

LOOKING BACK...

THROUGH THE PAGES OF THE MONITOR

• 1963 •

Sherrilyn Kay Brock of Naples was honored on her 16th birthday at her parents' lake cottage ... Lanny Peek was the 'boy of the week' at Pewitt High School ... Fire did heavy damage to a teacher residence, occupied by the H. R. Hamilton family, on the Pewitt School campus ... A appropriation of \$182,400 for a new post office and federal building in Naples had been approved ... Fresh carrots were a nickel a pound at Fleming's Grocery in Naples.

• 1968 •

Brenda Parker posed for a photo with the rear nameplate on a new Ford car bought by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parker of Naples. It arrived with a foul-up in the spelling of the car's logo — it was spelled "FROD" ... Eddie Smitherman was the administrator at the David Granberry Memorial Hospital in Naples ... The Brown-Miller Pickle Company was offering contracts to cucumber growers for the 1968 season ... T-bone steak was 89¢ a pound at the Netco store in Naples ... "Barefoot in the Park" was showing at the Lone Star Drive-In Theater.

• 1973 •

Sara Ranes, Herman Walters and J. L. Collier were honored at the annual Naples Chamber of Commerce banquet — Walters was picked for the 'man of the year' honor ... Members of the James Bowie School PTA and the Pirates Booster Club had started a project to raise money for new gymnasium bleachers ... Irma Smith was featured in the Cook Book Nook of *The Monitor* with an egg-less fruitcake recipe ... Regular gasoline was only 28.9¢ a gallon at Tenbrook's Grocery & Station in Marietta.

• 1978 •

Jerrol Porter Davis was the manager of Kwik-Chik, a new business in Naples specializing in fried chicken ... Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harty, married for 74 years, were to renew their wedding vows in a ceremony at the Rocky Point Congregational Methodist Church, with their son, the Rev. Bill Harty officiating ... Andrea Dawn Craig was honored on her third birthday with a party at the home of her parents Melba and Morris Craig ... Jeff Johnson celebrated his first birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson ... Mrs. Susie James visited with her cousin, Mrs. Bertha Reynolds, in Naples.

• 1983 •

John Austin, a native of the Naples area, had filed as a candidate for mayor ... D. D. Tuck was a candidate for city council at Omaha ... Morris County game management officer Billy Dodd presented a program to Cub Scouts of Naples and Omaha ... The 'Cotton Choppers' motorcycle club of Omaha was to sponsor a benefit dance, featuring the music and vocals of Z. Z. Hill ... Serving as administrator of the Elmwood Nursing Home in Omaha was Doug Elliott.

• 1988 •

Herman Walters of Naples and Tom Hawk of Omaha were honored as the outstanding citizens at the Naples-Omaha Chambers of Commerce banquet ... Iceberg lettuce was 59¢ a head at Northeast Texas Foods in Omaha ... A total of 22 trees were planted in Naples during February by the Jonquil Garden Club ... "Return of the Living Dead II" was showing at the Morris Theater in Daingerfield ... A half-gallon carton of buttermilk was \$1.09 at Kwik-Stop in Naples.

• 1993 •

Jeremy Craig had a Commodore 128 computer for sale ... Catfish filets were \$2.99 a pound at Kwik-Stop in Naples ... A benefit basketball game was planned to raise funds for the Pewitt Special Olympics and a team of Pewitt coaches was to play a team made up of members of the Morris County Peace Officers Association ... Norman Miller was to be the guest speaker at the Naples Chamber of Commerce banquet.

• 1998 •

Dubie Ingram, Carolyn Duncan and Lou Gilmore were honorees for an award at the Omaha-Naples Chamber of Commerce banquet ... Russet potatoes were 79¢ for a five-pound bag and ground chuck was \$1.48 per pound at Brahma Foods at Omaha ... A black history program, "And they had Dreams," was planned at the Brown's Temple Methodist Church in Omaha ... A 1990 Lincoln, priced at \$6,750, was the John Paul Jones Motors special of the week ... "An American Werewolf in Paris" and "Spice World" were showing at the Morris Twin-Cinema in Daingerfield, while "Titanic", "The Wedding Singer" and "Blues Brothers 2000" were among features at Cinema V in Mt. Pleasant.

• 2003 •

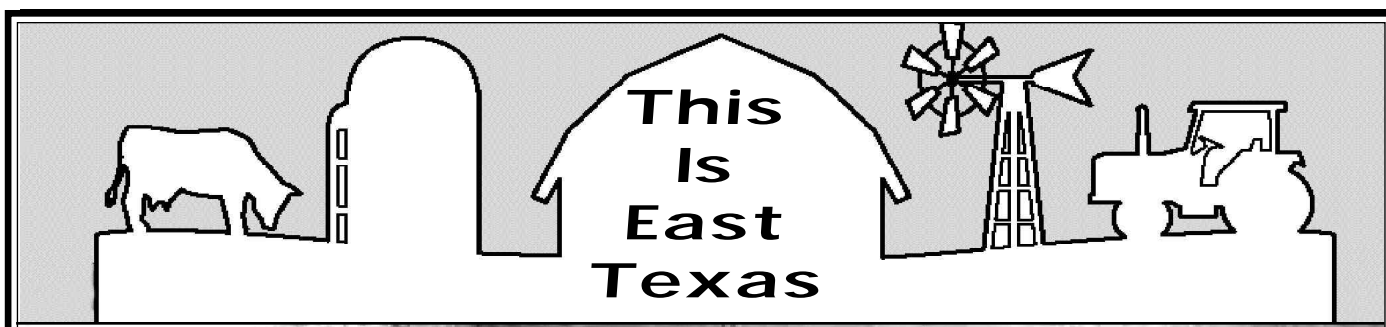
Clifton "Bubba" Harrison, a Pewitt High junior of Bryans Mill, was chosen as the "calendar boy" at a student council "Hunka Hunka Burnin' Beef" contest ... A shotgun give-away, sponsored by Jason McLeckie and his Sulphur River Gun Sales business, raised \$532 for the Naples Fire Department ... Danny McCray had coached his basketball Lady Brahmas to a spot in the Class AA state playoffs ... "Kangaroo Jack" and "Darkness Falls" were showing at the Morris Twin-Cinema and features at Cinema V included "Daredevil", "Jungle Book 2", "Shanghai Knights" and "Chicago" ... Dry conditions had prompted a number of grass fires in the local area.

• 2008 •

Phil Saunders was the area dealer for 'Dish network' television systems ... Bud McCollum and Darrell Loffer were a couple of the "old-timers" who were to play baseball in an exhibition game with the Pewitt varsity team. Coaching the old men was J. C. Anderson ... "The Bucket List" and "One Missed Call" were features at the Morris Twin-Cinema and showing at Cinema V were "Fool's Gold", "Jumper" and "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins" ... Pewitt's Brahmas lost basketball games to New Boston and Hughes Springs and players were getting ready for baseball season to open ... Scheduled for a program at Northeast Texas Community College were golden oldies groups, the Platters, the Coasters and the Marvelettes.

• 2013 •

Betty Stacks of Naples was one of the first 22 graduates of a registered nurse's program to earn degrees 50 years ago and she still had her college nursing uniform ... Gethesmane Baptist was planning a Black History Month celebration "Looking Back On Our History" ... Rocky Branch Fire Department was planning a taco soup and chili supper ... Pewitt's Lady Brahmas beat Hooks 50-22 to set up a playoff with Hughes Springs and a spot in the state basketball playoffs ... Law offices of Nix, Patterson & Roach advertised for folks to fly their flag proudly on Presidents' Day ... Naples Church of Christ had planned a Community-Wide Scavenger Hunt and proceeds from the event would go to support youth summer camp ... After putting up with Don Boozer for 50 years of married life, he rewarded his wife, Susan, with a trip to Hawaii ... Beth Wiley Insurance sponsored the Texas Crossword Puzzle.



Unlike today's United Methodist Women's annual style show and luncheon fund-raising event, the photo above was from an early day event staged to raise money at one of the Naples churches. The lady seated at the "Naples Candy" booth was Mary Elizabeth Whatley. The photo was borrowed from the late Lloyd Heard's "Naples Nostalgia" website at >www.angelfire.com/tx3/nostalgia<

This Week In Texas History

By Barte Haile

Three tragedies in a single decade for Baylor U.

On the afternoon of Feb. 11, 1922, a fire on the Baylor campus filled the clear skies over Waco with thick black smoke drawing students and townspeople to the site of the conflagration.

Chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas, Baylor University celebrated its diamond anniversary and thirty-fifth year in Waco as the Twenties began to roar. But the decade that started with so much hope for the post-World War I future would be remembered for three different tragedies.

The blaze broke out in the roof of the Carroll Chapel and Library and spread with alarming speed through the auditorium on the second level, where religious services and a wide range of secular programs were held.

The first to arrive on the fiery scene could see at a glance that the structure was doomed. In a frantic attempt to save the contents of the library on the ground floor, hundreds of volunteers, most of them students, raced into the burning building.

A group of English majors succeeded in removing the bulk of the treasured Browning collection along with the famous "Clasped Hands of the Poets" bronze. Not to be outdone, law students emerged with every tome in the law school library.

With the fully enveloped building in danger of complete collapse, President Samuel Palmer Brooks ordered an end to the rescue mission. But by then, fearless students and a few daring alumni had kept roughly half of the library books from being reduced to ashes.

With insurance pay-outs and hefty contributions from deep-pocket donors, Baylor rebuilt Carroll Library, minus the dome and auditorium, in a record 22 months. On the eve of the ribbon-cutting in December 1923, trustees saluted the young heroes:

"Your unselfish devotion to Baylor in the hour of her greatest calamity is such a demonstration of your loyalty as to palliate [make less severe] in a large degree the effect of the awful blow that has fallen upon us."

The second tragedy of the turbulent Twenties occurred at halftime during the Baylor-Texas A&M football game in October 1926. A makeshift "float" (a flatbed truck pulling a trailer) with six Baylor coeds holding up signs with scores of memorable Bear victories passed in front of the visitors' cheering section.

Angry cadets managed to keep their cool except for three hot-heads, who tried to stop the float knocking one of the Baylor women off the back of the truck.

"Then almost the entire Baylor student body and most of the Aggie contingent stormed simultaneously onto the field and all Hades broke loose," a freshman Bear recalled in a 1985 interview. Speaking to a San Antonio newspaper three days after the inci-

dent, another Baylor undergraduate said, "Precisely what happened next I could not tell, nor could anyone else, for in a moment there was a swarming crowd of hundreds in the melee."

The free-for-all lasted for several chaotic minutes and abated only after the Aggie band began playing "The Star Spangled Banner." The cadets snapped to attention, and the fighting quickly ceased.

The game resumed without further mayhem with Baylor coming out on top 20-9, while the injured were treated at clinics and hospitals around Waco. One of the handful kept overnight was a senior Aggie cadet from Dallas knocked unconscious by a blow to the base of the skull. To the doctors' shock, he died the next day of a blood clot.

When a joint statement from the respective schools failed to calm both sides down, the presidents cut all ties between the two colleges. Baylor and A&M did not compete in any sport for the next four years and did not play each other in football until 1931.

Tragedy struck for the third and final time a mere three months after the gridiron riot. Ralph Wolf, first-year basketball coach, was taking his team by bus to a game at the University of Texas in Austin on Jan. 22, 1927.

It was raining cats and dogs in Waco at the start of the 100-mile trip, and the weather worsened as the bus slowly snaked its way south. Visibility was poor, when the driver approached the railroad tracks in the small town of Round Rock.

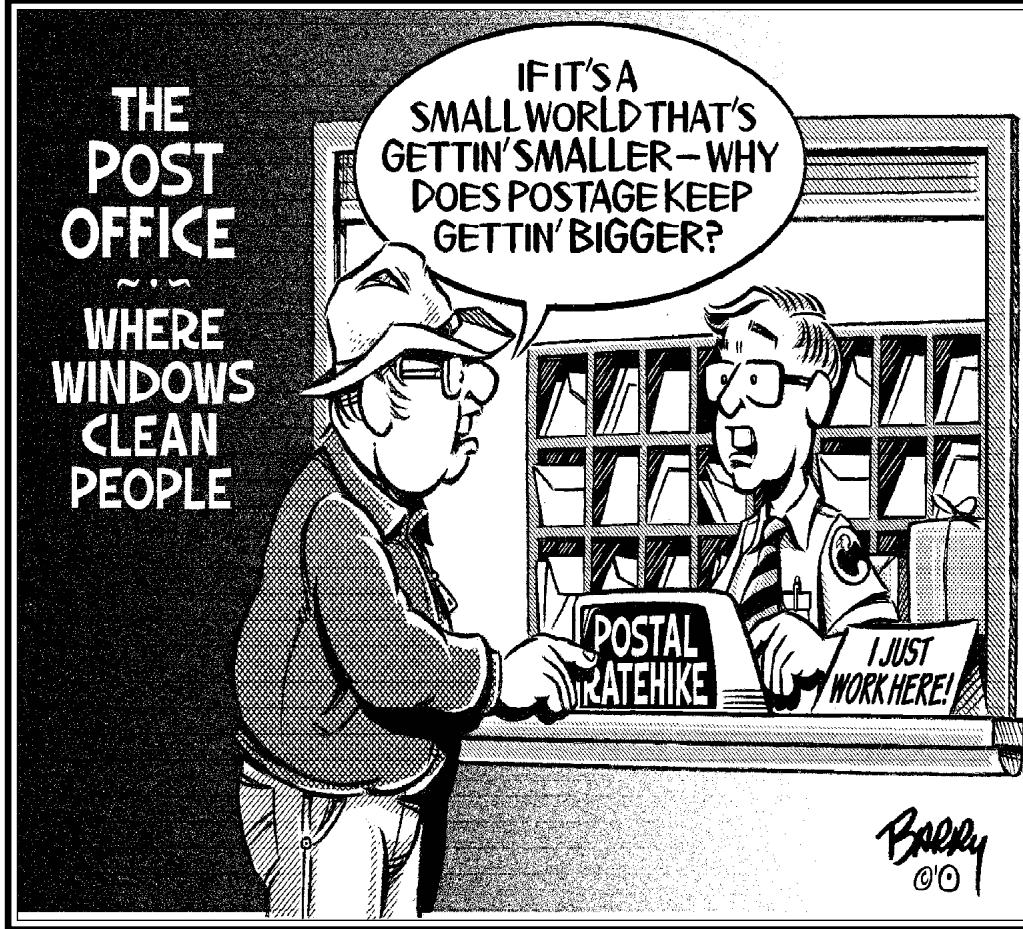
Too late he saw the "Sunshine Special" hurtling toward the hazardous crossing. In desperation he jerked the steering wheel to the left in a vain attempt to squeeze the bus between the tracks and the depot. But the wheels of the bus lost traction on the slick road, and he only changed the angle of the horrendous impact.

The passenger train ripped through the rear and right side of the bus killing six players, the team manager, the scorekeeper, a male cheerleader and the sports editor of the *Lariat*, who had been hitchhiking to Austin when the driver picked him up.

The fatalities became "The Immortal Ten," a title of reverent respect coined the day after the disaster by a local newspaper reporter. Baylor keeps their memory alive with 10 empty chairs at freshman orientation and a candlelight ceremony at homecoming.

Students took the initiative to add a permanent memorial. In 2007 a powerful life-size sculpture of "The Immortal Ten" was unveiled and solemnly dedicated on campus.

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MEN'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Meetings are at 6:45 a.m., on Wednesdays at the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church in Naples. All area men are invited to attend. Guest speakers are featured each week