green	b. 1903	d. 1910	
12. Neiley McGilbery	b. 11-7-1891	d. 10-25-1910	
13. Fannie Smithart	b. 10-29-1862	d. 5-8-1914	
14. Buck Rhodes	b. 10-20-1896	d. 10-23-1915	
15. Clide Lynwood Jacks	b. 9-13-1915	d. 12-3-1915	(Son of S.D. and Minnie Jacks)
16. Charlie H. Miles	b. 10-15-1895	d. 8-3-1918	
17. Emma V. Krane	b. unkown	d. 12-12-1919	
18. Paul Smithart	b. 4-18-1917	d. 5-31-1919	
19. J.J. Smith	b. 6-24-1835	d. 10-17-1920	
20. Margaret Rhodes	b. 8-29-1921	d. 8-30-1921	
21. Robbie Rhodes	b. 9-28-1920	d. 7-13-1921	

Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Angelina County

information by

Hon. Julius O. Grimes Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Angelina County
 Alvis Barge Sr. Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Angelina County
 Hubert Cryer

Name	Term	To
Simon Guinn	Term Unkown	(Early Years)
Lou Sears	Term Unkown	(Early Years)
? Sanders	Term Unkown	(Early Years)
J.E. Mott	03-23-1928	12-31-1928
Colan A. Barge	01-01-1929	12-31-1929
H.C. Meador	01-01-1931	12-31-1933
Charlie King Sr.	01-01-1934	12-31-1936
A.D. Mott	01-01-1937	12-31-1938
Andy O. Graham	01-01-1939	12-31-1943
Charlie King	01-01-1944	12-31-1946
B. Fengerst	01-01-1947	01-27-1947 (only 26 days)
William Danile Barge Sr.	03-10-1947	12-31-1948
Arnold Marshall	01-01-1949	12-31-1952
Andy O. Graham	01-01-1953	12-31-1962
Alvis Barge Sr.	01-01-1963	12-31-1990 (28 years)
Julus O. Grimes	01-01-1991	12-31-1998
Claude Marshall Jr.	01-01-1999	

Constables of Zavalla
Information furnished by Alvis Barge Sr. 1997

Name	Term from	To
Jack Poland	Term Unkown	
Jess Fann	Term Unkown	
Clarence Marshall	Term Unkown	
Marvin Roebuck	Term Unkown	
Sam Kinnard	Term Unkown	
Clarence Marshall	Term Unkown	
Steve Hopson	?	12-31-1928
Albert Richey	1-1-1929	12-31-1930
H.F. Simmons	1-1-1934	12-31-1936
George R. Gilland	1-1-1937	12-31-1940
Carlton Lambert	1-1-1941	8 -8 -1943
T.J. Marshall (Tobe)	9-21-1943	12-31-1946
Kenneth Gascamp	1-1-1947	12-31-1981
Prentise Courtney	1-1-1982	12-31-1991
William Wade	1-1-1992	to present

H.F. Simmons information from Cansler Trial records.

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information by

Hon. Julius O. Grimes Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Angelina County
Hon. Alvis Barge Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Angelina County Retired
Hubert Cryer

Name	Term	To
Simon Guinn	Term Unknown	(Early Years)
Lou Sears	Term Unknown	(Early Years)
? Sanders	Term Unknown	(Early Years)
J.E. Mott	03-23-1928	?
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Claude Marshall Jr.	01-01-1999	

Angelina County Sheriffs

Of the two dozen sheriffs that voters in Angelina County have elected, four served non-concurrent terms; G.T.W. Collins, Thomas R. Walker, R.V. Watts and W.L. Evans.

The sheriff who served the longest, however, was Pete McBride, who was elected in 1964 and served for sixteen years until 1980 when Sammy Leach Jr. took office.

A complete list of county sheriffs include:

G.T.W. Collins (George Thomas Wharton)	1846-1848;
Thomas R. Walker	1848-1852:
Jacob Davis	1852-1853;
Ephraim Finley	1853-1855:
G.T.W. Collins February	1855-1856:
P.A. Walker	1856-1858:
W.H. Fairchild	1858-1860:
Thomas R. Walker	1860-1864:
W.R. McMullen	1864-1866:
Thomas R. Walker	1866-1870:
James A. Spears	1870-1873:
H. Davis	1873-1876:
J.W. Davis	1876-1880:
J.C. Everitt	1880-1882:
W.G. Chancey	1882-1888:
B.F. Nerren	1888-1894:
A.W. Ellis	1894-1896:
W.M. Jones	1896-1900:
T.C. Mantooth	1900-1904:
R.V. Watts	1904-1914:
W.L. Evans	1914-1920:
R.V. Watts	1920-1924:
A.B. Youngblood	1924-1928:
W.L. Evans	1928-1932:
Henry C. Billingsley	1932-1946:
J.D. Conditt ("Red")	1946-1950:
Leon Jones	1950-1964:
Burl (Pete) McBride	1964-1980:
Sammy Leach, Jr.	1980-1984:
Mike Lawrence	1984
Kent Hinsin	

Incorporation Sept. 3, 1975 vote in Zavalla passes by 41

Zavalla voted by a margin of 41 to incorporate. There will soon be a meeting open to all who are interested to lay out guide lines and set a date for the election of a Mayor and city council.

Do you think you qualify as a future mayor or councilman? Do you want to be sure it is all zoned and planned with the wishes of your neighbors given top priority? If you feel this way, you should consider announcing for one of the new positions.

I'm sure there will be lots of trials and errors as the plans are formulated and your ideas might be just what is needed to get our town off to a smooth start.

Some rule changed or was first misunderstood, but there will be no run-off election in Zavalla after all. Wednesday, October 8th, M.H. Cryer was sworn in as our first mayor. Congratulations to him and all of our aldermen, who will now serve as Zavalla's first city officials and so earn your place in our area history books. I am confident all will do a good job. It is regrettable that the two were under the impression there would be a run off. To John H. Stephenson, a hand of appreciation.

C.M. Cryer, Council members, R. Havard, and Charles Oliver. Mayors of Zavalla

C.M. Cryer	1975 to 1977
Charles Oliver	1977 to 1979
M.E. Crain	1979 to 1981
Elton Cryer	1981 to 1983 Resigned 1982
William Brooks Weeks	1982 to 1983
Lynn Runnels	1983 to 1985
John O. Poe	1985 to 1987
Larry Marshall	1987 to 1989
Opal Gant	1990 resigned September 1, 1997

John O. Poe Longest member of City Council

John O. Poe 1985 to 1997 Serving as Mayor Pro Tem since Opal Gant resignation

Present Council Members Sept. 1997

Eddie Machann, Clyde Mott, Pam Hooks, Laura Mae Terrel.

City of Zavalla to elect first officials Saturday

Zavalla will elect its first mayor, five aldermen and a city marshal, Saturday, September 27. The election will be held in Zavalla courthouse from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

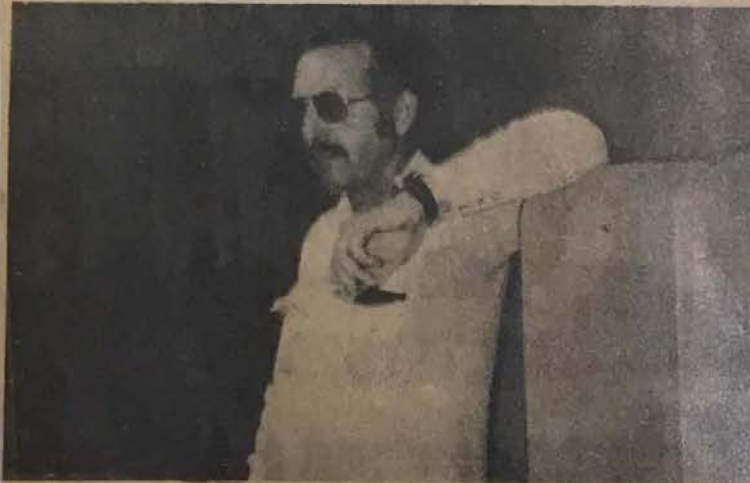
Those who are registered to vote are urged to cast their ballot. The members who are elected will draw up the city charter and by-laws.

Those candidates who have filed thus far include: Hubert Cryer, C.M. Cryer, and Dan Easley, all for mayor's position; W.R. (Hop) Hopson, Charles Oliver, Sr., Erceell Fertig, R.E. McNally, Richard Dubose, J.L. (Buster) Havard, Roy Cramer, and Lawrence Nash, for alderman positions; and M.J. (Red) Wilson, Charles L. Grimes and Jimmy Hunnicutt, city marshal position.

Oct 1975



ZAVALLA CITY COUNCIL MEETS: Left to right, Roy Creamer, Dale Carter, Hop Hopson, Buster Havard, Charles Oliver and Mayor C. M. Cryer.



CITY MARSHALL C. L. VINES

First City meeting is set

Zavalla Mayor C. M. Cryer announces that the first Council meeting of Zavalla's newly elected officials for October 23rd. The meeting is open to all public and will be at 7:30 p. m. in the Zavalla Courthouse.

The agenda for the first meeting includes plans to elect a city secretary, treasurer, election of a mayor-protem and other city business.

The public is invited and everyone is asked to come out and see the new city government get off to a good start.

CH 30, 1977

March 30, 1977

Zavalla takes first steps for fire department

At the special called meeting by the Zavalla City Council many interested people attended. We are proud of our town and the way it unites in a common need.

The council hopes for your continued support in its effort to establish a Volunteer Fire Department. Your person is needed as it organizes and your money in donations to enable the city to buy a fire truck. A charter has been applied for.

The first steps have been taken to establish the fire department. Donations were taken and an account opened at Huntington State Bank. You can make your donation there into the "Zavalla Volunteer Fire Department". Over \$5000.00 is needed for the purchase of fire truck. So far \$300.00 has been deposited in the account. Your support is needed. The

money you give now, will be saved later on fire insurance on your property.

L.G. Stanley was elected as President of

the Z.V.F.D. Gene Sheffield as Vice president and H.L. Lee; Minge as secretary-treasurer.

C.M. Cryer was named Fire Chief, and the two deputy fire chiefs are William Hopson and Joe Marshall.

A Committee was named to knock on your door seeking donations. So set some money aside and be ready for them. The committee members are Louise Mott, Pauline Colwell, Beth Runnels, Debby Oliver, and Willie Mae Cryer.

Z.V.F.D.'s regular meeting night will be on the 3rd Monday of each Month at 7:30 p.m. in the Zavalla Court House. At their next meeting names will be taken of those who would like to be a part of the Volunteer force. If you are over 18 years old and interested, plan to attend April 18th and become an active member of the fire fighting force.

Rules, identification badges and future training programs will also be un for

discussion. At the next meeting may be you have an idea that will benefit your community.

Lights to be Installed in Zavalla
February 18, 1976
Updated 1998

The Zavalla City Council met February 18, 1976 with all members present and a large crowd in attendance.

During the course of evening's action the city fathers approved a franchise offered by Texas Power and Light to furnish lights to Zavalla. After accepting the TP&L offer the council was told that a recent count poll of users, Zavalla was classified as a number one user instead of number two. What this means, it was pointed out, is that approximately 25 hundred dollars additional revenue into the city budget and a slight rate cut for all of Zavalla's customers in their electric bill.

Also approved was the installation of 14 street lights in downtown to light the area from highway 69 to the school houses. The cost will \$2.25 per light, per month. TP&L will absorb expense of light installations.

H.L. Manning of TP&L expressed his thanks to the city for its cooperation and for the contract. "We will process the papers and send the city a check at a very early date," he said.

John Henry Tatum was hired as city attorney on a case-to-case, and will receive pay only for services used by the attorney.

The collection of the city's garbage took up a large part of the meeting. John Tatum and Frank Matchett, each appeared before the council and asked for the rights to pick up the city patrons garbage. Each man offered two percent of gross per month back to the city in exchange for his privilege. The difference in the two proposals submitted stemmed mostly to Tatum's request that he be granted an exclusive contract. Matchett wanted free enterprise with the people free to choose which one of the collectors they wanted to use. Tatum's rates are \$4.00 per month for residents and \$6.00 per month for business minimum. Matchett offered to collect for the business for \$5.00 minimum. \$3.00 residential and a special rate of \$2.00 to all seniors citizens. He also stated he would only charge 15 cents per bag if it were brought to his truck as he made his rounds.

Action on the garbage question was tabled in order to allow the council more time to study each proposal. Mayor Cryer invited the men back to the next stated meeting to continue discussion.

In other action. Cryer reported on a block application grant taken to DETCOG. He told the council in his opinion the grant would be approved. If so, it would be used to install 34 fire plugs in the city and help provide for a fire truck.

July 4, 1968 -- 192 Years
History Laden Zavalla Preps For Big Event
Diboll Free Press Thursday July 4, 1968
by R.M. (Dick) Donovan

Zavalla - The community of Zavalla has not always been as we know it today, a sleepy hamlet nestled in the rolling piney woods of southeastern Angelina County.

Since its birth as the township of Mexican Empresario Lorenzo de Zavala, the community has played an important part in the history of East Texas. Zavalla was originally located in Jasper County in an area now covered by the waters of Sam Rayburn Reservoir. History is vague as to how and when it was moved to the present location.

However, when the Texas and New Orleans railroad tracks were laid in 1900, a post office was granted at this important water stop. It is interesting to note that a Mexican laborer (Name of Manuel Reyes) from the railroad gang was the first occupant of what is now Zavalla Cemetery.

The railroad began a new era for the town and the hardy people of the surrounding area. Zavalla became a major shipping point for cross ties, pilings, and staves. A short time later sawmills began to appear, causing the hills to resound to the whine of the circle saw and the air to reek of pungent odor of burning sawdust.

Such names as Zarskey, Chick-A-Saw, and Cariton & Cross became household words. The "Out of town" companies of Southern Pine and Angelina County also provided the local citizenry with jobs and incomes as they moved vast quantities of timber from the area.

As the great pine forests began to disappear, the saw-millers turned their efforts to the extensive hardwood stands and a different breed of saw-millers was born. Anyone of recent Zavalla history has only to think of the cross tie mills and the names of such men as Menyard Cryer, Hardy Beard, Nap Boykin, Kimbrough, and several others immediately come to mind.

In the early 1930's, a totally new industry located near Zavalla. Formed in its early years as Xact Clays, Inc., later to become Magcobar, this industry was under the supervision of A.T. Donovan. For the past 30 years it has supplied a steady source of income for the local economy. It is hard to find someone who has not worked at the "Clay Plant" at one time or another. Many a trucker has seen Jess Dykes or George Myers wave him out with another load of clay for Joe Haskins to make into oil well drilling mud.

Despite the industries previously mentioned, Zavalla was an agricultural community until very recently. Before and during the sawmill era, it was the farmer and landowner who hacked out the "new ground" and left his indelible mark on the land. The poll records, deed office and civic records are full of such names as Barge, Lock, Cryer, Havard, Harris, Jones, Marshall, Widner, Stanley, Colwell, Gibson and Renfro. These families established roots, took their living from the land and left a fine heritage for their heirs.

Crops were varied but, of course, the money crop was cotton and, during seasons, it was not uncommon to hear J.A. Barge Sr's gin running into the late hours of the night.

To the farmers of the surrounding communities of Saron, Sulphur Springs, Nancy, Concord, Ora and Shawnee Prairie, Zavalla was "Town". It was the place to go on Saturday and Election Day. If the young folks had some way to go they might even drive in during the week to see a movie of Bob Steele, Hopalong Cassidy, or Buster Crabbe, if one of the traveling tent shows happened to be in town. To sit on the "buzzard roost", eat a sno-cone, and watch Bob Steele trash ten guys and never lose his hat was excitement at its peak. To some of the boys it was even better if they had gained entrance via a "rolling ticket."

As any person of rural origin will attest, it is almost impossible to reminisce of by-gone days and not recall those political speakings held just prior to election day. At those occasion the local funeral homes provided the public address system and, to the childrens' delight, huge barrels of ice water, while the candidates supplied the entertainment. Each candidate was allowed a time to enumerate the weaknesses of the present administration and how he would handle the issues if elected.

In a good hot race, this could prove quite interesting, indeed. Probably the most accomplished public speaker to arise from these meetings was Cotton Gascamp, Constable of Precinct 4. Cotton would step to the microphone, mutter two or three unintelligible words, a thank you and step down. A few days later he would be elected by a tremendous majority. This technique has proven successful for over 20 years.

This reflection back into the past has been to remind those of us who remember how good that Zavalla spring water used to be, of this year's Annual Zavalla Homecoming to be held Saturday, July, 6th.

Make plans now to come enjoy a delicious lunch, relax, and visit with old friends. The proceeds will go for a much needed "Youth Program" and other civic needs. Zavalla will be expecting you for the parade at 10 a.m. on July 6th.





EUNICE AND JASPER MASSEY

The 3rd photo is of Lois Eunice Elliott and her husband Jasper Elmer Massey. They were married Oct. 17, 1915 and were the parents of 5 children. Opal Alpis,

Elmo Orelle, Garland Elliott, Betty Lou and Mike Madison.

Eunice was born March 11, 1886 in Shelby County and moved to Zavalla on a young girl where she worked in Zavalla's first business; Carpenter's store until she married.

Jasper was born April 6, 1892 in Sulphur Springs Community near Zavalla. He was the son of Matthew McGowen Massey and Margaret Elizabeth (Nickols)

Massey. He worked in the timber industry for his life time, was known for his handling of mules and big wheeled carts of those early lumber days. He worked for

the mill in Manning until it burned. Then for other lumber companies in the area. He now is retired except for his garden.

The parents of Betty Lou who married Lee Mingee. The two of them researched and assembled this book on Zavalla.

OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE-America: In this photo is Minna Anna Hacker Brandt and Fred Carl Brandt of Dannille, Ill. Minna was born March 14, 1885, Fred was born March 31, 1881. They married in Dannille Illinois on May 7, 1903.

Fred's and Anna's parents were both German immigrants. They lived in the German Town section of Dannille where they learned their school lessons and spoke only the German language until World War II and Hitler's taking over their homeland Prussia in his grasp for power. Then they learned to speak English and put away their German ways in loyalty to their adopted country.

Fred worked in the steel mills and died March 30, 1936, from the heat and its pollution. Minna lived until 1952.

They had one son by birth, Wilmer who drowned at the age of 21 in a hunting accident.

Their second son, H. Lee Mingee, was of Irish descent and yet they adopted him to replace the son they lost.

Lee married Betty Massey in 1946 a Texan, and like a modern day pilgrim he chose Texas as his home and loved our way of living.

Their two children are Michael who is one-half Cherokee Indian adopted in California and Patti Japanese adopted in Yokohama, Japan. Michael married Petra Camp, a German.

This couple left a family that could only happen in America. All of different nationalities, customs and regions, melted into a truly American family.



The parents of Herman Leo Mingee known as Lee who married Betty Lou Massey. They live in Zavalla, been here since 1970 after Lee retired from the Navy.

Good Old Zavalla

By MIRIAM TATUM *

One more homecoming — and I missed Huntington this year. Our Zavalla Day was a success as far as we were concerned. Just to see people from out of town once a year is reason enough for a get-together.

The very first person I saw as I came up was Melvin Simpson and his wife. Melvin was such a favorite of mine in his boyhood, until just seeing him was worth all my tired feelings at the end of the day.

It seems only yesterday that he was delivering my groceries from Tisdale's Grocery. But that yesterday was almost 15 years ago, I believe. Melvin and his brother grew up in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mott, their grandparents, after the death of both their parents.

Mr. Billy's Christian home influence is reflected in Melvin today. He and his wife both assured me they were Christians and attend church regularly.

Of course, Don and Billie Cooper were there from Hot Springs, Ark. to join the other Zavalla Coopers. And I was through Hot Springs last week and forgot they lived there. Imagine the week I could have spent with them.

Ada Vene Lakey (nee Donovan) was there from Houston, as were the J. T. Lewis' from Havner Street in Houston also.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williamson and baby, also from Houston, gave me their subscriptions, as did the aforementioned. She is another favorite, the older daughter of Gene Cooper. There is true talent going to waste in that gal. She is a true writer and had journalism in college to accompany it.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stanley are new subscribers. She is the former Marie Hollingsworth, daughter of the David Hollingsworths.

Jimmy Sam Modisett and wife Opaline, one of the twin Miller girls, were there. Her twin sister Opa Lee, wife of Bryant Harris, and her family were also there. When they were asking for the largest families, Bryant's father, Chex Harris, looked desperately around and asked, "Where is Bryant?" But his small family of six fell beside the Evette ten, Chex's daughter Lois was at the reunion too.

old man of Zavalla, was of course the oldest man there. Mrs. B. Castle and Mrs. Deltha Jones were the oldest ladies, I believe, with little Mechelle Atwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Atwood, chosen Little Miss Z for 1968. She is the Byrd's great-granddaughter. Her mother is Judy, daughter of Pauline Byrd.

The Prison Band performed remarkably well, playing both old and popular songs. It was touching to listen to their music and wonder how long they have been shut away from the outside world, and how long they will continue to be. It well could have been our young sons, I was reminded, who had somewhere, somehow gone astray.

The ladies who organized and served at the homecoming are to be commended for a job well done.

I am looking for a job with some rival paper. You and I both know that after Dick Donovan's masterpiece on Zavalla, I will be in the shade as a Free Press writer. It was a very, very fine story!

The Minor Best descendants had their reunion Sunday, July 7th. Yes, I was there also. I came home from church and was preparing to finish lunch when Joe said, "You want to go to the dinner?" Elwin said Rosella had cooked oceans of

food and none of their kids were coming, so for us to come on down."

I put on some steaks for the boys and away we went. All the way down Joe was studying what to tell them about us not having any food.

I told him, "Okay, I didn't know we were going until ten minutes ago, but we never have carried food, so why make excuses for today? We used to save our conscience by giving Grandpa Best a few dollars. Since he been gone, we have just gone blissfully on, carrying nothing."

It was beautiful there under the wisteria vines and cool trees at the old home place. But I miss the old house and well on the porch, with Grandpa sitting, smiling, in a rocking chair nearby.

Maxie Lee and husband, George Cage, his daughters, and her son Billy Glenn and wife were there. Of course, Maxie is my old love.

Ida Guinn's sons, C. M. and Andy Quatterbaum and Joe Bill Langston were there, as well as her daughter Francis.

Emily's daughters, Ida Lee and Juanita, and their children and grandchildren were there, as well as sister Maxie Lee.

Grace and daughters Doris and Bobby Gene and families were there; Edna's grandchildren, minus their parents; Ida Lee's handsome twins, Jack and Mack and girl friends (I thought the girls were black-haired last year); and Elwin and Rosella.

Mrs. Anna Easley, an old beloved friend, was there as a guest and Miss Monte Dunkin, a cousin, was also there.

Juanita, in her jaunty little hat, seemed to be taking pictures for the press, and did subscribe to it.

The Lord knows that is enough reunions and homecomings for one spring and summer for me — five in all. I hope I can "cam" down for awhile and read April's Ladies Home Journal and January's Better Homes And Gardens. I'm knee deep in corn, though.

Come to the Museum! Mark is curator, so if you are a personal friend you had better chose a time when I am here. He charges friend and foe alike!

Doris and Frank Roebuck are also new subscribers from homecoming. They were enjoying meeting old friends and relatives and showing off their pretty children. But I imagine when brother Hubert and Joan begin showing off all five of those little girls of theirs the Frank Roebucks feel greatly outnumbered.

The W. L. Lowery family was there except Hazel and family. Willie also took the Free Press and so I can flatter him for next year. He is remarkably well kept for the nigh onto 60 years he must have lingered here. Matter of fact, I would call him still handsome, but after all I am an old woman myself.

Mrs. Jo Anne May, Tyler, Tex., would be little Jo Anne Carnes. They all grow up and of course she is a young matron now. Her father, Wes Carnes, is an old friend of my father, and also of Joe.

Mr. William Barge, our grand Marshall.

The Free Press, Diboll, Texas, Thursday, March 24, 1977

Remembering...

Dibollian loved memories provided by late columnist

(The following article was submitted by Richard [Dick] Donovan. He grew up in Zavalla and is now a resident of Diboll.)

Remembering and Miriam are synonymous to me. To remember is to reminisce, and Webster defines reminiscing as recalling past experiences. Miriam had a way of taking you back to a more carefree time, a less complicated age. She led you down the back roads by the rivers of your memories.

To take an imaginary springtime walk in the East Texas woods with her was almost to smell the intoxicating fragrance of the wild yellow jasmine, to hear the murmur of a sparkling stream, the piercing cry of a mating hawk, to behold the fresh green life bursting forth all about you and to feel the glorious warmth of the sun caress your soul at the end of a long dark winter.

On past occasions I have written articles which Paul was kind enough to print in The Free Press. Miriam made on over these considerably and urged me to write more often. She and I definitely shared a love for many sights and sounds of East Texas that we both knew so well: the quietness of a summer night, the hauntingly beautiful call of a whippoorwill, and the smell of freshly cut hay in the summertime. But many of our other memories were a generation apart. My mind goes back to when a well-dressed teenager wouldn't be caught in anything less than a pair of blue jeans with a neatly turned cuff. Then you did your homework with a "fountain pen" while listening to Amos 'n' Andy, Mr. District Attorney or Lux Radio Theater.

Discipline at school then didn't seem to be the problem it is today. A quick visit with our principal, Donald Saxton, was all that was needed to convince one of the error of his ways. You'd usually think a long time before making the same mistake twice. Roy Wright and I seldom made the same one twice, but it seems we continually made a lot of different ones.

Summer vacations were memorable events. My feet and legs still ache at the thought of riding a bicycle down a sand-bed road or running, barefoot through a grass

burr patch. A nickle could buy two dips of ice cream at Fortenberry's Drug or 12 fluid ounces of Pepsi at McGilberry's Mobil Cafe. Hours could be spent hunting birds with two rubber straps tied together with an old shoe tongue and fastened to a forked stick. Ammunition was cheap and readily available for these not-too-deadly weapons.

Then before you were quite ready, summer days began to grow short. With mixed emotions one realized it was time to begin preparing to return to classes. Relinquishing summer freedoms was never pleasant, but those shiny new shoes and bright new clothes made it more bearable. The first day back at school was always a happy event: seeing old friends and being shocked at how much they had grown; being issued new books that were impressively thicker and more interesting than last year's. My class always made a wild scramble to the library for any new books that had been acquired between terms. Mrs. Cecil Widner had developed in her third graders an interest in reading that would follow most of us through our academic pursuits and beyond.

Order was finally brought from chaos by the ringing of Mr. Tom Richey's bell. I can see him standing on those steps as clearly today as I could then, another generation removed. Everyone lined up single-file in front of those steps and marched in an orderly fashion to the next class — particularly orderly if that class happened to be taught by Mrs. Hazel Townsend.

See Spot run and jump, times tables, Texas History, algebra, English — soon those new clothes began to itch and the now slightly shiny shoes began to burn. Alas! Is there no escape from these tortures? Your head began to whirl, and you slumped in your seat. Visions of the ol' swimmin' hole filled the mind. Colonel Travis was soon left to fend for himself at the hands of the advancing horde.

Yes, Miriam, in our moments of quiet solitude we remember, and it gives meaning to our lives. Our memories retrace where we have been and give us direction for the future. May our rivers of memories always flow gentle on our minds.



The Zavalla Fair 1928
by Betty Mingee 1997

A look at Zavalla from West end of main street. In 1928 the street was full of spectators as a parade came down the street.

In front dressed in white dresses are the Hancock twins, Nettie and Lettie. They were the daughters of Albert Hancock. Albert managed the drug store owned by Dr. T.W. Hancock. Albert was the brother of Dr. Hancock.

When Dr. Hancock moved his practice to Lufkin, Dr. Fortenberry and his wife Inez bought the practice and drug store out. When the right side of the street was burned in 1930, the Fortenberrys rebuilt with brick, large enough building to hold a grocery store also. That building stood from 1931 to 1994. When it was torn down and O'Neal wood shop / Video was built on the corner.



Zavalla 1929
by Betty Mingee 1997

This photo of early Zavalla was given to me by LaVonne Hopkins in 1976. It has been reproduced and shared by many of us who are proud of Zavalla and our roots here.

All the business on the left side were destroyed by fire in 1930. When it was rebuilt there were less business, and different business.



Our Golden Heritage
Zavalla 1928 - 1932
Photo Submitted by La Vonne Hopkins

A trip into yesteryear. The photo of Zavalla of the past. The photo was taken prior to a fire that wiped out all of the buildings on the left side of the picture.

The photo faces from the east to west of main street today in Zavalla. What doesn't is the fact that in those days the town also ran north and south along side the railroad tracks.

The first building on the left side of the picture was a service station owned and operated by Mr. John Crawford, the next service station and cafe was owned by Mr. Henry Townsend, next is the two story hotel. It had a meat market and cafe downstairs with rooms to rent upstairs. I do not know who owned and operated it. Next was the original Fortenberry Drug store. It sat back and is not visible. But the people are sitting on the board walk in front of it. The second auto is parked in front of Mr. Hardy Mott's garage just across the tracks.

On the right is Barges, same as today, but it was new at that time. Note the gas pumps out front and the name "Hancocks" on the sign means that the cafe was open then under Doctor Hancock's brother.

Not seen in the photo but a part of the town, to the left the boardwalk went from the drug store to Charlie Carpenters general mercantile...Zavalla's first business. Also Mr. Aaron Barge's cotton gin, a saloon and Mr. Benton McMillions grocery store were on that side of town.

To the right was Charlie Cansilor store, a saloon operated by Mr. Cansilors son, the railroad depot, another drug store owned and operated by one of the Barge family.

By turning a mental back to the photo and looking back east in my mind I can picture the Zavalla I knew. I arrived in Zavalla after the fire, so the present drug store was where it is today, a grocery store run by Mr. McMillion beside it. I don't know the date of the fire, but my expert, Lee, tells me the car is a 1928 Chevrolet, so either date could be correct.

As I face back up the street, on my left is Barges store of then and now, next his feed and grain building, in those days it had a sign "Bright and Early Coffee" a big rooster and the sun coming up over the fence on it. Near the feed store was our calaboose, where the bad guys spent a night or longer, then the old post office and drug store operated by the Miles brothers. Mr. Tom the pharmacist and Mr. Ernie the postmaster. The store of Mr. Marion Gibson, the house of the John Bentley family, then the house I grew up in, next the old county barn, then the two houses where the school principal and superintendent lived in. Our present schools are on the original sites of the old schools, then the home of Dr. Alexander.

Looking up the left side of my memory trip was the drug store, McMillions, Doctor Alexander's office, an old tin building that was used as a mattress factory under FDR program, Mr. Byrds dry cleaning and pressing shop run from his home, Mr. Noah Gibsons store and soda counter. I enjoyed my first coke with a feller in there and felt quite grown-up. Homes next then Mr. and Mrs. Kinnards cafe where I bought and ate countless hamburgers. Then across from the schools was Mr. Joe Hopkins grist mill, located on that pet branch of mine, that ran so fast and free that it turned the water wheel to grind corn and meal that made the best cornbread imaginable.

There is a saying "You can't go back" but when I looked at this photo, I went back in memory to bare feet on the dirt street, ice cream cones at Fortenberrys

Drug Store, grocery buying at the various stores. The town looked so big to me when I moved here in the fifth grade. I soon knew everyone up and down the street as I do today, greeting and being greeted by them. I can taste again the cool orange soda water in the Nehi bottle that was my favorite drink when I had a nickel for it. I can see friends and hear their laughter. .

Yes, I went back into the past, to walk again through town as a young girl I knew. I hope you can too.

by Betty Mingee



The Zavalla Depot
by Betty Mingee 1997

The photo shows Zavalla Depot that was the nerve center of Zavalla for many years.

Built in 1901-1902 by T & N.O. (Texas and New Orleans) R.R. It offered faster and more dependable Mail delivery, telegram service for business and citizens alike. The messages came in and went out by Morris code on a teletype machine.

The trains delivered mail and supplies to the town stores.

Zavalla shipped out lumber from its mills, R.R. ties were made here and shipped out by train. The cash crop was still cotton and the bales made at Barges cotton gin and Thompkins cotton gin rode the train to other cities and ports for shipping over seas.

Another busy product that went by train was drilling clay produced at the Macabar Company. The clay from here went to oil fields where it was used in drilling wells as oil discoveries soon made Texas a rich state.

Also the train made travel to other cities convenient. The train through here connected with other railroads and our people had a much safer way to travel than by horseback, or wagon.

The depot was torn down by W. Bryan Harris who was the last station master for Zavalla. Bryan and Bill Poland had bought the old depot for 25.00! Bill and Betty Polands home had its framing from the material. It is nice to know part of it is still a part of Zavalla.



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE: ZAVALLA - Pictured is a train at Zavalla's depot. The trains came through and young boys loved to climb on the engine or help fill it with water from our water tower and young lades loved to get on and pretend they were going on a trip somewhere far away.

The depot was built in 1900, but no one knows for sure what year it was torn down; but around 1956 seems to be the most frequent time mentioned.

In the photo above, a group of Zavalla girls went down on a Sunday afternoon to flirt with the men who ran the train and pose for this photo. The young lady in dark clothing hanging onto the back is young Fleta Carpenter. The photo was made in 1915-16, when trains were the only modern means of transportation. (photo by Fleta Carpenter Parker)

Before Zavalla got its post office in 1902 the mail was carried by anyone passing thru. The various stores passed out mail, plus accepted mail to pass on.

The first post master was Dave Johnson a pony express rider who picked up the mail in Lufkin and delivered it to the lower section of Angelina Co. To Huntington, Zavalla, Yno, Rockland, Nancy, Concord and other communities who needed a way to communicate with family.

On Mr. Johnsons return to take the mail back to Lufkin. How often? Due to distance he covered by horse back probably not daily - maybe not even weekly.

Dave Johnsons son Ira and his wife Mary bought the Carpenter home and lived here long enough for the home to become known as the Johnson home. Mr. Ira Johnson was architect and designer of our W.P.A. schools Mrs. Mary Johnson shared the first photo I had of the High School in 1976.



Mr. John Crawford met the train every day and took the mail to the Post Office. He also took the out going mail to put on the train and send it on its way to other towns.

Zavalla Freight Agency Is Closed May 30

May 30, 1973 By JERRY HARRIS

Wednesday

Zavalla, Tex. (May 30) Today, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company's Zavalla Freight Agency, passed away. Railroad company officials claimed the old station had the dread disease known as "The Red Plague." I overheard one company official say that the agency had been operating "in the red" for some time. Other observers seem to think that apathy, on the part of shippers and townspeople, killed the station. My personal opinion, is that both these factors, combined, is what terminated the 70 year old agency.

In its younger days, the agency had many friends. Zavalla itself, depended upon its services for the town's very existence. In its later years, the agency grew obsolete and only a few shippers used the station. When the S. P. held hearings to decide the fate of the agency, these shippers refused to come forward and plead a case for the old station. In its hour of need, nobody stepped forward to help the agency. Not one person cared that much about keeping the agency in Zavalla.

So, about 12 noon, Mister A. H. Gilder, representing the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, formally terminated the 70 year old agency.

Most of Zavalla's residents didn't care, one way or the other. But Jack Shelton, a local groceryman, said, "I don't think the agency should be terminated. You can't make progress by going backward. This is a bad sign for Zavalla."

"I really hate to see it go," said Alvis Barge, the local Justice-of-the-Peace. W. B. Harris the last agent to work the Zavalla agency, quipped, "I really enjoyed my time at the agency. While I was associated with the station, I found out what work was all about."

Surviving the agency's passing, Mr. Harris plans to take a month vacation to "get over" what has happened. Also surviving is the freight train that will continue to run through the middle of Zavalla, but won't stop. And finally, the town of Zavalla has survived, for the time being. Who knows, Zavalla may be next to bite the dust, just like the freight agency.....and maybe for the same reasons. *(Wednesday)*

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Angelina + Niches
River Railroad taking
down crossing signals



The Last Train thru Zavalla
by Betty Mingee 1997

The last train thru Zavalla ran May 12th. 1995. The photo taken by Jonnie Gibson when she realized the tracks were being taken up behind the train.

The last customer for the Southern Pacific was the Clay Plant. There was one car there to be picked up. Then there would be no more trains.

There in lies a funny story. A man was sent to arrange the car pickup, when he came back toward Zavalla he discovered the tracks were already being picked up. It took a forklift and \$30,000 dollars to retrieve that last car.



Zavallas first Post Office
by Betty L. Mingee
Photo taken by Abbie Gascamp

This was Zavallas' first Post Office, in service from July 1901 to August 1947. From 1917 to 1947 Mr. Erna Miles was postmaster and his brother Tom Miles operated a drug store in the building.

Mr. Tom Miles lived with his maiden sister Miss Lela Miles, just across a drive way from Ernie Miles and his family. Some of the Ernie Miles descendants live in Zavalla today.

Before 1901 when the Train came to Zavalla and started delivering the mail to the Depot, the mail was passed out in local stores. I know my mother, Eunice Elliott Massey, told of passing out mail and death messages as customers came into "Carpenters" store to shop.

The first Postmaster was Phillip H. Nolen. Appointed July 3, 1901. Jessie C. Fondren was appointed July 19, 1901 until November 22, 1902. Mrs. Lillie Marshall told me the Post Office was first built facing the creek on now Railroad St. The mail was carried by mailman from the depot to the Post Office. Lillie was not sure when the building was moved to Main Street. In my time Mr. John Crawford went to the Depot and walked the mail to the Post Office on Main St.

James A. Sumerall was named Post Master 1902. Robert Hawkins March 1905. William L. Laird November 1905. James A. Mott November 1908. Van A. Carpenter April 1912. Gillie B. Hawkins March 1915. Erna R. Miles was postmaster from May 1912 to May 7, 1947. The longest period of any of the postmasters in our postal history. Leona Mott August 1, 1947. Colan A. Barge also October 1, 1947. Our next longest service was David Renfro from May 30, 1958 to June 1967. after him came Doris Pelton June 1967 to February 1981. Then Bob Mahlar February 1991 to January 1996 when Sue Berry became our Post Mistress and is still here June 1997.

The Zavalla Post Office has been franchised from 1901 to present time.

Zavallas Post Office Two & Three



Photo Courtesy of Opal Gant

Zavallas second Post Office was built on the site of the first one. It was built in 1947 and served Zavalla until there was a need for more postal boxes. In 1981-82 New Post Office built.



Zavallas third (3rd.) was built in 1981-82 Opened for business September 30, 1982.

Mr. & Mrs. Erna Miles
Photos courtesy of Paul Miles



Erna Miles m. Cassie Jones



Erna & Cassie Miles



Cassie Miles d. 1968

Miles Final Rites Today

1965
Oct. 22, 1965
Funeral services for E. R. Miles, 76, of Zavalla are scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Zavalla First Baptist Church. Rev. Decker Sanders, and Rev. A. L. Tbeff will officiate and interment will be in the Zavalla Cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the family residence in Zavalla.

Mr. Miles was born in Angelina County, January 27, 1889, and died Friday. He retired after serving as Postmaster of Zavalla for 32 years. He was a member of the Zavalla First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Cassie Miles, of Zavalla; five sons, Paul Miles of Beaumont, Robert Miles, E. R. Miles Jr., and W. R. Miles, all of Zavalla, and Morris Miles of San Augustine; three daughters, Mrs. C. W. Sharp, and Mrs. Solon Fierberg, both of Beaumont, and Mrs. Dewitt Donelson, of Marquez; three sisters, Mrs. A. O. Graham and Miss Lela Miles, both of Zavalla, and Mrs. Mattie King of Lufkin; 17 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Gipson Funeral Home, directors.

Their children

Homer Leighton m. Annie Maude Lowery
Morris m. Sally Mae Woods
William (Tooter) m. Mae Courtney
Sybil m. Ben Sharp
E. R. (Bunt) m. Ozell Buckner
Dorcas m. Dewitt Donelson
Robert m. Vela Mae Graham
Dorothy m. Solon Fierberg
Paul m. Effie Heiman
Surviving children are
Sybil, Dorcas and Paul.

Miles Family Group



Photo Courtesy Paul Miles

Front row L to R: Dewitt Donalson Jr. (son of Dorcas), Ernie Kay (daughter of Morris), Effie Miles (wife of Paul).

Second row: Salone Fienberg (Dorthys husband), Homer Cliff (Morris son), Sally Mae (wife of Morris), Morris Miles, Annie Maude Leighton (wife of Homer), Dorothy Feinberg Miles, Erna Miles Sr., Paul Miles.

Third row: Irma June Miles (Morris daughter), Dorcas Miles Fienberg, Karen Sue Miles (Morris daughter), Erna Miles Jr.

Mr. Erna Miles served as Zavalla's Postmaster from 1912 until 1947. He served in old (first Post Office) also in the building was a drug store, Brother Tom Miles was the druggist.



As Postmaster David Renfro to end Zavalla career *out of Paper March 26, 1987*

By DIANA HILL

ZAVALLA — When David Renfro stepped down as Zavalla postmaster in March, residents in this East Texas community felt they were saying goodbye to an old friend.

But anyone who knows Renfro knows he is not retiring to a rocking chair. That's not his style.

"After almost 29 years as Zavalla postmaster, I just want a little change of pace," he says. "I want to become involved in politics. Perhaps, I will run for county commissioner in a couple of years."

Politics is not a new avenue for Renfro. Twenty-nine years ago, the position of postmaster was a political appointment.

"I was a Democrat, a conservative one, but nonetheless

a Democrat, appointed under the Eisenhower administration — a Republic administration," Renfro explains. "Because of the politics involved, I wasn't confirmed until three and a half years later. To be confirmed, a postmaster had to be approved by both U.S. senators from Texas."

"Ralph Yarborough was an ultra-Democrat, and he had me pegged as a Republican. I could only get approved by the senior U.S. senator from Texas — Lyndon B. Johnson. My family knew L.B.J."

One of Renfro's special keepsakes is a letter from the former President Johnson.

As postmaster, Renfro juggled several positions — Mr. Public Relations, marriage counselor and

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Renfro retires at Zavalla

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civic leader.

"I felt public relations was part of my responsibility," he says. Each day, I came in contact with a large majority of the community. They were my customers and I was there to serve them in whatever way I could. I cared about the community."

With tremendous exposure and his willingness to relate to the people of Zavalla, it is no wonder that his customers, his friends, sought him out when they had personal problems. They knew he would listen.

A letter written and published in the Huntington-Zavalla newspaper several years ago sums up Renfro's character in a nutshell:

"My bouquet this week goes to another favorite person in our town. David Renfro is our postmaster and a very obliging and competent one, too. In that position he daily comes into contact with more people than

anyone else in town. As postmaster, he is on a first-name basis with most of our town folks. He is so kind to our older citizens. He takes time for filling out their money orders, addressing their envelopes and explaining the cost to them. He carefully and slowly counts their change."

Mail arrives in a variety of forms, but Renfro did his best to deliver it. He recalls one envelope addressed to "Bam Bam, Zavalla, Texas." After much thought he remembered that a grandchild of a Zavalla resident called her grandmother by that nickname. At long last, the letter was delivered.

When Renfro came to work 29 years ago, Zavalla had one 72-mile rural route. Today, there are two rural routes — one 127 miles and one 47 miles long. Twenty-nine years ago, he had 170 postboxes; today there are 451 postboxes. In 1958, Renfro had 400 postal customers. In March, he had 1,100 postal customers.

"Times have changed," he says. "I did it all back then —

emptying, sorting, boxing and of course, the paperwork. Back then, we had two or three reports to fill out. Now there are 17 reports required by the U.S. Postal Service."

Doris Pelton, a former Huntington postmaster, has been his right arm during the past few years. Renfro's wife, Joyce, lovingly refers to Doris as her husband's "other woman."

For the next couple of years, Renfro hopes to take it a little easier — at least until he delves into politics. Their neighbor watched him slowly meander towards the pasture to repair a fence the day after he retired. She commented, "Yesterday, your pace would have been twice as fast."

Renfro won't be idle. He has four grandchildren, 100 head of cattle and a honey-do list a mile long.

Joyce and David have three children, Patricia Mott, Cecilia Flournoy and John David Renfro



SAFETY AWARDS. Doris Pelton, Postmistress, Zavalla, Tx presents belt buckle safety awards to: Charles Oliver and Charolette Husband. Rural-carrier Charles Oliver has driven 17 years with no accidents and Charolette Husband has driven 9 years with no accidents. Both are rural letter carriers out of the Zavalla Post Office.

Post Offices and Postmasters
of Angelina County

<u>Post Offices</u>	<u>Postmaster</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>
Acol	Thomas W. McMullen	7 Dec. 1934
Aldridge	Edwin B. McCall Rescinded 4 Oct. 1906	3 May 1906
Aleedo	Seth A. McConnell Thos. W. Dunn Birdie Lester Discontinued 17 Jan. 1919; mail Lufkin Thos. W. McMullen Edd S. Marshall Discontinued 13 Nov. 1924; mail to Lufkin	26 Oct. 1916 5 April 1917 27 Sept. 1917 20 May 1919 30 Dec. 1919
Angelina	Josiah Bradshaw Samuel C. Hiroms Discontinued 7 June 1858 James Parker Discontinued 24 April 1867 Malcolm J. Moseley Edgar A. Roberts Homer Kilgore Henry Baker Leonidus B. Foster Discontinued 14 feb. 1902; mail to Lufkin	2 July 1855 2 July 1856 16 May 1860 29 April 1898 9 May 1899 27 May 1899 20 April 1900 7 Jan. 1901
Barber	James Byrns Edgar T. Hickman Joseph F. Fisher Discontinued 31 Aug. 1915; mail to Huntington	31 Jan. 1907 13 March 1908 28 Sept. 1912
Baker	Martin W. Townsend Discontinued; mail to Pollok Re-established Zacariah P. Fenley No papers Martin W. Townsend John S. Matthews Joseph D. Cates Discontinued 31 Aug. 1901; mail to Pollok	20 July 1889 26 Oct. 1894 6 May 1895 19 Aug. 1895 31 Jan. 1901 10 May 1901
Bonner Mills	Chas. A. Ballentine W.H. Bonner Discontinued 11 Sept. 1877	13 June 1876 2 July 1877
Bradley	J.M. Futch Discontinued 4 Aug. 1882; mail to Homer	29 Aug. 1881
Breaker	George A. Medford Changed to Ora.	23 Sept. 1884

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Burke (late Rhodes)	David M. Stovall	20 March 1886
	Dixie Roberts	23 May 1887
	Stephen J. Treadwell	7 March 1888
	William B. Mantooth	11 Sept. 1897
	Daniel B. McCall	29 June 1898
	Ina McCall	2 Sept. 1914
	Discontinued 31 Aug. 1955; mail to Diboll	
Burris Prairie	Joel Hill	15 Nov. 1860
	Discontinued 5 Nov. 1866	
Caruthers	Andrew J. Blackburn	8 June 1908
	Order rescinded 13 Aug. 1908	
Chancey	Chas. W. Richardson	25 May 1915
	Discontinued 15 Aug. 1916; mail to Lufkin	
Cheesland	Jacob P. Humphrey	8 Aug. 1857
	Discontinued 4 Aug. 1860	
	Winzel Hillenkamp	10 Nov. 1860
	Discontinued 5 Nov. 1866; restored	6 Nov. 1866
	Mrs. Martha Buckalue	6 Nov. 1866
	Winzel Hillenkamp	11 June 1873
Clawson	Changed to Wells (in Cherokee Co.)	29 March 1886
	Wm. McD. Vinson	26 March 1891
	Thomas C. Mantooth	8 Sept. 1892
	John C. Means	31 July 1893
	Horace Smith Jr.	9 Sept. 1898
	Robert A. Caruthers	3 April 1900
	William Earl	26 June 1903
	Discontinued 22 Feb. 1906; mail to Keltys	
	Disrescinded 26 Feb. 1906	
	James M. Sapp	27 Feb. 1906
	Ashley Stroud (declined)	27 Dec. 1906
	Discontinued 31 Aug. 1907; mail to Keltys	
	Maurice Bivins	8 July 1908
	Edward W. Blythe	23 Feb. 1910
	Robert H. Melear	9 Jan. 1912
	Andrew Sulser	26 Oct. 1912
	Lawson T. Bargainer	24 April 1915
	Sallie Hopper	10 April 1920
	Mrs. Ruth Poe	17 Dec. 1929
	Discontinued 30 Nov. 1935; mail to Lufkin	
Davisville	Wm. G. Herrington	8 April 1908
	James S. Smith	9 June 1909
	James H. Clayton	2 Feb. 1910
	Discontinued 1 Sept. 1921; mail to Lufkin	
Diboll	William P. Rutland	25 MAY 1897
	Watson Walker	25 April 1901
	William P. Rutland	30 Sept. 1904
	Frank Farrington	14 Dec. 1908

<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Postmaster</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>
Diboll Cont.	Zettie Kelley	11 Dec. 1925
	Anna L. Powell	31 March 1953
	Bernice H. Weeks	10 Aug. 1953
	Edythe H. Weeks	29 Dec. 1966
Donovan	Mrs. Oma Wall	3 March 1927
	Bertie Grant	27 June 1929
	Carlton I. Fuller	22 Oct. 1930
	Discontinued 31 Dec.1930; mail to Huntington	
Dunkin	Harrison A. Dunkin	14 Feb. 1901
	Charles A. Chambers	15 Sept.1902
	Ralph C. Arnett	30 April 1926
	Changed to Nancy 1 June 1926	
Durant	Louie C. Odum	30 Oct. 1909
	Joseph G. Chumley	29 April 1914
	Discontinued 15 May 1915; mail to Clawson	
Durst	John E. West	30 Dec. 1893
	Halbert Medlin	11 May 1895
	Sargent P. Broughton	3 March 1896
	Willie A. Nelms	18 Jan. 1897
	Malcom J. Moseley	26 July 1897
	Changed to Angelina 29 April 1898	
Blysium	Joseph K. McKnight	29 June 1857
	Charles Ruby	3 Aug.1858
	Discontinued 23 Jan.1867	
Emporia	Jos. C. Carter	10 July 1893
	Willie C. Vinson	16 Dec. 1902
	Horace M. Carter	20 Sept.1904
	Clarence A. Jones	18 Dec. 1906
	Discontinued 8 April 1907; mail to Diboll	
Eudora	Mrs. Sarah C. Cansler	6 Oct. 1885
	Mary C. Guinn	2 July 1888
	Charles E. Cansler	14 Oct. 1897
	T.H. Weaver	29 Sept.1998
	Discontinued 23 Dec.1898; mail to Homer	
	Re-established	
	Willie O. Warren	18 May 1899
	Discontinued 2 Oct. 1900; mail to Homer	
Ewing	John F. Robinson	28 Sept. 1901
	Discontinued 7 July 1903; mail to Dunkin	
	John W. Bohlssen	5 Oct. 1920
	Clyde E. Miller	21 April 1822
	Mary C. Bohlssen (declined)	17 July 1923
	Oscar L. Finley	28 Nov.1923
	Annie J. Honeycutt	19 Dec. 1925
	Casper Newton Walker	28 Nov. 1943
	Discontinued 15 Dec.1944; mail to Huntington	

<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Postmaster</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>
Fort Turan	Thos. B. Windham Discontinued 5 Nov. 1866	17 Nov. 1856
Hamlet	Martha A. Oates John W. Oates Lular Maud Wagstaff Discontinued 27 Feb. 1908; mail to Huntington	11 June 1894 6 March 1900 23 July 1906
Herrington's	William Herrington Joshua B. Cochran Discontinued 5 Nov. 1866	6 Feb. 1852 12 Dec. 1857
Homer	John W. Martin Washington L. Denman David S. Carnahan John Middleton Miss Mary A. Shannon Arnold Branton George J. Collins Casper A. Ricks Henry J. Mathews Mrs. Caladonia Brown Benjamin W. Borden (declined) George M. Collins George J. Collins Edward L. Robb John N. Thompson Discontinued 30 April 1924; mail to Lufkin	4 Aug. 1858 13 Oct. 1858 10 April 1866 19 March 1867 3 Dec. 1968 21 July 1871 1 June 1874 20 Dec. 1880 20 March 1882 10 Oct. 1889 29 Oct. 1891 4 Feb. 1892 11 Aug. 1892 28 April 1893 22 Sept. 1897
Huntington	Robert D. Chapman George W. Herrington Laura B. Cochran Wm. B. Ivey Robt. N. McMullen Lila Baird Lee K. McKewen Bolivar C. Ivy	23 July 1900 15 dec. 1906 19 May 1908 24 March 1911 15 Oct. 1904 1 Nov. 1921 16 May 1930 16 Nov. 1934
Ivy	Idella J. Kennedy Sophie Haley Wm. B. Scarbrough Wm. W. Hilliard Sebron J. Cowart Changed to Odell 23 Jan. 1900	29 May 1886 3 Jan. 1887 3 Jan. 1888 16 Nov. 1896 15 March 1898
Jake	Jacob Davis Miss Lizzie E. Chambers Discontinued 11 May 1886; mail to Eason, Polk Co.	19 March 1884 3 Nov. 1885
Keltys	Joseph H. Kurth John E. West Sam Wiener Jr. Joseph H. Kurth John A. Odell	26 March 1890 25 Nov. 1891 4 feb. 1892 27 Sept. 1897 1 July 1915

<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Postmaster</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>
Keltys (continued)	Otto O. Munsell (declined)	15 July 1918
	Geo. T. Kirkpatrick	17 Jan. 1919
	David W. Thompson	19 Dec. 1923
	Dora Cobb	5 Aug. 1939
	Kate Moses	1 Aug. 1940
	Louise W. McMullen	25 Aug. 1961
	Discontinued 27 Dec. 1968; mail to Huntington	
Lay	William C. Lay	1 Oct. 1898
	James P. Dubose	10 March 1899
	Discontinued 24 Sept. 1900; mail to Burke	
	Re-established	
	Henry Travis	13 Feb. 1901
	William M. Outlaw	5 Oct. 1902
	Charles D. Renfro	17 Sept. 1902
	Discontinued 12 Nov. 1906; mail to Burke	
Lufkin	Wm. A. Abney	12 April 1882
	Joseph Kerr	21 March 1883
	Nathan W. Gann	7 Feb. 1890
	Benj. L. McPherson	2 Aug. 1893
	Winfield L. Vinson	28 July 1897
	Joshua Shotwell	23 Jan. 1900
	Crockett Campbell	28 March 1904
	W.E. Boykin	20 Dec. 1916
	Chas. L. Bonner	12 June 1919
	Otto J. Lang	4 June 1920
	Susie E. Lang	22 Nov. 1922
	Wm. L. Evans	1 May 1923
	Walter E. Hall	7 March 1928
	Willie C. Binion	18 Oct. 1936
	Clarence H. Green	31 Aug. 1950
	R.V. Welch, Jr.	31 Aug. 1952
Manning	Charles G. Gribble	19 July 1906
	Herbert Moss	6 Feb. 1915
	Arthur C. Polk	28 May 1919
	Annie L. Thompson	1 Nov. 1925
	Aline F. Ragan	22 March 1926
	Dudley L. Gibbs	15 Dec. 1927
	Johnnie Mae Hayes	8 Oct. 1935
	Marcie Holland	3 Nov. 1936
	Cynthia C. Jones	1 Oct. 1938
	Hamp Wilson	1 April 1939
	Discontinued 30 April 1940; mail to Huntington	
Manton	William A. Hawks	6 June 1903
	Fred Brunsterman	7 June 1904
	Phillip C. Burr	11 May 1905
	Charles H. Felt	16 Feb. 1926
	Frank H. Liers	19 Jan. 1911
	Discontinued 30 Nov. 1912; mail to Platt	
Marion	John D. Gann	8 March 1847

<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Postmaster</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>
Marion (continued)	Elisha A. Evans	3 Feb. 1848
	Ashburn Davis	31 May 1848
	William P. Wilkins	29 April 1852
	William Wilson	27 April 1852
	Jacob Davis	16 July 1853
	John I. Shark	12 Nov. 1856
	Jacob Davis	14 May 1857
	Wm. W. Manning	22 July 1858
	Hezekiah Hunter	9 Oct. 1866
	Discontinued 9 Aug. 1869; Re-established	
	Wm. P. Berry	4 Oct. 1869
	Discontinued 10 Oct. 1876	
Miami	Albert B. Seals	12 May 1882
	Mrs. Lulu C. Ross	18 Sept. 1882
	Discontinued 28 April, 1883; mail to Lufkin	
Modisett	Andrew J. Davis	24 Dec. 1902
	Discontinued 17 Dec. 1904; mail to Clawson	
Monterey	Alfred J. Wigley	28 May 1902
	Henry J. Townsend	19 Oct. 1905
	Joel Z. Stringer	2 Aug. 1906
	Jessie R. Register	15 Jan. 1910
	Discontinued 31 Dec. 1913; mail to Huntington	
Mott	Thomas L. Mott	7 Aug. 1871
	Robert G. Dixon	15 May 1876
	Thom. L. Mott	3 Oct. 1876
	Discontinued 3 Sept. 1977	
	Jessie C. Hensarling	28 Sept. 1885
	James E. Dudley	8 Feb. 1897
	Thomas J. Parker	24 Aug. 1901
	John T. Hensarling	10 May 1904
	Hiram C. Mott	14 Nov. 1908
	Jerry M. Havard	5 March 1912
	Discontinued 14 Feb. 1914; Rescinded	
	Discontinued 27 Jan. 1921; mail to Turpentine	
Nancy (late Dunkin)	Ralph C. Arnett	30 April 1926
	Thom. W. McMullen	11 April 1929
	William A. Chambers	10 Jan. 1934
	Discontinued 30 June 1941; mail to Zavalla	
Odell	James H. Kirkland	23 Jan. 1900
	Discontinued 22 Aug. 1900; mail to Homer	
Ora (late Breaker)	George A. Medford	11 Nov. 1884
	Mrs. Elvira Cochran	14 Jan. 1886
	Mrs. Sue A. Moore	11 April 1891
	Francis M. Cochran	9 Sept. 1892
	Lewis E. Baird	28 Sept. 1893
	Elvira Cochran	1 May 1894
	Calvin J. Cochran	8 Sept. 1896

<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Postmaster</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>
Ora (continued)	Lewis E. Baird	1 April 1898
	Richard J. Hatfield	23 Dec. 1899
	Joseph G. Russell	11 Oct. 1900
	George W. McIntosh	29 April 1901
	Thomas W. Jeanes	23 Oct. 1901
	Andrew J. Shofner	2 Dec. 1902
	William A. Conner	12 Feb. 1904
	April H. Ellis	5 June 1907
	David H. Carlton	25 Feb. 1908
	Charles C. Mattek	19 April 1911
	Rebecca Yeates	28 July 1911
	Discontinued 30 Sept. 1911; mail to Huntington	
Platt	William L. Singleton	28 Nov. 1902
	John C. McKinney	26 March 1906
	Morris G. McCoy	3 Jan. 1908
	Discontinued 31 Jan. 1913; mail to Manton	
Pollok	James G. McKnight	9 Nov. 1886
	Ollie Langill	29 May 1902
	Homer N. Kilgore	25 March 1903
	William S. Watson	29 Aug. 1908
	Chas. C. Dunn	24 April 1922
	John W. Dunn	18 May 1923
	Mazie Dunn	8 Jan. 1926
	Robert R. Sanders	5 March 1927
	Gertrude D. Carr	30 dec. 1963
	Nina F. Ruby	8 Oct. 1965
Popher	Martha A. Boykin	21 April 1890
	Martha A. Ivy	14 Dec. 1894
	Sarah B. Truett	29 Jan. 1896
	Martha A. Ivy	14 Dec. 1894
	Discontinued 4 Feb. 1903; mail to Monterey	
Red	Wade McAdams (declined)	8 May 1906
	Dempsey D. Lewis, Jr.	7 Sept. 1906
	Discontinued 19 April 1907; mail to Wells	
Retrive	Charles B. Griffin	13 March 1906
	C.B. Fairchild	30 March 1910
	Discontinued 30 June 1913; mail to Baber	
	Lurana A. Weeks	19 Jan. 1921
Rhodes	Discontinued 21 Oct. 1922; mail to Huntington	
	Harris Rhodes	25 June 1883
	Homer V. McMickle	15 Sept. 1883
	Wm. D. McMickle	29 April 1884
	David M. Stovall	2 March 1886
Shawnee Creek	Change to Burke 20 March 1886	
	Colin M. Barge	26 July 1875
	Discontinued 26 July 1877	

<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Postmaster</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>
Sumpter	Wm. Herrington Changed to Herrington 6 feb. 1852	15 June 1848
Wilmoth	Nathan W. Gann Discontinued 14 June 1881	13 July 1880
Yuno	Colin W. Barge John W. Barge Discontinued 11 March 1907; mail to Zavalla	18 Nov. 1905 12 May 1906
* Zavalla	Jessie C. Frondren Phillip H. Nolan James A. Summral Robert B. Hawkins William L. Laird Jas. A. Mott Van A. Carpenter Gillie B. Hawkins Erna R. Miles Leona M. Mott Colan A. Barge David F. Renfro Doria Pelton Bob Maylar Sue Berry	19 Jan. 1901 3 July 1901 22 Nov. 1902 6 March 1905 24 Nov. 1905 13 Nov. 1908 17 April 1912 6 March 1915 7 May 1917 1 Aug. 1947 1 Oct. 1947 30 May 1958 6 June 1987 22 feb. 1991 6 Jan. 1996

Source: Photostats from the National Archives: Letters from Jeffery C. Warren,
Office of the Postmaster General, 31 December 1969:
Additional Research: by Betty Mingee.

Tyler MSC

Name of Office Zavalla, Tx.

Location of Office: City Zavalla County Angelina State Texas

Date Established: Month January Day 19 Year 1901

Current Postmaster: Sue Berry Date appt'd 11/6/1996

Previous Postmasters (if known) and dates of tenure:

Appointments

1. Jesse C. Frondren	1/19/1901
2. Phillip H. Nolan	7/2/1901
3. James A. Sumrall	11/22/1902
4. Robert E. Hawkins	3/6/1905
5. William L. Laird	11/24/1905
6. James A. Mott	11/13/1908
7. Van A. Carpenter	4/17/1912
8. Gillie Hawkins	3/6/1915
9. Erna R. Miles	5/7/1917
10. Leona M. Mott	8/1/1947
11. Colan A. Barge Jr.	10/1/1947
12. David Renfro	5/30/1958
13. Doris Pelton	6/6/1987
14. Bob Mayhar	2/22/1991
15. Sue Berry	1/6/1996

Approximate mileage from Tyler: 105

Stations or Branch Offices

1.	3.
2.	4.

Current employee complement: 6

Number of:

City Routes	-0-
Rural Routes	2
Star Routes	-0-
Lockboxes	544

Types of Community Supported: Rural

Population of Area Supported: 1,100

Additional Information (please describe anything unusual or of historical significance concerning your office - ie: architecture. paintings. events. visitors, ect.)

A community called Yuno had a post office established 11/18/1892, Postmaster was Colin H. Barge. It was discontinued March 11, 1907 and mail went to Zavalla. Our present rural carrier, Charles Oliver, is a great-nephew of Colin M. Barge and also a great-grandson of John W. Barge who was Postmaster of Yuno from May 1905-March 1907 when mail was transferred to Zavalla. Charles' cousin, Colin A. Barge, Jr. was also Postmaster of Zavalla from October 1947 to May 1958. Building that housed the Yuno Post Office is still standing on land owned by Charles Oliver, Rural Carrier, Zavalla, Texas.



Carpenter Store
by Betty Mingee 1997

The first store in Zavalla, built 1866 by S.N. Carpenter and Sons; Van A. Carpenter, Rielly Carpenter, Samuel Carpenter and Charlie Carpenter. The store was built on the street now facing the railroad tracks, but it was built long before the train came to Zavalla in 1900 - 1901. After Charlie married Betty Elliott he took over the store at his fathers death March 1907. S.N. and his wife are both buried in Zavalla cemetery. On the right is Fleta Carpenter with her friend Dawn Mott.

The small store nestled at the left side of the Carpenter store also was a Carpenter store!

The smaller was the business of Rielly Carpenter built by his father store. Rielly also built the old Bailey home, that sat back of S.N. Carpenters store. The house still sets there today, showing its age now. It was the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bailey and their children.



Pictured in their yard below, are Charlie and Betty Elliott Carpenter. He was born December 24, 1878. She was born on July 8, 1880. They married in Woodville on December 24, 1896 and lived and raised their family in Zavalla. They had six children, Ollie, Fleta, Lana Bell, Lec, Billie and Hazel Dell. Three still live, Ollie, Fleta and Hazel Dell.

The Carpenter family established Zavalla's first business and under the hands of Charlie grew into a much larger business. Their story will continue in future issues. Their role in the town's growth was great.

and on his death his father, Charlie Carpenter, went into the family business in 1901 when he moved here with his young wife, the former Betty Elliott.



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE-ZAVALLA: Zavalla's founding father in a business sense was Charlie Carpenter. His grandfather, S. N. Carpenter, and father, Samuel Carpenter, built the first store in Zavalla in 1866. But it took the youth and imagination of 23 year old Charlie and his young wife, Betty, to build a business that grew to Zavalla's largest store building in its time. Later it included an interest in Cotton dealing, the yard and supplies needed by the railroad men who layed the rails through Zavalla. With the railroad we got a post office and official town name of Zavalla. Charlie and Betty came to live here in 1901.

Pictured are Charlie and his wife, Betty Elliott Carpenter, behind them is Betty's younger sister, Eunice Elliott, who moved to Zavalla with them. She helped take care of their young family and also worked in the store until she married Jasper E. Massey in 1915.

Charlie Carpenter was born in Zavalla on December 24, 1878. Betty Carpenter was born in Shelby County on July 8, 1880. They met in Center, Texas, then were married in Woodville on December 24, 1896. They made their first home on a farm in Center until they moved to Zavalla. They had two daughters at that time, Ollie and Fleta, their other four children were born in Zavalla.

S.N. (Samuel) Carpenter and wife Laura, last name unknown, came to the Zavalla area at the end of the Civil War. The area was under Lorenze De Zavala at that time and many Indians made their homes among the pines and plentiful springs, arrow heads, pottery shards are still found here today.

S.N. and Laura had several children, sons Van Carpenter who married Vela Gibson. Charlie who married Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Elliott. Rielly who owned smaller store beside big one, Don't know who he married, but he built the old Bailey home on Johnson St. Van was an early Post Master here in Zavalla 1912-1915, Son Samuel and daughter Eliza Jane Carpenter married William Thomas Colwell. Lee searched the census and could not find the family. Evidently they did not want to be counted.



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE- ZAVALLA: Cotton was king for many years in our area as the one crop raised for money. The farmer raised acres of cotton when he sold it in the fall, if he had a good year he was able to settle all of his debts. If he had enough he paid his debts plus bought supplies for the coming year. He could not only sell the cotton, but he also sold all the seed to be made into meal for the animals feed.

There were several cotton gins in our area. Tompkins, Barge and Holland's are the three best remembered, along with the Flournoy mill located at Shawnee Prairie.

The photo shows bales of cotton ready for weighing on the big scales. This is on one side of Charlie Carpenters newer and bigger store. He bought and shipped cotton to Galveston by train from there it went world wide by ship. This was another part of his business here in Zavalla. The two girls pictured are, left, Fieta Carpenter and her friend, Dawn Mott.

Photo courtesy of Fieta Parker



The Old Carpenter Home 1900-1910
by Betty Mingee 1997
Photo from Fleeta Carpenter

This was Charlie Carpenter home, he built for his wife Betty (Elliott) Carpenter. Their children were born here, went to school in Zavalla's 1st. school house

The photo and stories are from Fleeta (Carpenter) Parker, my cousin. My mother Eunice (Elliott) Massey lived with the Carpenters, helped care for the children and worked in Carpenters store.

Eunice Elliott worked in the store in 1900-1902 when the railroad came to Zavalla. She shared many stories of early Zavalla with her children. She met Jap Massey in the store on one of his visits to shop from Sulphur Springs Community. He told that he told his mother on the way home from Zavalla, that he was going to marry that girl, and he did.



"The Carpenter Home"
by Betty Mingee 1997
Photo from Fleeta Carpenter

The Carpenter house early 1900's with a young group of Zavallians on the porch. Betty Elliott Carpenter and Eunice Elliott were sisters. Eunice grew up here and she and some of her friends posed on the porch with the Carpenters kids. Note the rag dolls the young ladies held. Eunice made those dolls for her nieces and later she made me one of her rag dolls and a wardrobe of clothes for Christmas one year.

On the porch left to right Martha Grimes, Lana Bell Carpenter, Fleeta Carpenter, Rosa Dominy, Ollie Carpenter, Eunice Elliott, Ettie Massey, Betty Carpenter, little girl Billie Carpenter and Little boy Lee Carpenter.

By the fence left to right Dick Douminy, Jim Nerren, Jeb Lily and Matt Elliott.



Thompkins Cotton Gin and Grist Mill
by Betty Mingee 1976

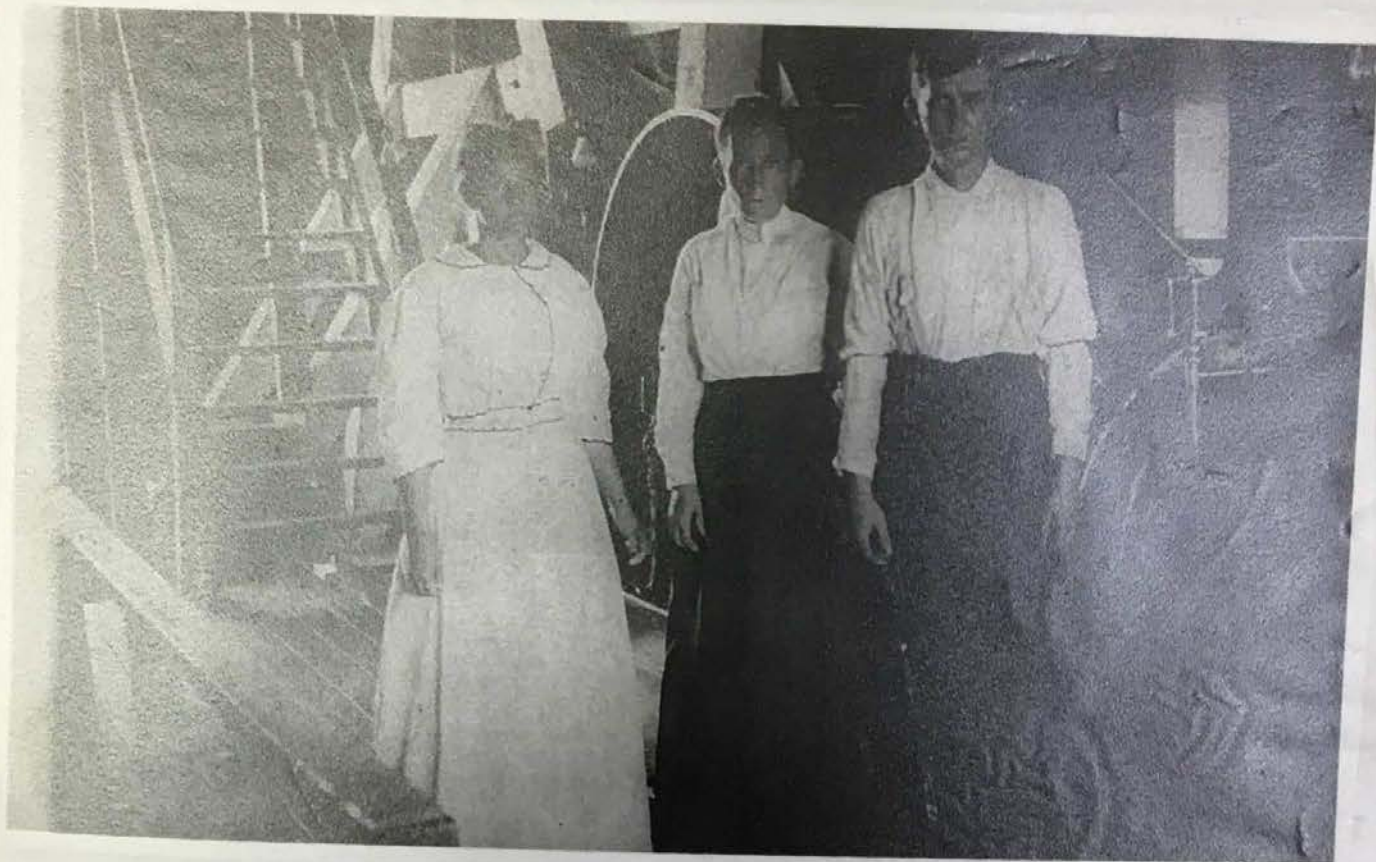
We have two good photos of Roger Thompkins. This one of he has oxen hooked to a wagon and bales of hay, looks to me like there is a good dusting of snow on the oxen, cotton bails and roofs of the buildings.



Thompkins Cotton Gin and Grist Mill
by Betty Mingee 1976

We have two good photos of Roger Thompkins. This is one of him in his Surrey with the Fringe on top.

Children on the ground were Cue Thompkins, Lane Thompkins and Edna Thompkins. In seat are Edna Thompkins and Nell Thompkins, Roger himself standing.



Lillie Thompkins Gertie Miller Roger Thompkins

The Thompkins Mill
Photo courtesy Pat Boykin

In this old photo we have a young Roger Thompkins, his wife Gertie Miller and his sister Lillie Thompkins who made her home with them. Later Lillie Thompkin left to go to California and was never heard from again.

The three stand in front of Engine that ran the Cotton Gin and Grist Mill. The mill was located on creek, behind the Miles place. It was bought later by the Williams.

Descendants of Roger and gertie who live in Zavalla today are Grandchildren J.T. Boykin and Pat Boykin.



Two Pretty Zavalla Ladies
by Betty Mingee 1997

The two young ladies are Eunice Elliott and Nell Thompkins. They were friends for their entire lives.

Eunice lived and worked for the Carpenters and married Jasper E. (Jap) Massey. Nell was the daughter of Roger Thompkins who owned a Cotton Gin and grist Mill located on the creek back of the Miles place. Nell married Tom Clark. Both had several children who attended school and church here. Some of their descendants still live here in Zavalla.

Jan 2, 1967
**Mrs. Clark's
 Rites Today**

Funeral services for Mrs. Nellie Clark, 73, of Zavalla were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Pentecostal Church of God at Zavalla. Rev. A. M. Freeze officiated and burial was in the Zavalla Cemetery.

Mrs. Clark died Monday in a Lufkin hospital after a long illness. She was born in Warren, Sept. 24, 1893 and had resided in Zavalla most of her life. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church of God.

Survivors include one son, Doyle Clark of Albuquerque, N. Mex.; five daughters, Mrs. G. E. Price of Houston, Mrs. Gertrude Brown of Honesville, La., Mrs. R. V. Johnson of Zavalla, Mrs. Henry Bailey and Mrs. Vaughan Carswell, both of Lufkin; three step-daughters, Mrs. Guy Kersh and Mrs. Kyle Hawkins, both of Huntington, and Mrs. Sammy Hickman of Richland Springs; two brothers, Lane Tompkins and Cue Tompkins, both of Vivian, La.; four sisters, Mrs. Mae Townsend of Zavalla, Mrs. Edna Oakerson of Zwolle, La., Mrs. Annie Keene of Shreveport, La., and Mrs. Allie Law of Vivian, La.; a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Roy Cramer, Jack Gesford, Emmet Kersh, Ronald Carswell, Kenneth Gibson and Roger Bailey. Gipson Funeral Home, directors. Jan 2, 1967



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE: Manning and Zavalla: In this beautiful old photo we have another of our area's old family couples made on their wedding day. Married in Manning, Texas, February 22, 1912. The bride is the former Nell Tompkins of Zavalla, the groom, Tom Clark.

They lived in Manning, Lufkin and Ora before settling here in Zavalla when their youngest children were still young enough to attend school.

Tom Clark was born February 29, 1872. Nell Tompkins Clark was born September 29, 1894. He had been married before and all together they raised a family of 13. Of that number, only one has died, Mrs. Florence Creamer. Those who live are: Mrs. Johnnie Kersh, Mrs. Allie Hawkins, Mrs. Verna Hickman, Miss Bennie Clark, Mrs. Ola Price, Mrs. Gertrude Brown, Mrs. Thelma Johnson, Doyle Clark (only son) Mrs. Bobby Bailey and Mrs. Erma (Tottie) Carswell.

They have 36 grandchildren and 68 great grandchildren. Nell Tompkins attended school in Zavalla as did many of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

(Photo courtesy Tootie Carswell)

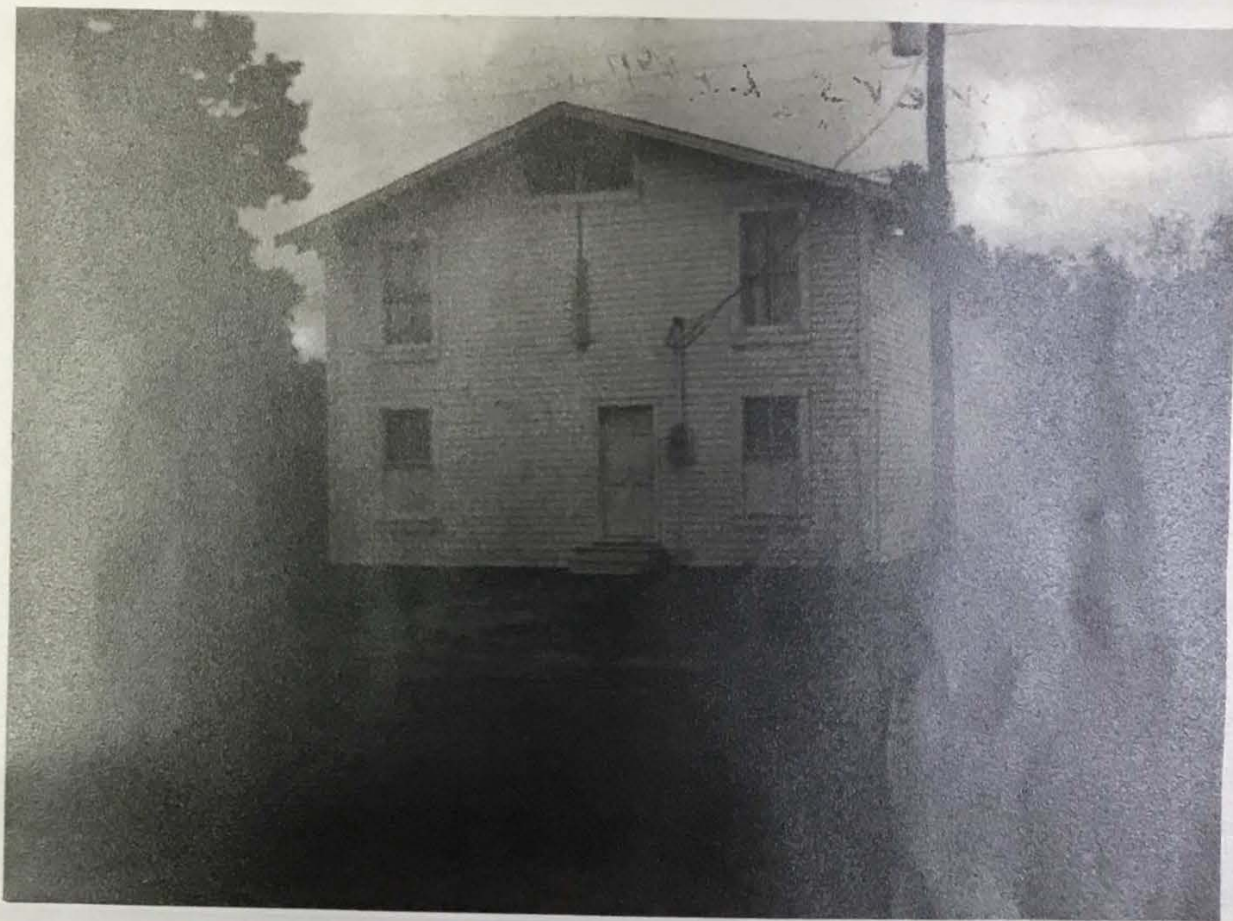


Staff photo by Mike Zimmermann

Volunteer firefighters from Zavalla and Huntington responded to a structure fire early Saturday morning in Zavalla. The fire destroyed a storage building, but was kept from spreading to nearby buildings. The fire is under investigation, according to the Angelina County Sheriff's Department.

Photo from Lufkin News 10-27-1991

This building was once a feed store & warehouse for Tisdales' Red & White Store. At the time it burned it had been moved directly behind the Old Fortenberry Drug Store. It was owned by Alvis Barge Jr. who used it for a storage building.



Masonic Hall

1263 A.F.A.M.

Was built by members at the site of an old hotel. In 1939 the hotel had two apartments. One down stairs was occupied by E.C. Totten and Opal Massey Totten. The upstairs was occupied by a family named Rigsley. The front part facing Railroad street was a library! The apartment building was built by Mr. Jerome Pickard. It was torn down in order to make room for the Masonic Hall. The Masonic hall was built in 1947 at its present site.

Photo of old Zavalla Drug Store
from Images of Angelina County
Written by Betty Mingee 1998



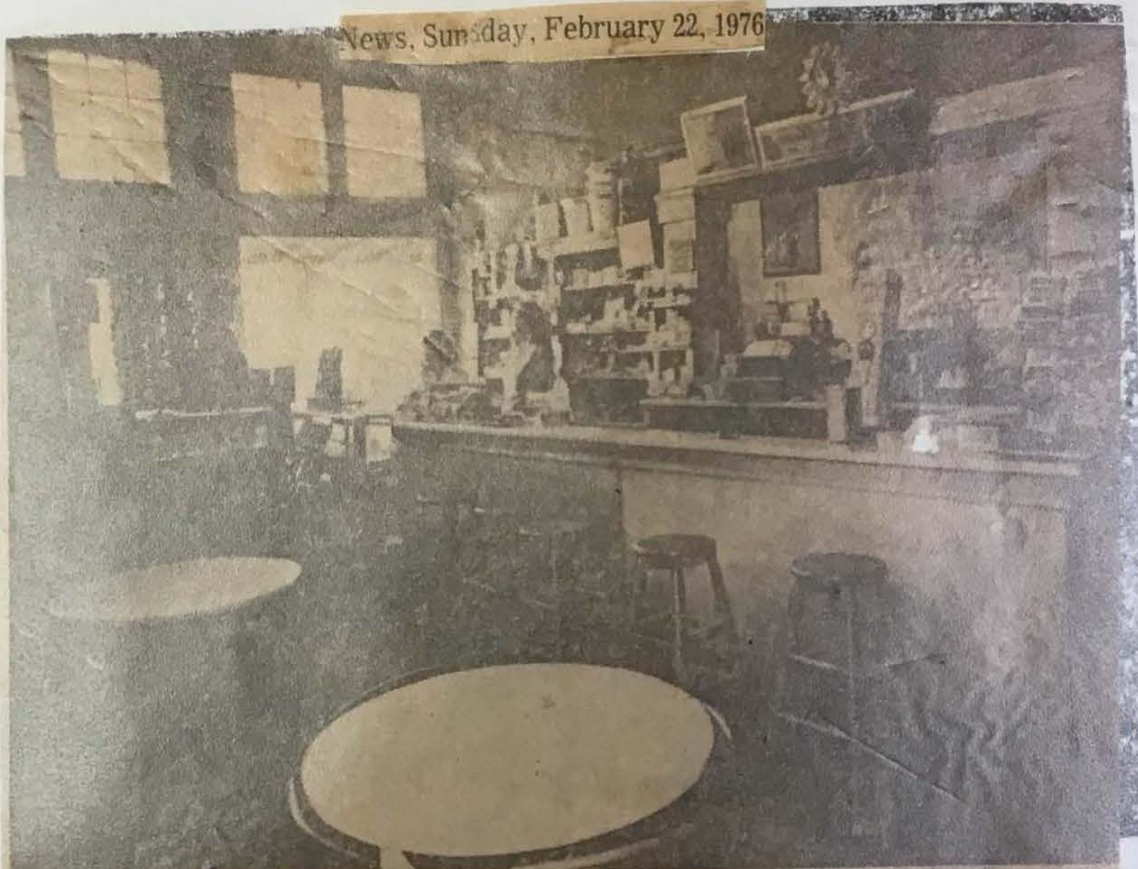
The Hancock--Fortenberry Drug Store

The store was built originally by Dr. T.W. Hancock. He sold it to Dr. Fortenberry when he moved his practice to Lufkin, Tx.

Pictured are Albert Blackshire Hancock a brother of the Doctor who managed the store for him. Also in the photo are Alberts twin daughters, Nettie on the left and Lettie at the table. The photo was taken around 1922. That side of Zavalla as burned out in 1930-31 and Dr. Fortenberry rebuilt the with red brick store that many of us remember so well. Run and operated after the Fortenberrys left by Alvis Barge.

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FORTENBERRY'S DRUG STORE

Mrs. Alvis Barge and her daughter carry on the traditions of Fortenberry's Drug Store. Ever since the store was opened by Dr. and Mrs. James C. Fortenberry decades ago, it has been the gathering place for the people of Zavalla. (Lufkin News Photo by Suzy B. Under)

Alvis Barge & wife Elsie May Walker Barge ran the Drug Store after death of Mrs. Fortenberry. Alvis worked & managed the Store from December 24, 1942 to December 24, 1997.

Fortenberry Service Today November 29, 1968

Zavalla (Spl) Funeral services for Mrs. Inez Pope Fortenberry, 85, of Zavalla will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Stringer Funeral Home in Jasper. Burial will be in Jasper City Cemetery.

Mrs. Fortenberry died at 2:25 a.m. Friday in Hamilton Nursing Home in Beaumont.

Tyler County Native

The wife of the late J.C. Fortenberry, she owned and operated Fortenberry Drug Store until her retirement in 1962. She was a native of Pope Mill in Tyler County and had resided in Zavalla for many years.

Pallbearers Listed

Pallbearers will be Warren Bower, Richard Jones, John M. Pope, Esca Collier, O.F. Holmes, Milton Grimes, and Alvis and J.A. Barge Jr.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Essie May Jones of Silsbee and Mrs. John Blanch of China; a son, James Claude Fortenberry Jr. of Port Arthur; three grandchildren, Richard E. Jones and Mrs. Warren Bowers, both of Silsbee and Miss Suzanne Fortenberry of Port Arthur, and four great-grandchildren.



Another Old Business
by Betty Mingee

Photo shows Red + White grocery Store/Drug store combination. The brick building was built in 1931 to replace an original Drug store/Doctors office built at same location by Dr. & Mrs. J.C. Fortenbury.

The old store was wood and burned in 1930 when that side of Zavalla burned down and the Fortenbury's rebuilt with pretty red brick in 1931.

The new one built in 1931 by the Fontenberry's contained the drug store we grew up with and Dr. Fortenberrys office. Later it was halved and a Grocery store put on the left half by E.E. Woods and run by McMullen. Known as the Red and White Gro. store. Another manager was Tisdale.

Alvis Barge and Wife Elsie Mae Walker Barge run the Drug store after the death of both Fontenberry's, but never changed the name.

When Alvis retired he sold the property to Bob & Kathy O'Neal who tore down the old building due to its dangerous condition, and now their Video store, wood shop is built on the site.



The Aaron Barge Store
by Betty Mingee 1997
Photo courtesy of J.W. Crawford

The building was made for a Bank in the early 1920's. When the Bank failed Mr. Barge bought the building in 1925. He operated it as a general Store from 1925 until his death March 27, 1978.

Many of us grew up buying Groceries, Meat, Canned goods, Candy, Clothes, Shoes, Hats, Pots, Pans, Tools, Stoves you could buy it all from Mr. Barges store. Nearly everything a housewife or farmer needed.

When Lee and I first moved back to Zavalla. I went to Mr. Barge and got him to order me a wood stove from the Atlanta Stove Co. We installed it, and I was soon making homemade biscuits, eggs and gravy for friends I invited to have breakfast with us. (In the winter when the heat felt good).

Mr. Barge was a special person to me with his old time manners, warm greeting each time I went in the store. Zavalla lost a great friend when he died. His son Snooks and Wife Mauine carried on in the store until Snooks too developed health problems.

Feb. 1989 Lufkin News

They had sold it and Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Miles Sr. Who owned the building when it burned February 1989.

People in the photo were W.C. Long (Math Teacher), Berwyn Walker and J.C. Carter.

Former Bank now Aaron Barges store--Right end contained a Cafe
These Photos from Opal Gant



Barges' store/cafe, up stairs apt. Was Zavalla's largest building ever. It stood at center of down town Zavalla from 1926 until his death 3-27-1978. At his death it was run by J.A.(Snooks) Barge and wife Maudine Minton for several years. Then sold to Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Miles Sr.



Barges rent house built for Mr. Ellis Marshall when he was butcher for Barges. The old feed store and small building was a snowcone hut owned and operated by DeWayne and Debbie Durham.

Barge Feed Store
Photo courtesy of Opal Gant



The old Barge feed store in its later years, it leaned toward the street, never had paint except for ads painted on its sides. The building was first built facing the Railroad and Lumber Mill.

It was Mr. Aaron Barges first store. When he bought the bank, and moved his store into it, he had his original store moved to serve as his feed and farm equipment storage, to move it they rolled it on logs as rollers with mule power to the location where it sat from 1925 until 1992 when it was torn down.

Mr. Barge owned the whole block on Main Street as long as he lived. Now it has been sold and divided up with several owners.



BARGE FEED HOUSE
being torn down in 1992

Barge Feed Store
by Betty Mingee
Photo by Eva Farley

This photo was taken in 1992 when it was being torn down.

The feed store was built facing the Railroad tracks and served as Aaron Barges first store. He built it near the tracks and the mill then sat on the old mill pond.

When he bought the old bank out and moved into it for his store, this building became his feed store. It was moved to main street by mules and rolled on logs to where it stood from 1925 until 1992 when it was torn down, it was leaning so badly it was in threat of collapse. I remember when it had a Bright and Early Coffee sign that brightened its side.

Photo Courtesy Orelle Sherman
Cafe part of Barges Store in Zavalla



Orelle Massey and Nellie Miller enjoying a cold Coke

No paper or plastic cups, you drank from the bottle with maybe a napkin around it to keep your hands dry. You could put a nickle in the Juke Box for your favorite song. At the time the photo was taken the cafe was operated by Auza Williams and wife Lade Massey Williams.



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In photo on left:

Orelle says it was a favorite hang out for young Zavallians at the time. Photo taken Mid 30's

Kinnard Cafe

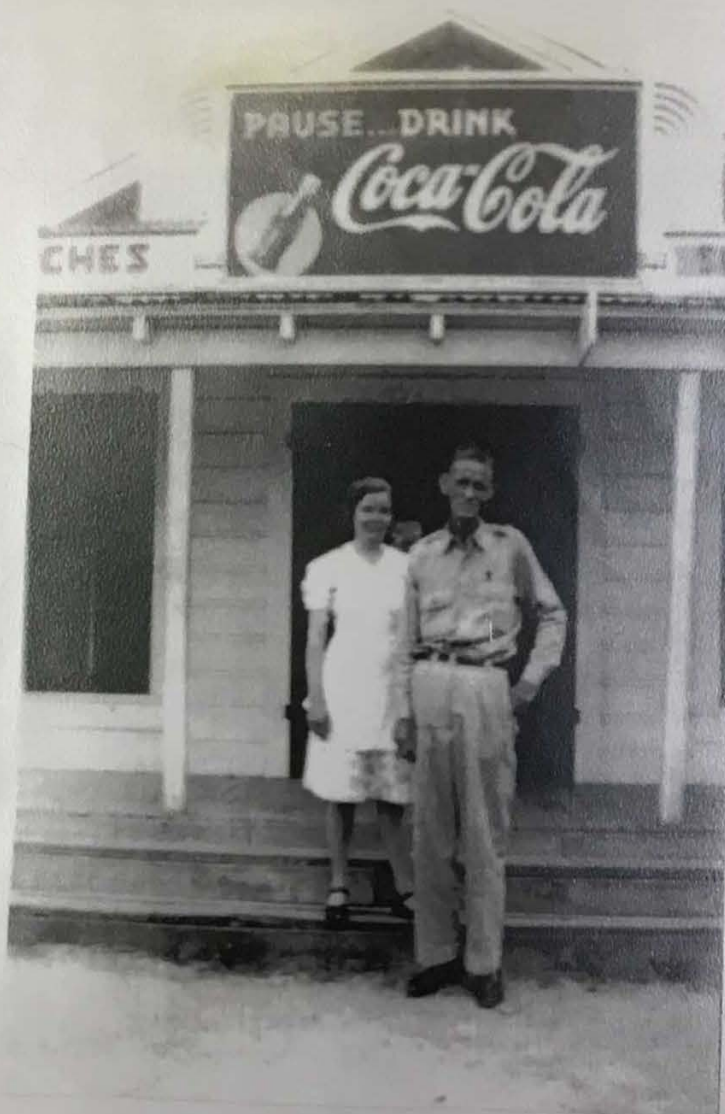


Photo courtesy of Jane Rider
1998 by Betty Mingee

Mr. and Mrs. Kinnard on the porch of their cafe.

Mr. Kinnard was born in Zavalla. Zethel Gibson daughter of Noah Gibson and wife Laura Ann Colwell. She married Porter Kinnard and they had two daughters Jo Carmen and Vernell.

Mrs. Kinnard makes her home with Jo Carmen Patterson in Kingland, Texas.

They fed all of us when we were in school. Best hamburgers to be had and cost \$.05. I lived across the road from them, in the old Aunt Sis Johnson bungalow and I personally ate hundreds of their hamburgers over my years of school and growing up.

John Crawford Service Station
Photo Courtesy J.W. Crawford



John Crawford and Lloyd Bridges

The Station was on Main Street, up from the Duncan Hotel. All of that side of Zavalla was destroyed by fire in 1931. That Fire changed the face of town as many business were not rebuilt, New places grew in the spaces where old ones where.

The John Crawford Family
Photo Courtesy J.W. Crawford



John Crawford m. Ethel Underwood
children are:
left to right:

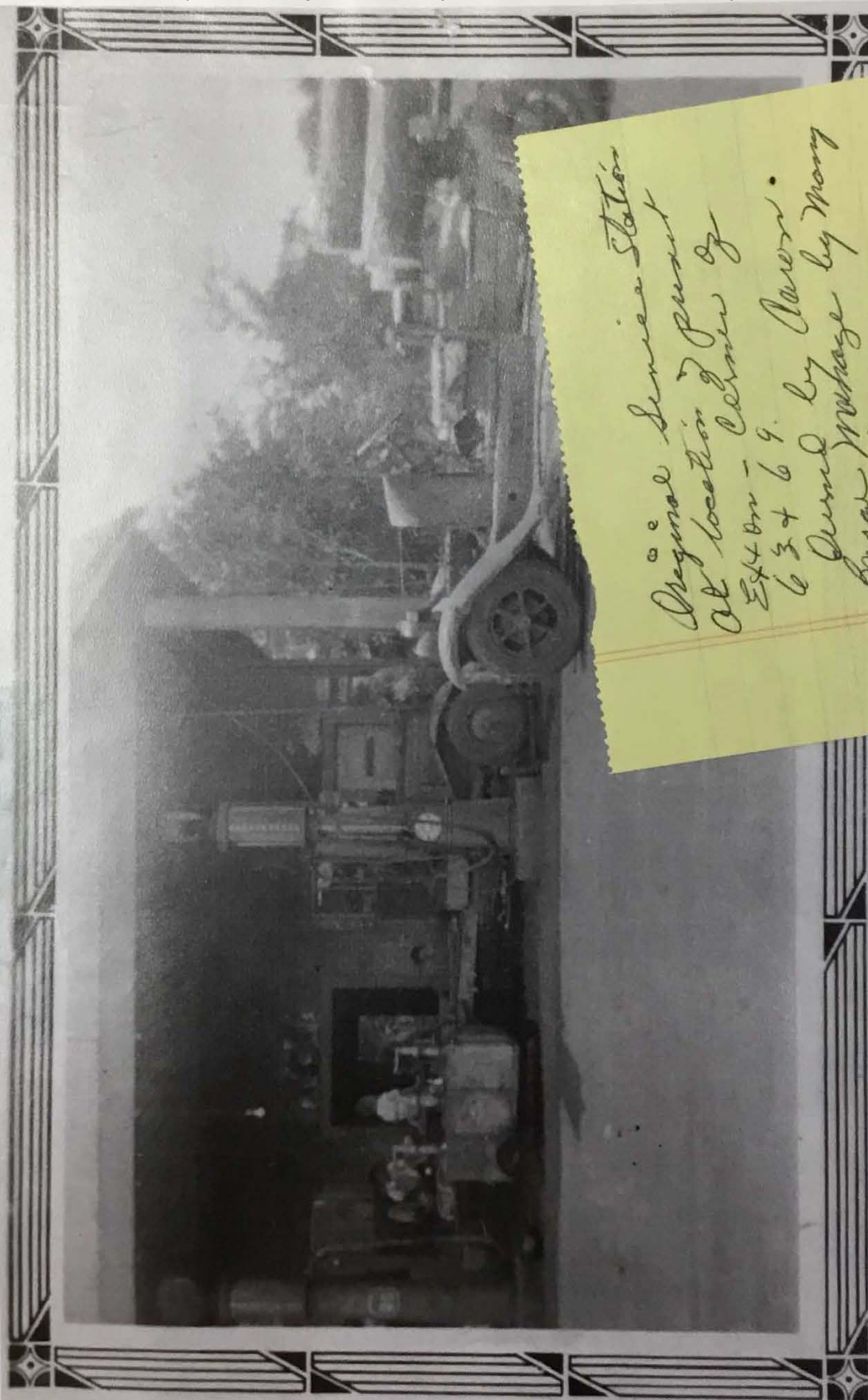
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Floyd and Printes
both killed in WW2.

J.W. Crawford m. Virginia
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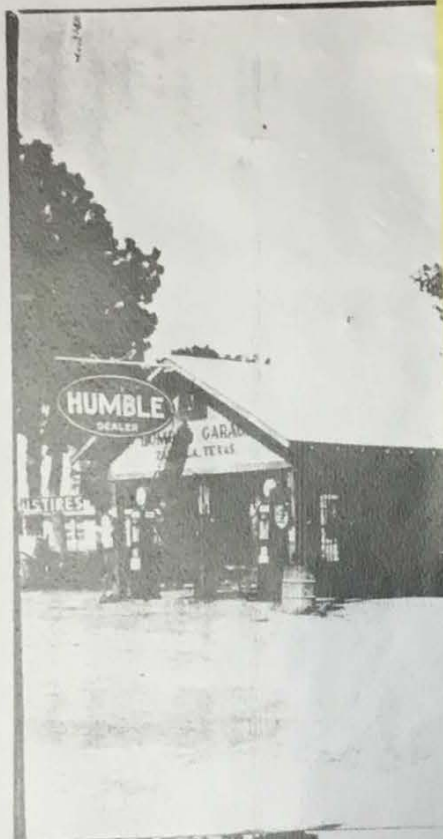
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Original Service Station
at location of present
Exxon - Corner of
63 + 69.
Owned by Navors.
Large mortgage by Mary
Zavallano

Humble Station



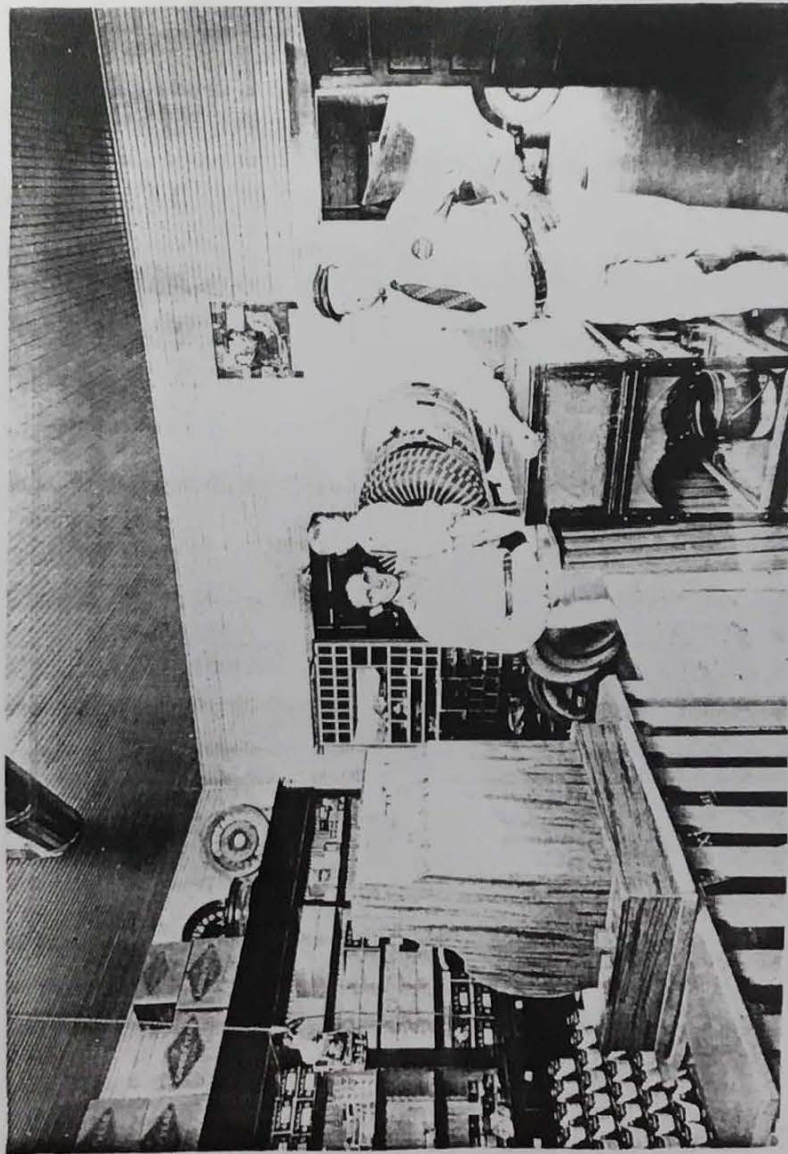
Remodelled Station
 63 + 69 when Ray
 Oliver took over after
 marriage to Opal Berg

next page shows the
 inside - with Ray and
 one of the Oliver boys
 Wayne & Charles?



William Womack
 and Ray Oliver in front
 of the Humble Station
 63 + 69 intersection
 Zavalla TX

Opal Berg Oliver
 Wayne Oliver
 Charles Oliver
 Ray Oliver



Morris Shepherd McMullen

Services for Morris Shepherd McMullen, 84, of Huntington, will be held at 2:30 p.m. today in the Gipson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dale Smith officiating. Interment will follow in the Huntington Cemetery.

Mr. McMullen was born June 25, 1913, in Huntington and died Jan. 12, 1998, at his home in Huntington. He pioneered the bus industry in East Texas that began in Crockett in 1934 when he started Mack's Motor Coaches. His business interests later expanded into cattle, oil and the banking business.

Survivors: wife of 64 years, Beth; daughter and son-in-law, Lydia and Dick Travis; one grandson and one granddaughter; three great grandchildren; foster son, Edward Earl Dominy and wife, Nelda; sister, Margaret Thompson; brother-in-law, Guy Carlton and wife, Edith.



by Betty Mingee 1997
Photo courtesy of Dennon Cryer 1976

The Bus Station Cafe was built in 1931-1932 at intersection of Hwy 69 and Hwy 63.

The bus station was new in this photo, in it left to right was ? Dockery, Dennon Cryer, Jennie and Ance Dudley.

The business served as a regular stop for the bus that ran daily between Zavalla and Beaumont. After the train stopped delivering the mail to and from Zavalla. The bus did the job and John Crawford still walked each time to get and deliver the mail. When the bus got undependable the mail started using a truck owned by the Postal Service, and does today.

Many people ran the cafe over the years. Mr. & Mrs. Ira Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Ross McGillberry, ? Stanley, W.C. and Evie Wade, Colin and Mittie Barge, Murtie Grubbs and sister Alice Reppond, Willie Earl and Mary Rhodes are the names I have been given. No idea of order they were in there.

In 1946 a handsome sailor came into town on the bus. I met him there to welcome him to my hometown and the next day 1-9-1946 I married him.

The Lock Cafe
another Zavalla business of the past



Photo Courtesy of Bonnie Lock Marshall

Cafe owned and operated by Lucy and Archie Lock. Located on Main street in Zavalla on the east side of the Byrds laundry and dry cleaning business. Shown with them are their twin girls Donnie and Bonnie.



Father-Noah Gibson, Mother-Laura Anna Colwell Gibson oldest daughter, Standing, Zethal, bet parents-Verba (taller), Glea (smaller) child in fathers arms-Gentra "son", inset Ruth Laverne.

Twin Sherman Boys Garland Elmo and Kenneth Delmo Sherman
in the shade of Noah Gibsons Store sign 1940
notice the sign spelling of Noah Gibson

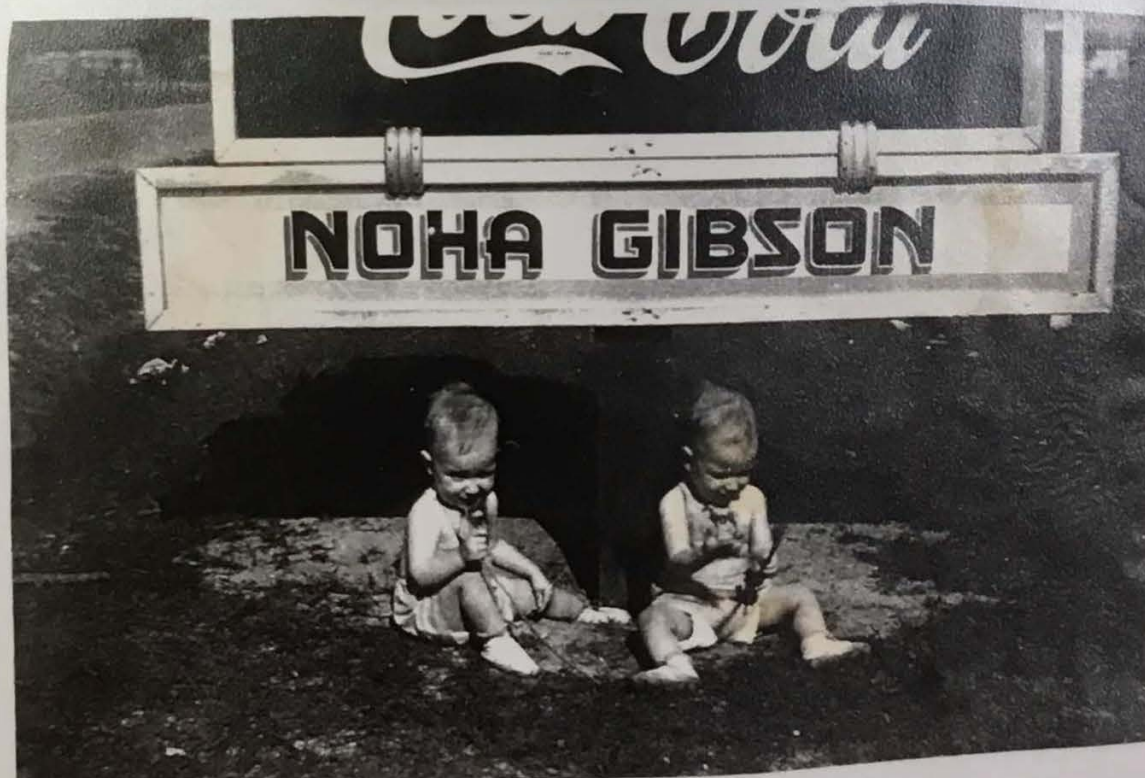


Photo Courtesy of
Ruth Gibson Lucas

Noah Gibson and
wife Laura Anna Colwell
Gibson outside their
Store and lunch room
on Main street in
Zavalla.

Their children were
Zethel who m. Porter
Kinnard, Verba m. James
Landrum, Glea m. Elmer
Sandlin, Ruth m. Arthur
Lucas, only son Gentra
died at 23 years of age.
The only one of their
children alive today is
Ruth Lucas who shared
this photo of an older
Noah and Laura Gibson
with me.



Nov. 11, 1960
**Mr. Gibson
Dies, Rites
Set Sunday**

Funeral services for Noah Gibson, 83, of Zavalla, are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Zavalla First Baptist Church.

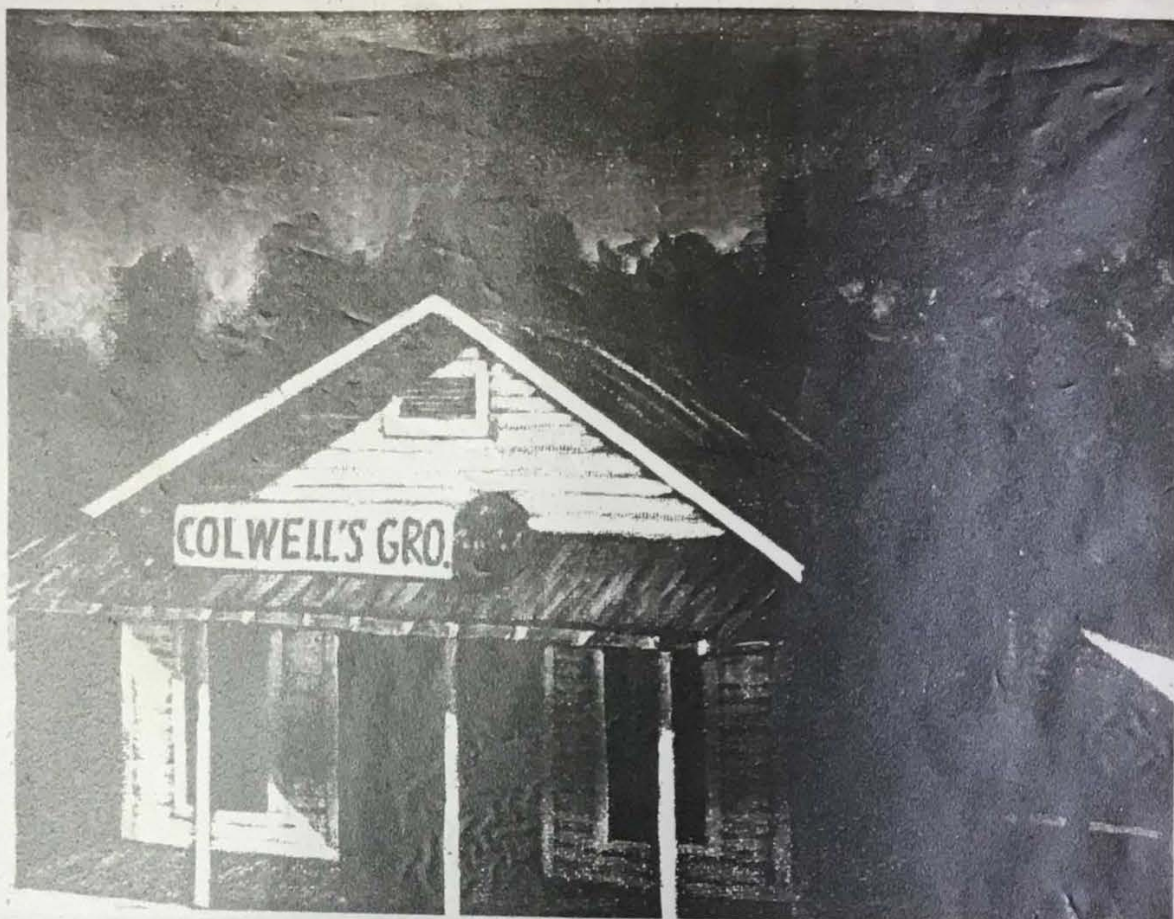
Rev. W. P. Lott will officiate and interment will follow in the Zavalla Cemetery.

Mr. Gibson died suddenly Friday afternoon at his residence in Zavalla. He was born December 18, 1876, in Trinity County and had lived in Angelina County most of his life. He was a member of the Zavalla Baptist Church.

The body will lie in state at the Gipson Funeral Home until 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. P. M. Kinnard of Zavalla, Mrs. Verba Landrum of Beaumont, Mrs. Elmer Sandlin of Huntsville, and Mrs. Arthur Lucas of Angleton; two brothers, Elmer and Hubbard Gibson, both of Zavalla; one sister, Mrs. Hattie Hawkins of Huntington; six grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

The Gipson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Elton Colwell's Store
Moved to become heart of Shawnee Church
Painted by Grand Daughter
Beverly Hopkins

8-20-78

Sunday morning about
Elton Colwell

Services for Elton Colwell, 80, of Zavalla, are scheduled for 4 p.m. today in the Gipson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Fletcher Erwin and Rev. R.E. McAnaly officiating and burial in Zavalla Cemetery.

Mr. Colwell was born March 2, 1898 in Zavalla and died Sunday in a local hospital. He was a lifetime resident of Zavalla and a retired merchant. He was a 50 year member of the Zavalla Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. Mr. Colwell was a member of the First Baptist Church of Zavalla.

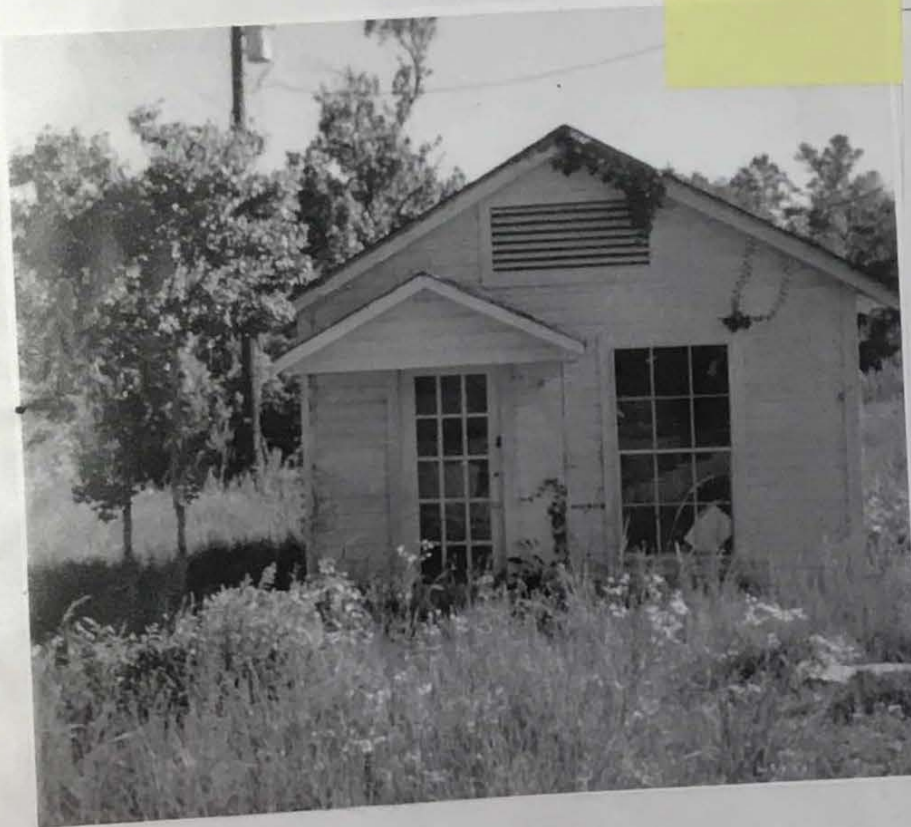
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Office of Dr. Joseph K. Alexander
it was located beside the Red &
White Store on Main street.
Now it sits close to the Doctors
old home on Hwy 63. The Dhone family
lives in his home now. Located next
to the Zavalla elementary school.

*Photo of Dr.
Alexander in
Lumber Noel
Clippings*



Private Rites Slated For *aug. 25, 1956* Dr. Alexander

Private funeral services for Dr. Joseph H. Alexander, 86, will be held Sunday at 5:30 p.m. graveside, Zavalla Cemetery, with Rev. W. P. Lott officiating.

Dr. Alexander died suddenly Saturday afternoon while visiting in the offices of his son, Dr. James H. Alexander, of Cleveland.

Dr. Alexander was born in Waco, and was a graduate of the Nashville College of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee. He had been a practicing physician for the past 66 years.

Dr. Alexander had practiced in Zavalla and Angelina County for the past 22 years. He was a member of the Methodist Church and had been a member of the Elks Lodge, Woodmen of the World, Odd Fellows, Scottish Rites, Cheyenne, Wyoming; member of the American Medical Association, Angelina County Medical Association and an honorary staff member of Angelina County Hospital and Memorial Hospital of Lufkin.

Dr. Alexander is survived by his wife, Mrs. Inez L. Alexander of Zavalla; two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Marshall of Austin and Mrs. W. B. Weaver of Midland; two sons, Fred L. Alexander of Zavalla and Dr. James H. Alexander of Cleveland.

Oakley - Metcalf Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Photograph of a going concern and the folks who make it go. Shown above are Mr. and Mrs. J. F. "Frank" Mott (he's dealer at SS No. 7806, Zavalla, Texas) . . . Mrs. Mott is NOT a silent partner. She's in there pitching and together the two have steadily increased the volume of business by cleanliness, courtesy and constant service to patrons.



Frank Mott and Louise Massey
on Wedding day.

Photo Courtesy of Louise Mott

Frank and Louise Mott are shown in front of their City Service Station. They bought the station and opened it in July 1945, kept the business for 21 years. In 1966 they built the new modern shop across the street on the Cemetery Road. They retired in 1982.

Both Louise and Frank have been on committees for nearly all improvements Zavalla has attempted in their years. Louise favorite work has been pushing and helping on the Christmas Parade. I saw her this year watching as the Parade made its way thru town.



Donald Gibsons Shop
Photo courtesy of Donald Gibson

When first built 1945-46, the shop backs onto railroad. Donald operated the repair shop, sold auto parts, gas and used cars from the shop for 35 years.

Donald married Jonnie Quattlebaum and they raised two daughters in the home just across the highway from the shop.

The McGilberrys

Ross McGilberry m. Stella Jones
They were a part of Zavalla that
fed us.

Stella and Ross worked in nearly
every cafe in Zavalla and they built
2 business in Zavalla. Thanks to
them we could get a cone of soft ice
cream at their Dairy Queen. Stella
made good food, hamburgers and full
meals also.

The places I know they ran was the
old Bus Station Cafe, the cafe on
the end of Barges store, the Mobil
Station Cafe they built and the
Dairy Queen they also built.

Their children were
Thelma McGilberry m. Freddie Null
Syble McGilberry m. Willie Self



Below: Stella and Syble McGilberry in front of their Mobil Station.





Syble McGilberry Self and daughter Billie Ross Self Standing in front of the McGilberry Mobil Station / Cafe.



The McGilberrys built the Zavalla Dairy Queen. It was located between Sheltons and Motts City service.

All McGilberry photos courtesy of Syble McGilberry Self.

Photo Courtesy James King



The long
bridge over
San Pedro
under
construction
1959

on Lido
James King
on ground
Ray Wright

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Lufkin Genealogical and Historical Society

Bewley Carroll Byrd

The early descendants of Bewley Carroll Byrd were from English origin. Most were in Virginia in early 1600's and then migrating to North Carolina and then into Georgia and finally into Mississippi. His mother was a Grandberry and they were related to the Travis family, the Pope family, and others. Most of these were in Marion, Perry, and Covington County, Mississippi. After the Civil War three families, grandberry, Perry, and Travis, decided to come to Texas. 1876. They had covered wagons pulled by oxen and took six weeks to make the trip to Texas. First settling in Navarro and Hill County for one to three years, but eventually settling in the Attoyac community in San Augustine County, Texas. The Perry family did move in 1909 to Cherino, Texas.

Bewley Carroll Byrd was born October 2, 1896 in San Augustine County and my mother, Mary Bessie (Perry) Byrd, was born July 30, 1899 in same county. Both received their schooling at the Grandberry school in Attoyac community and my mother did go to Cherino school some. They were married April 1918 in San Augustine County. My father, B.C. Byrd was drafted into the U.S. Army for World War 1 and spent most of the time in Panama canal Zone for protecting the canal. After eight months he was discharged as the war was over.

He farmed for several years in Chireno and San Augustine County. He had taught himself to barber, so later bought a barbershop at Camp Worth in San Augustine County that was owned by Frost Johnson Lbr. Co. of Nacogdoches. After a few years hers he eventually bought a barbershop at camp Nancy three miles below Zavalla and that was owned by Angelina County Lbr. Co. He also owned a steam press and was combined with barbershop. We moved to Camp Nancy in 1929 just at the beginning of the "Great Depression". We moved to Tyler County near Colmesneil for about four years and then moved to Zavalla in 1938 where he operated a cleaning and pressing shop only. My father and mother still live in this same spot (52 yrs.).

To this union was born, Ray Linden Byrd on April 7, 1919 in Chireno, Texas. Ray married Mary Ann Lowery January 2, 1943 at Mineral Wells, Texas. They have one daughter, Lynda Carroll Byrd. Daughter, Rachel Pauline Byrd, was born October 12, 1921 in San Augustine County. Married Aaron Crawford and they had two daughters, Judith (Judy) and Patricia (Patty). Daughter, Virginia Ann Byrd born November 22, 1924 in Chireno, Virginia married John William Crawford and they had two sons and one daughter: Carl, Walter, and Janet (Jan). Daughter, Ettie Joy Byrd born November 2, 1926 in San Augustine County and died October 6, 1979 at Orange, Texas, she was also buried in Orange. She married Herbert Simonton in Orange. They had: William Steven, Karen Jean, and James Keith.

My father and mother are still living at Zavalla and he is 93 years old and my mother is 90 years old. Her parents were Elijah Lee Perry and Rachel Ann (Easterling) Perry. Elijah Lee Perry's mother was Sarah Lee and Rachel's mother was Samantha Lee. Half sisters. Most of their parents's family were located in Perry County, Mississippi. They were in this territory as early as 1818. Their parents were from North Carolina. My father's parents were William Addison Byrd and Matilda Ann (Granberry) Byrd, both born in Mississippi and both buried in Attoyac cemetery in San Augustine County. My great great grandmother Nancy Granberry was a Travis and she was related to our Texas hero at the Alamo. William Barrett Travis. The Travis families and Granberry families migrated from Warren County, Ga. to the Perry County, Miss. territory. The families who came to Texas were from Perry and Covington County, Mississippi in fall of 1876.

By Ray Linden Byrd.

An Informal Report On Zavalla Village

BY SIGMAN BYRD

Zavalla—You could start with statistics. Zavalla is in Angelina County. It's unincorporated, but it has a post office. It also has 550 people, 18 business establishments and a school where, presumably, they teach spelling, although this town was named for Texas Republic Vice-President Zavala.

Or you could start with Bewley Byrd's cleaning and pressing shop.

That's where I start, attracted by two headless concrete geese that Bewley made years ago and erected before his door. The reason they're headless: For years the children of the town tried to ride them, straddling them and rocking them like hobby-horses, finally decapitating them.



** Glendon Promised Photo of This*

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march 23, 1960

Photos by Sig Byrd

MAIN STREET—Here's a view of Zavalla from the front of Bewley Byrd's cleaning shop, with

Bewley's two headless concrete geese in the foreground and the post office across the way.

The Byrd Family
Photo Courtesy of Pauline Crawford



The Byrds of Zavalla

Mr. Bewley Byrd married Bessie Perry of Chirno, Tx. He was a barber plus cleaner & pressor of clothes. He first came to this area, and set up a shop at Old Camp Nancy the Three C Camp. When the camp was moved he came to Zavalla around 1938 and opened his dry cleanibg shop on main street.

He and his wife Bessie had four children. ~~Joey~~, Glenden Ray, Virginia and Pauline. ~~Joey~~ married Herbert Simonton of Orange, Tx., Ray married Mary Leighton, Virginia married J.W. Crawford and Pauline married Aaron Crawford.

Mr. Byrd cleaned and pressed the clothes of the Zavalla people. His children all went to school in Zavalla. Pauline still lives in Zavalla next door to the old place.

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Bewley Carroll Byrd

9-15-91

Retired barber

Services for Bewley Carroll Byrd, 94, of Zavalla, will be held at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church of Zavalla with the Rev. Mike Hancock officiating. Interment will follow in the Zavalla Cemetery.

Mr. Byrd was born in Attoyac community in San Augustine County on Oct. 2, 1896, and died Saturday in Lufkin.

Mr. Byrd was a retired barber and the retired owner of a cleaning and pressing business. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Zavalla. He served in the U.S. Army in World War I and was a resident of Zavalla for more than 50 years.

Survivors: his wife, Bessie Byrd of Zavalla; son, Ray L. Byrd of Lufkin; daughters, Pauline Crawford of Zavalla and Virginia Crawford of Lake Charles, La.; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Byrd was preceded in death by his daughter, Joy Simonton.

Pallbearers will be Mr. Byrd's grandsons.

Gipson Funeral Home, directors.



Mary Bessie (Perry) Byrd

9-25-92

Services for Mary Bessie (Perry) Byrd, 93, of Zavalla, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Zavalla First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Hancock and the Rev. Louie Lawson officiating. Interment will follow in the Zavalla Cemetery.

Mrs. Byrd was born July 20, 1899 in San Augustine and died Thursday in a local hospital. She had lived in Zavalla for over 50 years and was a member of First Baptist Church of Zavalla.

Survivors: son, Ray Linden Byrd of Lufkin; daughters, Pauline Crawford of Zavalla and Virginia Crawford of Lake Charles, LA; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mrs. Byrd was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years, Bewley C. Byrd on Sept. 14, 1991 and a daughter, Joy Simonton in October 1979.

Ms. Byrd's grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of usual remembrances, donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Zavalla Building Fund, P.O. Box 73, Zavalla, Texas 75980.

Gipson Funeral Home, directors.

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REMEMBERING WITH MIRIAM



Sherman's march

BY MIRIAM TATUM

Bewley Byrd, our former cleaner and presser in Zavalla, and I have been discussing the Civil War, and especially Sherman's march to the sea.

It seems his mother lived near Vicksburg and could hear the cannons all day long at the siege of Vicksburg. Her father was an officer, and fighting at Vicksburg at the time.

After the fall of Vicksburg, riders came through telling them about the coming army,

"Sherman is coming! Sherman is coming!"

Her family had owned about eight slaves and their families, who still lived with her mother and father. They and their families had been carried to church by Mrs. Granberry, Mrs. Byrd's mother, and her husband in the years before the war. At this meeting house the slaves' owners sat on one side with the slaves on the other.

When these same former

slaves learned of Sherman's approaching army, they gathered all the horses, cows, bacon and everything they had for a livelihood, and carried it to a dense cane break about a mile away.

There was such a beautiful bond between the Granberrys a sincere Christian man, and his former slaves, that when the Granberrys left to come to Texas the black people lined up along both sides of the wagon weeping. Sadly, his mother related how she never did see them again, not being able to return to Mississippi.

Where her people were kind to their slaves, there were hundreds of cases where the masters were most cruel. When my father, a great student of history, used to recount the tales of slavery as heard from his father, I would cry bitter tears for the fate of these poor people. For that reason, I always adored Abraham Lincoln for bringing freedom to the oppressed. George Washington is certainly second to him in my mind.

The cemetery at Vicksburg is a gaunt reminder of all our men who were lost over this useless war which I have come to believe was fought for the rich man's ease.

Of course I love the thought of our brave Southern fighters and love our Southland, but if it meant slavery for mankind if we had won, how much better that we did not.

My grandfather, Charles Havard, fought at Mansfield, La. and lost an eye, which remained a cross all of his life. Other young men of Angelina never came back including another Charles Havard from the Tom Havard clan.

Oh! What price glory? What have we paid in loss of fine young men through the years in useless wars?

"Here, known but to God..."



Zavalla To have City Park-Guy Husband is shown handing City Secretary, Beulah King a deed for 5 acres donated by him and his wife, Charolette Husband. The City Park is proposed to be built beside Boles Supermarket in Zavalla.

Letter to the Editor

Jan. 18, 1989

Dear Citizens of Zavalla:

We have been critized by some of you for asking for a tax abatement from the city for a new business we are putting in. Anyone, not just us can qualify if they put in a new business.

As I see it, there are two ways for the people of Zavalla to go. One is to fight everyone that tries to help the town grow. In turn, as our children get to the working age and gas prices keep increasing more and more of them will be moving away closer to their jobs and taking their kids with them. Thus, in turn, there will be fewer people left here, but the city, fire department, and school will need the same amount or more money to survive. The remainder of the people left will have to meet their needs. Lots of our children and grandchildren will never know what it's like to grow up in a small town where there is a fire or death, and everyone pitches in to help them through it.

On the other hand, we can all work together to create jobs where our kids can make a decent living here. There are over 37 million people that visit Lake Sam Rayburn each year. Zavalla could be the main gateway to those people. Every dollar spent here has a chain reaction in helping our community.

Zavalla needs a bank, low housing, places for fisherman to stay, a nursing home, where everyone that becomes unable to care for themselves can still continue to stay in their hometown.

Zavalla, needs entertainment for our young people, a place where people can get their food stamps without driving to Huntington.

I love Zavalla and I would like to see the day when each one of our kids and grandkids can find jobs here where none of them would have to move.

Charolette Husband

'The springs'

Jan. 26, 1986 "Sunday"

Clear water of Zavalla springs draw people from all over area

By HEBER TAYLOR

Staff Writer

ZAVALLA — Berwyn Walker of Lufkin started going to the spring at Moss Hill on doctor's orders.

"The water we have in Lufkin has so much chlorine in it that the doctor advised my wife to drink spring water," he said. "I was born and raised in Zavalla so I was familiar with the springs."

Walker realized he could fill the doctor's perscription at the spring, which is about a mile east of Zavalla on Highway 147.

"I run a trucking company and I have to go to Jasper every day. So I got a six-gallon plastic jug and would stop by one or two times a week. We drank that water for years."

The Walkers were not the only ones filling jugs at the spring, which has not been approved by the state as a source of drinking water. James O. Dean of Broadus said he'd seen all types of people at the spring. "Some people don't like the chlorine, and some people use it to make tea," he said. "I just like the idea that it's a spring."

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Spring water

Peggy White draws water from the spring at Moss Hill on State 147 east of Zavalla. Although the spring is not approved by health officials, many county residents say the water is the best-tasting in the area.

Lodge, said. "I wish I had that kind of business. People save their milk jugs, and you'll see people out there filling up 25 or 30 jugs."

"If that little spring ever dries around here, it's going to be a mess. With all the water around here, you wouldn't think it'd be hard to get a well, but it is. There's all kinds of gas in some of the wells here and there are even crude oil deposits in some of the water."

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▶ Springs

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dries up, either the well digging business will get pretty good or there'll be a lot of people who'll have to move out of here.

"I'll tell you another thing about that spring. You'll see Cadillacs, Continentals and some of the junkiest vehicles in the world out there. All types of people use that spring."

from Lillie Marshall's
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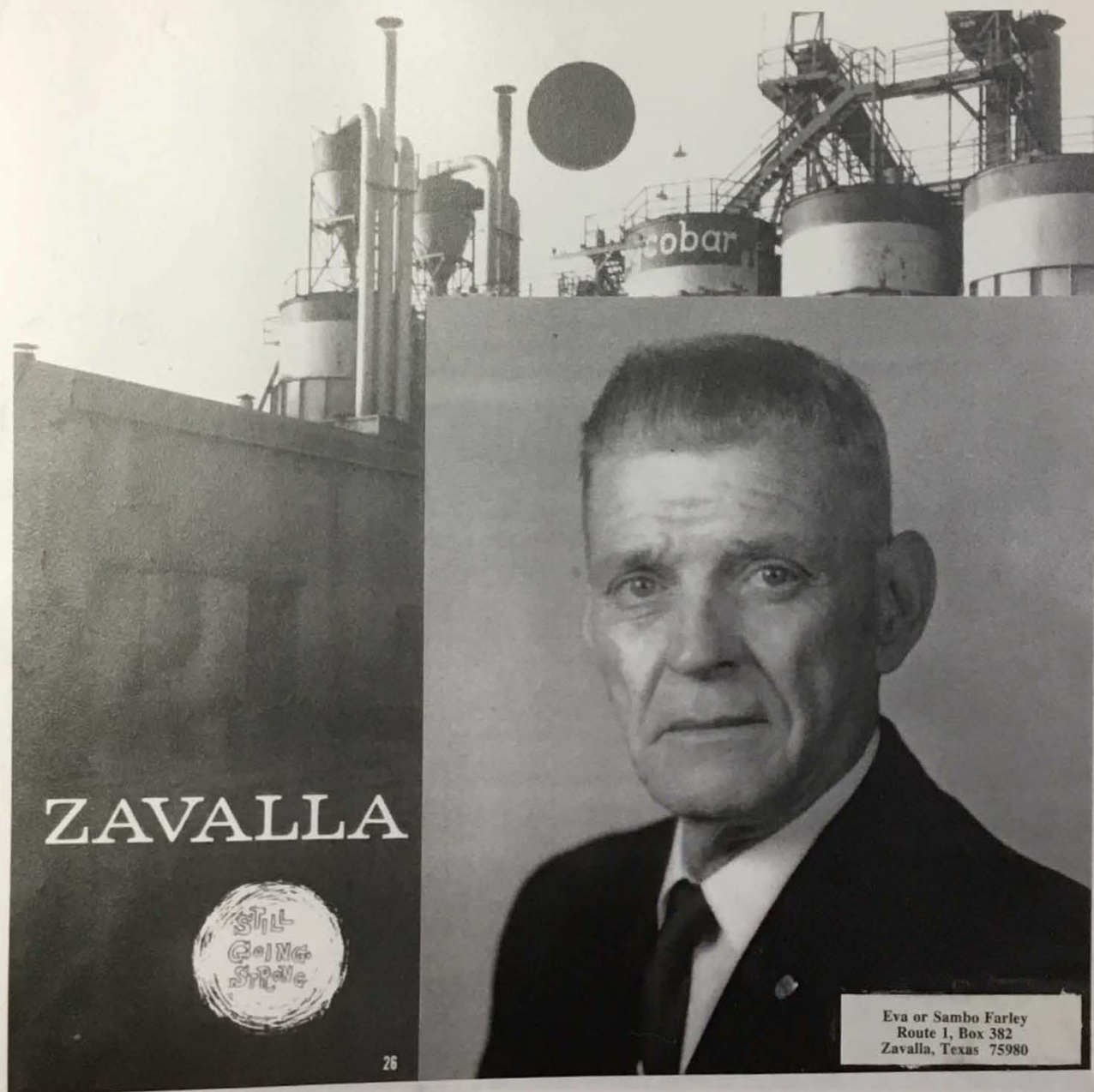


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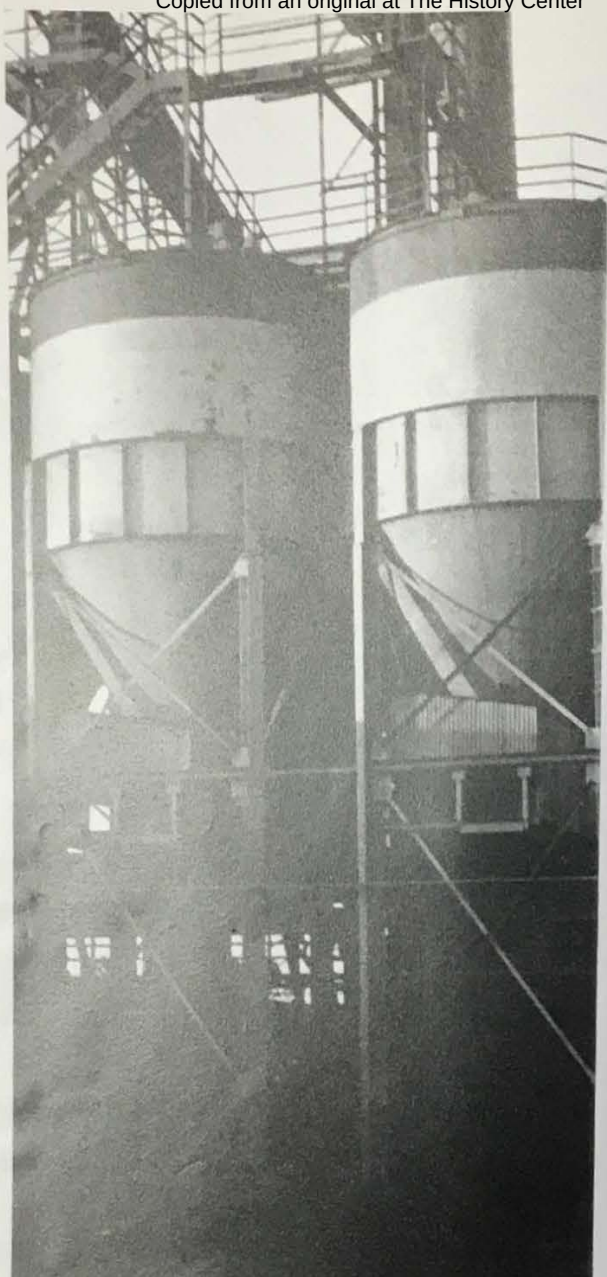
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A. T. DONOVAN

Mr. Donovan was Plant Manager from 1943 until he retired in May, 1961.



Again, in August of 1956, the Magcobar scene visited Zavalla. This time the report was that the plant had been moved into new, and larger facilities. Another Raymond Mill had been added; a new drier with triple the capacity of the old one was installed; loading, unloading, and material handling equipment was greatly improved; and the plant was still putting out nine different products.

Here we are in 1962. How is our old reliable Zavalla coming along by now? The answer to that question is, "Better

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than ever". Zavalla, the town, is still a quiet little village; clay is still being mined out of the surrounding forest; the new equipment added in 1956, with additional improvements, is humming right along; the plant, with the passing time, is now more of a pioneer company operation than ever before; BUT, they are no longer sacking nine products. Instead, during the past year Zavalla has sacked twelve Magcobar products including the newly developed XP-20.* On top of that, there is a new muller and curing shed, specifically installed for XP-20* production.

Another major change since the last report on Zavalla is in the personnel area. A. T. Donovan, plant manager since the 1943 beginning, was retired in May, 1961. Taking his place is Harvey Hinchshaw, formerly manager of the Kosciusko, Mississippi plant. Harvey, a five year Magcobar veteran, is a mining engineer out of Alabama who has already demonstrated his determination to keep Zavalla at top production.

The twelve products turned out during the past year are a mixture of industrial clays and drilling muds. Filter clay, mined out of open pits near the plant, is used in petroleum refining, vegetable oil refining and the production of insecticides. East Texas bentonite, also mined nearby, is the base ingredient for Hi Yield drilling mud.

Another raw material, lignite coal, is brought in from North Dakota by rail to Zavalla where it is processed into TannAthine or milled with the proper chemicals for the production of XP-20*.

Zavalla personnel are justifiably proud of their long record of service and production with Magcobar. It has been nineteen years since Magcobar took over the production of the Xact Clay Products Company and began sacking clays and muds under the company name. During that time Zavalla has expanded and diversified, always growing and contributing more to Magcobar leadership. From the look of things they are good for many, many more successful years.

*XP-20 is a trademark of Magnet Cove Barium Corporation.

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One of several open pit mines near the plant, this East Texas bentonite pit has been mined from several different levels.



Huge, diesel heated drier can turn out 15 tons of clay or 7½ tons of lignite coal per hour.



Zavalla plant office sits among the pines and oaks some 100 yards from production building.



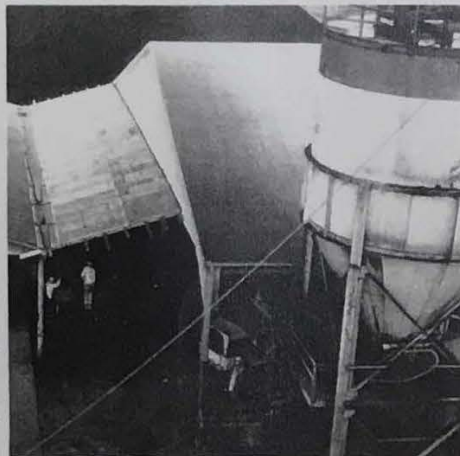
Stockpiles of East Texas bentonite (left) and filter clay (right) are draglined into building (rear), run through grinder, then fed into drier.



Leon Mott is shown here as he operates the automatic sacking machine which fills, seals, and sends sacked products on to be shipped or stored.

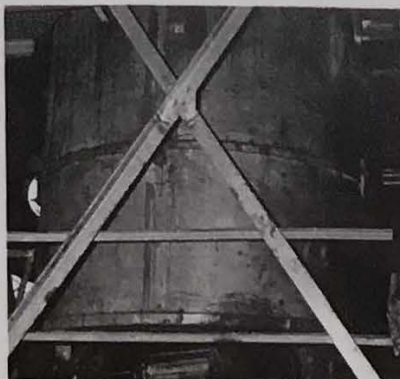
Looking down from atop the plant there is a good view of workers loading hopper with lignite coal brought up from the stockpile in the background.

The coal is carried by moving belt to the drier. Tank at right also feeds into the drier; can be used for storage.



One of two big Raymond Mills grinds raw ore to powder in preparation for the mixing, curing, or finishing which precedes the bagging or bulk shipping. The mill is fed from the hopper at right.

This giant muller, installed with the coming of XP-20, mixes the lignite coal with proper chemicals, then sends the product on to the curing shed.



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Plant Manager Harvey Hinshaw looks up from some serious research. An active man, his continuous check of plant operations keeps him moving between office, plant, and mine throughout the day.



Production and administrative personnel pose informally between shift changes. Fifth from right, standing, is Robert Chambers, General Foreman.



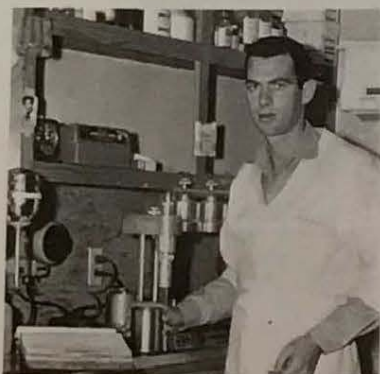
Twenty six years of continuous service are represented by Joe Haskins, Foreman, who was employed by the old Xact Clay Products Company, the forerunner of Magcobar at Zavalla.



Elbert Davis (left) and J. T. McGilberry grab XP-20 bags as they roll off production line. The bags are stacked on wooden pallets and stored to await shipment.



Another five year veteran, Sambo Farley, Plant Accountant, keeps his books straight while serving occasional duty as lab technician, mine over-seer, or filling the gap wherever needed.



Herbert Harris, lab technician, has a neat, well-stocked laboratory from which he keeps a close eye on quality control of all Zavalla production.



Eva Gay Berry, plant secretary for five years, runs her office with the calm efficiency of one who understands complete plant operations.

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SAMBO FARLEY

Sambo joined Magnet Cove Barium Corporation (Magcobar) on July 23, 1956 as Accountant. In 1964, he went to Houston Plant as Assistant Manager. Fall of 1969, he returned as Zavalla Plant Manager and was in this capacity until he retired October 31, 1986. His Dresser Magcobar service spans thirty years.

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Claud Marshall

Kaley Roberts

Murray McBroom

Earl Miles



Marwood Buford

Robert Earl Bryan

Lee Outlaw

Joe P. Haskins

John E. Massey

Charlie King



Magcobar Crew Photo taken 10-31-1958

Standing (left to right)

Van Havard, G.W. Davis, Robert Chambers, Dick Donovan, Elbert Davis,
Claid Caples, Warren Hopkins, Alvin Varnon, Mack McGilberry, Sambo Farley.

Front Row (left to right)

Joe Haskins, Vernon Lakey, Claud Hamilton, James Tullas, Eva Gay Berry Farley,
J.T. McGilberry, Bonnie Donovan.



Albert Roberts Buck Wade A. T. Donovan Joe Haskins



Eva or Sambo Farley
Route 1, Box 382
Zavalla, Texas 75980

John Gilcrease

Mack Massey

Kaley Roberts Vina Donovan
(Mrs. A. T.)



Service awards

Magcobar Miniserals Inc. honors Zavalla plant employees (left to right) Eugene Bryan, Sambo Farley and H.L. Marshall for continuous years of service.

Magcobar plant honors employees

Magcobar Minerals, Division of Dresser Industries, Inc., held a service awards dinner for its Zavalla plant employees at Crown Colony in Lufkin Tuesday evening.

Employees Sambo Farley, H.L. (Red) Marshall and Eugene Bryan were recognized for years of continuous service.

Farley, plant manager for the Zavalla facility, received an award for 25 years service with Magcobar. Farley was graduated from Henderson High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Stephen F. Austin University.

He began his career as plant accountant at Zavalla in 1956 and held this position for eight years before being promoted to assistant plant manager of Magcobar's Houston plant. After five years in Houston, Farley returned to Zavalla as plant

manager. Sambo and his wife, Eva, live between Zavalla and Lake Rayburn.

Marshall, general foreman, was recognized for 20 years continuous service with Magcobar. Marshall, a native of Zavalla, began employment with Magcobar in 1961. Red and his wife, Bonnie, live in Zavalla.

Bryan, lead man, also received recognition for his 20 years of service. Bryan, another Zavalla native, attended Zavalla schools and was an equipment operator in the local timber industry until his employment with Magcobar in 1961. Bryan and his wife, Ina, live in Zavalla.

Officials attending the occasion from the Houston Corporate Offices were Mel Wells, Magcobar's manager, U.S. Grinding Plants; Gary Ray, staff member; and Keith Olson, manager, International Operations.



BOB MURPHEY
... speaker

Zavalla Sets First Home Coming *July 1, 1961* Chronicle Correspondence

Zavalla—A former United States congressman and a former state senator will be principal speakers here Saturday during Zavalla's first annual home-coming.

The speakers will be Martin Dies, Sr., of Lufkin, first chairman of the House Un-American Activities committee, and Ottis Lock, also of Lufkin and a former legislator.

Other activities will include a sack race, hog-calling contest, band concerts, class reunions at Zavalla High School and a ~~barbecue~~ **lunch-eon** **basket**.

The home-coming will be held on the school grounds.

Bob Murphey Speaks

Hundreds Attend Fete At Zavalla

ZAVALLA — With the overall purpose of raising funds to finance the building of a recreational youth center, hundreds of residents and former residents turned out to the Second Annual Zavalla Homecoming Saturday.

The homecoming, sponsored by Zavalla Civic and Development Organization, was held on the spacious campus of Zavalla High School.

Hundreds of persons gathered around the tall campus pine trees to hear the principle address by humorist Bob Murphey of Nacogdoches.

Murphey's address, which centered mainly on commending the residents for their community efforts, was followed by a barbecued chicken luncheon.

Zavalla merchants donated funds to purchase the chickens. Other Angelina County businesses provided the trimmings.

Activities held during the homecoming included Bantam Rooster races, greased pig races, drawings for turkeys, and numerous rides for the youngsters.

A popular attraction at the homecoming was a "dunking booth" where baseballs hitting a target would send a youngster plunging into a tank of water.

Of course, visiting of old friends was an important part of the day's activities.

Master of Ceremonies David

Renfro announced that W. D. Barge, Sr., and Edgar Fann, both 85, were the oldest persons attending the homecoming.

President of the Zavalla Civic and Development Organization is Richard Donovan of Zavalla. Officials have decided to have the annual homecoming on the first Saturday in July of each year, it was announced.



HARD WORKERS—These are the committee people who worked long and hard for the Zavalla Civic Organization's first town homecoming. Left to right are Richard Donovan, David Renfro, Mrs. Theima

Gibson, Ellis Marshall and Arthur Fuller. Marshall is president of the civic group. Possibly 1,500 people attended the first homecoming last Saturday.

(Free Press Photo).

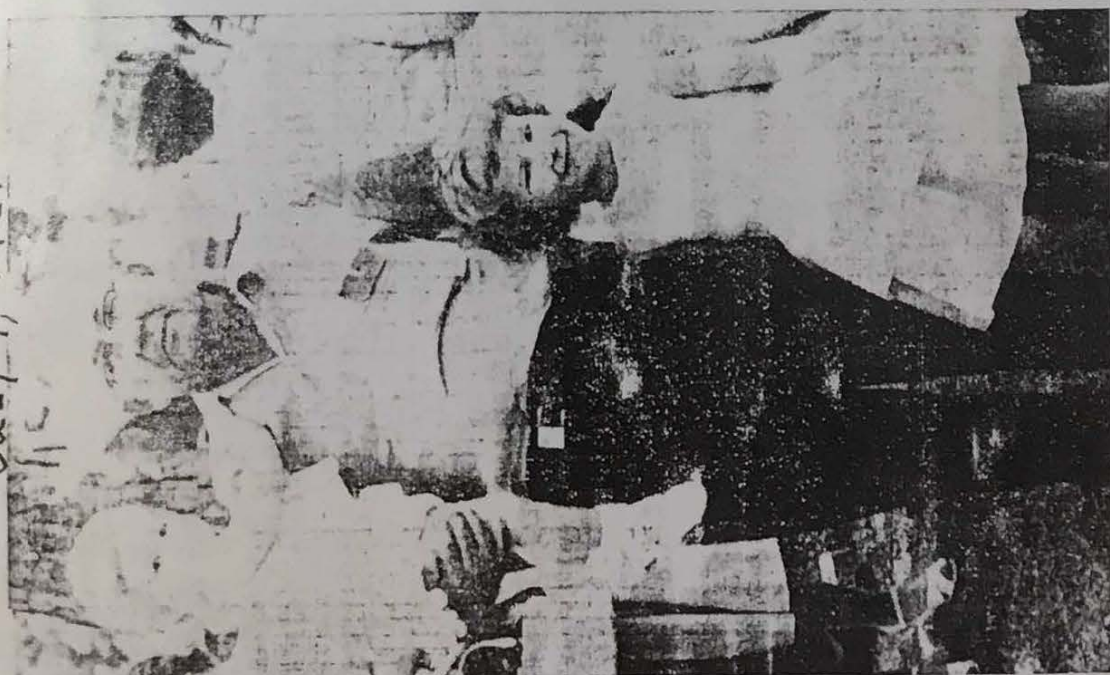
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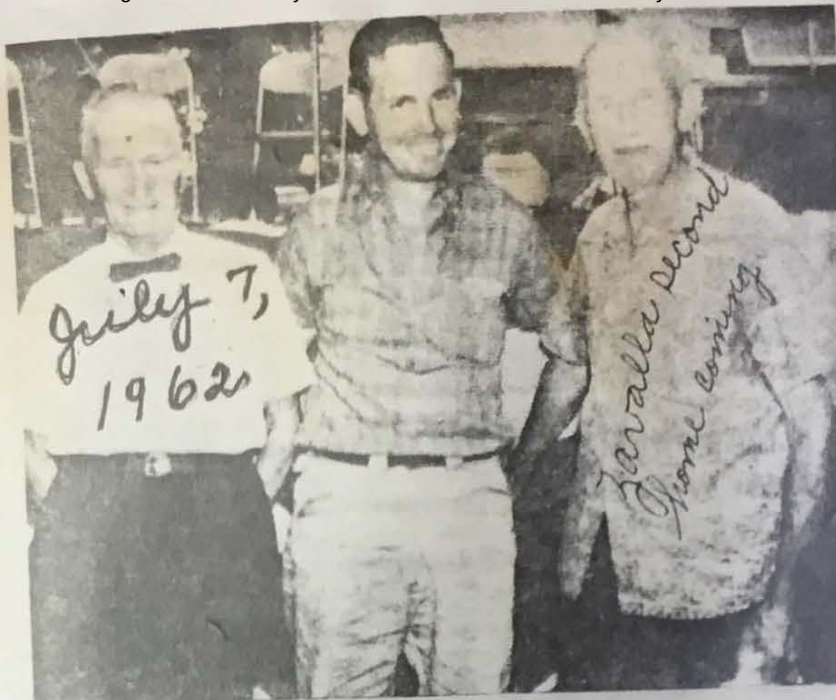
OLD TIMERS—These are but three of the of the real old timers who attended the Zavalla homecoming Saturday. Left to right are A. O. Graham, Justice of the Peace who has lived in the town 53 of his

81 years; A. M. Hawkins, a Zavalla resident all of his 70 years; and W. D. Barge Sr., who was born near Zavalla Prairie on Jan. 4, 1877, many years before the present town existed.



YOUNG AND OLD—The first Zavalla homecoming last Saturday attracted young and old alike. Here, J. A. Barge Sr. poses with two of his grandchildren, Davalyn Kay Grier and Dorethy Lynn Walker.

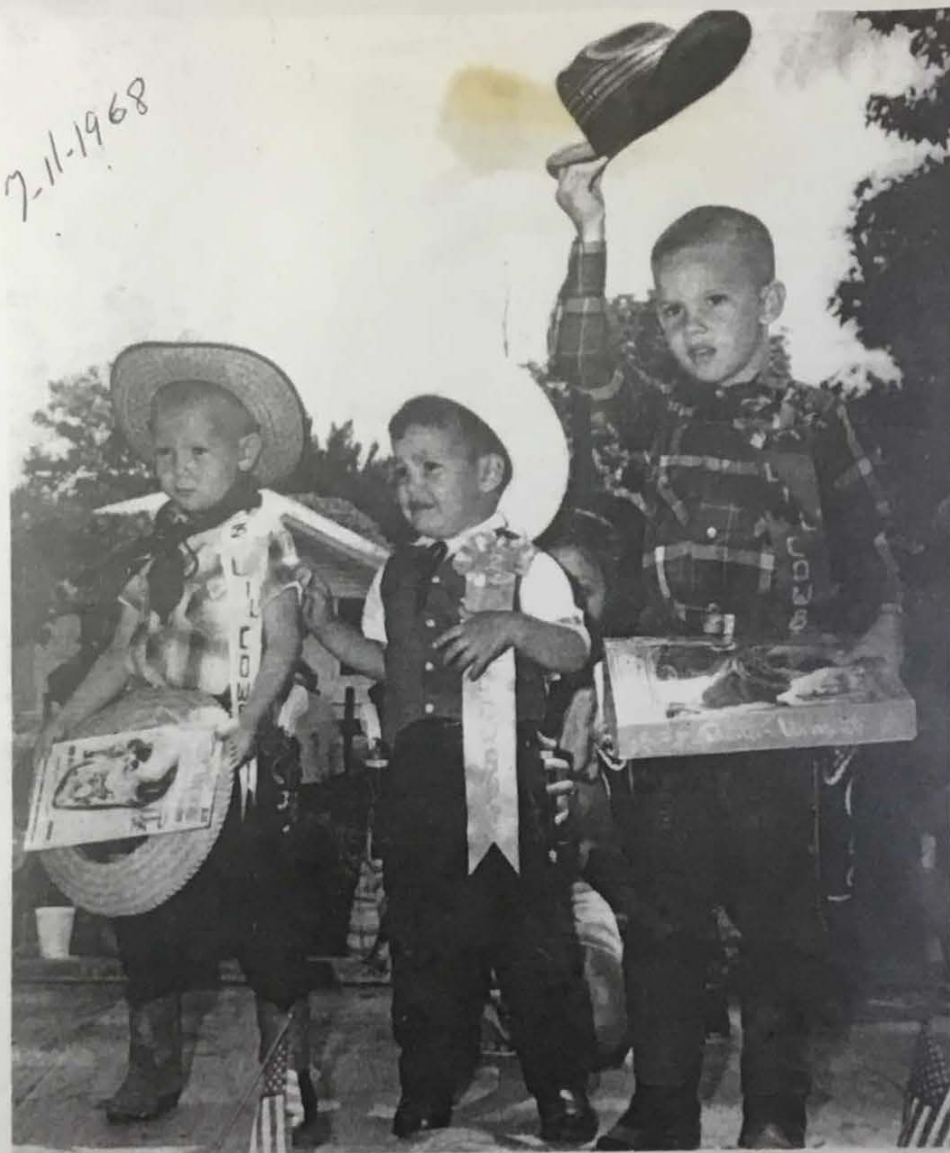
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OLDTIMERS AT HOMECOMING—W. D. Barge, Sr. (left) and Edgar Fann (right) find they have quite a few things in common as they talk with David Renfro (center), master of ceremonies of Zavalla Homecoming. The two are both of Zavalla, both are 85 years old and both were the oldest to attend the second annual homecoming Saturday. (Lufkin News Photo)



PRESENTED GIFTS — Pictured are several recipients of some of the gifts awarded at the Zavalla Homecoming held Saturday. From left, front row, are Mrs. Tom Poulan, 80, oldest mother and also in a tie with Mrs. Edna Mott (center front) for mother with the most children which is nine for each; Mrs. Mott; Mrs. James Eaves (husband behind her), most recent newlyweds. Back row, W. D. Barge Sr., 89, oldest father; Mrs. Joyce Rushing, 17, youngest mother; and James Eaves.



RIDING HIGH IN ZAVALLA

TOP COWBOYS at the Zavalla Homecoming last Saturday were (left to right) Joey Galloway, three, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Galloway; John David Renfro, two, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Renfro; and the Number One Cowboy, Rodney Mahan, five, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mahan Jr. Young Gallo-

way looks as if he's about to practice his fast draw on the crowd of 700; John David seems to have spied a desperado in the throng; and Mahan is just giving a tip of his hat to everybody who attended the day-long Zavalla celebration.

(Free Press Photo)

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Zavalla Whoops It Up At Big Homecoming

ZAVALLA—Miss Vicki Marshall, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. (Red) Marshall was presented as the Homecoming Queen here Saturday afternoon, capping day-long activities of the 1968 Zavalla Homecoming.

Miss Marshall received the crown from last year's reigning homecoming queen, Dorothy Jones.

The afternoon queen's coronation was the final event of the day that saw about 700 people gather together to enjoy a big parade, fried chicken, the Prison Rodeo Band, class reunions, drawings for prizes and plan old-fashioned visiting.

For the kids there was fun

aplenty with sack races, scrambles for lightning-quick pigs and bantam roosters and the like.

Mechelle Atwood, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Atwood, was named Little Miss Z in morning activities. Runners-up were Gina Donovan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Donovan, former Zavallans; and Tamie Tarver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Tarver of Zavalla.

Top cowboys were Rodney Mahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mahan Jr.; John David Renfro, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Renfro; and Joey Galloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Galloway.

William Barge, age 91, and Mrs. Bea Castle and Mrs. Deltha Ann Jones, both 89, were named the oldest persons in attendance, and Mr. and Mrs. Hulen Miller were the 'newest newlyweds' at the homecoming.

Mrs. Dempsie Evett of Zavalla also won a prize for being the mother of the most children — ten, and Patsy Stanley, four weeks old, was the youngest person present.

The Young Homemakers of Zavalla won first place in the morning parade with their conception of Bonnie & Clyde. Second place went to Roger Boulware and Debra Mott of the Country Wagon, and third place was won by Jake Holland of Holland Hardward, Huntington.

T. F. Boulware, President of the sponsoring Zavalla Civic League, was master of ceremonies for the day's events, assisted by long-time Zavalla civic worker David Renfro.

Other officers of the Civic League this year are Robert Dhone, vice president; Mrs. J. L. Mott, secretary; and M. B. Galloway, treasurer.

All in all, it was fine weather for a homecoming, and if you weren't there, you should have been. Everybody had a ball.

How Sales Tax Will Work

AUSTIN—When the increase in the state sales tax goes into effect on October 1, shoppers in cities which have adopted the city sales tax will begin paying the first of the four pennies when they spend their first 13 cents.

Tax applicable to city-sales-tax-covered sales: From 1¢ to 12¢, no tax; 13¢ to 37¢, one penny; 38¢ to 62¢, two pennies; 63¢ to 87¢, three pennies; and 88¢ to \$1.12, four pennies.

Shoppers in areas where there is no city sales tax are facing this schedule: 1¢ to 16¢, no tax; 17¢ to 49¢, one penny; 50¢ to 83¢, two pennies; and 84¢ to \$1.16, three pennies.

However, the Legislature did kick in a few more exceptions. One exempts sales through a coin-operated vending machine when each sale is for 16 cents or less, and another will exempt shipping charges when they are figured separately from the price of the commodities.

A third will exempt machinery used exclusively on farms or ranches in the building or maintaining of roads and water facilities, and exempted from the new third state penny will be sales resulting from a written contract entered into before October 1, and sales for which bids were submitted prior to October 1.

SUMMERTIME IS
VACATION TIME—
DRIVE CAREFULLY



Huntington - Zavalla Herald
July 1973
1973 Homecoming Termed a Success
by BLM

The Zavalla Homecoming was the best one so far, in the opinion of all I've spoken to all.

The Homecoming is sponsored and planned each year by the members of the Zavalla Civics Organization. Mr. Cotten Gaskamp, president, he and his wife Abby were greatly missed in this year's festivities as they always help and enjoy it so much. Theirs is the driving spirit.

The vice president Mr. Wayne Oliver took over and did a splendid job. Mr. David Renfro made a very good MC and Mr. Buddy Moore was a one-man entertainment committee all by himself. I have heard many compliments on his performance. Zavalla is grateful to him.

Judges for all events were Mrs. Morgan Flournoy, Mr. Hullen McClure, and Mr. Paul Selman. Zavalla says thank you to them.

The Queens ball was held Saturday evening after Queen, Vicki Harris, was presented at the Rodeo.

The Rodeo is sponsored by Zavalla Rodeo Club, President, Mr. Julius Grimes, vice president, Doug Shives. They had a gross income for the two nights of over \$1800 and an estimated crowd of 1300 present. The senior class had the concession stand at the rodeo and they too showed a profit.

The profit from the rodeo is used to maintain the rodeo grounds and they also sponsor a roping club each 1st. and 3rd. Saturday of the month that is open to anyone who wishes to come.

The proceeds of the whole homecoming also goes for a good cause. The Zavalla Civics Organization sponsors the little league and pee wee league, their uniforms, maintains the youth center and ball park. Congratulations to them for a good job and gratitude for their interest in our young people.

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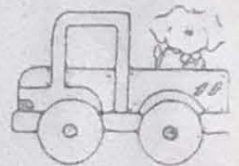
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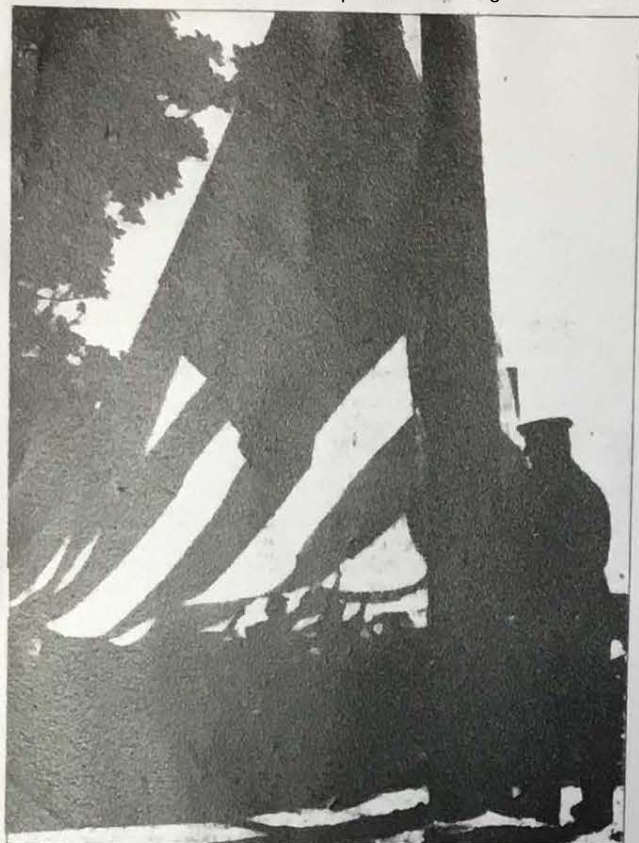


The Flag

Preceding the 1997 Homecoming
July 5th. We had a Flag raising
The flag pole is on the Coleman
hill and tall in the air. So it
can be seen from many directions.
It is beautiful and heart
warming at night when the lights
shine on it.

The Flag waves high and tell all
that we are patriotic people.





Staff photo by Christine Samford

A FLAG measuring 25-feet by 45-feet was raised on a 121-foot pole in Zavalla on Saturday.

Zavalla residents dedicate large flag at vets memorial

By JOHN E. MARTINEZ
Staff writer

ZAVALLA — All veteran Brady M. Jones of Zavalla knew was that the U.S. flag would never touch the ground.

The lanky senior, still wound up with emotion, talked about his part in holding up portions of the 80-pound flag that was hoisted Saturday during dedication ceremonies of the Veterans Memorial Flag in Zavalla.

"For the people of Zavalla and for all soldiers, particularly those from World War II, this is a big honor," he said. "You can see the flag from miles around and it looks beautiful."

Jones and several veterans held up Old Glory, measuring 25-feet by 45-feet, as it took its place on the 121-foot pole located at Coleman's Hill near the intersection of state highways 63 and 147.

"There was no way we were going to let that flag touch the ground," Jones said. "If it did, I would have had them

burn it on the spot."

Nearly 500 East Texans including state Rep. Jim McReynolds, D-Sar Augustine, attended the ceremonies. The \$13,000 memorial was made possible by the Zavalla Beautiful Clean.

Patriotic songs and prayers ushered in the fly-over by veterans Col. Bol Dunn and Neal Clifton. The sight of the vintage 1942 PT-19 primary trainer brought cheers from the crowd.

A spirited crowd pledged allegiance to the flag and smiled through the dedication.

Mary Harris, ZBC member, said the memorial is a way to honor servicemen and women who fought for their country.

The nearly year-long effort to raise money for the flag memorial was completed this May, she said. There are more than 500 veterans in Angelina and the surrounding counties, Mrs. Harris said.

"This is only phase one of what we hope to do for our veterans," she said.

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Joyce Coleman Todd said having the flag memorial on her property is a big honor.

"I was going to put a flag pole up here myself, but it was just too expensive," she said. "When I found out about the flag, I said 'yeah, let's put it up here.'"

She expects the memorial to be seen by thousands of people who drive through the area.

A resurgence of Zavalla Homecoming Day, a yearly summer celebration was also started Saturday after the flag memorial dedication.

Jamie Dykes said she loved seeing her father-in-law Henry Kenneth Dykes, who was a prisoner of war during World War II, participate in the parade and ceremony.

She said Dykes rarely participates in any memorial ceremonies because of his modesty.

"Many of the veterans were saying they wouldn't ride in the parade if (Dykes) didn't ride," she said. "When he did decide, 'They said it was OK.'"

Mrs. Dykes said many veterans respect her father-in-law for what he went through and the way he's handled it.

"He pulls them together and that's a great honor," she said.

Winners of the best parade floats were Carlene's Cafe, Dairy Queen and ZBC.

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Zavalla brings back homecoming festival

By JOHN F. MARTINEZ
Staff writer

Sunday, July 6, 1997, The Lufkin Daily News

ZAVALLA — Revellers at Saturday's dedication of the Veterans Memorial Flag in Zavalla walked only a short distance to continue their display of patriotism.

Emotions and spirits were still high as more than 500 people crowded the back of Zavalla High School for the return of Zavalla's Homecoming Day.

Mary Harris, member of Zavalla Beautiful Clean, said the celebration, which stopped nearly nine years ago, will be held every first Saturday of July.

"It stopped for some reason, but now everyone wants it back again," she said.

However, the day was more than fun. Mrs. Harris said the celebration was also a fundraiser for another veterans war memorial project in the works.

Organizers want to raise nearly \$40,000 for a memorial that will list the names of the more than 500 veterans of wars from the area. The list of names are from Angelina, Polk, Tyler, Jasper, Nacogdoches, San Augustine and Trinity counties.

Music, food and games highlighted the day, which featured several skits including one in which several children recited Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Charles Cooper of Zavalla said he enjoyed the

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Staff photo by Christine Samford

CHILDREN RECITE the Gettysburg Address during the Zavalla Homecoming Day.

Festival

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celebration and, as a veteran, appreciated the honor given to him and other fellow veterans.

"This gives you a good feeling," he said. "Seeing that flag go up and so many people makes you proud."

Red, white and blue balloons and ribbons adorned several booths and tables at the celebration. Many people donned patriotic colors and swayed to the fiddle playing of the

Shawnee Band.

Genevieve Carter said seeing everyone excited about Zavalla made her proud.

"I wanted to see old school mates and just enjoy the festivities," she said.

Her daughter, Lindsay Carter, 13, also enjoyed the events and said young people should celebrate the country's independence.

"Celebrating that the U.S. is celebrating another birthday is fun," she said.

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Seasonal Pageantry
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Seasonal Pageantry
presents:

Little Mister and Miss Rodeo

May 2nd, 1998 at the
Zavalla City Hall
at 1:00pm

Deadline: April ~~26th~~ all entries received after this date are subject to a late fee

Divisions:

Infant Baby Miss: 0-9 months Little Miss: 5-6 years
Baby Miss: 10-17 months Young Miss: 7-9 years
Little Toddler Miss: 18-23 months Pre-Teen Miss: 10-12
Toddler Miss: 2 years Teen Miss: 13-15
Tiny Miss: 3 years Jr. Miss: 16-19
Dainty Miss: 4 years Sr. Miss: married and unmarried over 20

Competition will be in Sunday Best: easter attire or Sunday best. One winner will be chosen from each age division with the highest score in facial beauty, personality and attire to receive crown, scepter and sash. There will be 2 runners up who will also receive tiara crowns, participation trophies and sashes.

All contestants will receive a participation trophy and a CROWN!!!

Optionals:

Pageant attire! this is pageant dress or tux. This score is separate and is not included in the division queen/king NOR in supreme. Most Beautiful, Best Personality, Most Photogenic, Best Fashion, (best fashion is the highest score out of the sunday best outfit), Best Pageant attire, Best Western Wear: this is the contestant with the highest score in each category in each division. You must sign up for the optionals to be included in the awards. They are \$5 each or enter the discounted price for Supreme and receive all of the optionals except talent. Competition will begin with Sunday best, then Rodeo attire, followed by pageant attire.

Talent: one winner in each division will receive a crown and sash, one overall grand talent will receive \$50 savings bond (with 7 entries) and a custom sash... bond will be pro-rated if less than 7 compete.

There will be a \$4 admission (age parent free) and children 12 and under free.
There will be door prizes!! Make sure you get a ticket when you pay admission.

*Receive full entry with 5 supreme paid referrals!
or sell tickets for \$50 each!*

This pageant advances to state and National competition!

People

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Flying with the Blues

Captain Arthur R. Hawkins

from
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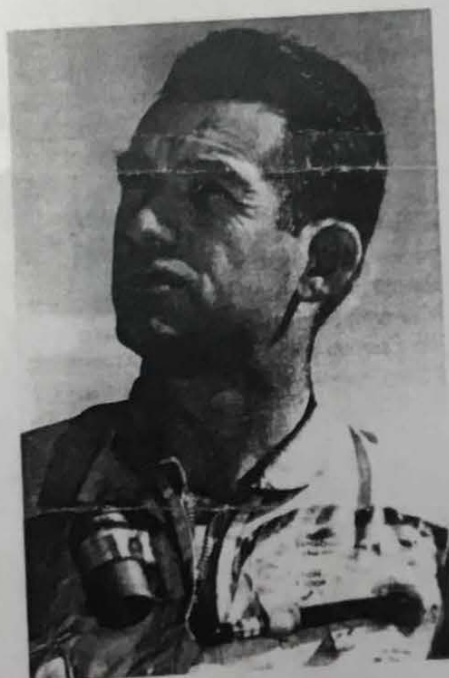
Arthur Ray Hawkins was born in Zavalla, Texas, on 12 December 1922, son of Alva M. and Gillie B. (Russell) Hawkins. He attended Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas, had cadet training at the naval air stations in Dallas and Corpus Christi, and was designated a naval aviator and commissioned ensign 1 January 1943. Subsequent service included extensive operational and staff duties ashore and afloat, and he advanced in rank to captain, to date from 1 July 1963. He was placed on the retired list effective 30 June 1973.

During World War II, Captain Hawkins served as navigator and gunnery officer of Fighting Squadron 31 based on the USS Cabot (CVL-28). He participated in all naval engagements from the Marshall Islands operations to the fall of the Japanese Empire, and was awarded the Navy Cross three times for extraordinary heroism in aerial combat against the enemy. He was credited with shooting down fourteen enemy aircraft, sinking various enemy ships, and assisting in the sinking of the Japanese battleship Ise.

Captain Hawkins's operational and staff assignments in the postwar years included command of the U.S. Navy's Flight Demonstration Team, the Blue Angels, Attack Squadron 46, Carrier Air Group 1, USS Caloosahatchee (AO-98), and NAS Atsugi, Japan.

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CAPTAIN ARTHUR R. HAWKINS



Comdr. Arthur R. Hawkins,
former commanding officer,
U.S. Navy Flight Demon-
stration Team, the Blue
Angels, 1951-54.

*Just below the
Medal of Honor*

Captain Hawkins's numerous decorations include the Navy Cross with two Gold Stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Gold Stars, and the Air Medal with three Gold Stars.

After my discharge from the navy in October 1945 I went back to college, the University of Cincinnati at that time. I got word that I had made regular navy and in November 1946 I started flying for the navy again, at Jacksonville, Florida, flying OS2U and SC seaplanes. I didn't make the transition then from fighters to scout planes; the navy did. Actually, each battleship and cruiser had an aviation unit on board, and so there were usually four aviators on board ship—a senior aviator and three junior officers plus a crew of about twenty-two who maintained the two airplanes—the battleships carried three, but the cruisers carried two usually.

After the war was over, the brownshoes (aviators) and the blackshoes (nonaviators) didn't get along too well, I guess, and they just got fed up. All the senior aviators got out. They'd had it, and it ended up they had no senior

The Barges of Zavalla



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE---Sulphur Springs: When the Barges gathered at their home for a family photo the photographer needed a wide angle lens. Most of the older ones are gone now. Mr. Aaron, Mr. Tommy are both still with us and we are proud to run this family photo for them and all of the Barge descendants in our area.

Taken in front of the old Barge home at Zavalla, the present home of Snooks and his wife, Maudine Barge, son of Mr. Aaron Barge.

Front row. Ina Aldredge, Brian Aldredge, ?, W. D. Barge back of Junior Barge leaning on his grandfathers knee, Father of the clan Uncle William (Will) Barge, his second wife, Jinny (Rodrigous Barge. Will Barge's mother, Aunt Mandy Barge, Mildred Barge, Laverne Barge, Vernon Barge, ? Barge and boy in front is Billy Barge.

Second row, Mary Havard Lillie Mae Barge, Byron Barge, Miriah (Havard) Barge, William Barge and wife Jenny (Massy) Barge, Bud Hambrick and wife, Effie (Barge) Hambrick, Charlie Barge holding baby Charlene Barge, Ida Barge, Vernon Barge and Opal Barge.

Third row, Douglas Aldridge, Aaron Barge, Tommy Barge, Colin Barge, Millie Barge, Jackson Barge and wife, Lilly, L. J. Havard and wife Irene (Barge) Havard, Bonnie (Furr) Barge.

Fourth row, Lonnie Hambrick Buren Barge J. M. Commander, behind him is Ollie Barge, Ruby Barge, Junior Barge, Bronson Owens.

Back, Dan and Lucille Easley behind him, Pansy or Violet, Ina (Hamrick) Aldredge, Mittie Barge, Myrtle Barge.

Photo courtesy Ida Barfield

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Doctor C.M. Barge married first wife in Ga., married second wife on way to Tx. married Mandy in Tx.

First wife had 1 boy and 2 girls.

Second wife a short marriage.

Wife Mandy _____ had no children.

Their Son;

John William Barge m. 1. Mary Ann Cryer 2 *Jenny Rodriguez*

Their Children were;

1. Miriah Barge m. Larkin Havard
2. William D. Barge m. Jennie Viola Massey
3. Charlie Barge m. Bonnie Furr
4. Vernon Barge m. Mittie L. Segrest
5. Tommy Barge m. May Louise Segrest
6. Aaron Barge m. 1st. Bell Lock, 2nd. Bill Fontenot,
3rd. Vara Crawford.
7. Colin Barge m. Mittie Jones
8. Andrew Jackson Barge m. 1st. Nora Thompson,
2nd. Lollie Crawford.
9. Effie Barge m. Lonnie (Bud) Hambrick.
10. Anne Elizabeth Barge m. J.M. (Johnny) Commander

11 thru 15 by
first wife,

11. L.M. Barge by early m. to first wife unknown
12. Mary L. Barge except for name.
13. J.H. Barge
14. R. Barge
15. Ralph Barge

m. 2. Jenny Rodriguez

1. Irene Barge m. 1st. L.J. Havard,
2nd. Bill Ennes

Irene Barge m. L.J. Havard
children;

Robert Havard
Dolores Havard

Irene later m. Bill Ennis

1. Miriah Barge m. Larkin Havard

Children;

Mary Havard m. Jessie James
Lennie Havard m. Arthur Noel
Eula Mae Havard m. Nick Jones
Amie Havard m. Alford Brookshire

(2)

2. William D. Barge m. Jennie Viola Massey

Children;

Lillie Ethel Barge m. Robert Lock
Nora Barge m. J. Leon Havard
Burton Barge m. 1. Nellie Boyinton 2. Evelyn Carter
3. Carrie Arnold
Margaret Allie Barge m. Bronson Owens
Lloyd Barge m. Leona Redman
Nelson Barge m. Ruby Womach
Ruby Barge m. Walter Ogden
W.D. Barge Jr, m. Annie Ruth Davis

3. Vernon Ward Barge m. Mittie Louise Segrest

Children;

Lillie Vern Barge never married
Mildred Barge m. _____
Vernon Ward Barge Jr. m. Mittie Segrest

4. Charlie Barge m. Bonnie Furr

Children;

Charlie Barge Jr. m. 1st. Annie Burnes
Charlene Barge

5. John Thomas (Tommy) Barge m. May Louise Segrest

Children;

1. Doris Barge
2. Billie Barge
3. Roy Barge
4. Eula Mae Barge
5. Dorothy Barge

6. Aaron Barge m. 1. Bell Lock 2. Bill Fontenot 3. Vara Colwell Walker

Children;

Opal Barge m. Ray Oliver
J.A. (Snooks) m. Maudine Minton
Patsy Barge m. Corky Logan

7. Colan A. Barge m. Mittie Jones

Children;

Otis Barge m. Bonnie
Ida Barge m. James Barfield
Lucille Barge m. 1. Dan Easley 2. Jay Pittman
Ollie Barge m. Louin Jacks

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8. Andrew Jackson Barge m. 1. Nora Thompson 2. Lollie Crawford

Children;

Lillie Mae Barge m. L.D. Bellamy
Myrtle Barge m. Odis Cassles
Byron Barge m. Viola Spayris
Claudia Barge m. Doris James

2nd. wife; Lollie Crawford

Children;

Jessie Alvis Barge m. Elsie Mae Walker
Andrew Jackson Barge Jr. m. 1st. Lola Mae Wolfe
2nd. Uneita Ragland (Lou)

9. Effie Barge m. W.D. (Bud) Hambrick

Children;

1. Lonnie Hambrick
2. Charles B. Hambrick m. Louise ?.

10. Annie Elizabeth Barge m. Lonnie Commander

Children;

J.M. Commander
Louella Commander m. Charlie Mott

11. Irene Barge m. 1st. L.J. Havard 2nd. Bill Ennis

Children:

Robert Havard
Deloris Havard



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE- ZAVALLA: In this photo, we have two of the *Older Barge* men and their wives. The photo was taken around 1910 in Williams' yard at the old Barge home place in Sulphur Springs.

Left to right is Colin Barge, his wife Mittie Jones Barge, Jenny Massey, Barge wife of William Barge and William.

Colin and his wife had 5 children. Many descendants of both men still populate our area as William and his wife had 8 children. Still surviving now of the older Barge second generation in Zavalla is Mr. Jackson Barge, his sons Alvis and Junior and grandson, also granddaughters Becky and Jennifer. Mr. Tommy Barge lives in Lufkin. William was a commissioner, then served as Angelina County Judge for many years. He lived to be past 90. Colin was a druggist, a teacher and also commissioner for two terms. He died at a younger age than many of the other men of this pioneer family who contributed so much to Zavalla. (photo courtesy of Ida Barfield)

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A native son of your county. The man that has and will continue to give you a business administration. Reduced your county government expenses \$76,077.93 the first year. Reduced your hospital expenses \$11,850.93 the first year, with only seven patients more in 1932 than 1933. Charity work done in 1932, \$10,628.50. Charity work done in 1933, \$10,351.20.

I am making this race on my records. When I assumed the duties as your County Judge January 1, 1933, the county records showed a book balance of \$93,479.28. On checking at the bank I found the county to be overdrawn \$750.00. Your county bonds and warrants were selling at 60c and less on the dollar. All our county bonds and warrants are now selling above par.

Do you want a man to serve you as County Judge that has succeeded in restoring your county's credit, or do you want to experiment with a man that has had no experience in financing a county government?

One of my opponents has made a complete failure in financing our county government, and the other has had no experience at all.

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by B.L.M. Aug. 1995

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90 Year Old Zavallan

Law, 'Doctoring' Easy For Barge

Jan. 8, 1967

It was the 1880's and W. D. Barge, Sr., was a slender farm-boy growing up in the pine flatlands of southern Angelina County.

Free time on the farm was a luxury, but occasionally he found the opportunity to slip away to his grandfather's general store.

"Granddaddy was a doctor, too, and he kept a lot of medicines and medical books in the store," remembers Barge. "I guess it was natural for me to pick up some doctoring knowledge."

Because of what he learned, a generation or two in Zavalla may owe its existence to Barge.

Barge, who celebrated his 90th birthday last week, never forgot what he learned in his grandfather's store.

A public reception for W. D. Barge, Sr., 90, will be held today from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Lock, just north of the Lufkin city limits.

The Lock home can be reached by travelling north on Timberland Drive and turning east on Lowry Street. The Davisville Road connects with Lowry.

Barge's friends and acquaintances are invited to attend the reception.

"I was fascinated by medicine. I think I could have passed a medical examination if I had wanted."

But Barge always seemed too busy caring for his neighbors to worry about himself.

Doctors were scarce, so his reputation as a healer spread quickly.

He set bones, delivered babies, bound wounds, and helped visiting physicians perform operations.

During the influenza epidemic of the early 1900s, Barge rushed from home to home to work his medical magic.

"The doctors everywhere were busy," he recalls. "And, since we had none, I was called day and night."

was simple, but his instruction was profound.

He taught his students the influence of alcohol on the human heart, the dangers of caffeine to the system, and the effects of nicotine on the lungs.

"After John Massingill finished with me, I decided never to smoke, drink coffee, or touch alcohol," says Barge.

Life was hard, but simple, in Barge's early years.

"When I got married, I borrowed \$20 to start farming," he remembers. "Almost half of it, six dollars, was spent for a cookstove."

Shoes were fifty cents, shirts sold for thirty-five, and good bacon was four and a half cents a pound.

"But wages were low, too," remembers Barge. "I worked a lot for fifty cents a day and was glad to get it."

In 1927, the political bug hit Barge. He ran for county commissioner of Precinct 4 and won.

One of his first acts in office was to buy the county's first road machinery to replace cumbersome mule-drawn equipment.

He worried about the voters' acceptance of the machinery until he persuaded the precinct's most influential citizen into temporarily working with the mule-drawn graders.

"That fellow worked those old mules for one day," remembers Barge. "He was dog-tired. And I never had any more trouble buying machinery."

After three two-year terms as commissioner, Barge ran for county judge. Again, he won and moved to Lufkin, the county seat.

To prepare himself for the job, Barge quietly enrolled in a mail-order law course.

Attorneys who appeared before him were amazed at the farmer's comprehension of the law. One attorney told him he was the best-informed judge in East Texas.



'THE JUDGE': W. D. BARGE, SR.
... pioneer Zavalla civic leader

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Barge's own kin often were patients. He once saved a grandson's life by feeding him the juice of an onion and sulphur. "It tasted terrible, but it worked," he remembers.

Barge had neither a high school or college diploma when he began treating his neighbors. But he had the benefit of a legendary Sulphur Springs teacher, John Massingill.

"He had a great influence on my life," says Barge. "He was one of the finest men and finest teachers I've known."

Massingill's country school

Barge stayed in the office two terms and failed to lose a case in his two years.

In 1937—by now, he was known as "the judge," a nickname that has stuck—Barge left politics to return to Zavalla.

Following the death of his wife early last year, he returned to Lufkin to make his home with a daughter, Mrs. Ruby Beaty, one of seven living children.

His activity has diminished only slightly. He maintains a garden, does some carpentry work, and enjoys quiet strolls with his dog, George, a constant companion.

ZAVALLA AREA

W. D. Barge Sr., Mrs. Spears Honored At Recent Parties

Mrs. Robert Millard Spears, nee Miss Barbara Ann Colwell, was honored with a miscellaneous shower Thursday afternoon January 5, in the home of Mrs. W. D. Barge, with Mrs. J. A. Barge Sr. and Mrs. I. D. Colwell acting as co-hostesses.

Refreshments were served to approximately twenty-five guests.

A number of friends extended birthday greetings to W. D. Barge Sr. in his home Wednesday night, January 4.

Games of 42 were played and refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barge Sr., Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Guthrie and daughters, Jean and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barge Sr., Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Barge and sons, Lloyd Neil and Billy.

B. Oliver Jr. was honored with a stork shower Monday afternoon sponsored by members of the Like You Sunday school class. The shower was given in the home of Mrs. C. A. Barge Jr.

Seated games were played and gifts were presented to the honoree, after which refreshments were served.

Approximately forty guests signed the guest book.

A large crowd attended the benefit 42 party sponsored by the Zavalla chapter Order of the Eastern Star, on Monday night.

High scores were won by Har- die Widner and Mrs. Burns, with low scores going to Mrs. W. C.

Wade and Clyde Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Martin and son, Billy, of Kennard, spent Sunday in the T. V. Guthrie home.

Harold Rominger began his duties as business manager of the Angelina county hospital on January 1.

A new business establishment was opened for business last Saturday in Zavalla. Mrs. (Trahey) Starr has installed a beauty shop in her store building and is now ready to render first class service.

The commercial chicken (broiler) raising business is proving successful and profitable for several families in and near Zavalla.

Henry Fox and the Miles brothers market 6000 broilers every 10 weeks and F. C. Warren markets 5000. Jap Massey is also beginning the broiler project and has poultry houses under construction.

There will be a stated meeting of the Angelina Lodge 1263, Zavalla on Friday night, January 13. Refreshments will be served by the Zavalla chapter Order of the Eastern Star 952.

The Angelina county and East Texas singing conventions will be held in Zavalla on Saturday night, February 11, and Sunday, February 12.

A baptistry is being placed in the First Baptist church. Weather permitting, the work will soon be completed.

Mrs. Barge Final Rites Held Today

Funeral services for Mrs. W. D. Barge, Sr., 85, were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church of Zavalla with the Rev. Decker Sanders and the Rev. A. L. Teaff officiating, with interment in the Barge Cemetery.

Mrs. Barge, of 1404 Lark, died at her residence Tuesday afternoon. She was born on Jan. 21, 1889, in Milam County and had resided in Angelina County most of her life. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Zavalla and of the Zavalla Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, W. D. Barge, Sr. of Lufkin; three sons, Buron Barge of Lufkin, Loyd Barge of Zavalla, and W. D. Barge, Jr. of Crosby; four daughters, Mrs. Lillie Maubolous of San Antonio, Mrs. Allie Owens of Beaumont, Mrs. Nora Havard of Huntington, and Mrs. Ruby Beaty of Lufkin; two half-sisters, Mrs. Lade Williams of Zavalla and Mrs. Dade Moffett of Houston; 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Ronald Barge, Lloyd Neal Barge, Claude Havard, Sonny Owens, Lloyd Wayne Ogden, N. L. Stowe, Roscoe Ivy, Jr., and James Mott.

Great-grandsons served as honorary pallbearers.

Oakley-Metcalf, directors.

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Jennie
Viola
Massey
Barge

News and Views from Farkleberry Hill
by Betty Mingee

Aaron Barge

October 29, 1991

b. September 27, 1890 Angelina Co. Tx. d. March 27, 1976

You cannot think of Zavalla's early years and not remember Mr. Aaron Barge. He had a great influence on the growth and development of Zavalla. Aaron Barge was born in the Sulpher Springs Community near Zavalla on September 2, 1890. He was the son of William Barge Sr. and Jinny Rodrigous Barge. Aarons brothers I have known were William who married Jenny Massey, Colin who married Millie Jones, Jackson who married Lollie Crawford and Tommy who was a butcher in Aarons store for years. I am not sure who Tommy married.

Aaron Barge grew up and went to school in the Sulpher Springs Community. He married three times, first wife was Bell Lock, his second was Bill Fontenot and third was Vera (Colwell) Walker.

He went on in schools to become a teacher and taught in Angelina Co. schools, Concord, Johnson and Sulpher Springs, plus he also taught in schools in Tyler, Madison and Jasper Counties.

In 1925 he bought out the old bank building when the bank failed and made it into a grocery store, that was under his management from then until he died March 27th. 1976. He carried people on credit from one pay to the next or for a farm family, from one crop until the next.

I went to Barge's store as a child for my mother, I went there as an adult for love of the tradition and a very deep affection for the Barge family.

Aaron Barge married first Bell Lock and had two children by her. They were Opal Barge who married Ray Oliver and J. A .Jr. (Snooks) who married Maudine Minton.

By his second wife Bill Fontenot he had a daughter Patsy. I'm sorry I don't know more about Patsy (ie) who she married or if she had children. By Opal and Snooks he had four grand children. Opal and Ray Oliver had sons Wayne and Charles. Snooks and Maudine had daughters Jessie and Sue. He never left any descendants bearing the Barge name - but his descendants are still in our area helping to do anything that makes our town a better place to live.

Mr. Barge gave land for our Civic Club and helped organize it. He gave land for our Roedo grounds, for many years he gave the fruit that Santa passed out in town. His daughter - in - law, Maudine, Louise Massey Mott and nephew Alvis Barge were the starters of our Santa parade and it goes on today.

Both Oliver grandsons have been active members in the organization of the Fire Department, Charles served as Fire Chief, Mayor and Councilman. Charles is a now a mail carrier for the Post Office in Zavalla. Charles has four children, Davilyn, Charles jr. and Leah all by his first wife Vivian Lee. They all live elsewhere.

Son Jayson is a junior in Zavalla high school and his mother is Debby Mott Oliver. Debby works at our high school as secretary to the principal.

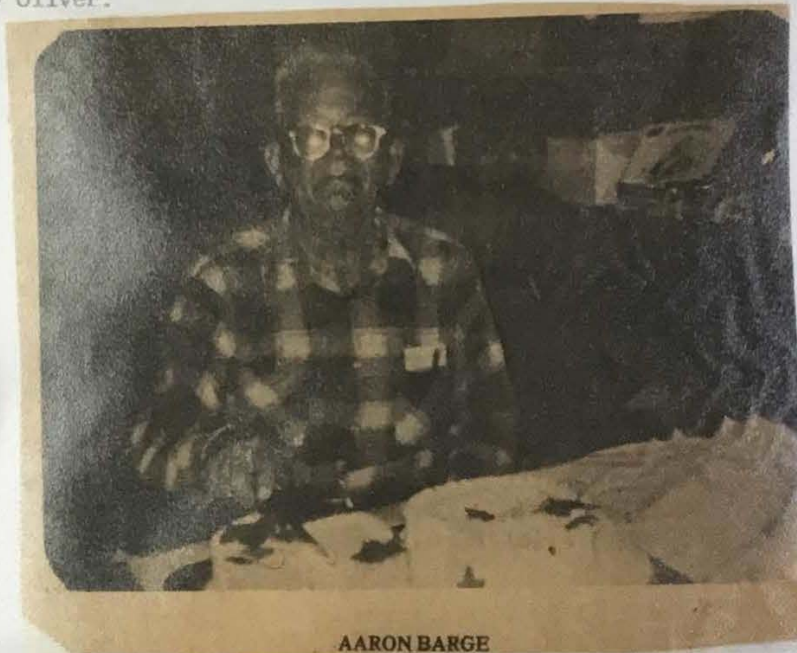
Both Barge granddaughters also served. Jessie Ann m. Wayne Gillispie and lived in Huntington where she died as a young mother of two. Sue Barge is the mother of three sons, two by her first marriage to Billie Lott. Sue is now married to Wes Morrell and youngest son is by him. She has been a City council woman, and is now President of the Civic Club. She and Wes live here in Zavalla and help on the home coming parade and Santas visit to Zavalla every year.

Wayne Oliver married Donnie Coleman, they have two sons and one daughter. Wayne helped organize both the City incorporation and the Zavalla Volunteer Fire department. He has been an active member of the Civic Club ever since we moved back here twenty years ago. He is a board member of the Civic Club, at the present time Waynees son Ricky Oliver is one of Zavalla's newest teachers.

News and Views from Farkleberry Hill
by Betty Mingee

Son Robby is an X-ray technician at Nacogdoches while he continues his education to become a Nurse. Daughter Jennifer is in College learning to be a school teacher.

We can count on Mr. Aaron Barges dependents into our future. He has twelve great grandchildren to carry on for him. They are Aaron Wayne Gillispie, Terri Gillispie, Rodney Lott, Ronald Lott, Phillip Morrell, Davilyn Oliver, Charles Oliver jr., Leah Oliver, Jayson Oliver, Ricky Oliver, Robby Oliver and Jennifer Oliver.



AARON BARGE

Aaron Barge celebrates 85th birthday this week

Aaron Barge, born September 27, 1890, reaches the golden age of 85 this week. He was born in the Sulphur Springs Community 85 years ago, grew up there and attended Sulphur Springs school.

He became a school teacher and taught for 14 years in the counties that surround us. He taught in Tyler County schools three years, in Madison County two years, in Jasper County one year, and eight years in Angelina at Concord, Johnson, and Sulphur Springs Community schools.

He owns the store in Zavalla that has been in his control or his son Snooks, with wife Maudine since 1930. The building was built as a bank and had an apartment upstairs, room for a cafe on the right end. It is built of stucco, is weather beaten, but like Mr. Barge himself, it is a part of Zavalla that citizens would object to its being changed in any way.

Our parents shopped at his store, and go there not only for needs in the grocery line, but the warm friendship you are greeted with. The inside is a hodge podge of shelves and counters, where one might be able to purchase out-dated items from his shelves, for instance, horse shoe nails, rim locks for the door, and wood cook stove. Our children & grandchildren already are known and befriended by Aaron Barge.

Happy birthday, Mr. Barge, from your many friends.

Alvis Barge family Photo courtesy of Alvis Barge Sr.



Alvis Jr., Alvis Barge Sr., Elsie May Walker Barge.

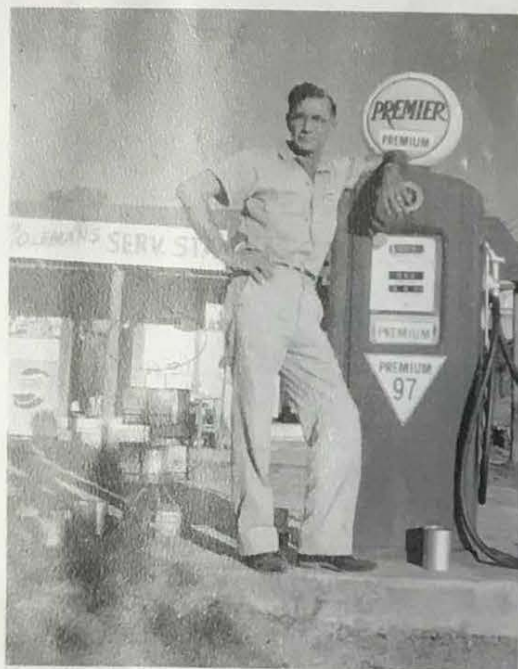


Alvis Barge shown inside the old Fortenberry drug store. Alvis has served Zavalla well all of his life. An active member and Deacon of First Baptist Church. Fifty year member of Angelina Lodge AF & AM 1263. He helped build the Lodge with volunteer labor. He has helped with the Santa Parade since its early start. He helps with the Zavalla home coming and he served as our Justice of the Peace for 28 yrs. I owe him a personal thank you for all his help and memories shared in this book of Zavalla history.

Coleman Service Station and Store
Located at intersection of Hwy 63 & 147

Both Harold & Gladys are both gone, but the Coleman family still operate a Service Store & Convince store at the same location.

His family in photo below



Harold Coleman at his Gas Pump.
Store behind him



Photo above:
Dwan, Harold, Donnie &
Gladys Snell Coleman
Dwan m. Sharon Shives
Donnie m. Wayne Oliver



Photo on left
Gladys Snell Coleman on
inside of store showing
shelves full and waiting
for customers.

All photos courtesy Donnie Coleman Oliver

The Byrd Family
Photo Courtesy of Pauline Crawford



The Byrds of Zavalla

Mr. Bewley Byrd married Bessie Perry of Chirno, Tx. He was a barber plus cleaner & pressor of clothes. He first came to this area, and set up a shop at Old Camp Nancy the Three C Camp. When the camp was moved he came to Zavalla around 1938 and opened his dry cleaning shop on main street.

He and his wife Bessie had four children. Joy, Glenden Ray, Virginia and Pauline. Joy married Herbert Simonton of Orange, Tx., Ray married Mary Leighton, Virginia married J.W. Crawford and Pauline married Aaron Crawford.

Mr. Byrd cleaned and pressed the clothes of the Zavalla people. His children all went to school in Zavalla. Pauline still lives in Zavalla next door to the old place.

OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE- Zavalla:
This week's Golden Heritage features the Cryer family. They are an old family in Zavalla's history, dating back into the early settling of Sulphur Springs area.

Wesley Cryer known as Uncle Willy was born May 10, 1887. The photo taken above is of Uncle Willy prior to 1903 when he was approximately 21 years old. He lived to be 92 years old, and died July 11, 1970.

Willy was one of the founding fathers of the Cryer line. There was Cal Cryer, father of Cecil Widner one of Zavalla's own and one of our school teachers, George Cryer was the father of Meynard, our mayor, he also was a brother of Willy.

Willy's children living are Hubert, Dick, Dennon and Sis Moore. There are many grand children and great grandchildren.



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE: ZAVALLA - This photo was taken in Zavalla as a dairy! The Cryer's owned one in what is considered our downtown area now.

The Cryer's pictured here married in 1903. They are Wesley Cryer (Uncle Willy), born May 10, 1887, died July 11, 1970. His wife, Cloe was born November 23, 1881, and died February 8, 1963.

Their children are Dick, Hubert, Dennon and Sis, of our town still.



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE-Zavalla: Hubert, left, and Dick, are the sons of Unde Willy Cryer and Cloe (Maloney) Cryer. Both of these men still live in Zavalla.
Photo courtesy of Lillie Marshall



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE: ZAVALLA - This lovely group of children were the Cryer children, taken in the late 20's or early 30's. They all live in Zavalla today.
Left to right are: Dick Cryer, Demmon Cryer, Etta Mae (Sis) Cryer and Hubert Cryer.

They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Well Cryer, better known in our area as Unde Cryer and Aunt Cloe. The children were born and raised in the Zavalla area, where the Cryers have all been active in farming, dairies, timber and Hubert served as our commissioner in the past and ran for mayor when Zavalla became a city.
The Cryer family is one of the oldest in our area's history. (photo courtesy Addie Cryer)



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE-Sulphur Springs: Lela and Della Stanley Cryer.
Lela and her mother, in this 50 plus year old photo, are really beautiful. Lela (Stanley)
Moses lives here in Zavalla and refuses to divulge her age.
Photo courtesy of Etta Mae Moore



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE: In this photo is pictured an adopted daughter of Zavalla. Addie Cryer has lived here long enough to be counted one of this areas own.

She was sixteen year old Addie Trippe when this photo was taken in 1915. It was taken in Highland, Maus. where she lived, cared for a child and attended high school.

Addie was a foundling orphan child whose foster mother was Elsie Bull. She grew up self sufficient, had three children by her first husband, two sons still living. Edgar Allen Litchfield and Chester Stanley Litchfield, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She met native Zavallan Dennon Cryer after she entered the U. S. Army during World War II. She served four years, part of the time at Ft. Polk, La., as a nurse. They met when both were stationed at Biggs Field in El Paso. They married Feburary 12, 1947 and when Dennon retired, they came to Zavalla and have been here ever since. She had received her discharge from the army before their marriage. Dennon retired in 1957.



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE: Zavalla: Another of Zavalla's former industries no longer active was a sand plant near Colmesneil and the river. The sand was used in the motor on many of the area buildings, including our schools, of which we still have the fence left. The photo was taken in 1936 and if you notice the tool in young Dennon Cryers hand, it is the handle of a shovel, the sand was hauled by wagon or truck to its needed site. Manpower loaded it.



our golden heritage- **ON NECHES RIVER:** Pictured from left are Bally Bass, Dennon Cryer and George Cryer taken in 1946.

The Balley Bass house is in the background. It had a dirt floor and instead of a heater or fireplace, the only form of warmth was a fire in a wash tub set in the center of the floor. He was the father of many children and fished for a living.

George Cryer was the father of Alma, Georgia, Ellen, C. M. and Johnny, all living except for Georgie.

Dennon Cryer lives in Zavalla after a career spanning the CCC Camp into the U. S. Army and finally retirement.

Photo courtesy Dennon Cryer

OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE...ZAVALLA: This photo was taken late in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar M. Fann. He was born February 6, 1877, at Smiths Ferry, Texas in Tyler County. Mrs. Fann was the former Sarah Elizabeth Cryer. She was born November 22, 1876, in Zavalla in the Sulphur Springs community.

They had nine children, seven of whom still live. Their children were Pearl, who married Matt Elliott, Jessie V., who married Ethel Locke, Guss who is now married to Harley Rake of Zavalla, Evan, who married Sarah Greer, Velma (Billie) who married to Sam LaRocca, Josie (Jo) married to Jack Gowan, Carmen whose husband was John Johnson of Shawnee Prairie area, Ferguson married Velma, and Dorothy married J.O. Baker.

Mr. Fann was a lifelong farmer in Angelina County. He lived at Shawnee Switch until retirement when he moved to Zavalla and built the home Guss now lives in. He left 18 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and several great-great grandchildren in and around this area.

One of our oldest families with ties by marriage into those early settlers families.
(photo submitted by Guss Rake)





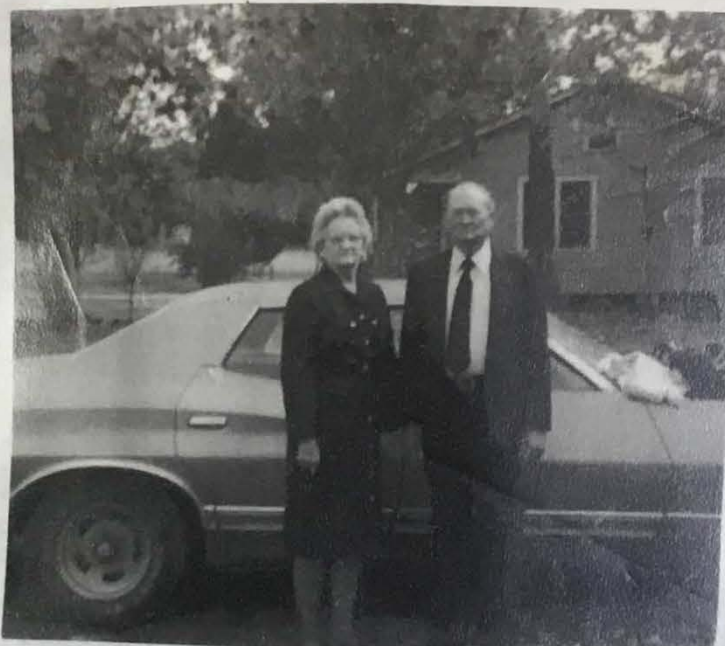
OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE: ZAVALLA - This group picture was made nearly 40 years ago. Pictured, left to right, back row, are: Fredna (Greer) Jones, Cecil Jones, Sarah (Greer) Fann, Evan Fann and front are: Carl Fann, Dennon Cryer and Wanda (Flapper) Fann.

The Fann's still live here today in Zavalla. Carl just celebrated a birthday, Dennon is retired from the Army. The Jones' are gone. They were killed in the tornado that struck their mobile home in November, 1972.

Jones, Fann, Cryers, all are familiar names to us. A part of Our Golden Heritage.

(Photo courtesy of Addie Cryer)

The Hubert Cryer Family
Photos Courtesy Mamie Cryer



It is
Hubert Cryer
and
Herbert Harris

Mamie Hawkins Cryer and Hubert Cryer
With Their Four daughters



Standing L to R.
Seated Hubert Cryer and Wife Mamie
Squatting Mary Cryer m Herbert Harris

I owe a memorial in this book to Hubert Cryer.
He always answered questions for me and helped
identify places, told me who married whom. I lost
a real friend when he died
B.L.M.

Zavallas' First Mayor
(C.M.) Menyard Cryer and Family
Photo Courtesy Willie Mae Cryer



Seated: Willie Mae Herring Cryer wife of Menyard Cryer

Standing behind them are three children and mates

Gina Brandon m. Calvin Cryer, Mary Lou Hollingsworth m. George Cryer, Shirley Carson m. Willie Dell Cryer, Ray Nell Cryer m. Steve Ransom.

Mr. C.M. Cryer served our area as Commissioner, was Zavalla 1st. Mayor. Elected 1976 when Zavalla Incorporated. He guided the city in its first effort to stand and walk as a city. Mr. Cryer also served on the New Fire department. He saw the start to our growth and progress. Progress that has continued until today.

The Johnny Cryer Family
Photos courtesy Jonnie Sue Massey



Photo to left

John Cryer & wife
Frankie (Dot) Mathews
Son Elton (in mothers arms)
married Linda Sue Moses
& Daughter married
John Lewis Massey

Johnny Cryer was a logger all his working life. He lives now on first street. Johnny had log trucks and many men in Zavalla worked for him. My dad, Jap Massey worked for Johnny many years. In those early years trees were large and plentiful. My dad was a mule skinner and the old way of harvesting trees was pulling the cut trees by mule to the transportation - no clear cutting and no destroying of other trees. A logger protected the forrest and his future job.



Johnny was a supporter of any project to help Zavalla. He served on the Water Board, he always bought pies and cakes at any fund raiser Zavalla had. Fire Department, City home coming, renovating old Gym, Church projects a good citizen of his home town.

Photo to left

Johnny and Dot Cryer
later in life.

On Easley
Agnes phone number
634-4785
Ketha Easley m Anna

Bertie
Dan
Etton

Phone Agnes
634-4785

Agnes Easley 634-4785 m Anna?
William Andrew Easley m Anna Caples

Bertie m M. Idred
Dennon ① Anita ② Mary
Luen m Agnes Mosley
Dan ① Lucille Barge
Etton m ② Lollie Widner
Myrtle Easley

age ① Lollie Widner
to Easley
= Mosley

Dan m ① Lucille Barge
② Lollie Widner



ELMER GIBSON
93 on July 25

Dear Editor

Today, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize the many members of First Baptist Church of Zavalla who have served so faithfully and shared their lives with others in our community over the years. Currently, Bro. James and I, have been working to complete a historical record of our church beginning with its' origin in 1901. On September 20, 1976, our church will have its 75th. anniversary and we are indeed thankful to and appreciative for those many fine folks who have been a part of First Baptist over the years...adding in strength to build th the church and fellowship that we cherish today.

Though, there were about a dozen charter members as our church began its' ministry seventy-five years ago, none of those charter members are still living today. Knowing that there are many fine folks who have been a part of it all over the years, we would like to take this opportunity to say that we as a church do especially love and appreciate our members who have lived and shared God's blessings over many years.

Our oldest member, Mr. Elmer Gibson, who is pictured, will be 93 years old on his birthday, the 25th day of July, and is a delight to know and visit. Mr. Gibson quickly tells those who visit with him that it is because of God's goodness that he has enjoyed his life, his church and his family so completely. Often, in speaking to him, one notices his many references to favorite Bible scriptures. May his life continue in joy as we all appreciate the circle of influence that his life in Christ had had upon Zavalla.

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F.N. HUBBARD CELEBRATED HIS 93rd DAY, Monday, November 26. Hubbard is above with, Courtney Lee Foster, his old great-granddaughter. He resides in Texas, with his daughter and her husband and Mrs. T.T. Gipson.



ELMER GIBSON

Mrs. Elmer Gibson belongs in our special HERALD as he is the oldest living citizen of Zavalla. He was born in Clay County, Texas, July 25th, 1883, and moved to what was to become Zavalla at the age of four. This puthim here before Zavalla had a post office or name.

He attended a school called Ozious. If the spelling is incorrect it is because neither Mr. Gibson nor anyone around here could recall the correct spelling.

He has been an active man all of his life and still raising a big truck patch this year.

he was once Zavall's postmaster. He owned the building and gave out the mail when the post office was located near the present site of the Masonic Lodge. At the time he operated the post office it had M. H. Canselors saloon on one side of it and Mr. Charlie Canselors store on the other side.

He owned and operated a store when he sold material at 5 cents or 10 cents a yard. On his books it was not unusual to see a bill for 25 cents charged against a mans name. The man didn't always have a quarter to buy beans, bread, flour, salt, sugar, etc. The store he operated was on the site where Barge's stands now. He bought the land and business from Will Barge, Sr. When a bank was to be built he sold the land for that purpose. Later when the bank failed, Mr. Aaron Barge bought the store, bank and operated the post office from the back part of it.

Mr. Gibson also logged for a period of time. Then as the settlement grew he had a road crew and built many of the roads that are now our streets. He hired men and did this work with mule power, froes, slips and sleds for equipment like the other picture of a road crew shown elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Gibson built most of our present streets. A man built a home then hired Mr. Gibson to build a road to his house.

The last years as a businessman was spent un truck farming, hauling his vegetables to Beaumont's Farmers Market to sell. There he three times won prizes for his vegetables size and quality.

Happy birthday, America, and happy birthday Mr. Elmer Gibson one of our town builders.

Rites held for E. Gibson

2-23-77

Services for Elmer Gibson, 93, were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church of Zavalla with the Reverends Curtis Herrington and Bob James officiating and burial in the Zavalla Cemetery.

Mr. Gibson of Zavalla, died in a local hospital Tuesday. He was born July 25, 1883, in Clay County and had resided in Angelina County most of his life.

Mr. Gibson was retired farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church of Zavalla.

The body will lie in state at Oakley-

Metcalf.

Survivors: wife, Lottie of Zavalla; daughters, Mrs. Valeria Parker and Mrs. Abbie Gaskamp, both of Zavalla, Mrs. Olivett Oxley of Vidor, Mrs. Serilla Lott of Newton, Mrs. Alice Faye Weeks and Mrs. Linda Sue Bryan both of Zavalla; step-daughter, Mrs. Lydia Mae Forse of Diboll; sons, Theron, and Donald, both of Zavalla, Delbert and Glenn, both of Anahuac; 24 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren, 5 step grandchildren and 5 step great-grandchildren.

Zavalla's senior native son died this week and Zavalla is poorer for his passing. Mr. Elmer Gibson was born July 25th 1883. He attended a school called ozious located between the towns that are now Huntington and Zavalla.

He was at onetime or another many things. All of the contributing to our town and its growth. He was a postmaster, as he gave out mail from the store he owned. The store dated back to a time when you could buy material for a dress at 5 or 10 cents a yard. It wasn't unusual to see a bill on his book for as little as 25cents because the man never had 25 cents to pay for his needs at the time.

He was a logger in the early timber industry of Zavalla. He was commissioner and worked a road crew in the days of man and mule power. He had no trucks or road equipment except froes and slips pulled by mule power. He laid the road beds all around Zavalla as settlers built and needed a road to town from their homes.

He truck farmed for many years, taking his produce to Beaumont to farmers markets where he won many prizes for the size and quality of his produce.

He was the oldest member of Zavallas First Baptist Church. He saw it move from worship in a brush arbor to its first building.

He fathered 11 children and they grew up to contribute to our town in many capacities, church, forestry, teachers, highway work. Mr. Elmer Gibson left his marks on most of our lives. When I was writing the history of Zavalla he was another I enjoyed talking to.

To his children, grandchildren, great-grand children and great-great grand children who had him for 60 years, he must have been a great inspiration. He stayed active and alert for his whole life time. His laugh was hearty, his friendship honored by many of us. God bless you in your loss and walk tall in the example he set for you. 7-23-1977

By Betty Minge
1977

Jan 1976

[Handwritten signature]

By SUZY SPENCER
Lufkin News Writer
Is it Zavalla or is it Zavala?
There is some question in that community as to how its name is spelled.

Zavalla was named for Lorenzo de Zavala, a leader in the Texas Revolution.

Betty Mingee, writer of Fockelberry Hill in the Huntington-Zavalla Herald, said when she was a teenager, Zavalla was spelled with one l. She has a photograph of herself standing in front of a Zavala road sign to prove the point.

However, today's road signs, maps, and even the community's post office spell the town's name with two l's.

The post office, built in 1900, about the same time as the construction of the railroad, was granted to the community of "Zavala Prairie."

Somewhere along the way, the

town's name got smaller, and later the town got smaller.

However, Zavalla's first business was established in 1866, and the town grew until the train pulled out.

"Everything from mouse traps to railroad iron" was the sign on the door of the business owned by S.N. Carpenter. When Carpenter died in 1930, his son Charlie took over the business and enlarged the store. Until the 1950s, the store was half block wide and a block deep.

In the 1930s, Carpenter's store was considered the business of Zavalla. He sold railroad ties, had a cotton gin, and bought and shipped cotton over seas, as well as continued the general merchandising store.

After Carpenter moved from Zavalla, the store changed hands several times. At one time, the Carpenter's building became a theater and later a

dance hall.

Another one of the more re-known business establishments of the community was Barge's, a general merchandising store owned by Aaron Barge. One would settle his bill at Barge's by selling cotton at Carpenter's. Barge is said to have gotten his start in business by carrying people's charge accounts, not by month to month, but from crop to crop.

The grocery store at Barge's is still in business after beginning in 1925. The building was originally constructed for a bank in 1924. One year later, the bank went bankrupt, and Barge bought the building.

However, there were many businesses that died out. The town used to have a library, two doctors, a calaboose, better known as a jail, and some saloons. Today, however, the town is dry.

Zavalla also had two drugstores. One of which still operates is Fortenberry's Drug Store. The store is now owned by Alvis Barge Sr., city judge, justice of the peace, and manager of Owens-Illinois woodyard.

Beginning in 1942, Barge worked at Fortenberry's for Dr. and Mrs. James C. Fortenberry. Then in 1956, Barge bought the drug store.

"We never changed the name because it meant so much to her," said Mrs. Barge.

Fortenberry's is the gathering place for the Zavalla townspeople, bus drivers, preachers, people from the post office, everyone. "At their hour off, this is where they have their coffee," said Mrs. Barge. When the drug store first opens in the morning until about 10 a.m., "You can't stir them with a stick," she added.

Mrs. Barge is also secretary

at the First Baptist Church of Zavalla which was established in 1901.

Elmer Gipson, 94-year-old resident of Zavalla and pioneer Texan, was a charter member of the church.

"I was raised here since I was four years old," said Gipson. "There's been lot's of changes in that time. Well, different people coming in here have changed it."

Gipson used to ride a horse five miles to the church and also went to a lot of dances.

He said one time some girls from Lufkin came to one of Zavalla's square dances and started "round dancing." The Zavalla fellows wouldn't dance with the Lufkin girls after that. "They didn't think it was decent, you know," said Gipson.

However, many of the girls went barefoot during the days of early 1900. But if a male came around, the girls would scramble for their shoes.

Gipson said the fellows had to

be pretty particular with whom they danced or whose feet they saw. "If the boys hadn't been particular, the girls wouldn't go out with them." He added that if a guy was caught doing something he shouldn't do, the girl would quickly discard him.

"Our town has stayed old-fashioned," said Mrs. Mingee, long time resident of Zavalla. "We have a lot of the old-fashioned traditions that haven't gone out with us."

Every other year, the first Saturday of July, is Zavalla's homecoming. There is a parade, crowning of the queen, and an all-day celebration at the school.

During the Christmas season, one of Zavalla's residents, Roy Kramer, pulls a hay wagon behind his tractor. The men of the town, wearing red shirts, are on the wagon to lift children up to see Santa Claus. The children are also given fruit and candy donated by the local merchants.

"I think the people care more about each other. Of course we

have friction between people, like any other town, but you let tragedy come and all those things are forgotten," said Mrs. Mingee.

Mrs. Barge said, "If a person needs something done, you can find the people in Zavalla. United we stand, divided we fall."

Such community unity has been exemplified by the efforts of the town to recover from the Feb. 10 burning of Zavalla High School.

The high school, constructed in 1940 after the 1939 burning of the school, meant a lot to the people. John Edmons, superintendent of schools in Zavalla said the building would cost at least \$800,000 to replace.

Edmons' wife, a remedial reading teacher in Zavalla, said, "This school burning is just like a death to my children."

However, the community joined together in building partitions in the school's gym, so that seven days after the fire, classes

could begin again, and plans were underway to construct a new building.



ZAVALLA OLD-TIMER

Elmer Gipson, a 94-year-old resident of Zavalla about how to court a w in the early 1900's.



The Gibson Family
by Betty Mingee
Photo Donald and Jonnie Gibson

Photo taken 1975 of the family of Elmer Gibson, Elmer born 1883 married first Rosie Colwell they had nine children who all reached adulthood. The children are all in the photo. Left to right in back row are J.R., Theron, Donald, Delbert, (Elmer himself), Linda (by second wife) and Serrilla.

Left to right in front row Olivette, Abbie, Alice (by second wife), Glen and Valera.

Elmer married second wife, Lottie Hooks and had two children by her.

The marriage of the children are as follows; J.R. m. Ida Barkley, Theron m. Thelma Hubbard, Donald m. Jonnie Qualtelbaum, Delbert m. Moline Nelson, Linda m. first Bo Bryant second Floyd Tibbedaux, Serrilla m. Virgil Lott, Olevett m. M.H. Oxley,

Abbie m. K.E. (Cotton) Gascamp, Alice m. first Brooks Weeks, second Dale Elliott, Glen m. Maggie Valentine, Valira m. Henry Parker.

A Hawkins Family



Photo Courtesy of Brenda Sullender

Back Standing; Clara Edwina Guinn wife of Benjamin Franklin Hawkins
son Alva Mason (Alvie) Hawkins m. Gillie Russel *see foot note.

Second row; seated Benjamin Hawkins holding son Lenny Hawkins m. Lillie
Johnson, Mary Virginia (Virgie) Hawkins m. I.D. Colwell, other
three children at front Dewel Hawkins m. Ellen Rhodes,
Travis Hawkins, Travis Hawkins m.?

* Foot note;

Alva (Alvie) Hawkins m. Gillie Russel. They had three sons; Ford m.
Mildred Davis, Guy killed WW2 and Roy one of the original Blue Angles.
Alvie opened 1st. Laundry Mat in Zavalla on creek from spring. Later he
ran laundrer Mat in building that is now our City Hall.

Mrs. Ruth Last Rites Held Today

Jan: 24, 1956

Funeral services for Mrs. G. B. Ruth, Sr. were to be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the United Pentecostal Church, with Rev. L. E. Bass and Rev. K. W. Mott officiating.

Interment was to be in the Zavalla cemetery.

Mrs. Ruth, 72, died Tuesday morning at her residence in Zavalla.

A native of Angelina County, she was born November 22, 1883 and had lived in Zavalla and Angelina County all her life. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include her husband, G. B. Ruth, Sr., of Zavalla; four daughters, Mrs. Bessie Lock of Austin, Mrs. Jessie Lock of Kirbyville, Mrs. Reba Atkins of Houston, and Mrs. Verna Ely of Houston; three sons, G. B. Ruth, Jr. of Beaumont, Charles K. Ruth of Lufkin, and Ralph Ruth of Houston; two brothers, Tom Bellamy of Zavalla and Hillardy Bellamy of Houston; five sisters, Mrs. Fannie Rhodes of Zavalla, Mrs. Minnie Dillon of Houston, Mrs. T. J. Jacks of Houston, Mrs. J. H. Magouyrk of Billings, Montana, and Mrs. Tessie Bentley of Beaumont; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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The Lock Family
Louisa Masuria Massey m. John William Lock
They were the parents of two of East Texas Representatives



Left to Right; Ethel Lock m. Jess Fann, Hence Lock m. Alice Peacock, Royal Lock m. Bessie Stanfield, Alton Lock m. Jessie Ruth, Johnnie m. Bessie Ruth



Their Children:

Front Row; Margie, Otis, Alton, Johnnie
Back Row; Ethel, Hence and Royal



The children now grown;

Johnny, Alton, Margie, Otis, Ethel, Royal and Hence



Johnny and Otis served together in the Texas House of Representatives one term. Based on research in the State Library we believe this to be a Texas first.

Ottis E. Lock

100 Bending Oak Street
Lufkin, Texas 75904-4837
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Dear Fellow East Texans:

All of my life, I have felt that East Texas is a very special place with its tradition of friendliness and accommodation.

As I grow older, that feeling grows stronger.

Circumstances have caused me to be inactive during the last several years, and my respect for East Texas and its people is such that I would like to account for my inactivity.

When I retired from Southland Paper Mills in the late 1970s, I experienced disabling heart problems which led Viola and me to move to the Texas Hill Country for convalescence.

But as noted as the Hill Country is, it still wasn't East Texas, so we returned home. We now reside at 100 Bending Oak Street, at the corner of Woodland and Bending Oak.

Since coming home, I have been impressed by the area's progress. Strong leadership has become even stronger, and more people are involved in community activities.

I thank East Texans for permitting me, down through the years, to work with them in the area's behalf, especially for giving me the opportunity to represent them as a representative and senator in the Texas Legislature.

Now, as a member of the community's older generation, I accept my physical limitations cheerfully. And from the sidelines, I will continue my interest in the well-being of East Texas.

Cordially,

Ottis Lock

Ottis E. Lock

April 1995



Mentor held many keys

By JACKIE ZIMMERMAN
City Editor

When Bob Bowman began his public relations career — after being lured away from a prestigious job at the Houston Chronicle — in the late 1950s, little did he know that he would be following his most influential mentor and a career that would span their lifetimes.

Ottis Lock, a Lufkin resident and former state senator and state representative, offered Bowman a job at Southland Paper (now Champion International) in 1966. At the time, Bowman was working in Lufkin for the Chronicle and had just been offered a job to head that newspaper's weekend magazine.

"He offered me the job and I turned him down," Bowman said. "He offered it three times." That third time hooked Bowman, though, and although he may have been hesitant, he does not regret his move out of newspapers nor his move into a nearly 30-year relationship with the man that helped him form the skills that allowed him to open his own business.

"He gave me a career that turned out to be profitable for me," Bowman said. "He influenced my life a great deal."

Bowman described Lock as a man who

understood people by talking to them and watching them.

"He taught me about people and how to get things done. He taught me how to solve problems," he said. "He has this unique ability to take a problem, split it open like an orange and look at every part of the problem. Once you look at all the pieces, the solution becomes apparent."



role models

Lock helped Bowman develop and hone his skills, and to this day Bowman will look to Lock for advice.

"He is a very dear friend. He is like a father," Bowman

said, adding his own father died in 1968.

Lock is retired and in his 80s. His health is fragile, but his mind is "razor sharp," Bowman said.

"He knows a lot about a lot of things," he said.

Along with Lock, Bowman said a former editor, Bill Bogart, helped him in his early newspaper years. Bogart moved to Lufkin in the 1950s by offering

The Lufkin Daily News. Bowman worked under Bogart as sports editor and city editor before taking on a job with the Chronicle.

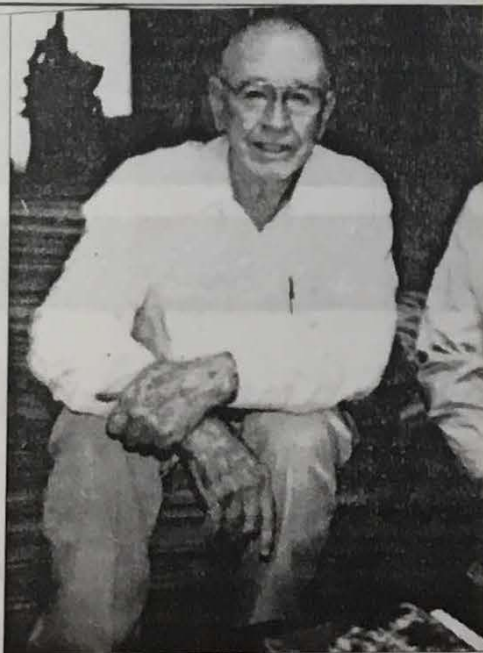
"He taught me a great deal about the newspaper business," Bowman said. "He had a compassion for people."

Bowman told a story when Bogart chose not to use the name of a teen-ager who had gotten into trouble. "He had this instinct that he shouldn't (use his name). And that kid ended up going into the (U.S.) Army and went to Vietnam," he said. "He got killed. But he came back a hero. He would not have come back a hero if his name would have been in the paper."

Bowman also noted Pitser Garrison as a role model.

"The first time I met him he chewed me out," Bowman said of Garrison. "I was with the Chronicle and was working on a story about the sale of Angelina County Lumber Company. I basically broke the story ahead of the announcement. He (Garrison) called me in to his office."

"He talked about my responsibility as a young man, how to treat people — treating



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Ottis in here too.
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Cousin and the reason
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Former State Senator Ottis Lock, left, helped open the way for Bob Bowman.

a role model although the two are near the same age. He said he goes to Henderson because the two are good friends and because Henderson has a tremendous ability to bring people together and get things done.

"He is an unsung hero. He just wants to run his company," he said. "But he is a natural born leader and I look to him a lot for ways to get things done. He commands a lot of respect from a lot of people in this area."

The Locks

Photo from Bonnie Marshall



IN THIS PHOTO TAKEN in 1954 is four members of the Lock family. Left to right, Bill Lock, Belle (Lock) Redman, Archie Lock and Frank Lock. The small girl is Lisa Roebuck.

Belle and Archie are the only two survivors of this family today and they are both near their birthdays, so this will serve as a special greeting to both.

Belle was 78 years old the 23rd of April and Archie will be 67 on May 5th. This family has been a part of Zavalla for many generations, both have grandchildren and great grandchildren who live here now.

Happy Birthday, Belle and Archie, from your many friends.

Locks Cafe
Photo courtesy Bonnie Lock Marshall



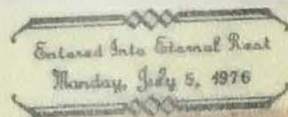
Photo on left

This photo was taken 1947, in it Archie and Lucy Reynolds Lock stood behind their twin daughters. On the left is Donnie and on the right Bonnie.

Donnie married Gerald L. Widner and was killed in a car wreck when only married 2 months. When the accident occurred Bonnie married H.L. (Red Marshall) and lives in Zavalla at the present.

Photo on right

In this photo Archie and Lucy are older and in 1998 both are gone.



Archie O. Lock

Services for Archie O. Lock, 85, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church of Zavalla with Rev. Mike Hancock officiating. James and J. H. Marshall, officiators and interment in the Boykin Cemetery.

Mr. Lock, 85, died Sunday at a local nursing home. Mr. Lock, a resident of Route 1, Zavalla, was born May 5, 1907, in Angelina County and had been a resident of Angelina County all his life.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Zavalla and before his retirement was engaged in construction.

The body will lie in state at the family residence until service time.

Survivors: wife, Lucy; two daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Marshall of Zavalla and Mrs. Annie Mae Jasper of Silsbee; son, Harvey Wright of Delta Johnson, Alaska; sister, Mrs. Bell Redman of Zavalla; 11 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Calley-Metcalf, directors.

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Lucy Reynolds Lock

Funeral services for Lucy Reynolds Lock, 85, of Zavalla, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church of Zavalla with Rev. Mike Hancock officiating. Interment will follow in the Boykin Cemetery.

Mrs. Lock was born April 3, 1911, in Tyler County, Texas, and she died Thursday, October 31, 1996, in a Lufkin nursing home.

Mrs. Lock had been a self-employed seamstress. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Zavalla, where she was also a member of the Willing Workers Sunday School Class and of the Women's Missionary Union. Mrs. Lock had lived in Hardin County from 1917 to 1932, and had been a resident of Zavalla since 1932.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and H.L. "Red" Marshall of Zavalla; son, Harvey Lee Wright of Silver City, New Mexico; sister, Ruby Lawson of Nederland; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charlie and Gertrude Reynolds of Nederland, C.D. and Nadean Reynolds of Port Neches; sisters-in-law, Birdie Havard of Zavalla and Katherine Reynolds of Virginia; eleven grandchildren, twenty-five great grandchildren, twelve great-great grandchildren; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mrs. Lock was preceded in death by her husband, Archie O. Lock in 1976; by two daughters, Donnie Lock Widner in 1956 and Annie Mae Jasper in 1981; by a sister, Jettie Wood; and by two brothers, James J. Reynolds and Rev. Roy Reynolds.

Palbearers will be Robert Wayne Oliver, Frank Roebuck, Jack Nerren, Charles Oliver, Milton Hudspeth and Hubert Roebuck.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2806 Appleby Sand Road, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday evening at Gipson Funeral Home.

Gipson Funeral Home, directors

Zavalla Pair, June 15, 1956 Huntington Man Perish

Two men from neighboring Angelina County towns and one of the men's wife met death early Friday morning in a grinding two-car collision near Freeport.

The dead are Gerald L. Widner, 21, and his bride of two months, Bonnie Lock Widner, 19, both formerly of Zavalla, and Charles B. Carroll, 29, former Huntington resident.

The wreck occurred at 12:50 a.m. on Highway 288, 1.9 miles north of Clute. The vehicles telescoped in the middle of the highway, killing all three occupants of the two cars instantly according to State Highway Patrolman Robert Grimmiitt who investigated the accident. There were no witnesses.

The 1953 Dodge occupied by the Widners and the 1954 Ford driven by Mr. Carroll met with such impact they had to be separated with winches. Both vehicles were completely demolished.

Mr. Carroll was employed by the Shell Oil Company in New Iberia, La. He was en route to Westlake to get his wife and three children who had been visiting her mother.

The Widners lived at Alvin with Mrs. Widner's sister. Mr. Widner was employed by Dow Chemical Company.

The Widners were childhood sweethearts. They were married less than two months ago in Zavalla, and both had attended Zavalla High School.

Mr. Carroll attended Huntington schools. He had lived in Huntington until 1941.

There was no known cause for the wreck, according to investigating officers. The weather was clear in the area at the time of the accident, they said.

Gipson Funeral Home announced that funeral arrangements are incomplete for Mr. Carroll. Funeral arrangements for Mr. and Mrs. Widner were not revealed.

Mr. Carroll is survived by his wife, Wanda and three children, Charles Rodney, Marcelline Yvonne and Nedra, all of New Iberia, La., his mother, Mrs. L. H. Carroll, Huntington; a brother, Richard of Dallas; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Bing Dallas; two half brothers, Rex Bonne, El Monie, California, and Jauquin Boone, Huntington; two half sisters, Mrs. H. N. Truett and Mrs. Winfred Jones, Huntington.

Mrs. Widner is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. (Archie) Lock, Zavalla; a twin sister, Mrs. H. S. Marshall, Alvin; half-brother, Harley Lee Wright, Alaska, and a half-sister, Mrs. Eugene Jasper, Silsbee.

Mr. Widner is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Widner, formerly of Zavalla, now living in Silsbee; a brother, Houston Widner, Georgia and two sisters whose names were not available.

Myrtle
M. Geo Gilliland



AGE - Rockland: Mr. Dave Johnson is driving the car. One of his
him and another sits in the back seat with Mack Dunkin.

celebration of the birthday on June 25 of Mrs. Johnson's mother,
about fifty years ago.

People and friends came from far and near for this event each year.

This is one of the first automobiles in this area. Mr. Johnson was generous with his car.
He took the people who wanted to go for a short ride. At the time of the photo, most of the
people had neither seen nor ridden in a car before.

(Photo courtesy Jimmy Brown)



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE-ZAVALLA: In his fine automobile,
a 1913 Buick proudly sits Mr. George Gilliland and his bride-
to-be, Myrtle Dudley. They married and had four children
who are all still living.

The children's names are Blanch, George, Jr., Madge
and William. They and their descendants still live in Zavalla.

They are one of Zavalla's pioneer families and they have
children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in this area.
They definitely have a place in this area's Golden Heritage.

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Colwell family from Lillie

John Colwell m. Anna Betty McGaughy

Their Children:

1. Charley Ewing Colwell m. Lissie Wilson
2. Mary Jane Colwell (Mollie) m. James Monroe Burns
3. Laura Anna Colwell m. Noah Gibson
4. John Jackson Colwell m. Oda Shofner
5. Lillie Eulavia Colwell m. William Eli Gilliland
6. Rosie Emma Colwell m. Elmer Gibson
7. William Samuel (Sammie) Colwell m. Avie Ann Hopson
8. Thomas (Tommy) Colwell m. Lenora Mae Fuller
9. I.D. Colwell m. Virginia (Vergie) Hawkins
10. Addie Velma Colwell m. 1st. Charlie Liles, 2nd. William Cal Jones
11. James Elton Colwell m. Nora Espy Mott
12. Vara Colwell m. 1st. Cornealious Walker, 2nd. Aaron Barge
13. George Washington Colwell m. Margarite Minton

Charley Ewing Colwell m. Lissie Wilson

Their Children:

1. Robbie Jean Colwell m. Brent Shiflett
2. Helen Colwell m. Ellis Sammons
3. Betty Jo Colwell m. Ranson Sanches
4. Maxine Colwell m. Wesley Peacock
5. Nina Ruth Colwell m. Gilmer Harvey
6. Charles Ray Colwell m. Ruby Goodamn
7. Barbara Ann Colwell m. Millard Spears
8. David Colwell m. Lou Ragland
9. Doris Colwell m. Johnny Weatherford

Mary Jane Colwell m. James Monroe Burns

Their Children:

1. Hazel Burns m. _____? McCutcheon
2. C.B. Burns m. _____?
3. Eunice Burns m. _____? Thompson

Rosie Emma Colwell m. Elmer Gibson

Their Childern:

1. Valera Gibson m. Henry Parker
2. Theron Gibson m. Thelma Hubbard
3. J.R. Gibson m. Ida Barkley
4. Donald Gibson m. Jonnie Qualtebaum
5. Abbie Gibson m. K.E. (Cotton) Gaskamp
6. Olivette Gibson m. _____? Oxley
7. Serilla Gibson m. _____? Lott
8. Glynn Gibson m. _____?
9. Lyn Gibson m. _____?
10. Delbert Gibson m. Moline Nelson

William Samuel Gibson m. Avie Ann Gibson

Their Children:

1. John Stacy Colwell m. _____?
2. Eula V. Colwell m. Paul Pickard
3. William Fletcher Colwell m. _____?

Thomas (Tommy) Colwell m. Lenora Mae Fuller

Their Children:

1. Lenora Mae Colwell m. _____?
2. Blanch Marie Colwell m. _____? Summers
3. Wilma Cleo Colwell m. _____? McIlroy
4. Mae Dell Colwell m. _____? Martin
5. Kenneth Thomas Colwell m. _____?

I.D. Colwell m. Mary Virginia Hawkins

Their Children:

1. Coy Benjamin Colwell m. _____?
2. Clara Lorena Colwell m. _____? Wolf
3. John Durwood Colwell m. _____? Fertig
4. Florence Erzell Colwell m. _____? Fertig

Velma Colwell m. 1st. Charley Hugh Liles 2nd. William Cal Jones

Their Children:

1. Vara Linelle Liles m. _____? Atkins
2. Hazel Dell Liles m. _____?
3. Charlie Dillion Liles m. _____?

* See second marriage to Cal Jones

Laura Anna Colwell m. Noah Gibson

Their Children:

1. Zethel Gibson m. Porter Kinnard
2. Verba Gibson m. _____? Landrum
3. Glea Gibson m. Elmer Sandlin
4. Gentra Gibson died young never married
5. Ruth Laverne Gibson m. Arthur Lucas

John Jackson Colwell m. Oda Shofner

Their Children:

1. Jonnie Colwell m. _____? Woods
2. Anna Beth Colwell m. _____? Havard
3. Robert Colwell m. Pauline Walker
4. Harrell Colwell m. _____?
5. Clyde Colwell m. _____?
6. Eual Colwell m. _____?
7. Bennie Bee Colwell m. Juan Yeats

Second Marriage Addie Velma Colwell m. 2nd. William Cal Jones

Their Children:

1. Emma Jean Jones m. _____? Chamblee
2. Willie Velma Jones m. _____? Clinton

James Elton Colwell m. Nora Espy Mott

Their Children:

1. Jimmie LaVerne Colwell m. _____? Thompson

Vara Colwell m. 1st. Cornealous Walker 2nd. Aaron Barge

Their Children:

1. Velma Mozell Walker m. Charlie Franklin
2. Harrell Berwyn Walker m. _____?

No Children by Aaron Barge

George Washington Colwell m. Margarite Minton

Their Children:

1. Margarite Colwell m. _____?
2. Francis Sue Colwell m. _____? Anderson



Death Takes Mrs. Colwell

Last Rites Set Today For
Pioneer Zavalla

Woman 15 after
26 of May 1937

Funeral services for Mrs. John Colwell, 77, pioneer Zavalla resident, who died at 1:30 a. m. today at her home, were to be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon at the First Baptist church in Zavalla, with Rev. Peyton King and Dan Ivy of Huntington officiating. Burial was to be in the Huntington cemetery.

Mrs. Colwell was stricken with paralysis about two and one-half years ago and had been confined to her home since that time. She had been a resident of this county for about 50 years and was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include her husband and six sons, C. E., Jack, Sam, I. D., J. E., all of Zavalla, and G. W. of Nacogdoches; three daughters, Mrs. Noah Gibson and Mrs. J. A. Barge of Zavalla, and Mrs. W. C. Jones of Huntington; four brothers, Bill, Sam, Romey, and Otto McGaughey of Huntington; and two sisters, Mrs. Addie McClure and Mrs. Foster Harvill of Huntington.

Fifty-two grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren also survive.

Palbearers, grandsons of the deceased, were J. R. Gibson, Coy, Stacy and Robert Colwell, Dillon Liles, and C. B. Burns.

Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE..... Pophers Creek. Pictured is Mr. & Mrs. John Colwell. Mr. John Colwell was born October 27, 1849, his wife, Anna Betty McGaughey Colwell was born December 20, 1859, she was born and raised in the Salem Community out of Huntington.

Mr. Colwell was raised by his uncle and aunt, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Gilliland. Their home was on Pophers Creek. The original house still stands, but most of the land is under Sam Rayburn's waters.

They were the parents of 13 children, Charley, Mary Jane Colwell Burns, Laura Anna Colwell Gibson, Jack Colwell, Lillie Colwell Gilliland, Rosie Colwell Gibson, Sammie Colwell, Tommie Colwell, I. D. Colwell, Velma Colwell Jones, J. Elton Colwell, Vara Colwell Barge, George Colwell. Four of their children are still living. The two sons are Sammie Colwell and Mrs. J. E. (Elton) Colwell, the two girls are Mrs. Velma Jones and Mrs. Vara Barge.

Mr. Colwell was a farmer and stockman all his life. The children attended schools at Gilliland Chapel, Baynton, and Monterrey. Mrs. Colwell passed away May 26th, 1937, and Mr. Colwell, April 10, 1939.

John and Anna Colwell had 53 grandchildren, over 100 of their great grandchildren are living among us today.

This couple contributed much in families of the Zavalla area. Their descendants have taught school, ran stores, been mail carriers (Mr. Sammie) and helped Zavalla to grow and stay alive. Their family reaches into most of the oldest original settler families in our area. You who trace your family tree back to this couple have a heritage to be very proud of.

At the Homecoming 1926
The Colwell Boys
Sons of John Colwell and Anna Betty
Photo courtesy of Lillie Marshall



Made up
Colwell boys; Left to Right; George, Charlie, I.D., Sammie, Jack, Elton & Tommy.

Aunt Norah Colwell gave Lillie G. Marshall this picture Feb. 8, 1986
this picture was taken behind Barge's store.

George Colwell m. ~~Margaret~~ ~~Mittie~~ ~~Charlie~~ ~~Colwell~~ m. Lessie Wilson
I.D. Colwell m. Virgie Hawkins, Sammie Colwell m. Avie Ann Hopson
Jack Colwell m. Oda Stofner, Elton Colwell m. Nora Espy mott
Thomas m. Benora May Fuller

The Colwell Girls
Daughters of John and Anna Betty
Taken 1926 at Homecoming
Photo courtesy of Lillie Marshall



Front Row; Left; Vara Colwell Right; Velma Colwell
Second Row; Left to Right; Rosie Colwell, Lillie Colwell, Laura Colwell.

Aunt Norah Colwell gave Lillie G. Marshall this picture Feb. 8, 1986.

Vara Colwell ^① McCormick ^② Wacker ^③ Carson Gorge
Velma Colwell m Charlie Liles ^④ Cal Liles, — ? Arnold
Rosie Colwell m Elmer Gibson
Lillie Colwell m Wm Eli Gilliland
Laura Colwell m Noah Gibson

Grandchildren of John Colwell and Anna Betty McGouhy
Photo Courtesy of Lillie Marshall



The Colwell Home Coming 1926

Grandchildren of John & Anna Betty Colwell

4 little ones front row; left to right; Berwyn Walker, Maxine Colwell, Ruth Gibson & Willie V. Jones.

Second row; girl with hat on is Robbie Jean Colwell. Betty Jo Colwell, Helen Colwell, Emma Jean Jones, Mozelle Walker, Olivette Gibson, Jimmie Colwell, Ercelle Colwell & Harrell Colwell.

Third row; Lillie Gilliland, Anna Beth Colwell, Eula V. Colwell, Lareen Colwell, Mae Della Colwell, Hazel Jones, Abbie Gibson, Stacy Colwell, J.R. Gibson & Johnnie Colwell.

Fourth row; Donald Gibson by himself & on down row sitting on table is Fletcher Colwell, Dillon Liles & Robert Colwell.

Fifth row; Durward Colwell, Coy Colwell, Blanch Colwell, Wilma Colwell, Kenneth Colwell, Linelle Liles.

Theron T. Gibson is standing next to Blanch Colwell on back row.

I think this picture was taken October 1926 on a Sunday. Kenneth Colwell was 2 years old going on 3 yrs. Blanch Colwell was 13 yrs. old. Lillie Gilliland was 2 yrs. old.



JOHN J. COLWELL

by the Huntington Telephone Company.

"Just two of us here had them," Colwell says, "me and my son, Euel."

EAS was no problem in those early days. Direct calls to Lufkin were made with a turn of the handle, and the assistance of an operator.

Slightly off to the left of the house, a visitor will see the smokehouse and potato house. Then, to the front of these is a garden, where the Colwells still raise their own vegetables.

The rain water barrel and outdoor "privy" still stand, but these two things have long since been replaced with more modern conveniences.

Means of transportation is one of the greatest changes since the start of the 20th century, according to Mr. Colwell.

"I bought my first car in 1919," he says, "and guess what it was---- a Model T Ford."

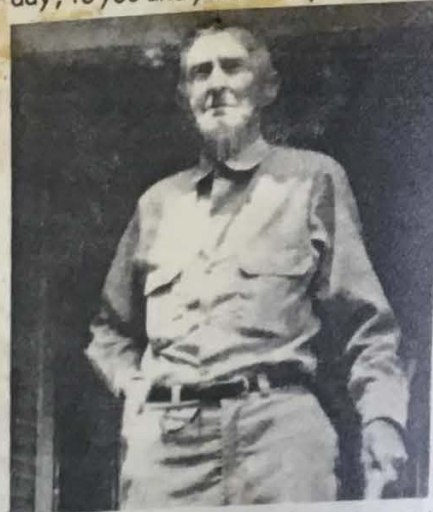
Then in 1924, he changed to a Dodge.

They still own a 1961 Chevrolet, but "he has given up driving," says Mrs. Colwell, "we have it only for the convenience of our children and grandchildren."

Yes----happiness greets you ---- warmth and a keen sense of humor entertains you ---and sincerity bids you farewell--when you visit the Colwells.

Mrs Colwell was Oda Sheffer

Happy Birthday, John J. Colwell, and many, many joyful returns of the day, to you and your lovely wife, Ada.



A surprise birthday party honoring John Colwell was held Sunday, July 30, at his home in Zavalla.

Those attending from Zavalla were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colwell, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wood, Owen Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Euel Colwell, Julie and Brad, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Colwell, Mrs. Bennilynn Flowers, Mr. Charles Keith Colwell.

Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Havard, Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Colwell, Highlands; Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Colwell, Jr. and Scotty, Baytown; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Havard, Richard and Bryan, Pasadena; Harrell Colwell, Sr., Northshore; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dodson, Baytown.

Services for Mrs. Jack (Oda) Colwell, 81, Rt. 1 Zavalla were conducted Monday in the First Baptist Church of Zavalla with Rev. R. E. McAnnaly, and Rev. Fletcher Erwin officiating with burial in the Zavalla Cemetery.

Mrs. Colwell was born Dec. 9, 1893, in Angelina County and died in a local hospital Saturday after an extended illness. She had resided in Zavalla all of her life and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Zavalla.

Survivors: 3 sons, Robert of Zavalla, Harrell of Baytown, and Euel of Huntington; 3 daughters, Mrs. Johnnie Wood of Broadus, Mrs. Anna Beth Havard of Pasadena, and Mrs. Bennie Yeates of Huntington; a sister, Mrs. Emma Harrison of Huntington; 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces or nephews.

Pallbearers: Larry Havard, Jackson Colwell, Charles Keith Colwell, Wayne Colwell, Harrell Colwell Jr., Ronnie Colwell, Jerry Wayne Patterson, Brad Colwell and John Yeates.

aunt Oda died Dec. 6, 1975
Gipson Funeral Home, directors.

Colwell retiring after this term

Commissioner hangs up his hat

By CHERYL ALEXANDER
Staff Writer

After 19 years, Robert Colwell is hanging up his county commissioner's hat rather than throwing into the election ring one more time.

"Old age has got me," Colwell, who is 70, said. "It's time to let somebody else have it."

Colwell, who was elected commissioner for Precinct 4 in 1971, was unopposed in the last three elections. He is in his fifth term.

With 300 miles of road to maintain, Colwell said his job was never easy.

"I did the best I could on roads. When I first came into this job, we didn't have good equipment. We do now, and I have some of the best of any precinct.

"Your crews make you or break you, and I have had some real good men that have been able and willing to work."

Road maintenance and construction are only part of a commissioner's responsibility. He must also keep the people living on those roads happy.

"I've always liked working with the people of my precinct," he said. "I have very few calls from people with complaints. I never get into any trouble with the people.

"If I can help them, I help them. If I can't help, I explain why."

Many decisions made by Colwell, along with the other three commissioners, have been difficult. A decision made to sell the old county hospital's operating license for \$2.3 million is an example Colwell gave. Just after the license was sold, a law was passed eliminating the need for hospital licenses. If the county had not sold the license when it did, it would not have ever been able to sell it, he said.

"Deciding what to do on the hospital was a hard one. That was a blessing to the county. If we hadn't done that, we'd be broke.

"You have to gamble, and we've come out lucky the times we have."

Among the landmarks of his career, Colwell mentioned the tax office addition, the redistricting of precinct lines, the expansion of the county landfill, the building of the county jail, the Diboll jail now under construction and the indigent health care clinic.

The county's crime and illegal drug use are two problems he couldn't simply vote to abolish.

"The drug problem is going to continue if we don't find a way to stop it. We're having to build more



COMMISSIONER ROBERT COLWELL

jails to hold them all. It seems to be never-ending. We've got to see that these problems are stopped and educate these people."

For the four men who are vying for his vacated post, Colwell gives this advice:

"This job takes a good man. You've got to know the people in your precinct, and don't ever promise them something you know you can't do.

"You've got to learn how to say 'no.' People respect you more if you tell them you can't do something than if you tell them you can and don't."

The candidates for county commissioner in Precinct 4 are George Allen Cryer Sr., 50, of Zavalla; David Gene Massingill, 56, of Route 2, Box 4910; David F. Renfro, 61, of Zavalla; and James Allen Stanley, 55, of Zavalla. All are Democrats.

from Lillie Marshall's
news collection

8-11-98
Angelina County has had some
fine county commissioners. Robert
Colwell of Zavalla was one of the best.

Carson, Francis "Frank" Marion and Cora Ella (Fenley)

by Joann B. Townsend

The History of Angelina County, Texas

1846 - 1991

Lufkin Genealogical and Historical Society

As the years passed northern Angelina County attracted more and more families. The beautiful pineywoods mingled with the giant hardwoods especially in the creek and river bottom areas and rich fertile soil was an encouragement to those who were settling in the area.

Francis "Frank" Marion Carson. (b. October 24, 1862, Texas, d. January 20, 1920, buried Gann Cemetery), youngest son of Augustus Marion, (b. April 1, 1811, South Carolina, d. October 4, 1885, Pollok, Angelina County, Carson Family Cemetery) and Louisa Adelaide (Hicks), (b. November 16, 1820, Holly Springs, Wake County, North Carolina, d. October 23, 1875, Pollok, Carson family Cemetery), Carson.

Augustus Marion Carson was the son of Olin Marion, (b. December 23, 1777, Spartinburg County, South Carolina and Emma (Pinckney) Carson, (b. Spartinburg County, South Carolina, d. December 3, 1815).

Louisa Adelaide Hicks was the daughter of William August, (b. January 29, 1797, Gilbreath Springs (now Edison), Hawkins County, Tennessee), and Margaret Adelaide (Tolliver) Hicks, (b. April 4, 1802, Holly Springs, Wake County, North Carolina).

The A.M. Carson family settled on 640 acres of land out of the Thomas Stoval Survey near the Bodan Creek in present day Pollok, Angelina County in the spring of 1863 during the middle of the Civil War. They had an older son, Jim, who had been a northern prisoner of war in Maryland since 1862. There was a small family cemetery located on his property. Other family members known to be buried in this cemetery are (1) son, Victor Leonidas "Jim" Carson, (b. February 28, 1844, d. before 1875); (2) son, John Paul Carson, (b. January 24, 1860); (3) son, William Hicks Carson, (b. October 9, 1857); (4) daughter, Emma Augusta (Carson) Harry, (b. March 5, 1847, d. after 1868); wife of Edwin Reese Harry; (5) Emma and Edwin's son, Edwin A. Harry, (b. October 20, 1868); (6) another grandson, Glen Knox Sanders, (b. February 11, 1883, d. October 15, 1884), son of Green and Mary A. Carson Sanders;

Frank was a farmer and renown area syrup maker. He loved to fish and hunt, sports which some of his grandsons also thoroughly enjoy. Cora, was a good seamstress and made many of the clothes for the children. She had been said to have sat at the machine for many hours of the day. They raised a large garden and she sold the vegetables they didn't need for the family.

This couple had eight children:

(1) Molly, the first born, (b. and d. as a baby, buried at Gann Cemetery); (2) Jewel "Jude" Paul, (b. February 23, 1890, Pollok, d. October 10, 1962, buried Zavalla Cemetery) married (1) Annie Cobb. They had two children, Kenneth and Evelyn. Annie died in childbirth with twins. He later remarried to Mrs. Mabel Rachel (Rhodes) Couie. They had one son, Willie Dale "Wimp" Carson; (3) Maizie Ann "A", (b. September 12, 1892, Pollok, d. April 1973, buried Gann Cemetery), married J. Wright Dunn. They had four children; Carson, Lindsey, Vivian and J.W., Jr.; (4) Robert "Rob" Ellis, (b. October 7, 1895, d. December 30, 1955, buried Gann Cemetery), married 1922 to Nona Pike, (b. January 12, 1902). They had no children. They both loved to fish and hunt and belonged to Eason Lake Hunting Club. They had a camp called Shacktown. Nona has a lifetime paid up membership in that hunting club. (5) Byrdie Lilla "Byrd L", (b. February 21, 1898, buried Gann cemetery), married to Charles Mitchell, Jr. (6) Frank Morris, (b. April 5, 1900, Pollok, d. 1974, Lufkin, buried Gann cemetery). He did not marry. He lived at the old homeplace most of his life. He enjoyed farming

and watching his nieces and nephews growing up.

(7) Sally Emmie, (b. November 4, 1902, Pollok, d. June 12, '978, Lufkin, buried Gann cemetery, Lufkin), married Mylrea Charles "Doc" Franklin. No children. (8) Clifford Evelyn, (b. May 3, 1908, Pollok, d. February 24, 1961, Houston, Harris County, buried Gann Cemetery), married Paul Monarch Townsend.

The Carson Home was located near the Bodan Creek in Pollok and the present Highway 69. It was a part of the old Augustus Marion Carson farm. The original house was the typical East Texas style house with a hall down the middle and porch across the front. Later, in the 1920's, they built another house that faced the highway. It still stands today. It has been greatly remodeled and presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alan Smith of Pollok. Three huge pecan and pignut trees still stand in front of the house.



Photo from Angelina Co. Book
Submitted by Joann E. Townsend

Males; Frank Morris Carson Jr., Never Married
Robert Ellis Carson m. Nona Pike
(Father) Frank Morris Carson,
Jewell Paul Carson (Jude) m. 1. Annie Cobby 2. Mabel Rachel Rhodes.

Females; Sally Emma Carson (on stool) m. Mylrea Charles Franklin
(Mother) Cora Ella Fenley m. Frank Morris Carson Sr.
Maizie Ann Carson m. J. Wright Dunn
Birdie Lilla Carson m. Charles Cousins Sr.



Jewell Paul Carson (Jude)
and second wife Mabel Rachell Rhodes



Mable Carson

(Dec. 5, 1901 — Jan. 18, 1981)

Services for Mable Carson, 79, of Zavalla, will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Gipson Funeral Home Chapel. Jan. 18, 1981

Rev. Lynn Hew and Rev. Jackson Caldwell will officiate and burial will be in Zavalla Cemetery.

Mrs. Carson died Sunday in Beaumont. She was a lifetime resident of Zavalla and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Zavalla.

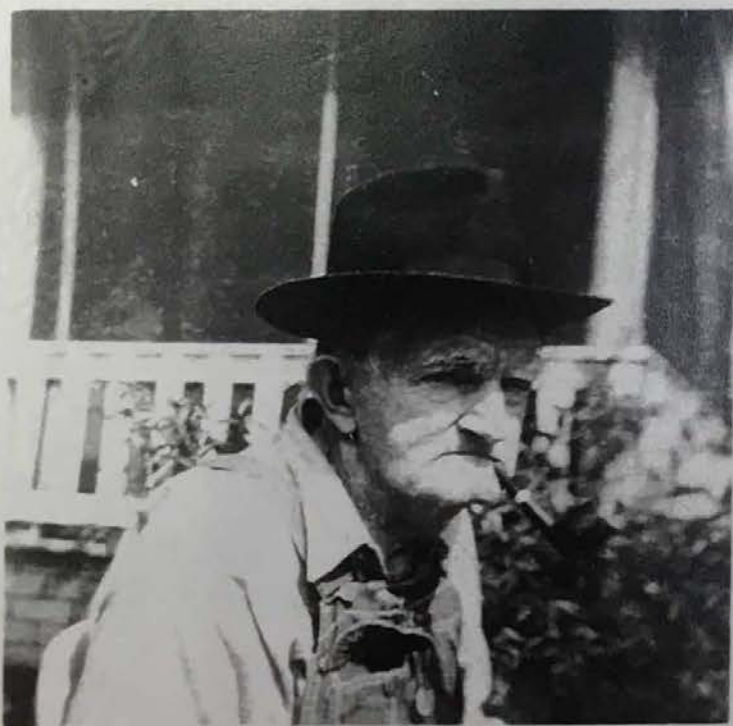
Survivors: sons, Mickey Couie of Zavalla, Kenneth Carson of Beaumont and Willie D. Carson of Refugio; daughters, Candance Wagner of Beaumont, Evelyn Arceneaux of Beaumont and Opal Gant of Zavalla; 7 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; sisters, Faye Stanley of Zavalla, Maude Harris of Diboll and Hazle Jones of Huntington.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Robert Allison, Dr. Joe Koch, Bruce Allred, E.H. Robertson, Tom Stripling.



Travis Jones and Jude Carson
on Carsons' Porch

Lived in Snicee house
back of high school
Mr. Charlton repair shoes
and sold Kerosene for all of Zanalla
lamps



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JIM CHARLTON

Photo courtesy Beverly Colwell Hopson



Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Mott

James A. Mott born March 12, 1886
Tabitha Ann Graham born February 4, 1870

J.A. & Tabitha married at Mott, Texas.
January 1, 1890 by Rev. Henserling

Their children are:

Lillie Mott born July 27, 1892
m. Buster Williams

Mittie Mott born October 25, 1890
m. Walter May

Norah Mott born December 26, 1900
m. James Elton Colwell

Dec 9, 1971

Celebrates 92nd Birthday *Lufkin Daily News*

Woman Recalls Growth Of County

By BETTY STANLEY,
Woman's Editor

Mrs. Mattie King has no trouble qualifying as one of Zavalla's oldest citizens. She came there when there was no Zavalla.

Mrs. King, 92, who now lives with her daughter Mrs. Carter O'Quinn of Diboll, was born in Tyler County Nov. 8, 1897, but moved to Odell Creek in Angelina County when she was a small child.

She was about 18 when the family moved near what is now the town of Zavalla. However, then it was nothing. Mrs. King recalls the laying of the first rails through that area and watching Zavalla flourish into a booming sawmill town.

While entertainment was scarce in those days, Mrs. King (she was then Mattie

Miles) and her family did their share to brighten up things a bit. "We had a family band and the people came from all around to hear us play," she said.

"Once we were invited to go to Huntington to play for the Oddfellows. But I turned down a train ride for that because women just didn't go out and do things like that in those days," she added.

Mrs. Miles is a charter

member of the Zavalla Baptist Church, Rev. C. B. George pioneered the church, and other charter members were

W. B. Fannie, J. H. and Emily Kirkland and Willie Warren. The charter was secured in 1901.

Two mills supported the town and many men came from out of state to work in the mills. Among these were Charlie King of North Carolina and George Ruth of Ohio. Ruth opened a saloon with King as his bartender.

Mattie Miles met King and they were married Jan. 6, 1904.

"Once an old Irishman by the name of John Carry came by the saloon and complained of feeling sick," Mrs. King recalled. "He died and there was no cemetery in Zavalla. Mr. King contacted the Cameron Timber Co. about a place to bury the Irishman."

Mrs. King's husband not only secured the burying place but also provided clothes.

Carry was the first person buried in the Zavalla Cemetery.

Mrs. King said her family shopped in Lufkin, and finally after her marriage she lived in Lufkin. She remembered it as a town with dirty red streets and many saloons.

"One of the saloons had a live monkey," she said.

Answering to what she attributes her long life, she said "Jesus. He's the one who keeps us going."



MRS. MATTIE KING
she's watched changes in county

Mrs. King, 77,

Dies, Bites
April 1, 1963
Due Friday
4-7-63

Funeral services for Mrs. Jessie King, 77, of Zavalla, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday at the New Concord Church. Rev. Decker Sanders will officiate and interment will follow in the Concord Cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the family residence in Zavalla until service time.

Mrs. King died Thursday morning at the family residence after a long illness. She was born July 16, 1885, in Angelina County, and had resided at Zavalla for three years. She was a member of the Concord Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy King, of Zavalla; one daughter, Mrs. L. V. Marshall of Zavalla; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. J. King of Pasadena; two granddaughters, one grandson, and six great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews. Givson Funeral Home, directors.

Final Rites

For Mr. King
Held Today
Aug 2, 1956

Gravestone funeral services for Jacob Collins King, 89, were to be held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday in the Henshaw Cemetery, with Rev. D. J. Sanders officiating.

Mr. King, a resident of Route 1, Zavalla, died at his residence Wednesday evening following a short illness. He was born March 8, 1867, in Trinity County and had made his residence in Zavalla and Angelina County most of his life. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dotter Berry of Lufkin; five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Oakley-McCull was in charge of arrangements.

The Kings
Photo Courtesy James King

Mattie Miles King & Charley King Sr.
holding James Earl King as an infant



Sons and wives below

Ms. Mattie King on porch



Marie Townsend m. Charley King Jr. Lynwood King m. Beulah Rushing

The King Family of Zavalla
Photos Courtesy James King



Photo on Left

Back Row:

Charley King Jr. m. Marie
Townsend

Mattie Miles King (Mother)

Next Row:

Willie King m. Cap Gibson

Mary Joyce m. Waller
(Grand Dau.)

Charley King Sr. (Father)



School Days Sweethearts
Linda Green m. James Earl King



Lynwood King with young
James in his arms

Photo Courtesy of James Washington Townsend
2nd wife Mae Benjamin Townsend James Washington Townsend



1st wife was
Their children

No Photo

Samuel Washington Townsend	m	_____
Elmer Lee (Preacher) Townsend	m	_____
Thomas LaFette Townsend	m	_____
Ettie Mae (Sis) Townsend	m	Van Jones
Marie Townsend	m	Charley King Jr.

Mott Family
Photo courtesy Brenda Mott Sullender



Standing: 1. Joel Mott - never married
He was first to drown in Lake Rayburn

Sitting: Margaret Caroline Colwell m. D.D (Doc) Mott
Children: 2. Jose Mott m. 1. Nellie Jack Fredigill
2. Sarah Goins

3. Wiley Mott m. Oma McDonald
The Motts lived beside the old post office
facing Second St.

Photos and write up
Courtesy of Yvonne Bufford

Picture is Billy Mott, Ester, Coy and wife Edna. Standing in front is Odell. Not pictured is younger daughter Bessie Mott.

William Bassett "Billy" Mott was born September 12, 1893 to Love Mott and Johnnie Dearmond Mott, in Zavalla, Texas. Martha Edna (Rogers) Mott was born February 1, 1896 to Alphonso and Martha Rogers in Jonesboro, Correll County, Texas.

Billy and Edna Mott eloped to San Augustine County and were married at the ages of seventeen and fifteen. They lived in Manning and Gibsonville before settling in Zavalla. They had five children to die in infancy. After the death of their daughter Ester Mott Luce in 1950 they raised their two grandsons, Melvin and Bill Simpson.

Billy Mott was a farmer, rancher, sawmill worker and eventually, became a carpenter.

Billy Mott m. Edna Rogers Mott



50 th. Anniversary



Hardy Mott and Leona (Sinclair) Mott

The man setting in the picture is Hardy Mott, this picture was taken in 1937. The picture is looking down main street of Zavalla, from the intersection of Hwys. 63 and 69. Mr. Mott owned the garage, and service station on the right of the picture. He also owned the house next door to the house they lived. The garage, service station is now between the creek in Zavalla, and what is now Barge, Sr. store. If you will look at the concrete banisters on the creek

Hardy Mott married Leona Sinclair and their dog Spot. Hardy and Leona had one (1) daughter by a previous

My father, Frank Lee Boulware, when he was about 15 years old, after he worked at the service station for the garage was turned into a place where



Photo Courtesy of
Story by Charles

Mrs. Poulan *Jan. 6, 1967* **Rites Slated**

Funeral services for Mrs. Tom Poulan, 81, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church of Zavalla, with the Rev. Decker Sanders and the Rev. A. L. Teaff officiating. Burial will be at Zavalla Cemetery.

Mrs. Poulan, of Zavalla, died in a local hospital Tuesday night. She was born on Feb. 1, 1886, in Angelina County and was a lifelong resident here.

Mrs. Poulan was a member of the Zavalla chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 952 and of the First Baptist Church of Zavalla.

The body will lie in state at the family residence until 12:45 p.m. Saturday.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. J. W. Boulware, Mrs. F. L. Boulware, Mrs. Alford Boulware, all of Zavalla, Mrs. O. J. Oliver of Pasadena and Mrs. H. V. Harris of Mineral Wells; three sons, L. C. Poulan of Houston, T. A. Poulan of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and T. C. Poulan of Zavalla; 20 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Oakley-Metcalf, directors.

N & MEDIA (HAVARD) POULAN

Tom Poulan was born August 16, 1880, in Louisiana. He was the son of Wiley Jackson Poulan, Sr. and Susie Flowers. He married Media Havard on January 7, 1902. Media was the daughter of Jeremiah Havard, Jr. and Nancy Grimes. She was born on February 1, 1886, in Angelina County, Texas.

Tom and Media were residents of the community of Concord for many years, until Sam Rayburn Reservoir caused them and their family to relocate near Zavalla.

Tom was a farmer all his life. The children attended Bayou Springs school and later Zavalla schools.

They have nine (9) children who lived to adulthood. Four (4), Loy Poulan, Margie (Poulan) Boulware, Inez (Poulan) Durham, and Travis Poulan are now deceased. The still living five (5) children are, Lola (Poulan) Boulware, Susie (Poulan) Boulware, Lollie Jewell (Poulan) Oliver, Corbit (T.C.) Pouland, and Bernice (Poulan) Harris.

Photo and Write up
Courtesy Viola Boulware



CHARLES FRANKLIN BOULWARE & OLIVIA LEE (HILLIARD) BOULWARE

Charles Franklin Boulware, Frank, as he was known around Zavalla, settled near Zavalla, Angelina County. He came from Monroe County, Alabama, with his three (3) brothers. He married Olivia Lee Hilliard, from Newton County, Texas, on November 24, 1897, at Ivy, Angelina County, Texas.

Frank was a log sawyer and saw mill worker. In later years he peddled fruits and vegetables. He would go as far as twenty miles to peddle his fruits and vegetables.

In 1912, Frank bought 89 $\frac{3}{10}$ acres from his brother. Then in 1913, he received a grant of 160 acres of land from the State of Texas. By this time, he had built a house, owned around 100 head of sheep, and had several head of cattle and horses. He was an avid hunter, and kept several dogs to run wolves and to protect his sheep.

To this marriage there were nine (9) children. Five (5) lived to adulthood, they were Lula (Boulware) Mott (1899-1938), Wallace Boulware (1901-1971), Ben Boulware (1902-1965), Frank Lee Boulware (1904-1996), and Alfred Boulware (1907-1984).

Olivia died On October 6, 1914, and Frank died January 14, 1916. Both are buried in the Zavalla Cemetery, Zavalla, Angelina County, Texas.

Most of the land that Charles Franklin Boulware had, is still owned by the Boulware descendants today.

Photo and Write up
Courtesy Viola Boulware



ABBIT DUNCAN MOTT & LULA (BOULWARE) MOTT

Abbit Duncan Mott, Duncan which everyone new him by, was born January 5, 1897, and was the son of Loveless Mott and ??? Dearman. He married Lula Boulware on December 20, 1915, in Zavalla. Lula was born on March 10, 1889, at the old home place near Zavalla, Angelina County, Texas. She was the oldest child of Charles Franklin Boulware and Olivia Lee (Hilliard) Boulware.

Duncan in his early years was a farmer, and a saw mill worker. Later years he worked for the county and was a carpenter. Lula was a devoted mother and housewife, also a very good cook, according to her children. Duncan and Lula farmed the land and lived in the house where Lula's parents used to live. Lula died May 3, 1938 and Duncan died November 10, 1983. To this marriage their were four (4) children. They are Olivia (Mott) Bingham, Frank Mott, H.D. Mott, and Clyde Mott.

Photo and Write up
Courtesy Viola Boulware



FRANK LEE BOULWARE & LOLA (POULAN) BOULWARE

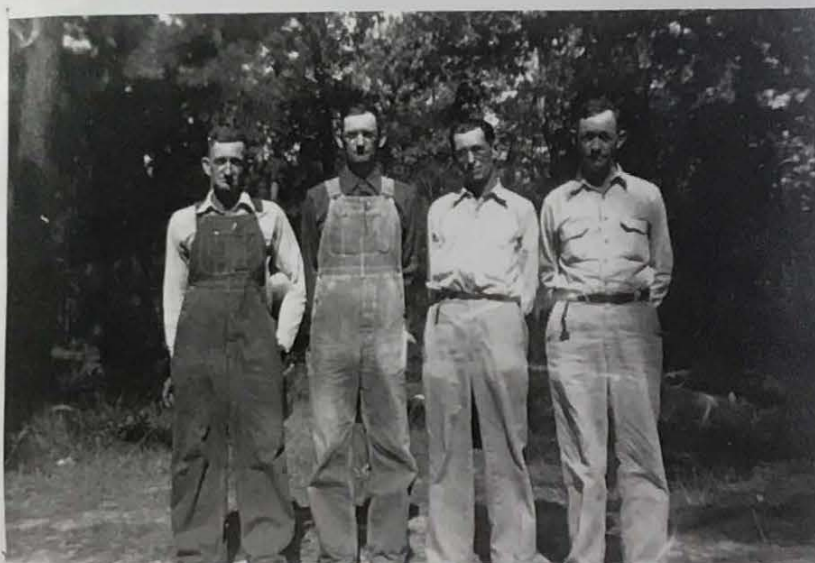
Frank Lee was born at home near Zavalla, on December 6, 1904. He was the son of Charles Franklin Boulware and Olivia Lee (Hilliard) Boulware. He married Lola Poulan on June 30, 1928. Lola was born June 30, 1909, at Bayou Springs, Angelina County, Texas. She is the daughter of John Thomas (Tom) Poulan and Media Ophelia (Havard) Poulan. Frank Lee had managed over the years to obtain the original 89 $\frac{3}{10}$ acres of land purchased by his uncle and later by his father in 1912. He farmed until World War II, at which time he help build and maintain an army outpost and bombing range at Boykin Springs, until the war was over. Then he turned to help building the paper mill in Lufkin, and after that he was self-employed, being a plumber, electrician, and a carpenter, until he retired. He was a good provider, as when times were hard, there was always plenty to eat. He also was a avid hunter and fisherman. Lola stayed at home and kept the house, cooked, and usually raised a garden. Frank Lee and Lola had two (2) children. A daughter died at birth and they have a son, Charles Lee Boulware who has the old home place now.

Photo and Write up
Courtesy Viola Boulware



Ben, Wallace, Lula, Frank Lee, & Alfred Boulware

Ben Boulware married Ethel Pyle, Wallace Boulware married Margie Poulan, Lula Boulware married Duncan Mott, Frank Lee Boulware married Lola Poulan, & Alfred Boulware married Susie Poulan.



Alfred, Frank Lee, Ben, & Wallace Boulware

This is pictures of Charles Franklin & Olivia Lee (Hilliard) Boulware's five (5) living children when they were young, and the four (4) living brothers when they were older.

Photos & Story by Charles Boulware



Ethel (Pyle) Boulware & Ben Boulware

Ben Boulware was born at home near Zavalla, Texas, he was the son of Frank Boulware and Olivia (Hilliard) Boulware. He married Ethel Pyle on December 24, 1924, in Lufkin, Texas. Ethel was born in Houston County, Texas. She was the daughter of G.W. Pyle, Sr. and Henerita (Whitson) Pyle.

Ben was a very hard worker. He worked some kind of road construction until World War II. At that time he went to work in the ship yard at Orange, Texas. After the war Ben moved to Lufkin, and again he worked for road construction, until his death. Ben was like a uncle of his that came from Alabama to Texas, he would get drunk on Friday evening and stay drunk until Monday morning. Both him and Ethel are buried in the Zavalla Cemetery. Their were no children to this marriage.

Photos & Story by Charles Boulware

Alfred Boulware & Susie (Poulan) Boulware

Alfred Boulware was also a son of Charles Franklin (Frank) Boulware and Olivia (Hilliard) Boulware. He married Susie Poulan on October 29, 1929, at Zavalla. Susie was the daughter of Tom Poulan and Media (Havard) Poulan. Alfred and Susie lived on part of the land, that belonged to his daddy.

Alfred cut logs and filed saws for the local sawmills in Angelina County in his early days. After World War II, and the timber business fell off here, he started driving a school bus for the Zavalla School System. He did that until he retired. Susie raised a garden, tended to the cows and chicken, and raised three (3) children.

Their children are, Wallace Wayne Boulware, who married Eva Mae George, the daughter of Condry George and Dora (Rogers) George. M.J. (Whiz) Boulware, who married Ruth Havard, the daughter of Charlie Havard and Omega (Morris) Havard. And Milton Boulware, who married Barbara Cameron, the daughter of John Cameron and Roxie Lee (Boykin) Cameron.



Dec. 9, 1971
John Boulware

Services for John Wallace Boulware, 70, are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church of Zavalla with the Reverend R. E. McAnally and Dr. Arthur DeLoach officiating. Interment will be in the Zavalla Cemetery.

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He was a retired farmer and rancher and a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Zavalla.

Mr. Boulware was formerly an Angelina County Commissioner of Precinct 4 and a trustee of the Zavalla Cemetery Association.

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Survivors: wife, Margenia; son, T. F.; brothers, Frank Lee and Alfred, all of Zavalla; two great-grandchildren and two grandchildren. Pallbearers: Clyde Mott, George Thomas Poland, Billy Tom Poland, Charles Boulware, Kenneth Langston, Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Zavalla will be honorary pallbearers. Oakley Metcalf, directors.

Margenia; Frank; all of Zavalla; and two sons.

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OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE.....Huntington. Pictured is Mr. Arthur Noel and his young wife Lennie Havard Noel. Mrs. Lennie Noel is well known to most folks of our area. She was born July 24, 1903, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Larkin Havard, a descendant of William Havard.

She married Arthur Noel on September 28, 1919, and they lived at Gibsonville most of their married years before he died. They had six children, all still living, one daughter Marie and five sons, Robert, Billy, Joe, Prentis, and Tommy. All five of her sons are in the military service of their country. This is a true red, white and blue mother to honor in our bicentennial year. Her sons have served a total of 85 years in the U.S. military services. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, they represent all branches.

The Navy in which R. A. (Robert) serves recognized her in July of 1974 with a certificate of appreciation. It reads: In appreciation of Mrs. Lennie Florence Noel by whose loyalty, dedication and outstanding contributions to the Navy, has enabled the recruiting command to establish and foster excellent relations between the United States Navy and the people and institutions of this community.

On July 4th, 1974 in a public presentation, Congressman Wilson presented her with a flag that had flown over our U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

His letter accompanying the flag states: It is a sincere honor for me to present you this United States flag which has flown over the capitol of our great land and I know of no one who lends more meaning and dignity and meaning to this fourth of July celebration than you. Americans such as you have helped to keep our country strong through the decades of the twentieth century. We salute you as a mother whose patriotism is reflected in her sons -- five sons totaling 85 years of military service.

Congressman Charles Wilson.

With Americans like Mrs. Noel, our heritage is truly gold and continues to grow today with such a mother.
(photo submitted by Lennie Noel)

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Hope this will help you
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Ra Noel Jr - Wilma Jo West
Billy E Noel - Beatrice Elaine Fisher
Joe Ray Noel - Juanita Stanley
Bertha James ^{Mel} Biela
Johnny Lane Noel - Annie Mae Baker

Parents of Arthur Noel

~~Mother & Father~~

~~Wife & Husband~~

Mervin Milton Noel - ^{living at 1111} ~~living at 1111~~

Arthur Ray Linton Altmann

John Milton Noel - Clara Lillian

Charlie Noel - Vada Richards

Tom Elsie Noel - Lee Hoode

Maggie Noel - Denver Youngblood

Jimmie's Parents

Larkin Havard - Martha Maie Bayt

William (Pat) Havard - Madeline R Hoode

Eula Janet Havard - Nick Jones

Archie Havard - Elford Brooks

Mary Frances Havard - Jessie Jones

Lorraine Mary Wright
Wife of Ivan Wright

Linnie Wright





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The Rinfros.

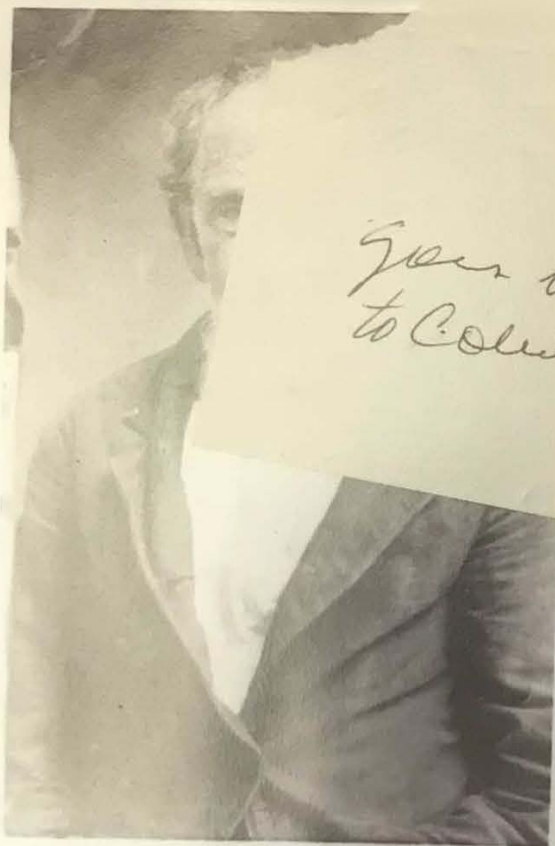


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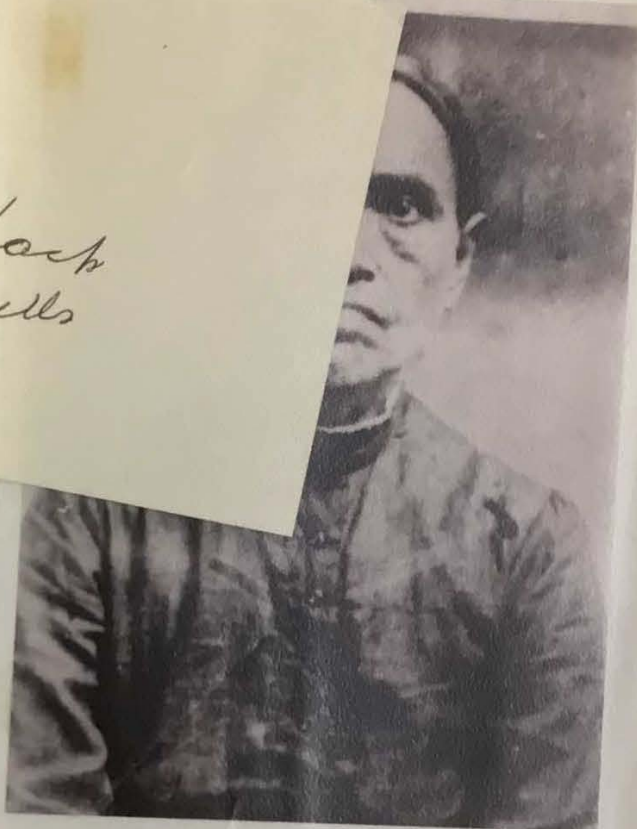


Jewell Hobbs Rinfros Oreston Rinfros

Mathew Colewell in Martha Frances Wallace



Go back
to Colewells



This daughter
Priscilla Frances Colewell
she married Joseph Logan





On this page there are
3 generations of Pickards
Thanks to J.B. Pickard for
the Photos
left photo

Standing: Della, Jerome
and Willie.

Seated: Arthur, Mr. and
Mrs. Joseph Pickard and
Oscar.

Right Photo

Standing: Joe, Mervin, Eula
Mae, Paul, Hessie, Burl, and
J.B.

1. Joe never married
2. Mervin m. Jean McLawson,
3. Eula Mae never married
4. Paul m. Eula Colwell
5. Hessie m. Sid Robinson
6. Burl m. 1 Jean Cooper, 2
Doris Shearn. *3 Betty Shapera*
7. J.B. m. Barbara Christie



Left Photo

Millie (Roberts) and Jerome
Pickard.

Their home still stands on
Campus and Carter Drive.

Mr. Pickard served as
Commissioner of our prescient
1934 - 1936. He farmed and he
owned a Sawmill that he moved
from place to place as he cut
lumber for people.

Joe Johnson.

Rites Slated

July 23, 1957
On Thursday

Mrs. Joe Johnson

Funeral services for Joe Johnson, 77, of Zavalla, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Pentecostal Church in Zavalla. Rev. L. E. Bass and Rev. Glenn Davis will officiate and interment will be in the Zavalla Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson died in a local hospital Tuesday morning after a long illness. He was born in Angelina County, February 5, 1880, and resided in this county all his life. He was a member of the First Pentecostal Church in Zavalla, and was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Johnson of Zavalla; two sons, J. B. Johnson and R. V. Johnson, both of Zavalla; five daughters, Mrs. Edna Warren, Mrs. Bessie McDonald, and Mrs. Marie Warren, all of Zavalla, Mrs. Nadine Creamer of New Orleans, and Mrs. Bernice Bedow of Texas City; one sister, Mrs. Jennie Strain of Lufkin; five half-brothers, I. D. Johnson, Faly Johnson, and S. A. Johnson, all of Lufkin, C. R. Johnson of Diboll, and Clyde Johnson of Houston; three half-sisters, Mrs. Barbara Strain and Mrs. Betty Harvard, both of Lufkin, and Mrs. Sula Harvard of Zavalla; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Gipson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.





Mrs. Mae Lee Johnson and
Son Jim Johnson

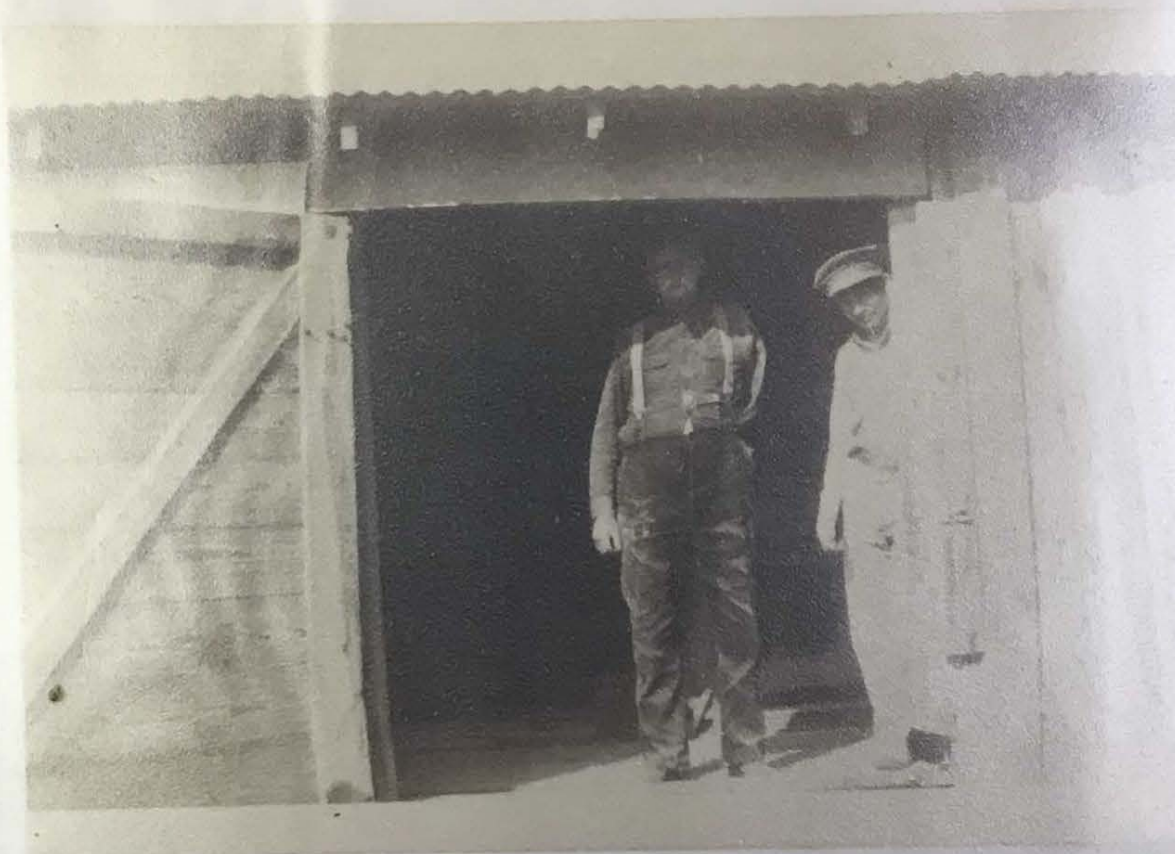


The daughters
Edna, Gerie, Marie, Nadine
and Berice.



Mr. Haskins, Joe Haskins, Eda Lee Wade Haskins





Joe Hopkins and a neighbor Buddy Durham standing in the door of the Joe Hopkins grist mill located in Zavalla. The grist mill was in operation in the late 1940's and early 1950's.

Submitted by: Laura Mae (Hopkins) Terrell



Upper picture is of Joe and Laura Hopkins taken in 1948 after it had snowed (a very unusual happening in Zavalla in those years). In the background the Grammar School grounds can be seen and the porch of the Marshall Cafe is in the right background.



Lower picture is the Joe and Laura Hopkins house. A Mrs. Sheffield and her daughter Oma lived in the structure attached to their house. The house was located directly across from the Zavalla High School.

Submitted by Laura Mae
(Hopkins) Terrell

3-23-1960

The little house across from the schoolhouse is locked.

Next door, 5-year-old Jesse Ray Repperd, smoking a pipe as only an experienced pipe smoker can, says: "Uncle Joe ain't at home."

Jesse is a good-looking kid, not very big for his age, but smart and energetic. When he says he's 5, I ask how long he's been smoking.

"Three years," he says, refilling his pipe from a red-and-black can. "Since I was two."

Uncle Joe Hopkins is down at one of his rent houses, putting in a new butane system.

Uncle Joe was born on a farm in Iowa on Feb. 16, 1880. His hair and mustache are white. His left arm is missing. And the sunlight hurts his eyes. But he reads newspapers without glasses. And turns in a full day's work, in town or on the farm.

Warren Hopkins, eldest of Uncle Joe's seven children, says his father planted a peach orchard, a cherry orchard and a pecan orchard without help last year, and then planted 24 grapevines besides.

"Pa works," says Warren, "like he aims to live from now on."

"Maybe I will," says Uncle Joe. "Why, I was the first white man to set foot on Long Island."

"Long Island!"

"The one in the Columbia River, in Washington Territory. Then I made the Creede gold rush in Colorado and struck nine good leads.

"Sold 'em for \$300 when they opened up the Cherokee Nation, and made the land rush. Claimed the townsite of Ponca City and sold it for \$1000. Came to Texas and bought this land right here for \$1.25 an acre.

"Why, I've seen the governor of Colorado held up and robbed at gunpoint in broad daylight. I knew Bob Ford, that killed Jesse

James. Saw Cherokee Bill hanged at Ft. Smith."

"What keeps you so strong and healthy at the age of 100?" I want to know.

"Never used tobacco or whiskey," he replies. "And seldom worry. Right now I'm



UNCLE JOE HOPKINS
"Maybe I'll Live Forever, By Golly!"



JESS RAY REPPERD
A Pipe Smoker Since the Age of 2

by Sigman Boyd

"Cousin Bewley, who's the most interesting of the 550 people here?"

"That's easy. It's Uncle Joe Hopkins, 100 years old last February. Lives just across the street from the schoolhouse."

a mite worried about the people living where the McGee Bend Reservoir is going to be, though. I feel mighty sorry for those folks that's down there holding their cattle by the tail and no place to go."

It was over a herd of cattle

that Uncle Joe got his arm shot off by a shotgun blast back in 1906, right here in the edge of Zavalla. But that's one thing he never worries about.

"When I get to be 150," he says, "I might grow me another arm. If I need it."



Zavalla Resident

Hopkins Eyes 101st Birthday

By BOB BOWMAN
Lufkin News City Editor

ZAVALLA — Joe Hopkins, who may be the oldest man in Angelina County, will mark his 101st birthday here Thursday with the same vigor that has kept him alive during some of history's most turbulent years.

A resident of the county for the past 60 years, Hopkins seems to ripen with age. His health is unusually good, he doesn't need glasses to read, performs regular chores and house repairs, and takes long walks daily.

He attributes his longevity to "good exercise, no tobacco, and no strong drinks."

Although his birthday (he was born in 1860 in Iowa) is Thursday, he won't really whoop it up until Sunday when his relatives — including 14 great-great-grandchildren — come calling for a family birthday party.

Uncle Joe, sporting a thick shock of snow-white hair and a flowing handle-bar mustache, looks more like a Kentucky colonel than an ex-farmer and stockman.

His life has been marked with

enough excitement to fill a good size novel. For instance:

1. He participated in the Colorado gold rush at Cread and saw the state's governor robbed of \$500 in broad daylight.

2. He lost his left arm in a shooting feud over land and livestock in Texas.

3. He participated in the Oklahoma land rush of 1889 and staked a claim on what is now the original townsite of Ponca City, Okla., but later sold the claim for \$1,000.

4. He has been in every state in the U. S. except one ("And, doggone it, I just don't remember which one that is.")

5. He saw Cherokee Bill, famous Southwest Territory outlaw, hanged in Arkansas.

Of all his travels, he remembers the Colorado gold rush best: "I can remember when you couldn't walk down the street in Cread without someone bumping you on each shoulder. That's how crowded it was when gold was discovered there."

"Some mornings, I would walk down to the railroad station and

See Hopkins, Page 2

Hopkins, Continued from page 1

look at the bodies stacked in piled boxes. These were the people who had been killed and robbed overnight. On some days, there would be a dozen bodies.

Hopkins family recalls the last days of the Civil War as a youngster. "I remember my uncle coming home from the war, ragged and dirty, but whooping it up because they were through fighting."

He began his fantastic life in Iowa, later moved to Missouri and spent most of his boyhood there. After that, he began a trip around the United States as a farmer, stockman, logger, and miner. He even dabbled in the bakery trade in California.

He faced wild Indians when Washington territory was opened. He managed to purchase 1300 acres of land in the middle of the territory and in Indian country. "The Indians got riled. They had three graveyards on the land and wanted to run me off without my hair. I finally got the government to chase the Indians off, but they later came back and made friends with me," he remembers Hopkins' wife, who helped him celebrate his 99th birthday, in July of 1959. She was 77.

He now lives with a daughter Adassa Hopkins, in Zavalla, though he has only one hand (he lost a finger off that hand in a pumping accident last year). He can drive a nail straight as an arrow. "He still does a lot of repair work on his rent house) his daughter explains.

Hopkins has some strong thoughts about the future and believes man will eventually destroy himself with missiles or satellites.

"They have no business sending rockets to the moon."

He snaps. "I know I ain't about to go up there. I got no business there, anyhow."



Family of Warren & Jimmie Hopkins, picture taken in 1954. Top row left to right; Dan Hopkins, Jimmie Hopkins, Willie Wayne Hopkins, Grady Edward Hopkins, Emma Ruth (Cady) Hopkins, wife of Willie Wayne Hopkins, Warren Hopkins. Bottom row left to right; Eulavia (Marshall) Hopkins, wife of Dan Hopkins, Laura Mae (Hopkins) Terrell, Yvonne (Hopkins) Buford, Jimmie Earl Hopkins, J. P. Hopkins. Children are Billy Ray Terrell, son of Laura Mae Terrell and Janet Anne Hopkins, daughter of Willie Wayne Hopkins.

Willie Warren Hopkins (1904-1990), wife Flora Jimmie (Austin) Hopkins (1911-1989)
Warren and Jimmie Hopkins were married 12-31-27
Son: Willie Wayne Hopkins (1929-1988) - Married Emma Ruth Cady - Had 1 daughter
Son: Warren Daniel Hopkins Born 1931 - Married Eulavia Marshall - Had 4 daughters
Daughter: Laura Mae (Hopkins) Terrell Born 1933 - Married Bill Terrell - Had 1 son
Son: Grady Edward Hopkins born 1935 - Married Faye Marie Brezina - Had 2 daughters
Daughter: Yvonne (Hopkins) Buford born 1937 - Married Marwood Buford - Had 3 children
Son: Jimmy Earl Hopkins born 1938 - Married Nelda Ruth Lambert - Had 3 children
Son: Joseph Preasley (J.P.) Hopkins born 1940 - Married Lavon Beckcom - Had 2 sons

Warren Hopkins worked as a Farmer during the depression years. During World II he worked in the shipyards in Beaumont, Texas. After the war he worked as a muleskinner in the logging industry. In later years he worked at the clay plant in Zavalla until retirement age.

Jimmie was a homemaker. Both Warren and Jimmie Hopkins worked very hard in the field and garden to clothe and feed their seven children. The Hopkins family life centered around the farm, school and church. One of the outstanding principals of the Hopkins family was to keep a clean and honest name. By example the children were taught to be good neighbors and good citizens, to always carry their own load and be responsible in every area of life. In every area of life Warren and Jimmie Hopkins left a very rich heritage of love and concern for everyone they came in contact with.

Writeup and photo by Laura Mae (Hopkins) Terrell

She was born in Nacogdoches County and resided in Zavalla all her life. She was a homemaker, a member of the Zavalla United Pentacostal Church, where she taught Senior Youth, and she was also a Ladies Auxiliary leader.

Survivors: husband, Warren Hopkins, sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Eulevia Hopkins, Edward and Faye Hopkins, J.P. and Lavon Hopkins, all of Zavalla, and Jimmy and Nelda Hopkins.

of Tomball; daughters and sons-in-law, Laura and Bill Terrell of Tomball, and Yvonne and Marwood Buford of Huntington; daughter-in-law, Rosalie Hopkins of Zavalla; brother, Isiah Austin of Diboll; and 18 grandchildren.

Wayne Hopkins in 1988.
Pallbearers: Billy Ray Terrell, Ed-
na, Kevin Hopkins,
Hopkins.

win Pallbearers

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Hopkins.
Sons-in-law, Bo
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Death Takes

W. D. Austin

Funeral services for William D. Austin, 83, of Route 1, Zavalla, were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Gipson Chapel, the Rev. L. M. Westmoreland officiating. Burial was in White H. cemetery.

Mr. Austin, who had lived at Zavalla for 76 years, died at his home Monday night.

He was born December 16, 1871, in Bernice, La. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, William A. Austin, Zavalla, Jessie Austin, Houston, and Ishak Austin, Zavalla; one daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Hopkins, Zavalla; one brother, Noon Austin, Centalla; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Gipson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Warren Hopkins

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and
Cemetery.

Mr. Hopkins was born Jan. 6 at his residence.

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The Rhodes Family



Photo Courtesy Brenda Sullender

Back Standing; Ellen Rhodes m. Dewell Hawkins, Buck Rhodes (Never Married)
Jack Rhodes m. Mattie Perkins

Seated; Fanny Bellamy m. Dobe Rhodes, holding Vada Lee Rhodes, who m. J.A.
McDonald, Robert Ridley Rhodes (Dobe) who m. Fanny Bellamy, holding
Dottie Rhodes m. I.N. Buckner.

Rhodes Family in later photo



Photo Courtesy Brenda Sullender

Back; Eli Rhodes m. 1st. Minnie Hooks, 2nd. Cliffie Weisinger,
Woodrow Rhodes m. Ruth Stanley, Jack Rhodes m. Mattie Perkins,
D.B. Rhodes m. Josie Thomas.

Center; Daniel Rhodes m. Bernice George, Dottie Rhodes m. I.N. Buckner,
Vada Lee Rhodes m. J.A. McDonald



"UNCLE DOBE" RHOUES
... To celebrate birthday

Open House Set For R. Rhoues On 96th Birthday

Robert Ridley Rhoues, also known as "Uncle Dobe," will celebrate his 96th birthday Sunday when he will be honored with a dinner at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Vada Lee McDonald, in Zavalla.

Mr. Rhoues was born in Trinity County in 1864, and has lived in Angelina County for the past 54 years.

He has seven children, 34 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

All his relatives and friends have been invited to attend the celebration.



ROBERT RHOUES
... birthday Sunday

Zavalla Resident Eyeing Birthday

ZAVALLA — Robert Ridley Rhoues, whose grandchildren total 114, will be 97 years old Sunday.

Known by friends and relatives as "Uncle Dobe," he will be honored with an open house and birthday dinner Sunday at the house of his daughter, Mrs. Vada Lee McDonald, in Zavalla.

Mr. Rhoues was born in Trinity County in 1864 and has lived in Angelina County for the past 55 years.

He has seven children, 34 grandchildren, 77 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.



URNS 99 — Robert Ridley Rhoues, 99, of Zavalla has more grandchildren than he has had birthdays. Pictured with him is great-granddaughter, Brenda Mott of Zavalla, who is one of the 125 grandchildren.

Zavalla Man Observes 99th Birthday With Open House

ZAVALLA — A man who is nearly a century old and has 132 direct descendants will mark his 99th birthday here Sunday with an open house celebration for friends and relatives.

Honoree will be Robert Ridley Rhoues, better known to his friends and relatives as "Uncle Dobe."

The celebration will take place in the home of Mrs. Vada Lee McDonald, a daughter, with whom Mr. Rhoues resides.

Uncle Dobe, a retired farmer and logger, was born February 7, 1864, in Trinity County.

He has resided in Angelina County for the last 57 years.

He has seven living children, 34 grandchildren, 83 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren—a total of 125 grandchildren.

The seven children are Mrs. Vada Lee McDonald of Zavalla, Mrs. Ellen Hawkins of Beaumont, Jack Rhoues of Saratoga, Eli Rhoues of Zavalla, Mrs. Dottie Buckner of Huntington, and Daniel Rhoues and D. B. Rhoues, both of Fred.

The event will be held all-day Sunday, and the family announced that all friends and relatives are invited to attend.



"UNCLE DOBE" RHOUES
... 100 today

'Uncle Dobe' Turns 100

ZAVALLA — Robert R. (Uncle Dobe) Rhoues celebrates here today on reaching the century mark.

Feb. 9 marks his 100th birthday.

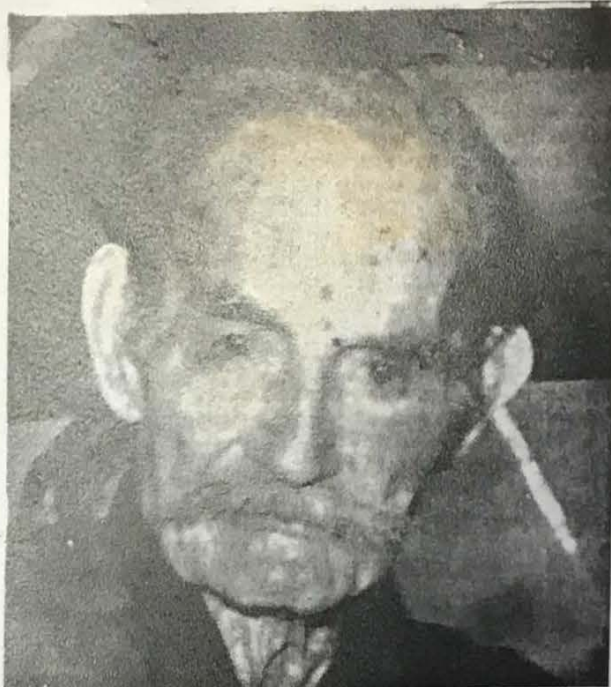
However, he still has a ways to go before he matches in years the total number of children who are his direct descendants.

Rhoues' family includes seven children living, 34 grandchildren, 88 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

An open house birthday party, with everyone invited, is being given today in his honor by his daughter, Mrs. Vada Lee McDonald of Zavalla.

Other children include Mrs. Ellen Hawkins, Beaumont; Mrs. Debbie Buckner, Huntington; Eli Rhoues, Zavalla; Daniel Rhoues, Fred; D. B. Rhoues, Fred; and Jack Rhoues, Palestine.

Feb. 9, 1964



ROBERT L. (DOBE) RHODES

... 102 years later, life is good

1966



Life Still 'Mighty Good'

After 102 years, Robert L. (Dobe) Rhodes still thinks that life is "mighty good." With more than a century of experience, he should qualify as an expert on the subject.

Rhodes, who lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonald in Zavalla, was born in Trinity County at Alabama Creek on Feb. 7, 1864 and has lived in Angelina County for the past 60 years.

During his long life, he has worked as a farmer and lumberman and has also "just bummed around." His 11 children have produced for him a total of 58 grandchildren, 96 great-grandchildren, and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

Modern inventions have left the wiry, mustached centenarian unimpressed. He has never ridden in an airplane and "ain't going to either." He has no car and has never paid attention to radio or phonographs.

Obviously no traveler, he says that he doubts anyone will ever land on the moon; but if someone should make that trip, Rhodes does not want to be included on the passenger list.

Further, Rhodes says that his longevity has been achieved because he has tried to be kind to everyone and has taken care of every old person who came along, black or white.

103-Year-Old Citizen Dies

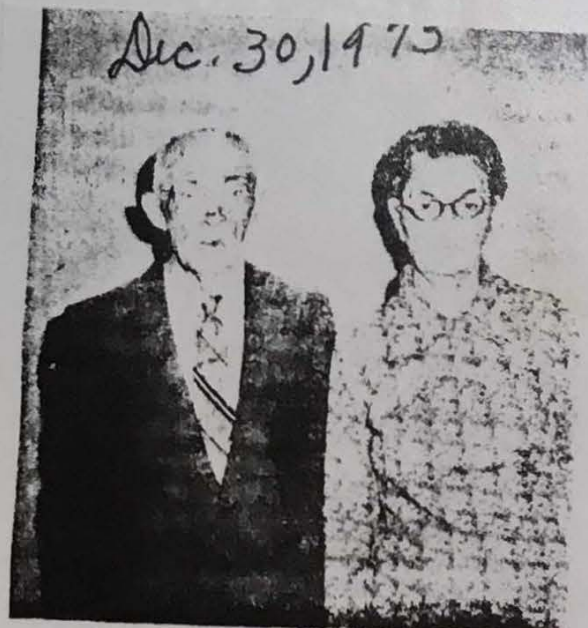
Funeral services for Robert R. Rhoades, 103, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the graveside in the Zavalla Cemetery with the Rev. James Gillis, the Rev. L. E. Bass and the Rev. Van Westbury officiating.

Mr. Rhoades, an East Texas pioneer, died at his Zavalla residence Sunday morning. He was born Feb. 7, 1864, in Trinity County and had resided in Angelina County most of his life. Mr. Rhoades was a retired farmer and a member of the Pentecostal Church.

The body will lie in state at the family residence in Zavalla until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Vada McDonald of Zavalla, Mrs. Dottie Buckner of Ora and Mrs. Ellen Hawkins, of Beaumont; three sons, D. B. Rhoades of Fred, Eli Rhoades of Zavalla, and Daniel Rhoades of Beaumont, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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MR. AND MRS. J. A. McDONALD of Zava celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 30.

GREEN MCGILBERRY
Veteran World War I
France 1918-1919

McGilberry Final Rites Are Slated

Jan. 23, 1963

Funeral services for Mrs. Green McGilberry, 67, of Zavalla, are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Thursday in the New Concord Church, with Rev. O. G. Stanton and Rev. L. E. Bass officiating. Interment will be in Concord Cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the family residence in Zavalla until 2:45 Thursday.

Mrs. McGilberry was born in Angelina County on February 21, 1895, and had lived in Angelina County all of her life. She died early Wednesday morning after a long illness. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include her husband, Green McGilberry of Zavalla; two brothers, Ernest Marshall and T. J. Marshall, both of Zavalla; two sisters, Mrs. Allie Poulan and Mrs. Pinkie Walker, both of Zavalla; her mother, Mrs. Mollie Marshall, Zavalla.

Gipson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Green McGilberry was a life-long resident of Angelina County. Alexander and Mary Hornsby McGilberry were parents of Nellie, Geen, Mack and James Thomas. James Thomas lives with his wife in Zavalla. Green was born 2-6-1895 and died 7-21-1991. He was 96 plus years old. Mr. McGilberry was a farmer, rancher and was employed by the U. S. Forest Service-Angelina National Forest. He was buried at Concord.

Jordan's
home



Granny Barbely
B. A. Jordan
in
Lanette Barbely



Joy Lulu Red Sally Magbray



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE: ZAVALLA

The picture was submitted by Lillie Marshall and in the spot light is a little girl who grew up in the

right: Frank Scott, her mother Mrs. Ella Williams, W.E. Gilliland, and Charles Cummings. The photo was taken in 1907 in Barham Louisiana where they were quarantined due to a yellow fever out-

her business of the day. She still plays her piano and sings sweetly to her Lord.

I first remember Miz Ester from Manning, the ghost town of our past. Her husband, Mr. Marvin Smithhart was the butcher in the Manning Commissary.

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Mrs. Williams Dies; Rites Set Tuesday

December 23, 1956
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Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Williams, 84, of Zavalla, are scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the First Pentacostal Church of Zavalla. Rev. K. W. Mott will officiate and interment will follow in the Zavalla Cemetery. She died Sunday night at her residence after a long illness. The body will lie in state at the family residence in Zavalla. Mrs. Williams was born January 6, 1872, in Zavalla. She was a lifelong resident there. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Esther Barner of Zavalla; one brother, George Gilliland of Zavalla; and one sister, Mrs. Lillie Duncan of Galveston. The Gipson Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

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*Ella Williams
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Frank Williams

12-7-1977

News & Views: Farkleberry Hill

BY BETTY MINGEE

Zavalla has a very special citizen who really understands what the Christmas spirit is all about. We do not all show our love for our townspeople and friends. In our rush of thinking of family gifts under the tree and our own plans, we forget others. Zavalla's Apple Man does not forget.

Every year Santa pays a visit to Zavalla to take orders from the good boys and girls. This year he is scheduled to arrive Saturday December 10th at 2 p.m. In the 17 years he has come to town our folks have turned out to greet him. To watch the happiness on our childrens faces makes the holiday spirit come alive for all of us. Santa traditionally rides through town and back on a haw wagon pulled by one of our local farmers on a tractor.

On the same day that Santa visits Zavalla our Apple man walks from one end of town to the other giving large delicious apples to all of the ladies he sees. His gift and greeting of "Merry Christmas" comes from his heart. It is his gift of love to his town. Santa comes to visit the young and for 10 of those same years

Frank Williams passes out apples and Christmas cheer to all the ladies he meets. His gift is the highlight of many of our elder ladies Christmas.

He first started, what is now a tradition, the year First Baptist Church presented a live nativity scene in town. The weather was cold and the ladies started serving coffee and cocoa to the participants and audience who came to enjoy the live Christmas story enactment.

Frank was impressed with the dedication of the children to their roles in spite of the cold and the kindness of the ladies who served warm drinks in the lobby of the post office. He went to Barges store and bought his first apples and gave them out to all the ladies...now he has to buy two boxes of apples in order to go around. To Frank that is his gift of the season. The happiness his gifts gives to the receivers is beyond measure.

We do not have an Apple Mary, but we in Zavalla are proud of our Appleman Frank Williams. Merry Christmas to you Frank from your many friends in Zavalla.

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Zavalla's A. T. Donovan

Telegraph To Circus: He's Done It

(Photo, Page 1)

By RAY SASSER

Lufkin News Writer

ZAVALLA — A. T. Donovan is a man of many interests.

Now retired from Magcobar near Zavalla, a plant that makes drilling mud and filler clay for oil rigs, Donovan has worked at driving a steam thrasher, as an electrician with a circus, a telegraph operator and has dabbled in the hobbies of photography and hi-fi construction.

"I first came to Texas when I was 15 and took a job in

Corrigan with Katy railroad working the telegraph, he recalled. "I can still send on a telegraph, too."

A lean, soft-spoken man, stooped from hard work and a constant dedication to his job, Donovan has been hampered by emphysema since his retirement in 1961.

He traveled the country with a branch of the Christie Bros. Circus as an electrician.

"Circus work wasn't unusual except that we had different wiring in each town because

we always had a different set-up."

Donovan began working in Zavalla plant in 1938 at \$15 per week and retired as plant manager.

His son, Dick Donovan, has an engineering degree and works for Temple Industries in Diboll.

He recalled days when his father built his own electronic devices for plant automation and mechanical drive.

"I've had the president of Magcobar tell me that Dad was solely responsible for the plant having survived," the younger Donovan said.

"In a true sense of the word I believe he's a genius in electrical and mechanical application," he added.

The younger Donovan said that his father gets interested in a project and works with a frenzy until he masters it.

Such was the case with his interest with photography and hi-fi sets.

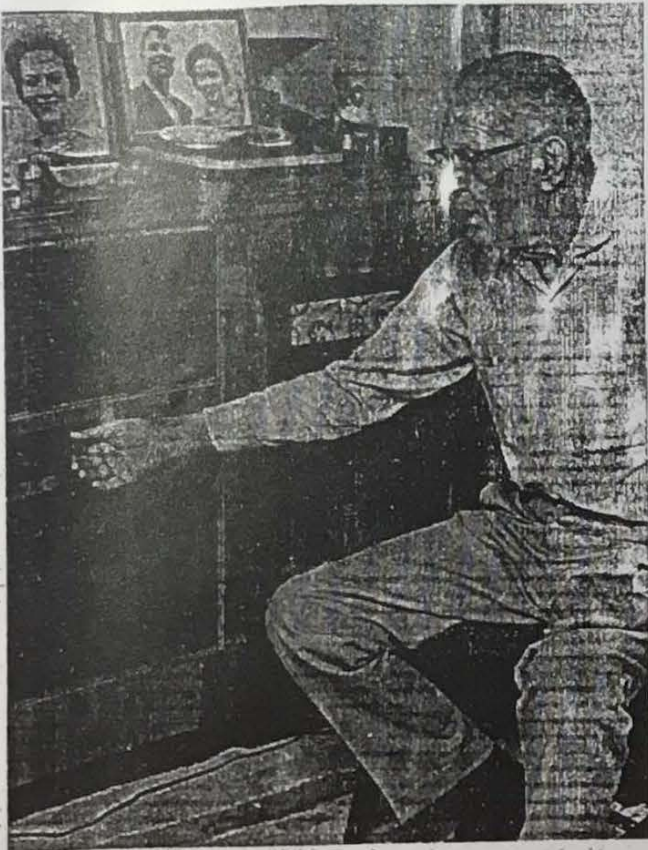
The elder Donovan took up photography as a hobby while still in school and quickly progressed to setting up a darkroom and developing his own pictures.

"My eyes aren't good enough for photography anymore but if I still fooled with it I think I'd take up color developing," he said.

When high fidelity phonograph equipment first became the rage Donovan got interested in them from the electrical standpoint and built his own.

"Trouble with hi-fi is you never finish the darn thing. There's always a way to improve what you've got."

A well-equipped shop behind his house in Zavalla attests to the fact that Donovan still has varied interests in the fields of mechanics and electronics though he claims "since my retirement I've been doing mostly nothing."



Homemade Hi-Fi

A. T. Donovan of Zavalla adjusts a hi-fi set that he built from scratch. Donovan, a man of many interests, has worked as a telegraph operator, a circus electrician, and, most recently, as plant manager for Magcobar, near Zavalla. Story, Page 8.

(Lufkin News Photo)

EDITORIALS-OPINIONS

Remembering with Joey Lou

Dick Donovan

By Joey Lou Tatum Block

Twenty-six years ago there was a handsome youth in Zavalla named Dick Donovan, who was one of the sweetest young boys I've ever known. He was one of my best student friends during the school year of 1951-52 when I taught school in Zavalla.

For some time now I've planned to write a letter of appreciation and love to Dick for the very touching and beautiful article he wrote about Mama. Since I have not taken care of this matter privately, I want to thank Dick publicly and to encourage him to continue his writing.

Through the years I've kept up with Dick in the Free Press. There have been other

articles by him as well as news stories concerning him and his family. The most recent event carried a picture of him and his daughter.

Do you realize, Dick, that you were probably about the same age as your pretty daughter when I first knew you in Zavalla thirty-one years ago when our family moved to Zavalla from Orange? I was home for the summer and returned to Orange to finish high school in the 1946-47 school year.

By the time I returned to Zavalla to teach, you had grown up. You were at that delightful stage of betwixt and between. You were barely a teenager, or at least on the verge of being so, and

such a delightful mixture of a loving little boy and a well-mannered youth.

That was the year Charles Nelson was the coach, and you idolized him and his lovely wife, Jane, and their three darling children, Charlotte, John and Nancy.

I remember going with the Nelson family, my dear friends, to your home one evening to visit with you and your fine parents, who were both such interesting and friendly people. If I remember correctly, your dad had just completed some work on your room upstairs. That was one of those long ago beautiful times when life was quite different from now, back when people took time to visit and get to know each other. I recall your mother having a marvelous sense of humor.

Most of all, Dick, I can still vividly see in memory you, your mother and dad as you drove up to the Bus Station Cafe. In those days, that was one of the social centers where we all gathered to visit.

Years passed without my ever seeing you until one day a few years ago when Mama, Pat and I were driving past a beautiful old log house we all loved. Mama had just finished telling me you had bought the place when we had the good fortune to see you near the road. We stopped and visited with you for a few short minutes from the car. You were working on your place and happened to be there that day.

I want to come visit with you and your family some day at your log house, and I want to sit with you on that beautiful front porch and talk for a long, long time.

Thank you again, Dick, for remembering Mama in your "moments of quiet solitude" and for sharing your beautiful memories with us.

Remember too, I love you

HOORAY for Dick Donovan who mowed and trimmed the lawn at Temple Memorial Park north of the library last weekend as his extra bit during cleanup week... City Secretary Geneva Slides put on her bluejeans and reworked the flower beds at city hall, with some assistance from Nick Hambrick.

Mrs. Nancy Hopson was honored with an open house at her home Sunday, October 21, to celebrate her 93rd birthday.

It began with a basket lunch at noon which was attended by more than 100 friends and relatives. She enjoyed visiting with the many guests and truly appreciated the many cards and gifts they presented to her.

Some of the guests attending were her five children: Hutch Hopson, Mrs. Alemdia New, Mrs. Florence Griffin, and Mrs. Mertie Jones of Zavalla and Mrs. Cora Fuller of Baytown, Texas.

Grandchildren attending were Felix Hopson, James Hopson and Thomas Griffin of Zavalla, Mrs. Lana Fontenot of Pt. Arthur, Mrs. Alice Sepulvador of Mt. Pleasant, Charles Hopson of Palestine and Mrs. Ruth McInnis of Ft. Rucker, Alabama. Great grandchildren



*Oct. 31, 1973
(Wednesday)*
attending were Terri, Jimmy and Yvette Hopson, Nancy and Brenda Griffin, Glen Jones of Zavalla, Robert and Mark Hopson of Horston, Mary, Mark and Rhonda Sepulvador of Mt. Pleasant, Richard and Charles Hopson of Palestine and Vicki McInnis of Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

from Lillie Marshall's news collection



OUR GOLDEN HERITAGE - Zavalla: Mrs. Edie Wynn Walker, above, was born March 29, year unknown, and her son, Marvin Parhams. The photo was taken 50 or 60 years ago.

The young boy grew up and for many years he and his wife operated a grocery store-service station in Zavalla. He retired in 1974 or 75 and now lives in his home between Zavalla and Huntington.

His wife was the former Stella Marshall. They have two children, a son, Charles, and a daughter, Barbara Ann.

Marvin and his business contributed to Zavalla's economy and helped keep the town alive. He surely belongs in Our Golden Heritage, along with his mother.

The store is now owned and operated by Ken Havard and his wife and they too help Zavalla in all its team efforts.

Photo courtesy of Lillie Marshall

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Leon Hale

Counting cars because they're significant

"It always starts on Friday about the middle of the afternoon," Hugh Sinclair was saying, "and it lasts until midnight. Then on Sunday afternoon it begins again, when they start coming out. That's when you better give 'em plenty of room because they come out fast."

He was talking about traffic, about the parade of cars and campers and trailers and boats that passes his house at Zavalla every weekend, on the way to Rayburn Lake. Zavalla is about halfway up the lake's west side, and a lot of Rayburn traffic comes through that little town.

When I found Hugh Sinclair he was sitting under a dogwood tree in the yard of his brother Leonard, a short drive outside Zavalla on State 147 toward the lake. He was visiting there. His home is in town, right alongside the T&NO Railroad tracks.

On pretty days you're likely to see him on his front porch, just sitting there "letting traffic go by," as he says. Friends kid him about counting cars, and warn him not to miss any. He takes it in good humor, and grins.

Sinclair does count cars sometimes. He does it because that heavy weekend traffic represents, in the most obvious and honest way, the Greatest Change which has come to small East Texas towns like Zavalla in the last 20 years. That is, such towns now lie in a land of

water, instead of just a land of woods. Due to big lakes like Rayburn, Livingston, Dam B, Toledo Bend.

I can't think of anything except maybe a full-scale earthquake that changes a section of the country as much as building a big lake on it. What else, for example, will move the dead out of their very graves?

Hugh Sinclair's father used to farm near Zavalla. The old Sinclair home place is underwater now, about a mile out in the lake, due east from Caney Creek Recreation Area. The Sinclairs had a family cemetery out there which had to be moved when the land was flooded.

But here's Sinclair still talking about the traffic. "During the weekend when the traffic's heavy I count about 100 cars passing every 15 minutes, going toward the lake. That's 400 an hour. When they start home on Sunday they drive a little faster. Tired, I guess, and wanting to get in."

Has the lake helped Zavalla?

"I think so," Sinclair said. "It's increased business, but it's a seasonal business. Things are pretty dead around here in winter. Oh, you always have some activity. You'll see a few boats on the lake Christmas Day. Then the day it snowed here, two campers passed the house, going to Rayburn."

For most of his life, Sinclair has heard talk about a lake that might be built on

the Angelina River, and that it would flood farms and drive people from their homes.

"We didn't pay much attention to it," Sinclair told me. "We thought it just some more of that bull."

But now, between 8 and 10 feet of water stand over what was once the high point of the family farm where Sinclair grew up. "When we were boys," he said, "if a fella had told us that would ever happen, we'd have gotten away from him, wouldn't have talked to him any more. We'd have figured he was crazy."

Sinclair himself doesn't go to the lake much. "I used to be a big fisherman but there's a lot of things I don't do any more. I've never been on the lake in a boat."

But he keeps up with the fishing news around town.

"The best place to fish around here," he told me, "is at the barber shop. In that shop they throw every fish back in the lake unless it weighs at least 4 pounds."

"I heard about a fella caught one and took its picture and even the picture weighed 8 pounds. And another one said he caught a bass so big, when he went back the next day the water was still running in the hole he pulled it out of."

On State 147 the traffic swished on by, pretty steady, and it wasn't even the weekend.



Hugh Sinclair

