

FORT BELKNAP:

DID YOU KNOW that stage coach drivers who resided at Belknap, Texas, in June, 1860, were; Benjamin Cribbs of Switzerland; S. B. Carlille, New York; and George Olford of Alabama.

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Genealogical Society Meets May 16, Ft. Belknap W. R. Conger Will Speak



W. R. CONGER

The purpose of any genealogical society is to provide training and aid for its members in the compilation of a family history and the preservation of this history for future generations.

A portion of the annual meeting of the society at Fort Belknap, this year, will be devoted to an extensive exhibit of a complete family record, using as an example the letters, maps, writings, pictures, and records of the descendants of Warren Angus Ferris. Mr. Ferris produced one of the first maps of the Yellowstone National Park area, surveyed the western boundary of the Cherokee strip in Texas and was, in 1838, Surveyor of Nacogdoches county, Texas.

These records will be used as the basic training material for a speech to be given by Mr. William R. Conger, member of The Texas State Genealogical Society. The importance of the family record, the development of a family history, and the contribution of family and local history to the American scene will be stressed by Mr. Conger.

Ancestor hunting is an interesting and necessary part of genealogy, but of equal importance is the preservation of present day legal records and legends of the family. The fam-

ily is the most important factor in the life of any normal individual.

The standard of moral behavior and personal achievement of future generations can be strengthened and improved if the preservation of family history and pride in ancestry is a natural part of family education.

In November, 1963, Mr. Conger spoke on the subject "Local and Family History," for the Annual Meeting of the Texas State Genealogical Society.

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President of Dallas Philological Society.

Speaker—Ft. Belknap Genealogical Society, Annual Meeting, May 16, 1964.

Subject—Local and Family History.

HI-WAYS and By-ways

Jewel Whatley

Truly it is a small world. Mentioning a great aunt, Charity Layne Cretsingler in a recent column, we learn that Mrs. Guy Reeves is a third cousin.

Rodeos must be a jinx for Mutt Creel. Last year he took the mumps on the first day of a rodeo. Last Thursday his horse fell with him, breaking an arm. Everything all set for riding in the grand entry at Throckmorton that afternoon, the three young sons carried on while dad went to the hospital.

Riding Clubs are popular now in all parts of the country. The Proffitt club is enthusiastic and find a real thrill in this sport. The membership is composed of all ages, with whole families participating. Young Rhonda

Bruton has been riding with her daddy in parades since about a year old. Now that Rayford has arrived we wonder how Weldon will manage with two.

Jimmy Frank Bruton owns his own shetland and Santa brought him a saddle for Christmas. By the time he is three years old he will be an expert, we predict. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bruton.

All the Leon Creel's, George Wilkinson's, Gwen Owens, Gary and Elsie Watson, and just about everybody in our community loves horses, and are expert riders. The girls can make a hand working cattle, though I doubt the boys will admit it.

Mrs. McFaddin of Fort Worth who has been visiting Mrs. Bob Wells, is an intelligent and interesting conversationalist. She has many friends in the community.

Tom Bailey, hungry as a wolf,

O. R. "Dutch" Tetmeyer long time resident Newcastle dies from heart attack

Our little city was shocked last Friday afternoon when it was learned that Oscar (Dutch) Tetmeyer, age 60, a long time citizen of this community, had died suddenly from a heart attack at his home in East Newcastle about 5:30 p. m. Friday, May 8, 1964.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. from the Newcastle Assembly of God Church, with the pastor, Rev. H. E. Boatright, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. R. D. Williams, pastor of the Newcastle Baptist Church and Rev. Howard of the Assembly in Graham. Special songs were rendered by Rev. and Mrs. James R. Moore of Fort Worth, and John R. Bullock of Newcastle.

Burial was in the Newcastle Cemetery with Lunn Funeral Home of Olney in charge of arrangements.

Dutch, as he was familiarly called by everyone, was born August 15, 1903, in Marion county, Iowa. The family moved to Newcastle in February, 1909; he

had resided here since. He was married March 25, 1939, to Maxine Carter of Newcastle. His first wife, Virginia Williams of Newcastle died in 1936.

Tetmeyer was a well known and highly respected citizen of our community. He was a member of the City Council at the time of his death, and took an active part in the affairs of the community. He was a devout christian, a devoted husband and father, and was an active worker in the church to which he belonged, the Assembly of God. The respect which the community held for him was evidenced by the large concourse of friends and neighbors who were present for the final rites of this good man.

Survivors include the wife, one step-son, Donald West of Lockett; two brothers, Ed Tetmeyer of Newcastle and Arthur of Graham; three sisters, Mrs. Alex Williams of Newcastle, Mrs. Edwin Wall, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Darwin Jones, Salida, Colo.; one grandchild.

Graduation exercises begin Sunday, May 17

Plans are complete for graduating exercises of the senior class of Newcastle High School. Baccalaureate service will be held at the Newcastle High School auditorium, Sunday, May 17, 1964, at 8 p. m.

Program for the Baccalaureate service is as follows: Processional; Invocation, Judy Williams; Sermon, Rev. Gene Petty; Benediction, Kay Coop; Recessional. Jim Burkett will be at the piano.

This year's graduates include Jim Brown, Joan Bullock, Kay Coop, Diana Moore, Sue Woods, Judy Johnston, Carlyn Swaim, Janice Williams, Judy Williams. Commencement exercises will be held May 22nd.

came in for lunch the other day and found his new bride asleep. It is hoped there were leftovers in the refrigerator. You can always scramble eggs, Ruby. This couple spent the week end in Waco visiting her sister and family.

Judy Whatley of ETSC, spent mother's day week end with us. Just before returning to school she begged that we permit her to be a "drop out."

Thos. Wilkinson, Woodrow Owens and others have plowed their wheat under due to the recent hail damage.

Congratulations to R. T. Wells Jr. on his recent award in soil conservation. Joe remarked, on seeing his picture in a paper, he should have posed in his strip down car. Some say Nita wouldn't let him.

Mrs. Mabel Wells has returned from a visit to Lubbock.

Ewalt Smith of the Elbert community suffered a heart attack recently, necessitating several weeks stay in hospital. After returning home he came down with a severe case of "cabin fever" which is improving now, as he can drive the pickup and do light chores.

County Democrats elect delegates

The County Democratic Convention met in Graham May 9th in the District Court room, at which time delegates to the State Convention to be held in Houston June 16 were elected.

Those elected were Judge Raymon Thompson, Bob Thornton, C. D. Williams, Mrs. Horace Ledbetter, Louis Pitcock Jr and Mrs. Burton Kirtley. Alternates were Elton Montgomery, Norman Evans Roy Dies, Elmer Hennig Truman Mayes and Bobby Pitcock.

Birthday club meets

The Birthday Club met on May 6th in the Center with Lucille Clifton and Catherine Bailey being the Birthday Girls.

Several games of Bingo and Canasta were played. The winners received many useful and pretty little prizes. Also, Pass-word was enjoyed by a few of the ladies and some of the words sne being "jilted" brought a bout loads of laughter.

Names were drawn for the door prize and Scooter Moody was the winner.

Refreshments were enjoyed by those above and Polly Reynolds, Ovie Ballew, Glenda Woodruff, Sonnie Miller, Peggy Reynolds, Alwana Burch, Judy Smith, Dorothy Myatt, Ophelia Kessler, Janelle Moody, Bonnie McWhorter, and two visitors, Laverne Sloan and Shirley Moran.—Reported.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Manuel and Rickie of Garland; Mr. and Mrs. John Judeth and son of Terrell, have returned to their homes after spending the week end here with Mrs. A. M. Whiteley and Jerry.

HONOR GRADUATES



Diana Moore



Sue Woods

Miss Sue Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Woods, of Newcastle, has been named Valedictorian of the 1964 graduating class of Newcastle High School.

Miss Diana Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E.

Moore of Newcastle, was named Salutatorian.

Miss Woods is top ranking graduate with a scholastic grade average of 95.65. Miss Moore had a scholastic grade average of 93.11.

Proffitt HD Club enjoys Mother's Day tea with Mrs. Wells

The Proffitt HD Club enjoyed a Mother's Day tea, Wednesday, May 6, in the home of Mrs. R. T. Wells Sr. The house was decorated throughout with arrangements of spring flowers. Miniature hats were favors. Refreshments were served from a lace laid table with silver and crystal appointments.

Mrs. Tom Bailey accompanied her mother, Mrs. Leon Creel, who led the group in the old hymn "Faith of Our Mothers." Mrs. Mabel Wells at the piano, accompanied Mrs. Robinson of Murray, who led the song, "My Mother's Bible." Mrs. Gary Watson read a poem, "The Twig Bender." Quotes on mothers from Edith Dean's book was given by Mrs. McFadden. The program ended with "Tribute to Our Mother of the Year" by Mrs. H. G. Blanton.

As is the custom each year a member of the club is chosen as Mother of the year (always kept as a surprise.) Mrs. Mabel Wells caught on early in the tribute, that she was the honoree. She was given a lovely gift from the members. Mrs. Wells is a typical mother and her life is significant of all that motherhood stands for. To this reporter she is one of the most inspiring people we have ever known.

Besides members, guests present were: Mmes. Leon Creel, Tom Bailey, Adcox and A. Robinson of Murray, Carmack, Dick Wells, George Wilkinson, and Mrs. Robinson of Fort Worth, a house guest of Mrs. Wells.

Miss Cora Mae Weaver will be hostess at the May 20th meeting at her home in Newcastle.—Reported.

It pays to patronize the advertiser.

Civil War Centennial celebration, Fort Belknap June 6th

The Graham Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a chartered bus to Spearman, Texas, Wednesday May 13 with a return trip next day 14th in the interest of the Rolling Plains Mule Train 400 mile wagon run. The train will be at Fort Belknap June 4th till the afternoon of the 6th and will assist in The Young County Historical Survey Committee's Civil War Centennial observance as a part of the state program. State officials will also be present and assist on the program.

A number of people from Young and Jack counties will make the bus trip to give a personal invitation to the Wagon Train at the Spearman Kick-off breakfast on the departure date.

The train will be met at Newcastle north city limits on highway 251 by City officials and the Proffitt Riding Club to welcome and escort to the City Hall and to Fort Belknap, where they will be met by welcoming committee from the two hosts group. The wagon train guests and others will be entertained by the Historical Society with a reception in the Fort Belknap room on arrival June 4 from 3 to 5 p. m.

The popular dress for all occasions during the celebration is the Frontier style. June 6th will be Fort Belknap's 4th centennial. Registration will begin at 9:30 with program at 10 a. m. with a military opening; wagon train parade around the Red Bud trail inside the Fort ground, dedication of memorial markers by a group from TSHSC, civil war songs will be the accent of the entire day's program. An Indian raid skit, and short talks on the civil war theme. A barbecue dinner will be served from the chuck-box by Debby's caterer of the train at 12 o'clock near the huge grape arbor. Meal tickets available. Other entertainment is being planned for the enjoyment of visitors during their stay at Fort Belknap. The mule drawn wagon train will leave Fort Belknap in the early afternoon for Graham and the PK Roundup rodeo.

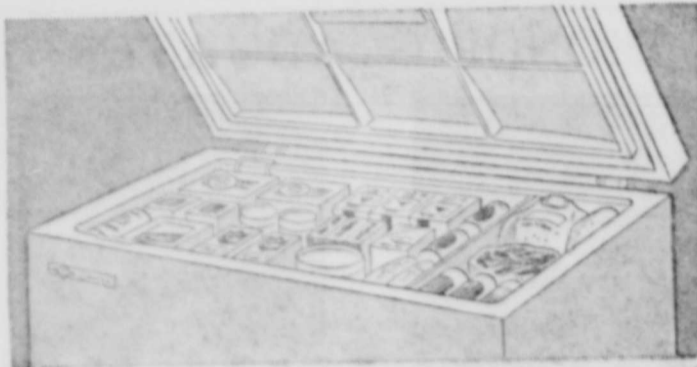
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Political Announcements

For Senator, 23rd District:
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Fifth Generation Descendants of Warren Angus Ferris Family



Joyce Ann and Bobby Ferris Pounds

Two youths from Newcastle will be in attendance at the Fort Belknap Genealogical Association meeting on May 16, 1964. Miss Joyce Ann Pounds and Bobby Ferris Pounds are fifth generation descendants of Warren Angus Ferris.

W. A. Ferris' letters, journals, maps, books, etc., will be on exhibit at the Fort. The Ferris family of early day Texas will be the main topic of discussion and study during the program.

The main speaker will be W. R. Conger, Dallas genealogical expert.

Joyce Ann is NHS student and Bobby Ferris Pounds is a sophomore at NTSU, Denton, Texas. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Pounds, and grandchildren of Mrs. Allie Ferris Pounds, all of Newcastle, Texas.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore announce the engagement and coming marriage of their daughter, Diana Lynn, to Larry James Dodson, son of Mrs. Floy Dodson, of Newcastle. The wedding ceremony will be held in the First Baptist Church, Newcastle, on May 30 at 7:00 p. m. All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Special City Election

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held at the City Hall in Newcastle, Young County, Texas, on the fourth Saturday in June, the same being Saturday, June 27, 1964, for the purpose of electing a—

Alderman to fill the unexpired term of O. R. Fetmeyer.

All eligible and qualified persons may have their name printed upon the official ballot as an independent candidate for the office of Alderman by filing his sworn application with the Mayor of the City of Newcastle, Texas, at least thirty (30) days prior to the election date. The application shall state the specific office or place being sought by the applicant and that the applicant is eligible and qualified under the laws of the State of Texas, to become a candidate for and hold office being sought, if elected.

The sworn application may be accompanied with a petition signed by qualified electors, although such a petition is not required.

The sworn application shall be accompanied with an executed copy of the "Loyalty Affidavit."

The forms of the sworn application and the "Loyalty Affidavit" may be secured at the City Hall.

Horace Morgan, Mayor
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Attest: Mrs. J. C. Routon, Secretary, City of Newcastle, Tex

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Banks of Wichita Falls spent Sunday here with her sister, Mrs. R. H. Helm.

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Throckmorton-Young County Meet

The Throckmorton Young Associational R. A. track meet was held at Newcastle Saturday, May 9.

The Newcastle boys won over all points with 557, Oak St., Graham 2nd with 415 and Loving 312 points.

In the 9 year old: Phillips, Newcastle, High Jump 3' 8" (old record Phillips 3' 7"). 75 yd. Dash, Phillips 10.5 (old record Phillips 11 sec).

In the 10 year old: Henderson, Graham Oak St., 100-yd. dash 13.6. (Old record, Mar-

tin, Throckmorton 14 sec. 50-yd. dash, Harris, Newcastle, 7 sec. (old record Morris, Throckmorton 7 3).

In the 11 year old: High Jump, Armstrong, Graham Oak Street, 39 (old record Hibbits, Throckmorton 3 8).

Armstrong 50 yd. dash 7 sec. (old record Morris, Throckmorton 7.8).

Armstrong 75 yd. dash 10 2 (old record Morris, Throckmorton 11 1)

Armstrong tie Broad Jump 11' 5" (old record 11' 5" Keller, Throckmorton).

In the 13 year old: High Jump, Hunt, Loving 4' 9" (old record Parson, New-

Graham resident found dead

Mrs. Helen L. Christal, 53, a resident of Graham since 1928, was found dead at her home in Graham Monday morning.

A member of Bunker Baptist Church, Mrs. Christal was born April 25, 1911, in Brown County. She moved to Graham from Brownwood.

Morrison Funeral Home had charge of funeral arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, Dick Christal; a daughter, Mrs. Evaline Kennedy of Seymour, a son, Melvin Sutton of Dublin, a stepson, of Germany.

MORE RAIN

Last Friday morning an inch rain fell here. Sunday morning another inch fell. Over the community different measurements were reported.

Shot Put, Dailey, Loving 25' 9" (old record Dailey 25' 4").

The District Meet will be held in Newcastle Saturday, May 23, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Every one is welcome to come and watch.

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My deputies at Graham, Olney and Newcastle join me in expressing our thanks to you, and we sincerely invite your visits to the tax office and your constructive suggestions for the better operation of your tax office. Come to see us when you can.

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TO: M. E. Daniel, B. S. Walker, R. D. Hodnette, and Mrs. M. D. Hodnette, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of each of said named defendants; the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of each of said named defendants, if the unknown heirs of each of said named defendants are dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named defendants, if the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named defendants are dead; GREETING: You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 8th day of June, A. D., 1964, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable 90th District Court of Young County, at the Court House in Graham, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 21st day of April, 1964.

The file number of said suit being No. 15279.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

Mrs. G. R. (Thelma) Whiteley a widow, as Plaintiff, and

M. E. Daniel, B. S. Walker; R. D. Hodnette, and Mrs. M. D. Hodnette, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of each of said named defendants, and the unknown heirs of each of said named defendants; the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of each of said named defendants, if the unknown heirs of said named defendants are dead; the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named defendants, if the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named defendants are dead as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: a suit for Trespass to Try Title on Lot 8 in Block 59 of the Original Town of Newcastle, Young County, Texas, and

Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12 in Block 59 of the Original Town of Newcastle Young County, Texas.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 21st day of April A. D., 1964.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Graham, Texas, this the 21st day of April, A. D., 1964.

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I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in the Democratic Primary May 2 and to remind you that the run-off election will be held June 6. I will greatly appreciate your continued support at that time.

To you who were otherwise obligated in the first primary, I ask that you investigate the record I have made as county officer in the maintenance of precinct roads and in the handling of county funds, and then I hope you will go to the polls and cast your ballot for me as Commissioner of Precinct No. 3 one June 6.

I would like the public to know that I did not promise anyone that I would not seek the office at this time, and also that I am 61 years old, and your support is earnestly solicited and will be sincerely appreciated.

R. C. "Bob" SELF

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WANTED—Real estate to buy on GI BILL, Young County preferred. TFX, Newcastle Register, Box 37, Newcastle, Texas. tf

Mrs. Harve Creel, one of our good subscribers out in the Profit community, called at our office last Friday afternoon and renewed the subscription of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Wells in Dallas, as a birthday gift. We are sure the daughter will appreciate this weekly reminder that her mother remembered her on her birthday. It is a pleasure to send her this "religious weekly," and we hope she enjoys every issue.

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THANKS

I want to thank everyone who sent me so many nice cards while I was in the hospital. They were really appreciated. Thanks again.

John Eddie Hulse.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hobbs returned last Saturday from Kansas City, after a weeks visit with a son, Melvin and family.

Mrs. A. Whiteley, Mrs. O. G. Manuel and grandson, Steve of Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Whiteley of Munday, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whiteley of Odessa spent Mothers Day in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Whiteley and children.

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Genealogical meet to exhibit papers on frontiersman Warren A. Ferris

A portion of the program will be an exhibit of the letters, journals, newspaper articles, maps, etc., of Warren Angus Ferris, Mr. W. R. Conger of Dallas, one of the speakers at Fort Belknap, Saturday, May 16, 1964, will use the Ferris family records to demonstrate the value of farm records and their contribution to American History.

WARREN A. FERRIS

Warren Angus Ferris, oldest son of Angus and Sarah (Gray) Ferris, was born Dec. 26, 1810, probably in Glen Falls, N. Y., and lived for a time in Buffalo. Although Ferris later disclaimed much formal education, his writings show that he read widely. He acquired some knowledge of surveying. While still under 18 years of age, Ferris set out for the West. At Saint Louis in 1839 he joined the first expedition of the western department of the American Fur Company to the Rocky Mountains, remaining in that country until November, 1835. During his last three years there Ferris served as clerk. Returning to Buffalo late in 1845, he spent some months preparing for publication his journal of that expedition. He was assisted by his brother, Charles Drake Ferris, who published the story serially in the Western Literary Messenger of Buffalo, 1842-1843. Portions of this Journal, recognized as an important item in the literature of the West, have been known to students for many years, but in 1940 certain missing chapters were discovered, and the journal was published in book form under the title "Life in the Rocky Mountains." From his notes and sketches Ferris also constructed

one of the earliest detailed maps of the Rocky Mountain area, including the present day Yellowstone National Park.

Ferris set out for Texas in December, 1836. By vote of the Texas Congress he was elected county surveyor of Nacogdoches County in December, 1837, and was engaged in that profession publicly and privately until 1841. He organized several early expeditions to the headwaters of the Sabine River, the Neches, and the Trinity. The streets of Dallas, except the downtown district, follow the lines of the original Ferris surveys.

In 1839 Ferris was in the Texas Army receiving a Captain's pay perhaps in connection with his surveying activities.

In August, 1841, he joined General James Smith in a scouting expedition against the Indians.

Ferris twice married; in February, 1841, he married Melinda G. Cook. In 1847 he married Miss Frances Moore; they had twelve children. Ferris settled on White Rock Creek near Dallas, where he cultivated 85-acres of his extensive holdings. He was supervisor of road building in Dallas. During 1850 the Commissioners of Dallas county engaged Ferris to make the first major survey of the county lines. His notes on this survey are on file in the County Court House in Dallas and in the Dallas Public Library. He contributed brief reminiscences and original verse to the Dallas Herald and other newspapers until his death at Rhinehardt on February 8, 1873.

Mrs. Allie Ferris Pounds of Newcastle is a granddaughter of Warren Angus Ferris.

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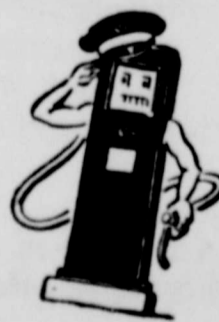
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