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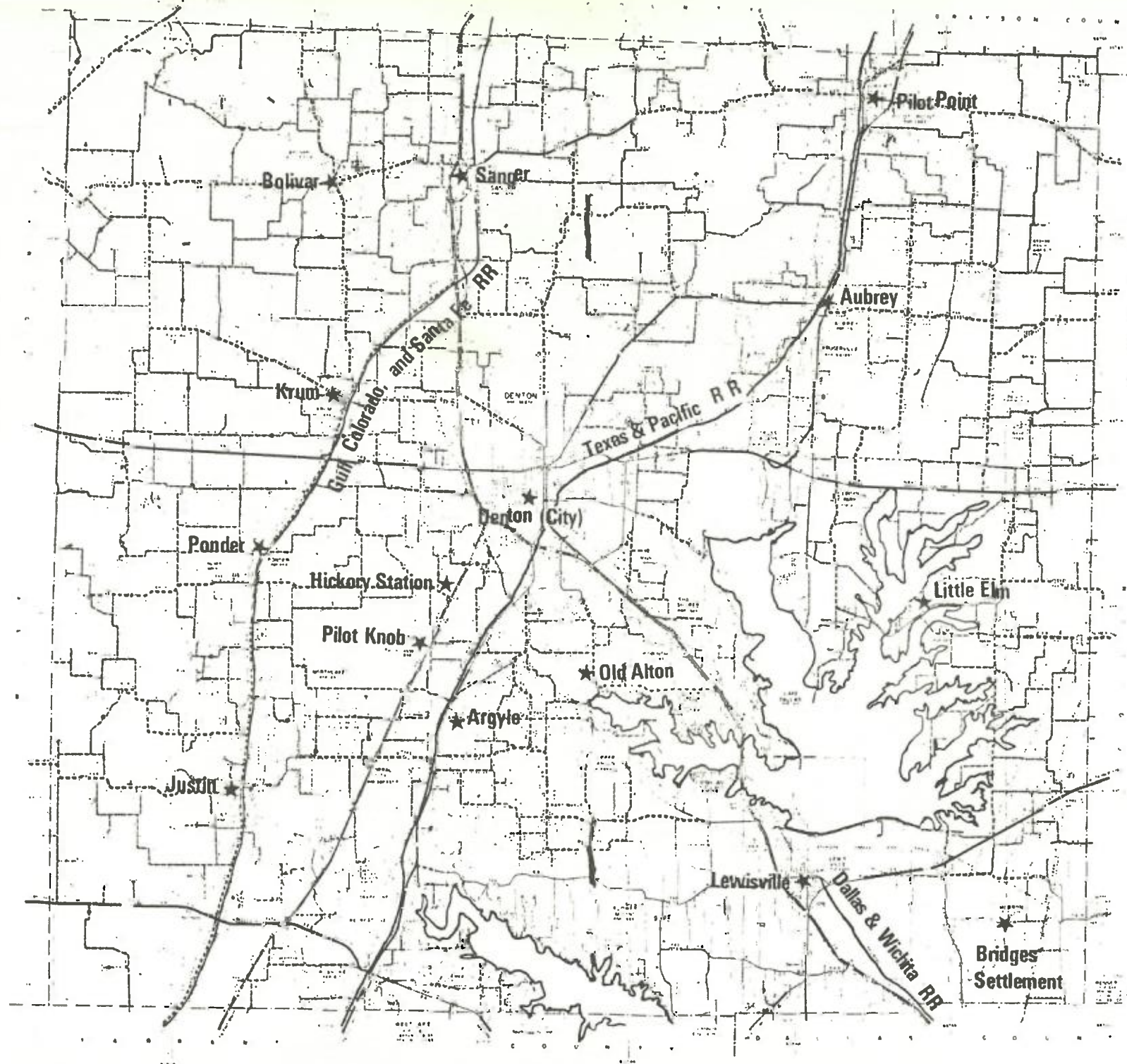
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Shirley Spellerberg  
Corinth Mayor

Texas Sesquicentennial  
Corinth  
1986

Greetings, Fellow Texans:

This is our year of celebration,-one hundred and fifty years of warm friendly, hospitable living charged with adventure, daring, hard work, achievement,-a heritage to cherish.

This State of beautiful mountains, endless plains and prairies, rolling hills and sparkling rivers, deserts and seashores,-all framed in regal Bluebonnets and vivid Indian Paint Brushes, honors its greatest accomplishment, the true Texan, a rugged individualist, ready to meet the demands of history.

Today, let us look back to our beginnings with pride, secure in the knowledge that a bright future awaits us. As Mayor of Corinth, it is my distinct pleasure to commend and salute all Corinth citizens for your cooperation in this community and state endeavor, and to wish for you great happiness and success in the future.

Sincerely,

*Shirley Spellerberg*

## THE TOWN OF CORINTH



Our community of Corinth was organized into a Town in 1960; its history goes far back in Texas history, even before it became a part of the Peters Colony.

The ancestors of the first Texans probably came to the New World from Asia, tens of thousands of years ago. These first immigrants are believed to have crossed the narrow Bering Strait from Siberia into Alaska. They may have been hunters, and it is likely that they crossed to the North American continent while following game, or in search of it. They may have crossed the narrow Strait by boat in summer, or on the ice in winter, using the islands as "stepping stones". It is also possible that these first Americans walked across on a dry-land bridge between the continents. Land bridges existed at several times during the Ice Age.

One of the oldest sites indicating the presence of man in the New World has been found in Texas. Several years ago, workmen who were digging in present-day Denton County in north Texas uncovered an ancient campsite. Archaeologists who came to study the site, found crude stone hearths, or fireplaces, and in and around the fireplaces they found bones of animals, some of which have been extinct for thousands of years. They also found a spear flint point. Reliable tests revealed that the campsite was over 37,000 years old.

The Denton County area as a part of the Province of Texas, passed from the territorial domain of Spain to the Republic of Mexico in 1821, from Mexico to the Republic of Texas in 1836, and from the Republic of Texas to the United States in 1846. Moses Austin was granted permission in 1821, by the Mexican government, to settle families in the Texas territory, but his death left the work to be carried out by his son, Stephen F. Austin. These families came from the Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, and adjacent areas, and they agreed to live on the land, and to embrace Catholicism.

Denton County, in 1836, and a part of the Red River territory, became a part of organized Fannin County in 1837, and remained there until 1846.

From 1841 to 1843, a group of twenty American and British investors received four contracts to settle families on more than 16,000 square miles between present-day Dallas and the Red River. This "Peters Colony" brought in families from Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, and Arkansas. The contract with W.S. Peters and Associates was later known as the Texas Emigration and Land Company. It designated the area as a colony of 16,000 square miles, bounded on the north by the Red River, on the east to present-day Dallas, and to the west, about one hundred and fifty miles, to present-day Cisco and Abilene, then north to the Red River. Some authorities claim that 2205 families were living in this wide area by 1848.

Our immediate activity within this vast area started with a first settlement called Bridges Settlement, 1843, when the Peters Land Office located there and where present-day Hebron is now.

Holford Prairie, near present-day Lewisville, followed in 1844, and the Pilot Point Settlement in 1846.

By act of the First Legislature of the State of Texas, the County of Denton was created, and commissioners were appointed to locate a county seat, the name to be Pinkneyville, 1846. The first site, Pinkneyville, was southeast of present-day Denton, on the Thetford survey, and part of our Corinth area. The county seat was moved to Alton, later Old Alton, and finally to its present site in Denton.

Dr. T.A. Ball, from the North, was a sympathizer with the South in the Civil War. He brought his family, in a covered wagon, in a caravan of settlers from Missouri, soon after the Civil War. He settled in the Corinth-Lake Dallas area, and was soon well known by everyone. During the week he traveled on horseback over the county as a doctor, but on Sundays, as a lay minister, Dr. Ball preached wherever he could find a congregation. At one time he owned most of the land where Corinth now stands, and he donated the site and name for Shiloh Cemetery. His daughter, Alice Ball, married Charles E. Fowler, one of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Fowler. The Fowler family had come to Denton County in 1864, from Maysville, Kentucky, and settled near Corinth, too. Dr. Ball also donated an acre of land to the Primitive Baptist Church in 1877, and named it Shiloh. Three years later, 1880, the Wichita and Dallas Railway secured a right of way through the settlement, and gave the name Corinth to the area.

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## ORGANIZATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT- 1960 to 1986

The Town of Corinth was organized in 1960, under the leadership of Erskine K. Bludworth and other concerned citizens of the community. The favorable location of the community was of considerable importance in the making of this decision. Denton was six and one-half miles to the north, Lake Dallas was two miles to the south and southwest were Dallas and Ft. Worth. The lake was on the east. Corinth was settled by pioneer families who enjoyed country life. Good schools, churches, and industry were all within daily driving distance, so Corinth had no need or desire to become a part of any larger complex in any direction. The population of Corinth at this time was approximately 400.

Community meetings, under the leadership of E.K. Bludworth, were held in local homes during the summer of 1960, and a plan to incorporate a two-mile square was agreed upon by a majority of the people living within the area. A petition was presented to Denton County Judge W.K. Baldrige, September 19, 1960, to incorporate the community into the Town of Corinth by special election which would include the naming of a temporary mayor and two councilmen by vote, said officials to serve until the next regular election. The petition was granted, officials for the election were appointed by the County Judge, and a special election was held in the home of Mrs. E.A. Kiger. E.K. Bludworth, Delbert McGuire, Mrs. Delbert McGuire, and Mrs. Kiger were the officials. The results of that election gave the citizens the Town of Corinth, and its interim officials. During the twenty six years since that day the following citizens have given countless hours of dedicated work to the growth and development of the community:

Mayor - Date	Council Member	Secretary
E.K. Bludworth-1960	W.C. Shrader	
W.C. Shrader-1960-61	O.C. Robison	Mrs. McGuire
D.P. Hollis-1961-63	Delbert McGuire	Mrs. Hollis
	Floyd Wright	
	C.H. Griffin	
	Joseph Meadows	
	Burnice Brown	

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Floyd Wright-'63-'64	Gordon Bennett	Mrs. Wright
Guy Corn-'64-65	Joseph Meadows	Mrs. Wright
Walter Ashley-'66-67	Walter Ashley	Jeannette Corn
V.C. Schorlemmer-'67-69	W.C. Shrader	Jeannette Corn
	V.C. Shorlemmer	
	Gordon Bennett	Jeannette Corn
	Paul Mantle	
	A.L. Lamascus	
Ray Meadows-'69-77	Gordon Bennett	Jeannette Corn
	James Chambers	
	A.L. Lamascus	
	Jack Atkinson	
	James Donley	
	Pat Waddle	

W.L. Turner-'77-79

During the years 1977 to 1981, W.L. Turner, Stewart Mclaughlan, and Jim McGalliard served as mayors, and Council members included Newel Matheson, Beryl Blanton, Leo Peck, Naomi Good, John Holstead, and Bennie Jones. The secretaries were Jeannette Corn, Melba Baxter, Alice Webster, Shirley Gamblin, Sarah Peel, and Linda McKeown. The City Hall was built under the supervision of John Holstead, Councilman, and largely by volunteer labor.

1984

B.A. Johnson-'82-83	Harold Krist	Linda McKeown
	Dwayne Enlow	Richard Wick
	John Holstead	
	Bill Sims	
	Beryl Blanton	
	Olan Gray	

Shirley Spellerberg-'83	Bill Sims	John Baum	Sandra Haire
	Harold Krist	Joe Sturm	Alice Beamer
	John Baum		
	Dwayne Enlow	Richard Wick	
		Clyde Billington	
		Bruce Wilson	
	Olan Gray	Sandra Haire	

Shirley Spellerberg-'85	Gene Hornack	Alice Beamer
	John Baum	
	Sandra Haire	
	Bruce Wilson	
	Robert Parr	

Just as the organization of the community into the Town of Corinth began in the homes of local citizens, so was the local government conducted in the homes. The first mayors and their councils met in the home of the mayor, and the mayor's wife acted as secretary. Minutes were kept each month. The only funds available each month came from the utilities franchise with the telephone and the electric companies.

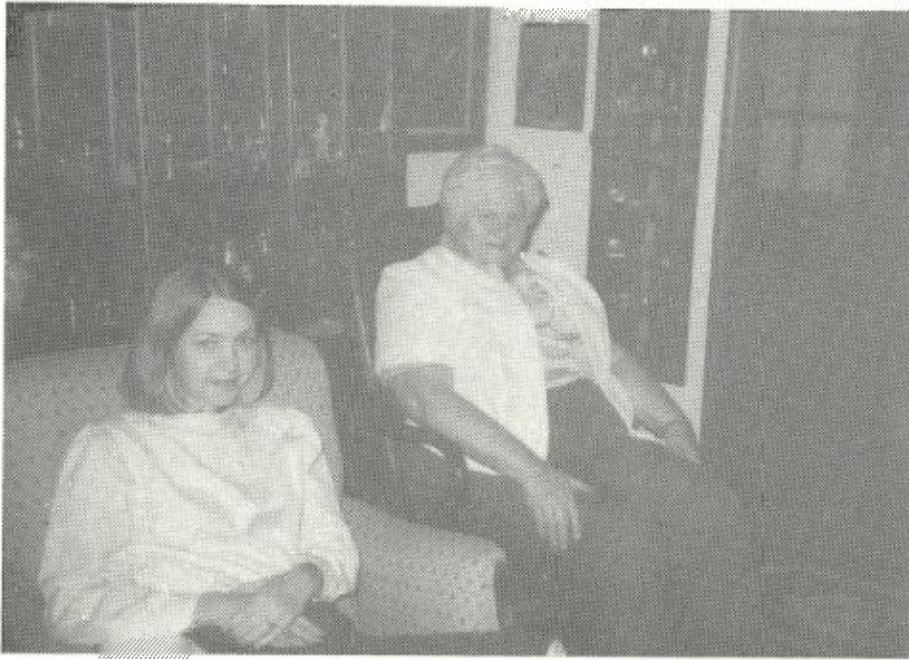
In 1979, water and sewer utilities were installed in the community, and bonds were sold to pay for this service. The small revenue from the franchises, sales tax rebates, and gifts was insufficient to pay the indebtedness, and to meet the needs of a growing community and an expanding government. There was a great need for a community building, a meeting place, as well as a place to conduct the Town affairs, so in 1976, a local tax was passed. The Texas Power and Light Co. had kindly provided temporary buildings for the Town's use, and the accumulated revenues from all sources were used to purchase acreage, pour a slab, and install plumbing pipes for a future City Hall. For the first time, in 1977, a budget was proposed that included funds for the building of a City Hall.

Our City Hall was built largely by volunteer labor, under the supervision of John Holstead, Councilman, and assisted by Danny Brown, Bill Hankins, Gordon Bennett, and the Volunteer Fire department. Carrol Godwin donated and installed all electric wires, lights, and switches. The building was furnished in part by a very active Bicentennial Club, and the Corinth Lion and Lioness Clubs. Mrs. Naomi Good, Council member, donated the public address system.

#### CORINTH COUNCILMEMBERS (1985-86):

(Mrs.) Shirley Spellerberg, Mayor	(full-time Chief Executive Officer)
Bruce Wilson, Pl. 1	Water/Sewer Supervisor
(Mrs.) Sandra Haire, Pl. 2	Administrative Supervisor
Gene Hornack, Pl. 3	Police Supervisor
Robert Parr, Pl. 4	Community Development Supervisor
John Baum, Pl. 5 (Mayor Pro-Tem)	Street Supervisor

## CITY HALL



Gloria Hankins

JEANNETTE CORN

Jeannette Corn served as City Secretary, and as the entire office force with Mayors Guy Corn, Walter Ashley, V.C. Schorlemmer, Ray Meadows, from 1964 through 1976.

Linda McKeown served in the office of B.A. Johnson. Sandra Haire served as city secretary from April 19, 1983 - February, 1984 during the first months of the present Mayor, Shirley Spellerberg. Alice Beamer succeeded Sandra in February, 1985 and she and Shirley are presently serving in their capacities.

Gloria Hankins was water billing clerk from January, 1983- January, 1986

## CITY HALL



## Administration -

Janine Gann  
Gloria Hankins  
Clo Sturm  
Alice Beamer  
Deon Starnes

## City Council -

Alice Beamer-City Secretary  
Bruce Wilson  
Shirley Spellerberg  
Gene Hornack  
Robert Parr  
John Baum



# CORINTH



## POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF OF POLICE BEN THURMAN

Denton County native Ben Thurman began his career in Denton schools, continued through nine years service in the United States Armed Forces, and graduated from the European Branch, U.S. Armed Forces Institute.

Specialized Law Enforcement training included:

Panola Junior College, Carthage, Texas

Texas A. and M. and Arlington State College

Texas Law Enforcement and Standards - Advanced Certificate

American Police Hall of Fame - Honor Award - 1985

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

CORINTH 1986

January, 1983 - Town of Corinth began providing 24-hour service. The department is now recognized as one of the best small departments in the County.

## EMPLOYEES



Front Row: Don Werntz, Nelda Oglesbee, Chief Ben Thurman,  
Tim Stewart

Back Row: Don Bennett, Mitch Morgan, David Werntz, Pepper  
Jones, Jay Jackson

Under the leadership of Chief Thurman and the eight uniformed assistants, Corinth citizens enjoy a feeling of security and respect for this department of our local government.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT HISTORY



**Chief Cecil Brown**

1977-1980 - Years of growth and development. Cecil Brown volunteered many hours, assisted by concerned citizens.

1981-1982 - Paid Police department.

1966 - Cecil Brown and son Gary, on a voluntary basis, provided police service, no pay for car, vehicle operation, insurance, upkeep.

1969 - Browns purchased new car to be used almost exclusively for police work, Town paying oil, gas, repair jobs.

1970 - Bennie Jones deputized as assistant.

1974 - Town purchased car to be used by Water, Sewer, Police Dept.

1976 - Town pays costs of Dept. Money spent to this date paid out of utility franchises, Federal revenue sharing, sale of maps and books.



Corinth Police Department

L to R Richard Mankoff, Chief; Ronnie Farris, Sgt.; Danny Brown, Patrolman

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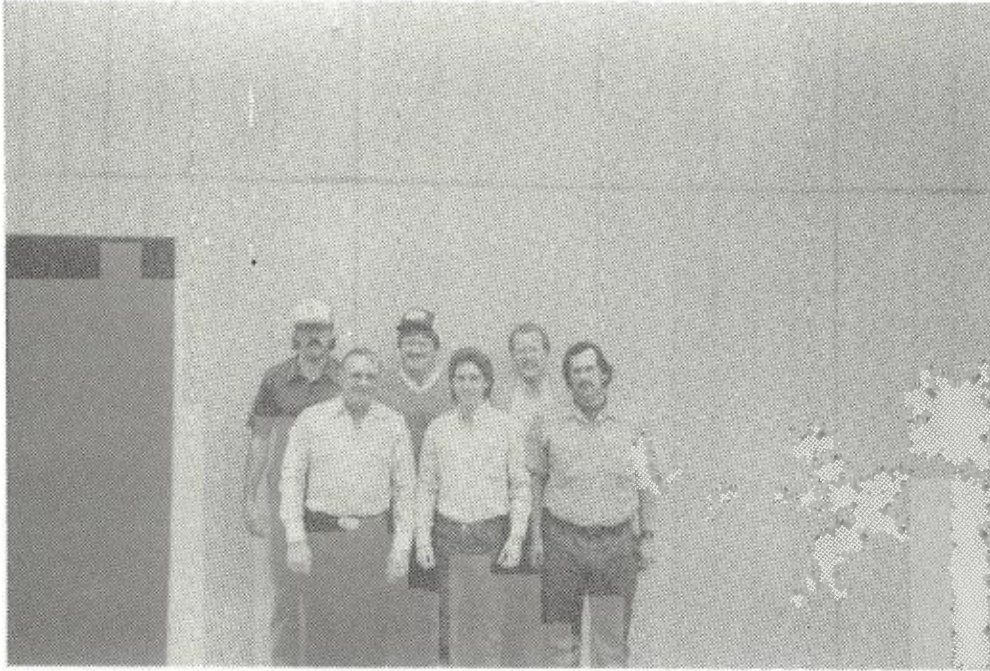


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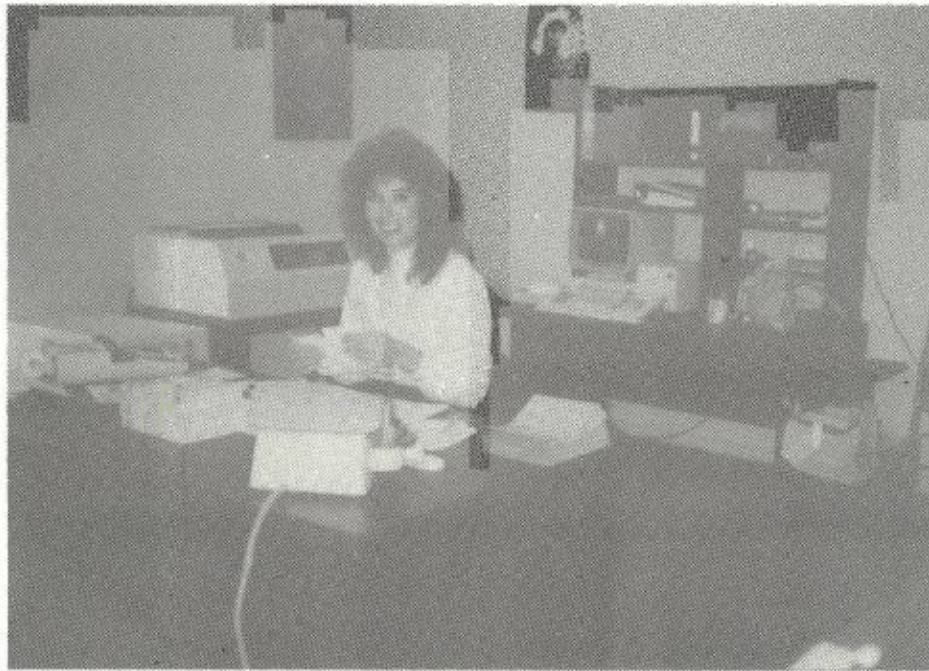
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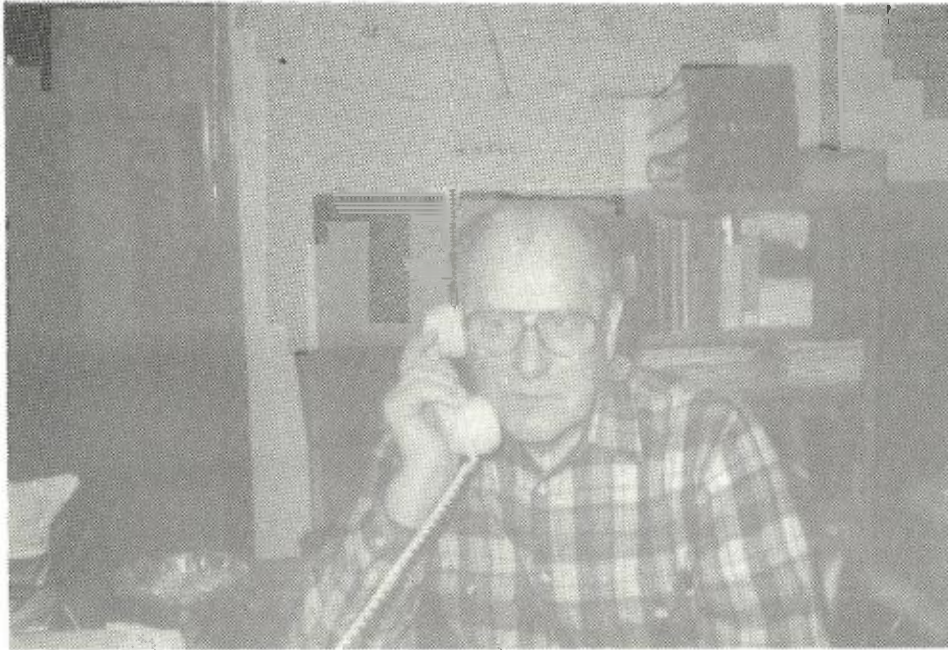
Front Row: G.L. Vandagriff-Chief Operator, Chris Horton-Water/  
Sewer Operator, Lonnie Barnes-Water/Sewer Operator

Back Row: James Chapman-Street Operator, Steve Hartsburg-Water/  
Sewer Inspector, R.Mike Daugherty-Director of Public  
Works



Janine Gann, Deputy Tax Collector

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



DIRECTOR: Clayton Eldridge

PUBLIC WORKS

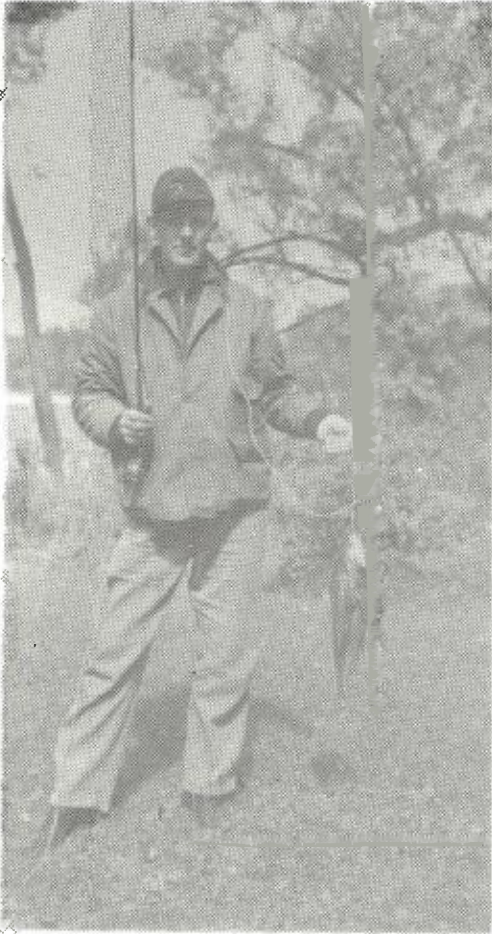


DIRECTOR: R. Mike Daugherty  
SECRETARY: Deon Starnes

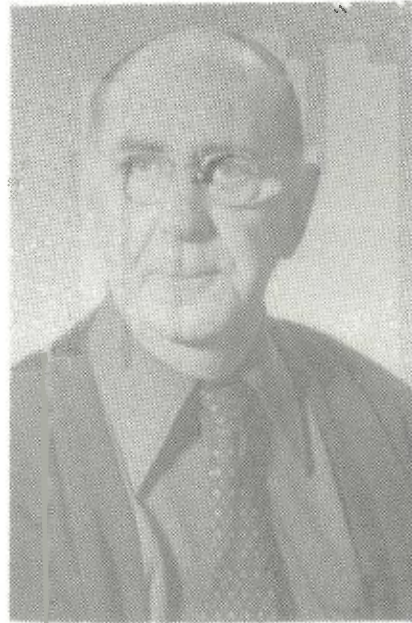
## MAYORS

BLUDWORTH, ERSHINE K.-CITIZEN-DEVELOPER-LEADER-1959-1960

SHRADER, BILL - 1960



Born- Dec. 1893-Rockhill, Texas  
 Parents- W.E. and Sally Shrader  
 Drug Store with Father- Prosper, TX.  
 Pharmacy Training- Galveston  
 Shrader Pharmacy- Denton, TX 1944  
 Corinth- 1950



HOLLIS, DAVID PIERRE- 1961-1963

Born- Sept. 22, 1915-Louisiana

Father- D.P. Hollis, Clyde, TX

Lumber-Finance

BS-MS- NTSU- Industrial Arts

NTSU-Denton Faculty

1948-1975

MAYORS



WRIGHT, FLOYD- 1963

Born- May 3, 1936, Lewisville

TX

Army- World War II

Chance-Vought- Grand Prairie,  
TX

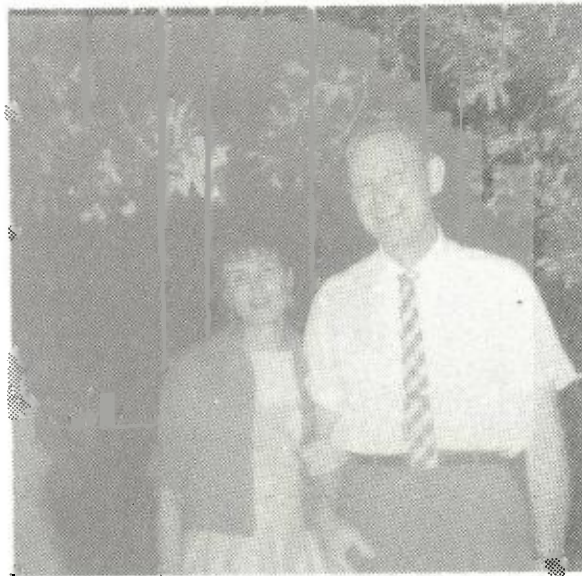
Construction work

United Methodist Church-  
Lake Dallas, TX

MCGUIRE, DELBERT-

Early City Council

Mrs. Delbert McGuire-  
City Secretary



## MAYORS

CORN, GUY- 1964-1965

ASHLEY, WALTER- 1965-1967

Born in Sanger, grew up in Slidell

Parents- Arthur and Bessie Ashley

NTSU- Industrial Arts- BA, MA

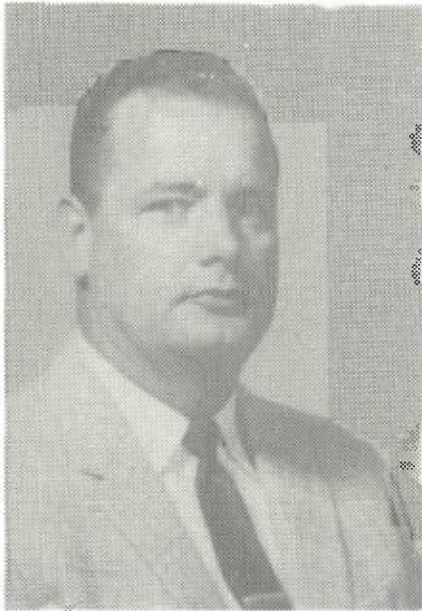
Teacher- Denton High

Corinth City Council

Corinth Baptist Church

SCHORLEMER, V.C.- 1967-1969

MEADOWS, RAY- 1969-1977



Born- April 22, 1924, Shady Shores

Schools- Corinth, Denton, Ft. Worth  
Arlington State

National Life Benefit Ins. Co. Houston

Chance Vought- Ft. Worth, Texas

Builders Hardware- 29 years

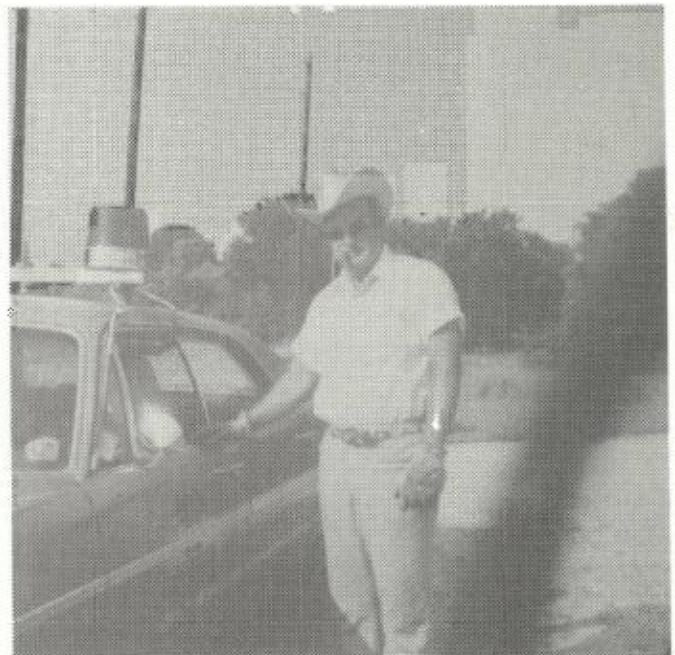
Lake Worth School Board

Married Bessie Mae Johnson-  
Ft. Worth

Brought utilities to Corinth

Developed foundation for pre-

sent day City government

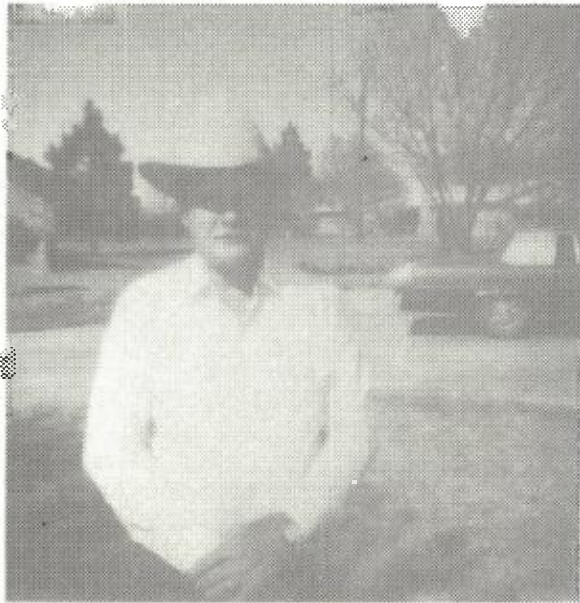


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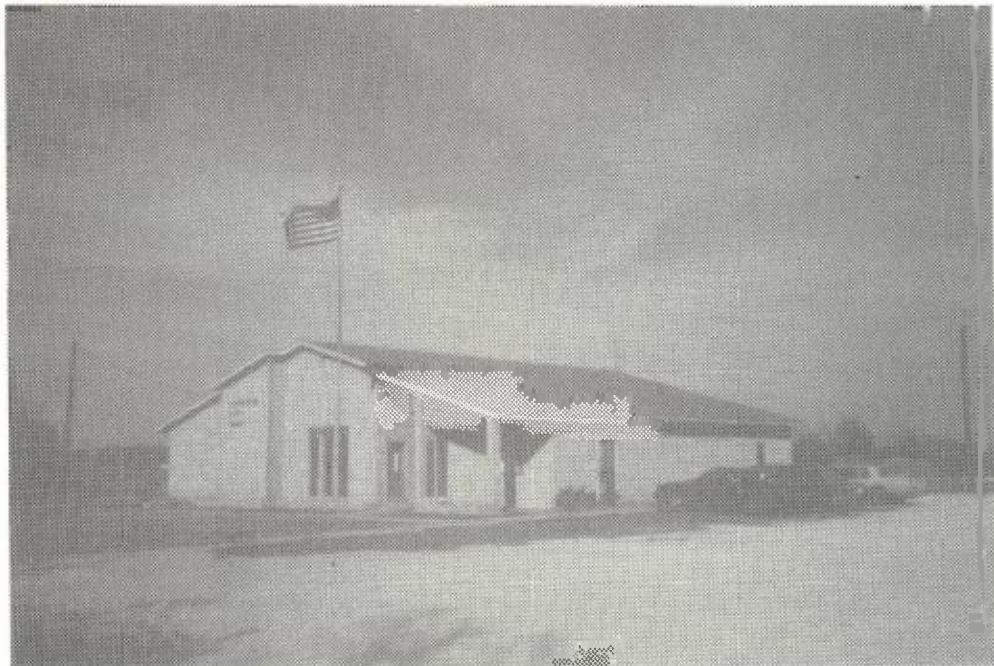
TURNER, BILL- 1977-1979

MCLAUGHLIN, STEWART- 1979-1981

MCGALLIARD, JIM- 1981-1982



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## MAYORS

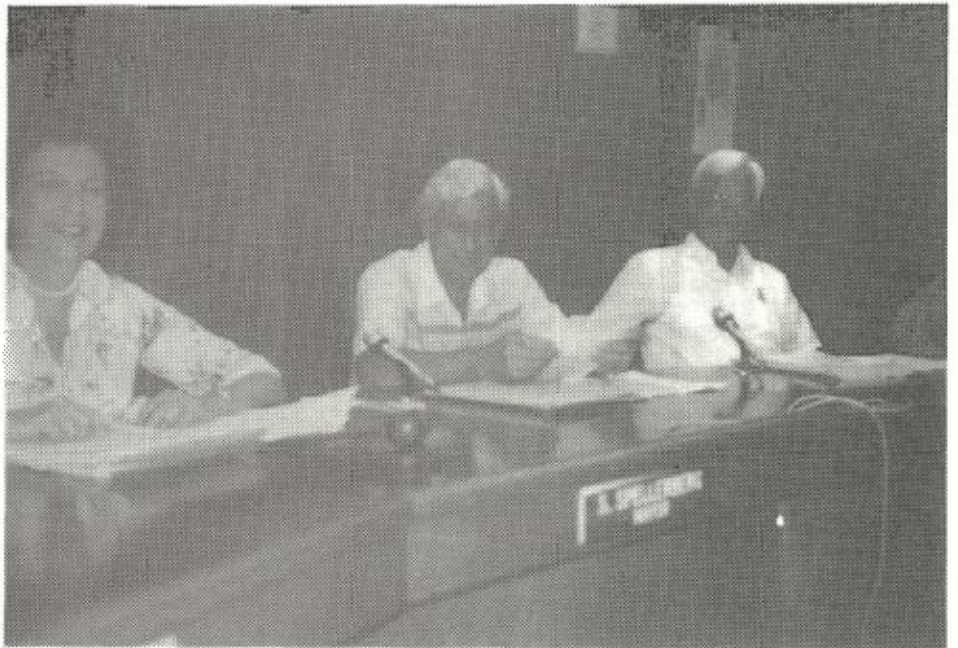
JOHNSON, B.A. (JOHNNY)- 1982-1983

Born- June 23, 1921- Cleburne, Texas

Dallas Ford Motor Co.- 30 years

Retire to build home in Corinth

Lake Dallas United Methodist Church



SPELLERBERG, SHIRLEY- 1983-198 ?

Born- Waco-Baylor University. Lewisville Bible Church

City Council Members- Gene Hornack, Robert Parr

## CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH

The Corinth Baptist was organized on November 3, 1887, in a log school house called Sand Hill, on what is now called North Corinth Road, about where the Ike Splawn and the R.J. Montgomery properties are now located. The church was christened Sand Hill Baptist Church. The charter members of the church were Mr. and Mrs. J.S. McMath and daughter Edwina, Mary and Sally Durham, and J.M. Grady. The committee organizing the church were Rev. R.T. Yeats, J.A. Moore, and the following deacons: J.R. Burton, W.C. Raines, J.W. Cook, and R.W. Terrell. Moore was the moderator, and Terrell the church clerk. In December of the year, the following members were received into the church by letter: R.J. Coleman and wife, W.M. Locker and wife, W.C. Davis and wife, W.N. Yearby and wife, Jenny Grady, N.A. Hunter, Kate Durham, Theodosia Barnhill, and William Barnhill.

There is no record as to when the Corinth church joined the Denton County Baptist Association, but in the fifth annual session of the county association, September 12, 1890, messengers were listed from the Sand Hill Church. The church has continued as a member of the Denton County Baptist Association until the present time. From December, 1887 to January, 1891, pastors John Turner, W.M. Pippen, J.V. Mitchell, B.S. Gray, and J.F. Amos served the church. During the pastorate of S.A. Beauchamp, 1891, a Sunday School was organized with J.S. McMath as superintendent. F.L. Dupont, 1895, and J.D. Ballard, and L.R. Scruggs, 1894, succeeded in building a new meeting house, with dedication services being held in April, 1895. J.S. McMath donated the lot for this building, just south of the Sand Hill School, on the road toward Denton.

At the dedication service, 1895, the name of the church was changed to Rock Hill Baptist Church. The congregation worshipped at this location for several years, but in March, 1902, the building was destroyed by fire. Plans for rebuilding were formulated immediately, and a fund-raising committee was appointed. Members were: J.D. Barton, J.D. Harbert, R.S. Barnes, L.E. Coleman, A.L.

Richardson, and H.J. Coleman. A vacant house on the J.D. Harbert farm served as a sanctuary.

In the early summer of 1902, the congregation decided to move the church to a more central location. W.V. Pockrus donated the lot for the building, which eventually was located just north of the present location. Until the building could be erected, a brush arbor was used for worship. This location was near the M.K. and T. railroad station.

The church had a great revival in August, 1902. Since the funds were coming in very slowly for the construction of the new building, the deacons asked permission to solicit funds among the sister churches of the county. This request was granted by T.L. Anderson, and with the aid from other churches in Denton County, the congregation was able to complete its new building. Worship services began in November, 1902, and the name of the church was changed from Rock Hill to the Corinth Baptist Church, the name it bears today.

During the years 1903 to 1946, the following pastors served the church: H.C. McBrayer, Walter Smith, T. Estes, J.F. Hodnett, T.C. Griggith, J.W. Balthrop, G.V. Farrington, B.F. Sizemore, J.H. Larkin, R.J. Shelton, J. McReynolds, Brumlow, B.F. Forman, T.J. Gamble, Cecil Goffand, G.W. Godwin, Silas Carr, Adolph Lofman, Earl Barr, J.H. Young, Frank Pratt, D.H. Sperring, and Bryan Judge. From 1946 to 1950, W.E. Vaughn, J.B. Oliver, and C.E. Newman led the church.

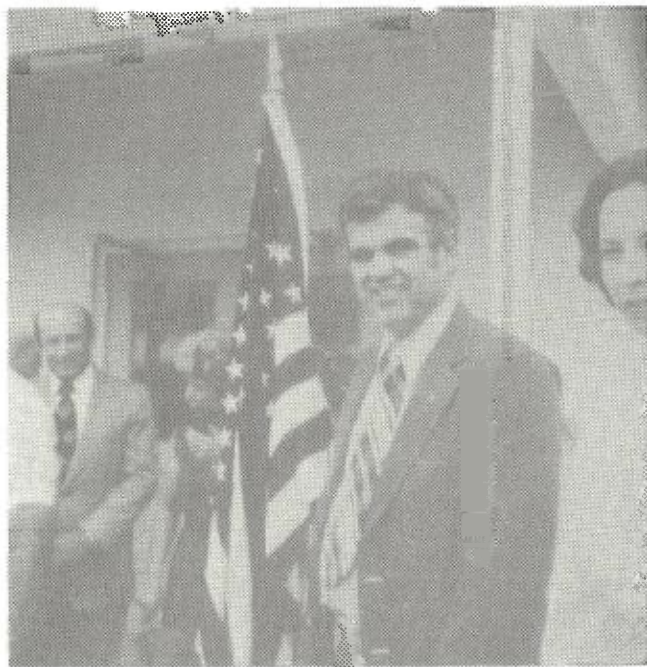
In 1946, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. W.E. Vaughn, the church was moved to its present site. The church building stood where the service road is now located. J.B. and Marie Brown donated the land. The church building was moved from its old location near the railroad, and remodeled, but it soon was found to be inadequate for the church's growing needs.

Rev. Carroll Weedon was pastor of the church from 1950 to 1955. The present building was erected, and first services were held in it in July, 1953. The old building had been purchased by Joseph and Jeannette Meadows, who tore it down, and built

their home from the materials, including the windows and light fixtures. Jeannette Meadows Corn still lives in the house, located one mile south of the church.

The Corinth Baptist Church called Rev. Doug Munton as pastor, on the last Sunday in October, 1985. The music is directed by Jim Hughes, a graduate student at North Texas State U, the membership is approximately 150, the secretary is Jeannette Corn, and the treasurer is Gene Brown.

On November 3, 1987, the little Sand Hill Church, which is now the Corinth First Baptist Church, will celebrate its centennial. For one hundred years it has stood by the roadside, beckoning to those who are seeking to serve the Lord. This church has sheltered generations of Christians who have gone throughout the world to spread the gospel, the Good News of the Cross and its message.



Ringing the church bells, Bicentennial - 1976.

Pastors Charles Johnson, Dr. Jack MacGorman, Jerry Jones, and Bill Hendricks served the church until Rev. Grady Hicks was called in 1960, when the church building was again enlarged. Ice cream suppers and other social events were held to add funds to the project, and volunteers from the congregation assisted in hauling concrete blocks, mixing mortar, painting and roofing, to double the size of the building with offices, Sunday School rooms, rest room, kitchen, and fellowship hall.



Volunteer Workers

Rev. Hicks was followed as pastor by Bob Sapp, Glyn Reeves and Dwight Huff. In 1969, the church purchased a mobilehome to be used as a parsonage. It was placed behind the church, where it is today. Pastor Wesley Pike and his family lived in the mobilehome until he resigned to become a Chaplain in the U.S. Army. The mobilehome served as a nursery for the church during the terms of Glenn Herrington and Howard Reynolds, and as the church home of Rev. Hendrickson for eight years. His two children were born during this time, and lived in the mobile. Glenn Herrington returned as interim pastor.

## CORINTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Reverend A.D. Rogers was the pastor of the Hickory Street Christian Church in Denton, from 1910 to 1915. He became the Superintendent of Christian Churches in Texas, north Texas area in 1916, and established the Corinth Christian Church in 1916, and was its pastor for two years. His wife, although frail in health, accompanied her husband many Sundays, and worked in the Women's division of the church. Daughter Roberta attended regularly. Rev. Rogers was moved over the state where needed, spending some years at Memphis, Texas, in the Panhandle, later in Belton, near Temple. The family settled in Denton again in 1936, and Rev. Rogers resumed Sunday morning services in Corinth, probably on first Sunday of each month only.

Daughter Roberta began a career of thirty three consecutive years of teaching in the elementary schools of Denton, but she still accompanied her father to Corinth each first Sunday for his services.

Miss Rogers, now retired, is living in Denton, and is in the process of giving up the family home, and moving into the Vintage, a new retirement center built recently in Denton. She recalled that her father always enjoyed his work in Corinth, that he looked forward to each first Sunday with pleasure, and worried about the weather, lest it rain, and people not be able to attend. Miss Rogers still remembered the Alley, Meadows, Taylor, and Pockrus families as regular attendants. All were welcome and made to feel at home, whether they belonged to the church or not. She recalled that a Mr. Helm attended the services, read the Scriptures often, lead in prayer when called upon, and always led the singing. He was a Methodist.

Miss Roges recalled that she taught the "Card Class", the little children of the Sunday School.

Rev. Rogers died in 1951, and Mrs. Rogers in 1957. Their daughter said they would be so pleased to be remembered in the Corinth story.

CORINTH LION-LIONESSE CLUB



CORINTH LIONS  
AND  
LIONESSE CLUBS

CHARTER BANQUET



MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
LAKE DALLAS, TEXAS  
NOVEMBER 14, 1981  
7:00 P.M.

## CORINTH LIONESSE CLUB

## Organized

September, 1981

Twenty Charter members

## Officers

President-Marily Rumsey

Vice President-Evelyn Sandling

Secretary-Treasurer-Karen Mankoff

Projects-Frances Holstead

Program-Alice Webster

Activities-Vickie McLaughlan

Public Relations-Linda McKoewn

## Charter Banquet

November 14, 1981

Middle School Cafeteria

Lake Dallas, Texas

## Christmas Party

December, 1981

Parr Home

## Community-Wide Drug Abuse

January 26, 1982

City Hall

## Valentine

Pie Supper

February 13, 1982

City Hall

## Open House

Dedication

City Hall

February 28, 1982

## Wadley Blood Bank

April 3, 1982

City Hall



Annual Lion's International  
 April 4, 1982  
 Sherman, Texas

Catfish Supper  
 May 14, 1982  
 City Hall

Pancake Breakfast  
 May 22, 1982  
 City Hall

New Officers-1982-1983  
 June  
 President-Lula Taylor  
 Vice President-Frances Holstead  
 Vice President-Beryl Blanton  
 Vice President-Margie Hollis  
 Secretary-Treasurer-May Roy Grona  
 Lion Tamer-Billie Farris  
 Sunshine-Pauline Horton

Candidates Forum  
 October 19, 1982  
 City Hall

Bake Sale  
 November 20, 1982  
 City Hall

Christmas Party  
 December, 1982  
 Parr Home

Flag and Flag Pole  
 April 30, 1983  
 Congressman Tom Vandergriff  
 Veterans and Flag Ceremony

CORINTH LION-LIONESS CLUB

**VALENTINE**

**- Old Fashion Pie Supper -**

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Sponsored by Lioness Club of Corinth

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1982**

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**Community Room  
Corinth City Hall**

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**Everyone Invited**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Entertainment: 7:15 p.m.  
Pie Auction: 7:30 p.m.**

**Free Coffee - Tea**

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**Bring a Friend, A Sweetheart, A Pie  
And/Or Just A Smile**

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Benefit Project - Lioness Club of Corinth

CORINTH LION-LIONESSE CLUBS

**COMMUNITY WIDE  
DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM**

**CORINTH CITY HALL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1982  
7:30 PM**

**EVERYONE INVITED**



**CORINTH LIONS CLUB**

## FLAG RAISING--CORINTH CITY HALL

APRIL 30, 1983

## FLAG CEREMONY

11:00 A.M.

Commander Wade Billingsley-Veterans of Foreign Wars-Post 2205, Denton

## Honor Guard

Senior Vice Commander	Ed Barton
Junior Vice Commander	John Earhart
Quartermaster	J.T. McDonald
Chaplain	Floyd Pollock

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

R.W. Parr

Meaning of the Flag

Congressman Tom Bandergriff, Texas District 26

12:00 NOON

Junior Usher

Philip Haney

Flags

Ronnie Farris, Teddie Farris

Pledge of Allegiance

Chris Holstead

Invocation

Dr. P.W. Walker, Corinth

Luncheon

Welcome

Mrs Lula Taylor, President Lioness Club

Introduction of Guests

Mrs. Margie Hollis, President Bicentennial Club

Presentation of Gifts

Mrs. Nelda Jones, Treasurer, Bicentennial Club

Mayor Pro Tem

Mr. William J. Sims, Jr.

Greetings from the Mayor

Introduction of the Speaker

Address-The Strength of a United Community-Congressman Tom Vandergriff

## THANKS TO:

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 2205, Denton, Texas

Texas Power and Light Co. - Lake Dallas

Starlite Sign Co. - Gary Taylor

Corinth Chief of Police - Ben Thurman

Corinth City Employees

Corinth Lioness Club

Corinth Bicentennial Club

Corinth Citizens of

Amity Village

Corinth Estates

Corinth Executive Park

Corinth Farms

Meadows North

Pecan Creek

## MEADOWS NORTH HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

After more than a year of attempting to create interest in our neighborhood to form a Homeowner's Association, and after obtaining much needed information from our Mayor Spellerberg, Meadows North Homeowner's Association was finally established in January 1985. Bylaws were adopted and officers elected for 1985 were: President-Reba Kestler; Vice-President-Claudia Moore; Secretary-Charlene Billington, and Treasurer-Rose Moore. Among some of the major accomplishments for 1985 were: Crime Watch organized; Welcome Committee established, and participation in city clean-up drive. Other attempts to improve conditions in our neighborhood, such as maintenance of premises and dogs being allowed to roam the neighborhood were met with only a minimal amount of success.

In 1986 new officers elected were: President-Tom Moore; Vice-President-Bob Murray; Secretary-Judy Williams and Treasurer-Laurie Hightower. Goals for 1986 are to increase member involvement (52% in 1985); adherence to grass law; CPR training class, continuance of city clean-up drive, and to expand involvement with crime watch. We also hope to encourage more neighbors in Meadows North to cooperate in our endeavor to make our neighborhood a more clean and desirable area in which to live.

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Charlene Billington  
Past-Secretary of MNHOA

## SCHOOLS

Schools in the Corinth community were in existence early in the past century. The first school listed was the Belton School, located in the south part of Corinth, and on the present-day Taylor property. The first reference to this school, unverified except by oral history, is that it was organized in 1840, a date much earlier than that of any other school. A description of the school is of a two-room log cabin, with puncheon seats; it was heated from a pit dug into the floor, and a smoke hole in the roof. The floor was a dirt floor, of course. This log cabin burned to the ground in 1909, and was not rebuilt. Two additional families report memories of this school. Mrs. Myrtle Watson's paper, "A Debt the Present Owes to the Future," May 6, 1976, lists the Belton School as being established in 1884, and corroborates the location given in the oral memories. There are no pictures of this school available.

Another early school was located at the end of present-day Dobbs Road, and was not officially located in present-day Corinth. This Shady Shores Independence School was established in 1884. Some family memories recall that the school was destroyed around 1900 by a tornado. Pictures from 1908, 1910, and 1912 show the school to have been well attended by many who later came to the Corinth School.

The Sand Hill school may have been the May school before 1884. It was located on the property now owned by the Montgomery and Splawn families on North Corinth Road. The history of the Corinth Baptist Church records that in Nov. 3, 1887, the church was organized in "a little log school house called Sand Hill". The building was still used by the church Sept. 10, 1890, when messengers to the Denton County Baptist Association were listed from the Sand Hill Church. In 1894, the church built a new meeting house, and held services of dedication in it, April, 1895. J.S. McMath donated the lot for the building, which was "located south of the Sand Hill School, on the road going into Denton". Mrs. Watson's Table of Denton School districts lists the Sand Hill School as becoming a parr of the Corint School in 1929.

## SCHOOLS

The site for the Corinth school was donated by the Fowler family. It was the hill where the Dorris Brown and the Troy Edwards families live now. The land was to revert to the donors after the school was no longer in operation. The Corinth School was established in 1914, probably after the closing of the Belton School, the Shady Shores Independence, the May School, and the Sand Hill School.

The school building was a 3-room structure. The Primary room housed the first, second, and third grades. The Intermediate room was for fourth, fifth, and sixth grades, and the larger room was for the Upper grades. At one time a claim was made that grades seven through eleven were taught, but most of the available records show seven through nine in the Upper room. The teacher of the Upper room was also the principal of the school. It was not all work and no play in this school. An interesting athletic program was promoted among the older boys and girls, and the baseball and basketball teams were recognized as "good players" among the neighboring school teams.

The school building also served as a Community room. Community suppers, speakers from Denton, and community programs were well attended by the patrons of the school.

## Sources of Information:

A Debt the Present Owes the Future

Myrtle Watson

History of Corinth Baptist Church

May 6, 1976

A Report of Adequacy of Texas Schools

Beatrice Brown, Jeannette Corn, Phoebe Lane, Shahan Tarver

State Board of Education

L.D. Stokes, Representative Technical Director, 1936

CORINTH SCHOOL



Agnes Garrison - Teacher



Ben Witt - Principal



CORINTH SCHOOL



Mrs. Nix - Teacher



T.A. Browning - Principal

## SHADY SHORE INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL 1912



Bottom Row: Walter Cochran, Arthur Sprayberry, Ray Sprayberry, Murl Burgoon, Keith boy, Travis Ford and Burgoon boy.  
 Second Row: Ester Bounds, Eva Shahan, Lela Dudley, Lena Dudley, Inez Cochran, Beatrice Ford, Stella Yates, Ollie Sprayberry, Cleo Yates, and Sprayberry girl.  
 Third Row beginning about center, from left: Merle Keith, Lela Shahan, Ruby Bounds, Hettie Martin and teacher Nora Morrison.  
 Fourth row: Garret Ford, Carl Garret, Earl Garret, Clyde Keith, Elmer Shahan, Joe Dudley, Winnie Keith, Velma Moreland and Beulah Moreland.

## CORINTH SCHOOL

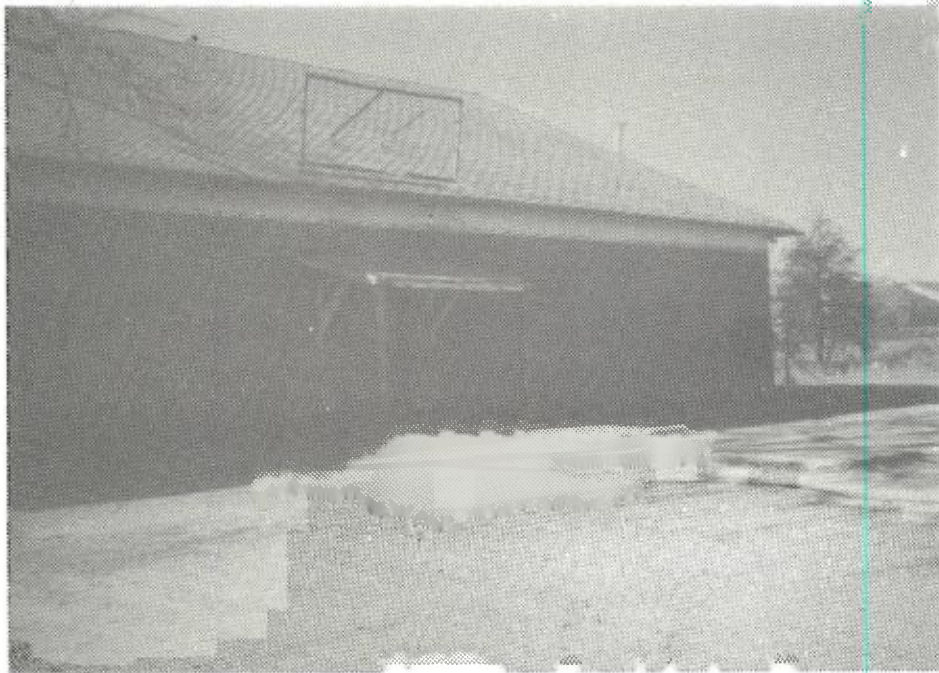


Back Row: Dorris Brown, William Fuller, Raymond Banks-Principal  
Glenn Fuller, Briggs, Ray Meadows  
Front Row: Jocile Helm, Henry, Meadows, Bounds, Jerry D. Shahan

## CORINTH SCHOOL BUILDING

The school at Corinth was consolidated with the Denton Independent School, and students were transported to Denton or to Lake Dalls. The students from Shady Shores, the northwest, and the southwest of Corinth went to Denton, and those from the east, and the southeast went to Lake Dallas. The Corinth building was used as a Community Room for a number of years. Finally, the building was sold to the VFW, and moved to the service road site, off I-35. It was still used as a Community Room, especially for elections, and civic affairs. After a number of years, the VFW sold the building to a private individual, and the veterans moved to Denton. The old school building became a private club.

This Sesquicentennial year has just recently seen the destruction of the old historic structure. April 11, between 3:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. the building burned to the ground. The old building is no more.



## ASHLEY

The Sesquicentennial Year of 1986 is not only a year of celebration for Corinth and Texas; it is also a year of retirement for the Ashleys. Walter and Bernice Ashley are retiring from teaching in the Denton schools.

Bernice, daughter of George Edward and Mary Wilson, was born at Greenwood, near Decatur. She had two brothers and two sisters.

Walter, son of Arthur and Bessie Ashley, was born in Sanger, and grew up in Slidell. He and Bernice married, had four young children, and then chose Corinth as a desirable place to bring up their young family. Walter graduated from NTU with BA and MA degrees, and a major in Industrial Arts. Bernice graduated from the Decatur Baptist College, and then earned an MA from NTU. They joined the faculties of the Denton schools, she in the Newton Rayzor elementary school, and he at Denton High in Industrial Arts.

During the twenty six years since the move, the Ashley children have grown up. Karen married Steve Self, Beverly married Hank Akin, and lives in Arlington, and Brent is unmarried and lives at home. Kent is an accountant with the Big Eight Accounting Company in Austin. The grandchildren are Meredith and Chase Akin; Ben, Josh, and Ashley Self, and Deanna Ashley.

Walter has served on the City Council, and as Mayor of Corinth. He has been a deacon in the Corinth Baptist Church since 1965.

Relaxation includes handwork and reading for Bernice, and woodcarving, taxidermy, hunting and fishing for Walter. He is also an avid fan of athletic organizations.

The Ashleys have a beautiful home at 1604 North Haven Drive.

## BAUM

In the Thetford family, when we speak of Texana, we are speaking of one of the first residents of Corinth. Little did we know when we built our house in Corinth that we would be living near the place where my grandmother, Texana Newton and her parents, and my great grandfather, J.B. Thetford, had lived one hundred years ago. My husband, John Baum, and I moved here in 1980 with our three children, John Kendall, now 22, Karen Anita, 21, and Susan Christine, 15. I grew up in Lewisville, Texas, but we moved to Madison, Wisconsin, for two years, where John went to school and received his Ph.D. degree. Later we moved to Indiana, where John taught, and I received my Masters degree from Purdue University.

Texana Newton, my grandmother, came from the plantation life of Halifax, Virginia, in 1880, with her father Erasmus Henry Newton, her mother Susan, her brothers, and a sister, and settled in Corinth.

Several years before the Newtons settled in Corinth, John Ireland, governor of Texas in 1885, granted a 160-acre tract of land to J.B. Thetford, my great grandfather. John Birch Thetford and his wife Sarah had four children: John Elderly, Tom, Mary, and Ida. John Elderly married Texana Newton, and his sister Mary married Bob Newton, a brother of Texana. John Elderly and Texana remained in Corinth for some time, and my father, Alvin Thetford, was born in Corinth, in 1901.

At the time of my father's birth, there was a Judge Alvin C. Owsley in the area, and he promised my grandmother Texana a new suit of baby clothes if she would name the baby Alvin. She did, but Judge Owsley never produced the suit. She never forgave him.

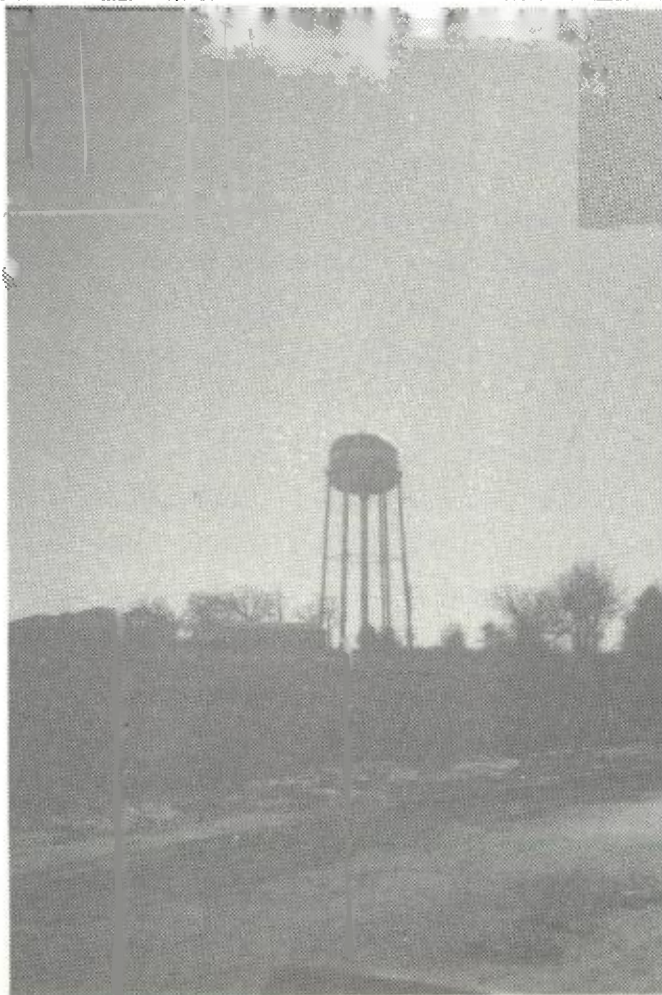
My father's younger sister, Lillie Mae Thetford Feagins, recalls a time when she was a little girl here in Corinth. "Papa carried me down to the store in a buggy, and bought me a doll. It was Christmas time, and we had company. My doll was hanging on the wall to keep it from getting broken. Alice Locke was at our house and wanted to play with the doll, and they gave it to

her. Of course she dropped it, and broke it." Aunt Lillie could never remember getting another doll. She recalls her father telling of one form of punishment for disobedience in school. Pupils were made to sit in a special place a-top a skeleton cow's head which contained a wasp's nest.

The Thetford and Newton families of this early time are buried in Corinth-Shiloh Cemetery.

John Baum, a present member of the Corinth City Council, is a manager at Texas Instruments in Dallas, and a partner with Jerry Taylor, in Taylor-Baum Financial Services, in Lewisville. Ken Baum has attended North Texas State University, and will return there to major in Business, but is now working in the business in Lewisville. Karen is a student at North Texas U, and Susan plans to go there after graduation from Lake Dallas High.

Linda Baum is a Counselor at Lewisville Senior High. Her hobbies, when she has time for them, include reading and gardening. The family attends the Lake Shore Baptist Church, Lake Dallas, Texas.



## BENNETT

Gordon and Mary Ann Bennett were born and grew up in Cooke County, near and in Gainesville, Texas.

Mary Ann, daughter of Minnie and Zach Thompson, lived in a community, Fish Creek, where she attended school through the eighth grade, later she graduated from Gainesville High School. She had one brother.

Gordon had three sisters and three brothers; their parents were W.D. and Jennie Bennett. The father was a farmer, but he also taught school in the Indian Territory, served as County Commissioner several years in Cooke County, and did construction work. Gordon started school at Wolf Ridge, a rural community that was a dividing line between the waters of the Trinity and the Red Rivers. Later he graduated from Gainesville High, and attended A & M at Stillwater, Oklahoma; and attended a Business College in Oklahoma City. Mary Ann attended TWU in Denton.

The Bennetts knew each other all their lives. They grew up together. They were married in Marietta, Okla., came to Denton County in 1944, and to their present home in 1955. Gordon followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, farming and construction work. The Bennetts have two children, a son John, and daughter Barbara.

John attended school in Lake Dallas and Denton. He received a Masters degree from Texas University in Austin, with a major in history. He lives in Corinth, and operates the Bennett-Pennington Cabinet Shop.

Barbara Ann attended school in Lake Dallas and Denton. She graduated from Texas University in Austin with a major in Romance Languages, concentrating in Portuguese. She lives in Bronxville, Westchester, NY, and is employed in the Foreign Exchange department of the New York City Cor. Bank. Barbara Ann is married to the well-know novelist and playwright, Don De Lillo.

Gordon and Mary Ann are concerned with the growth and



development of Corinth. He has served on the City Council and the Planning and Zoning board. Mary Ann has done office work for the City Hall and has assisted with elections and volunteer work.

The Bennetts attend the Corinth Baptist Church.

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## BILLINGTON

Clyde and Charlene Billington graduated from Waco High School; he attended Baylor University, and she graduated from the Central City Commercial College, also in Waco. Clyde is associated with the family business, Billington Construction, with offices in Irving. Charlene is a retired federal employee, having spent twenty years with the Veterans Administration and Social Security. Their son is a graduate of A and M with a BA degree in finance, and of NTU, with a Masters degree in Accounting.

The Billingtons were looking for country living when they moved to Corinth. They enjoy yard work, bicycle riding, their travel trailer, camping, and fishing.

The Billingtons are a strong-family related group, and enjoy frequent gatherings with their families and friends in Waco and Arlington.

Charlene is generous with her time, and has agreed to help with the Cancer Crusade in Denton. She volunteers for telephoning, and for work at the City Hall. She has served as secretary of the Home Owners' Association in her community, Meadows North.

The Billingtons prefer the Methodist and the Church of Christ denominations.

Cliff Billington is employed as an accountant with a Quality Cabiner Manufacturing firm in Dallas.

## BAKER

Velma and Elvin Baker live at 3605 Dobbs Road, Route 4, in Corinth. They have lived at this location for more than twenty years, on the spot of the original Griffith home. The bell in their front yard is more than a hundred years old. At one time it was on the top of the "Shoutin' Griffith Store", when Velma's great grandfather, Shoutin' Griffith, owned the general merchandise store. Great grandfather earned his unusual nickname because he loved to serve the Lord, and he always shouted in church.

Velma is graduated from the North Texas State Demonstration School, and is retired after twenty-one years with the Denton First State Bank. Elvin is retired from Moore Business Forms in Denton, and is originally from Little Elm. Their children are the fifth generation to live on the Griffith property. Art Baker works at Victors, his wife Teresa at Peterbilt Motors Company, and their children are Arthur Mouriece, and Amber Michele. Patricia Baker works at the InterFirst Bank of Dallas, and her husband, Danny Paul Baird, is at Baylor College Dentistry, Dallas. Laura Ann lives at home, and works at Moore Business Forms in Denton.

The Bakers are closely related to the Griffiths, the Robisons, the Kigers, and the Williamses, all well-known families in the area. Great grandfather Shoutin' Griffith had eight children, but only three of them are part of the Corinth story. Daughter Betty became the mother of O.C. Robison, and Bertha Kiger. Daughter Jenny Mae married Johnny Williams, and became the mother of Claude Earl Williams, and grandmother of Velma Williams Baker. Virgil Griffith, son of Shoutin' Griffith, was an uncle to O.C. and Bertha, and great uncle to Velma. Virgil married Lorene Brown, daughter of another well-known Corinth family.

BAKER



ANCIENT BELL  
FROM  
GRIFFITH STORE



BAKER  
FLOWER  
BED

## BROWN

John Howell and Maude Dorris Brown came to Corinth in 1919, with their nine children: Opal, Ottis, Cecil, Arch, Bernice, Dorothy, O.C., Emmet, and Lorene. Two children, Dorris and Claude, were born in Corinth. The family moved to Corinth from Lewisville.

The descendants of that family living in Corinth now are: Cecil and Beatrice Brown, and their son Gary; Randy, son of Emmet Brown; Dorris and Imogene Brown, and their daughter Kathy Edwards; Amy and Andrea, granddaughters of Dorris Brown; Kelly and Patricia, granddaughters of Emmet Brown; Shirley Brown Enlow, daughter of Bernice Brown. Shirley owns and operates Enlow Real Estate and Mini-Warehouses, but she does not live in Corinth.

Most of the land in Corinth in 1919 was farm and pasture land. Several places of business were located along the railroad track. Fred Fowler owned the general store. An Odd Fellows Lodge, a train depot, and a dipping vat were in use, but the cotton gin had burned down. The Browns operated a store and filling station on the corner of Corinth Street and Interstate 35. Lawn Fowler also had a store for a time.

The telephones were the crank type, and there was no electricity or running water. There were two wells where people could get water. One well, located near Clardy Auto Service, was a flowing well, and the other was near Cecil Brown's place. All roads were dirt and gravel, and transportation was by horse, wagon, or on foot. Some years later an inter-urban train ran from Denton to Dallas. This made trips to Denton, Lake Dallas, Lewisville, Carrollton, and Dallas possible.

The Corinth school, grades one through high school, was later reduced to grade nine, later seven, and finally closed in 1949. The churches in Corinth included the Baptist, the Christian, and the Lynchburg Presbyterian. The Baptist, still in Corinth, will celebrate its hundredth anniversary in 1987. The Christian Church, located across the highway from the Baptist,

is no longer there, and the Lynchburg building and brush arbor were demolished after they were no longer in use by the community.

Most of the recreation was centered around the school and the church. There were baseball and basketball teams, and games with Mayhill and Lake Dallas. Church picnics, singings, and "big meetings", were attended by all.

Cecil Brown remembers the trip from Lewisville to Corinth. They came in wagons, and drove their livestock. He said the depot became the "hang out" for all the boys. They would jump on the slow moving trains, and ride for a few blocks, then jump off and walk back. He also remembers Big Elm, Denton Creek, and Hickory Creek where families would go for camping, picnicing, and fishing.

Arch Brown also remembers his first sight of Corinth. It was pointed out to him from a distance, by a black man who worked for them, Will Redman. Arch remembers the fun-things they did, such as the time Cecil tick-tacked Mr. King. Cecil put a safety pin in the screen door and ran a string coated with resin through the pin--it made an eerie sound. He remembers Mr. King plowing with jennies. He also enjoyed the families getting together for a Ju-Tang, a dance without instrumental accompaniment. Everyone joined in a circle around the room, and sang and danced. Ed. Shahan, Robert Taylor, and Otis Taylor would sing "Ole Joe Clark", "Black Them Boots and Make Them Shine", and "Liza Jane".

The Brown land extended across the present-day Interstate Highway. Arch remembers working on Highway 77, which preceded the Interstate. They used mules and wagons and idiot spoons (shovels). They had fresnos pulled by mules to move dirt. The Browns had a syrup mill, and made syrup for all their neighbors. They were paid with syrup.

Several of the Brown children married Corinthians. Opal, the oldest daughter, married Charles Garrett. She died in the "flu" epidemic of 1920, a few days after their only child Clifford was born. Clifford still lives in the area. Ottis(Pete) married Mildred Fowler, and they lived most of their married

life in Corinth. Their children, John Howard and Donald Ray, live in Denton and Ft. Worth. After Ottis' death, Mildred moved to Denton, but she still attends church in Corinth. Cecil married Beatrice Ford, and they have been active members of the community, the church, the school, and civic life. Their only son, Gary, and two grandchildren still live here.

Arch married Mamie Lee Briggs, and their only child, Patsy, was born in Corinth. Patsy and her husband, Homer Rodden live in Lewisville, and Arch has lived in Denton for some years now.

Bernice and Marie McLeod Brown lived in Corinth, and Marie operated a beauty parlor for several years. Their daughter is Shirley, who lives outside the area now. Bernice and Marie still attend church in Corinth.

Dorothy married Gus Cogdell, and lived in the old home place for many years. They have four children: Leon who served in the army until retiring, Jerald, Harold Wayne, and Nancy. Gus died; Dorothy lives in Argyle.

O.C. married Johnny Mae Cogdell, and their two sons are John Davis and Bobby Lee. O.C. worked with the Denton County Sheriff's department.

Lorene, youngest daughter of the family, spent her childhood in Corinth. She has been in business in Denton for several years, and was married to Virgle Griffith who died a few years ago.

Emmet and Dorris lived here with the family until World War II. Emmet served in the Coast Guard, met and married Mary in New York, and lives in Denton now. Their three children are Randy, Lynda, and Phillip.

Dorris served in the Navy for four years. His wife was also serving there. They were married in a Navy Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee. His wife, Imogene Davis, was from Mississippi, and their children Jim and Kathy Edwards live in Corinth. The Dorris Brown and Troy Edwards families live on the hill where the Corinth school was located, on Church Drive. Dorris and Gene lived here until 1965, took a time off in Pilot Point, and then returned to Corinth, 1982.

Claude, youngest member of the family, spent all of his life in and around the area. He died in 1986. Claude owned and operated service stations, and sold used cars in Denton and Ft. Worth.

Claude and Dorris attended school in Corinth, but they also attended the North Texas Demonstration School. Dorris' children also attended that school.

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## BUNCH

Margaret Siebert was born and raised in Dallas, attending elementary school, and graduating from high school. Ellis Varge Bunch was born in Leonard, but at an early age moved to Dallas, and finished high school there. He and Margaret met and married there, where he operated a number of stores and filling stations. The Bunch family bought the farm in Corinth in 1928. They remained living in Dallas, but came up to work the farm, growing cotton, peanuts, vegetables, chickens, and turkeys. Mr. Bunch came to Corinth to stay full-time in 1957, and the rest of the family came in 1977. It was out of the city, a place of peace and quiet. They liked the country.

Varge started working for Lockheed, and continued until World War II, when he entered the Army. He was stationed in Washington, D.C., where he did M. P. duty.

After the end of the war and military service, Varge returned to Texas, and began working with Chance Vought, Grand Prairie, as a security guard. During his twenty nine years with them, he advanced from Sargeant, Lieutenant, to Captain, missed only three days from work, and was never late.

Margaret was a homemaker, and a good cook. She loved her home, and enjoyed sewing. She liked to travel, but enjoyed best getting back home. She has a collection of early American cut glass, some luster ware, and some hand-painted china. Some oil paintings and a priceless marble statue decorate her home on Shady Rest Lane in Corinth.

Margaret and Varge attend the Christian Life Cathedral in Dallas. They tend a lovely vegetable garden, and grow beautiful roses. They have two dogs, several cows, and a number of pet calves.

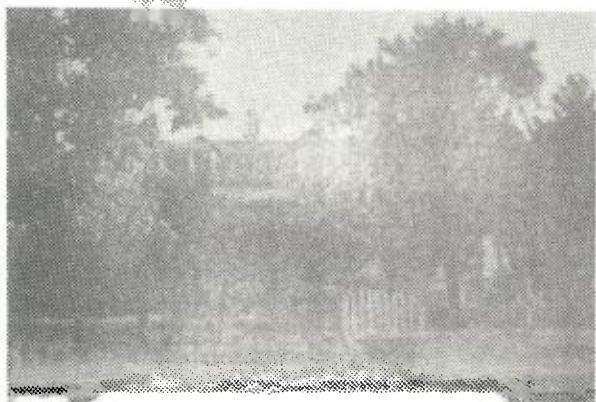
## CARPENTER

GlenDora Fowler married a man by the same name, Pete Fowler. The couple had three children. Pete, the husband, was killed in a boundary dispute.

George Washington Lafayette Shahan, pioneer, and his wife Ann Marie Smith, had twelve children. The first wife died.

GlenDora Fowler married G.W.L. Shahan, and they had eight children.

Grace, first daughter of GlenDora and Pete Fowler, married Sol.L. Carpenter, son of Sol S. and Amanda Carpenter. They had three sons, Clyde, Coit, and Gordon, and two daughters, Aline and Juanita. The grandparents lived on the homeplace, near Lynchburg, but the Fate Carpenters soon settled in Shady Shores, and lived there the rest of their lives. Grandpa Carpenter donated the land to the Presbytery for the Lynchburg church and a Brush Arbor. This land was to revert to the Carpenters when no longer used by the community.



CARPENTER  
HOMEPLACE

Everyone was invited to worship in the Lynchburg Church. Presbyterian membership was not required. Sunday afternoon Sunday School was well attended. The tall, thick trees, overshadowing and enclosing, gave a welcome of security and serenity to all passersby. Many singing conventions were held in the church, and quartets came from far and wide to sing, and large crowds enjoyed the gospel music. One reference stated that Lynchburg was named for a Dr. Lynch.

Fate and Grace Carpenter raised their family in Shady Shores, but the children attended school in Corinth and Denton. The family attended church in Corinth. Clyde Carpenter entered construction work, and moved to Denton. Coit, second son, married Dorothy Don Neale, of Denton, and acquired the Lynchburg property and the "home place". When the church and the brush arbor were no longer used by the community, Coit demolished the building, assisted by Leon Brown of Shady Shores, and the materials were used in remodelling the old house. Coit and Dorothy Don eventually moved to Denton, but the house is still standing today, a land-mark in present-day Corinth Farms.

Alene and Juanita Carpenter went into real estate, and Gordon, the youngest son, graduated from North Texas State U., and lives in Dallas. He was with the FBI, the First National Bank in Dallas for twenty years, and with the SMU legal foundation. He is now retired.

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## CATE

A.D. and June Cate live on the corner of Shady Rest Lane and Walton Drive. He was born and reared in Lake Dallas, where his father was a farmer, specializing in garden produce, and June came from Athens, Texas, her father a painter. The couple met at North Texas State where A.D. starred in athletics, and June in elementary education. At their home in Corinth, June, who was accustomed to large and prolific trees in East Texas, has a back yard of stately trees overshadowing a swimming pool, shrubs, and tubs of flowering plants. The gently sloping grounds boast two ponds, a large one amply stocked for fishing, and a smaller one that adds to the meticulously



tended 3-hole golf course. A beautiful vegetable garden lies at the foot of the spacious grounds.

A.D. and June are retired, he as Security Guard for General Dynamics in Ft. Worth, and she from teaching in elementary school in Carrollton. They attend the First Baptist Church in Denton.

June's hobbies include reading, shopping, and travel. A.D. has a shop where he works with metals. He is also a barber,

and a golfer. Both enjoy the garden and the flowers, and they assist with volunteer work when called upon by the community.

The Cates own a motor home, and they enjoy travel. Interesting trips have included the Blue Ridge Mountains, Florida for a Navy Crew reunion of A.D.'s shipmates from World War II, and some of the State parks, especially Palo Duro and the Big Bend. The Cates and the Dorris Browns had a lovely visit in Mississippi.



## CHAMBERS

James C. and Juanita Chambers moved to Corinth in 1965, with sons Randal and David, and daughter Susan. They put in a grocery store, filling station, and garage at I-35S, near the Corinth Exit. They built their home and vegetable garden at the same location, a little farther back from the service road. At that time Corinth was a quiet place with one neon sign at the West side of the Corinth overpass. Mrs. Naomi Good and her Ceramics works was the only other business in town. The Chambers children attended school in Lake Dallas.

In the twenty years since that time, the community has grown into an organized Town with more than twenty places of business, a population of over three thousand, and a public works development program that rivals that of any spot in the County. James has served on the City Council, 1970-1978, and has been active in the growth and development of the Town. Juanita, who had worked for Johnson Controls in Carrollton for a number of years, moved to the Mex-Quason-Electronics Computers, and has worked there the past three years, in Carrollton.

The Chambers Grocery and Service Station is now operated by Randall, who lives with his wife Tammi, and their two sons, at 2105 Mayfield Cir. He still receives a helping hand from Dad occasionally. David and his wife Amalie, live at 2511 Valley View, in Corinth. He works for the Zales Company Air-Plex at D/FW. Susan is the mother of three.

Juanita is still working, but she is planning her retirement. She enjoys the peace and quiet of Corinth, and looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren. She enjoys doing volunteer work in Corinth when she has time. She was a member of the Bicentennial Committee, the Lioness Club, and is a member of the Sesquicentennial Committee. James tends a bountiful garden, and the couple enjoy frequent trips to Tennessee, to visit relatives and friends.

A truly Texas experience is the Trail Ride. It originates

at the Stock Yards in Ft. Worth, and heads north, coming through Carrollton,



Lewisville, Lake Dallas, Denton, Sanger, and ending up in Gainesville. Stops are made along the way, and the covered wagons, carts, buggies, and riders and drivers of all ages are greeted by enthusiastic viewers along the way. Overnight stops are made in towns, and welcomed by the citizens

The Trail Ride comes through Corinth, past the Chambers Grocery, and is welcomed yearly by a host of friends.

## CLICKNER

The Clickners came to Corinth in 1969, from Grand Prairie. They were Burton and Jo, and children John, Debra, and Vicki. They had lived in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., and they wished to get away from the "rat race" of the big city- so 3602 Dalton in Meadows North was a welcomed haven of quietness and peaceful country life. There was very little activity in the community - a grocery store, a garage and filling station, and a Baptist Church. The children went to school in Lake Dallas, and the city limits did not extend to Meadows North.

Now, seventeen years later, there has been much growth and development. Utilities include telephone from Lake Dallas, gas from Lone Star and a local garbage pick-up. The children have grown up and have homes of their own. John, his wife Dema, and their children, Blake and Cassidy, live on Burl Street. John is with Landscaping Unique, Inc. in Denton. Burton is with Ford, Dallas Parts Department, in Carrollton. Buton and Jo are vitally interested in the Ford Retirement program.

When the Clickners came to Corinth, they came into the town from the south direction, and on the east service road. The first sight that greeted them was Bill Shrader's Well House. On the side of the structure, in large white letters, was W E L L. All Corinth citizens were aware of Bill's unique sense of humor. To a stranger, the sign might well be, and was a puzzle. Did W E L L indicate a water well-house, a country outhouse or perhaps a doghouse?

At the present time the Clickners are aware of the many additions to the town, the many places of business and the hustle and bustle of rapid growth. Is Corinth going to become the "Big City" they thought they had left behind?



## COCHRAN

Homer Worth Cochran and Ida Ledo Cochran lived in what became Shady Shores. Their children, Inez and Walter, attended Corinth School and church in Corinth.

Homer Cochran's mother, Lucretia Jane Gray, immigrated to Texas from Indiana with her parents, Matthew and Nancy Hamilton Gray, and her husband, James Walter Cochran. Homer was their only surviving child.

Inez sang in school choirs and in church at Corinth. She was a member of the Christian Church until it closed. Her schoolmates remember her taking care of the smaller children at church and school events to make sure the children were not left out. After completing school at Corinth, she attended North Texas Demonstration School. She worked at Sanger-Harris Department Store in Dallas for many years and later went into the drapery business, working at a firm in Dallas and also at her home.

She married Elmer Shahan. They had no children. She died in April 1984.

Walter participated in sports at Corinth School, where he played basketball and baseball. Ben Witt, a teacher, also was coach for the baseball team, which was made up of children of the early Corinth settlers. The team competed with other community schools in Lake Dallas, Denton, and Sand Hill School and May School, which were later combined into Mayhill School.

Travis Brown and Cecil (Smokey) Brown were pitchers for that early baseball team, and Cecil also played first base.

Also in the infield were Walter Cochran at second base, Clarence Harbert at third base, and Otis Harbert at short stop. Earl Wylie was catcher.

After they had completed school, some of the old school team organized a baseball team for young men and competed with teams in Denton County and other communities.

In 1932, Walter married Vernelle Helm, who died in April 1974. Walter was a carpenter and farmer. He still lives in Shady Shores.

## CORN

It was July 1, 1950, a typical hot, Texas summer day, when I caught my first glimpse of Corinth.

My husband, Joseph Meadows, and I had only been married seven weeks and I had just arrived from San Jose, California, where I was born and raised. Joe and I had met while he was serving in the U.S. Navy during the Second World War.

To a city-bred, shy 17 year old, Corinth was about as far back in the country as a person could get. I felt as though I had traveled to a foreign country. Everything seemed so strange and the people talked so funny.

At that time I never dreamed that during the next 36 years Corinth would evolve from a little, sleepy country community to an important spoke in the metroplex wheel, and that I would have an opportunity to help make Corinth the bustling little city she is today.

In 1950, Corinth was divided, not by the superhighway we have today, but by a narrow two lane road called the Dallas Highway. A portion of that highway still exists in Corinth, from Self Florist, south to Clardy Auto. The only business in Corinth was a grocery and gas station located approximately where the service road runs by Clardy Auto. The grocery and gas station was owned by the Havells and later by Lee and Bonnie Vaughn.

Land had been purchased for the new freeway and the road bed had been cut through the hill where the Shady Shores overpass is today. The road construction was to continue for another 10 years before it was completed.

For the next few years, Corinth continued to be a country community, with party-line telephones that had wires strung up on hand-cut poles stuck in the ground, and neighbors who got together for picnics and fishing at the nearby lake.

Joe and I acquired an acre of land in 1953 from one of Corinth's old-time settlers, James Abner Garrison. (The E.A. Garrison Survey was named for Ab's father). When Joe was a boy living with his family on Ab's land, he used to dream that someday he would have a home on that tree-shaded corner.

All Town meetings were held in the Mayor's home and the Town office was my home. My children grew up with Town meetings, building permits, visitors and telephone calls all hours of the day and night. We helped Cecil on patrols at night, herding stray cattle off the freeway, among other exciting adventures. One night, during the construction of our water and sewer system, we had a tremendous rain storm, and all of the ditches that had been dug across the roads, caved in. About 3:00 A.M., I received a call that Bill Jones, the newspaper carrier, had driven off in one of the caved-in ditches. Mayor Ray Meadows, the commissioners, Cecil and I spent the rest of the night putting up barricades. Things like this were just part of the job for the Town Fathers of early Corinth.

Under the leadership of Ray Meadows as Mayor for 8 years, Corinth became a real city. Through years of hard work and negotiations Corinth had its own water and sewer system, and land was purchased for a Town Hall. The citizens made pledges and held fund raising activities to pay for the foundation. Corinth was evolving into a City.

As Town Secretary of a growing city, my duties began to increase. With our water and sewer system in operation, I read water meters and made out all of the water bills by hand, in addition to the regular Town Secretary duties. My salary had increased from the original \$10.00 to \$35.00 and then finally to \$175.00 per month.

With the expense of running a water and sewer system taking a big bite out of Town funds, we soon realized that Corinth would have to collect a city tax. Setting up the tax rolls in 1975 and 1976 became another of my duties before I left my post in 1977. These duties included physically measuring some of the houses in Corinth for appraisal purposes.

Through years of sacrifice and hard work of so many of its citizens, Corinth has become a city with a population of almost 3,000.

In the 36 years since I first came to Corinth, I have seen

The Corinth Baptist Church's new building had just been completed in July, 1953, when we purchased the old church building for \$450.00, tore it down and built our house out of the materials. When we completed the roof and the outside walls, we moved in with our two babies, Jody and Debby, and continued to build as we had the funds. At this time Corinth was still a community where you never thought of locking your doors or windows. On hot nights you left your doors open with just a latched screen and no one ever bothered you.

In the early '50's, if you needed to go to town and didn't have a car, you could flag down a Continental Trailways bus and ride to Denton for 30 cents, round trip. On the way back, the bus driver would let you off in front of your house.

During the '50's, some of the cities in the Dallas area began to reach out, annexing more and more land. The people in Corinth decided it was time to incorporate and make themselves an official town. In 1960, Corinth incorporated and became a town with a mayor and two commissioners.

Joe and I and our four children continued to be active in the Corinth Baptist Church, and we found ourselves involved in town affairs when Joe was elected Town Commissioner. In May, 1964, I was hired to serve as Town Secretary, a post I was to hold for the next 13 years, under five different mayors.

The salary that went with the Town Secretary job was \$10.00 per month. Cecil Brown was appointed Chief-of-Police at this time also. He received no salary and used his own car as a patrol car. He was authorized to purchase the gas used in the patrol car at Chamber's Station. This was the only compensation Cecil received. During these early years, many citizens donated much time and material things to help the growth of Corinth. If it were not for these dedicated people, Corinth would not be the city it is today.

One month after I began my duties, Joe died suddenly of a heart attack, and I found myself a widow with a family of young children to raise. My involvement with town affairs helped to fill many lonely hours.

our town evolve from a sleepy, farming community into a city with a beautiful City Hall, a fine police department, several housing developments, along with many businesses.

We have grown by leaps and bounds, becoming a thriving city, but we have never lost that small town caring of the original Corinth I saw that hot, July day in 1950, when I became a citizen of Corinth, Texas.

Jeannette Meadows Corn



## DALLAS KOA

The Garrison tract that lies in the south section of Corinth, opened December 7, 1967, as FUN-TIER KOA KAMP-GROUND. The owners were Kenneth LeForge and Millard Dilg. Mr. and Mrs. LeForge managed the business for two years and then from 1969 to 1978 Mom and Pop Pilloch were in charge.

In the beginning years KOA had a little white church located by the side of the pool. As time went by lease agreements were not complied with, and the church building was moved to Holiday Inn on the way to Denton. In 1985 the little church passed by KOA again going to Lake Dallas where it is now located near the high school.

Campers have enjoyed the pleasures of country life though swimming, the convenience store, hot showers, laundry facilities and many other provisions for their comfort. Improvements, such as the installation of city water-sewer equipment, a new recreational building and the surrounding growth and developments have added to the quality of life in general.

The KOA was renamed Dallas KOA, and sold June 30, 1978. It is now a family-operated campground and the owners are Don and Donna Konz and their children Dan, Darla and Dean.

Donna's parents, Richard and Melinda Runge assisted in the early days by building picnic tables, collecting garbage, and parking campers. Melinda works in the store and does the daily bookkeeping. Dean and Darla attended Lake Dallas High School, but they worked at the campground too. At present, Darla has married and has two sons. She continues to work in the store and on special promotions. Her husband, Brian Huggins, is with American Airlines. Dean has graduated from DeVry Institute for Electronic Technicians, and is working for VMX Inc., in Richardson, Texas. He continues to work in the campground, in maintenance and storage facilities, and is very creative in his approach

toward attractive improvements. He is to be married in April of this year, and will return to KOA after the honeymoon.

Dan and his wife Mary Jo have enjoyed life at the campground while their children were in school, and have assisted wherever needed. Now Dan is involved with the Log House enterprise, a new addition to the family-owned business. The growing family business includes a brother John and family, and the parents, from Wisconsin. Learning new weather conditions, soil possibilities, and plant growth in Texas has become an intriguing interest for these people from the colder climates.

Dallas KOA has much to offer to campers, and to the surrounding Lake Cities area. Special events start early in the year with Spring Fests, Easter Egg Rolls, May Days, Summer Picnics, July 4 celebrations, Halloween, Thanksgiving dinners, and Christmas Carolling provide entertainment for every taste.

A warm welcome is extended to everyone. Dallas KOA is open to all who enjoy good fun, good food and good times.



## DUGGAN

Oscar B. and Maggie Roberta Duggan, and their family of seven children, moved to Corinth in 1920, and lived on the Dave Smith farm, later called the Virgil Griffith and Robison property. The three Duggan girls were Rose May, Alma, and Lillian, and the boys were Elmer, Clarence, Troy, and Marvin. The children all attended school and church in Corinth and Lake Dallas, and became active members of the communities. Families living in the neighborhood at that time included the Hill, Shahan, Taylor, Ford, Cheatem, Williams, Moses, and Garrison households.

Oscar Duggan was foreman of the Barrel Department of Armour's Packing Company of Ft. Worth until failing health forced retirement and the move to Corinth. Maggie Roberta Duggan was a devoted mother, an industrious housekeeper, and an excellent seamstress. Alma Duggan married Tom Cogdell, and they lived in Denton. Lillian married Woodrow Cogdell, a brother to Tom. This marriage ended in divorce. There were two sons, Billy Ray and Freddie Wayne. Rose May Duggan, and Clarence died in childhood, Elmer at 23, and Troy in his early forties.

Lillian Duggan married Arvis Helm, son of Ewell Ezra and Della Mae Helm, in 1940, and their three children are A.L. Helm, Jr., Charles Douglas, and Linda Darlene. This happy family suffered a great tragedy in 1970, when Charles Douglas was accidentally electrocuted while building an apartment complex on E. Highway 380, out of Denton.

Arvis Helm died in Vian, Oklahoma, in 1979. Lillian returned to Denton, where she lived with her sister Alma and her husband Tom. The couple had been living in a nursing home, but they returned to their former home, and it became a pleasant household for all.

Lillian and John D. Johnson were married in 1981. He is a retired teacher from North Texas State University, and they live on E. McKinney Road. John and Lillian are very active in the First Christian Church in Denton, and in the Senior Citizens Center there.



## ELDER

In 1874, James Allen Elder, eighteen, and his brother, Bates, sixteen, left Bowling Green, Kentucky, to walk to Texas. Their father, Franklin Elder, had been killed in the Civil War, at the Battle of Chickamauga.

After the remarriage of their mother, Sarah Dennis Elder, the brothers decided to leave their home in Bowling Green, and walk to Texas. The two boys, having no money, walked behind the wagon train, doing odd jobs for food and a place to sleep.

After traveling through Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas, James Allen and Bates reached Red Oak, Texas. They got their first job with a local farmer. That summer Bates came down with yellow fever and died. James Allen built the casket, and buried his brother.

After receiving his pay from the farmer, James Allen bought a horse and saddle. Roaming Texas, working as a cowboy, a Pony Express rider carrying mail from Clarkesville to Denison, bartending at Dave Light's Saloon in Pilot Point, and ranch life made a man of the boy.

In 1883, James Allen married Emma Johnson in Pilot Point. They had two children, William and Bessie. Emma died when the children were very young.

In 1888, James Allen married Dorothy Victoria Cox. They had three children, Munsey Rothwell, Earl Otto, and Alda. The family later moved to Denton, and in 1915, Dorothy died.

In 1916, James Allen married the only daughter of Denton County Judge I.D. Ferguson. They had no children. They bought the hilltop farm in Corinth which is now divided by I-35. James Allen lived there until his death in 1939.

After his father's death, Munsey Rothwell and his wife Ellen Rebecca Sickles moved to the farm. They sold the farm two years later and moved to Ft. Worth, where Munsey Rothwell was employed by the Ft. Worth and Denver Railroad.

He spent fifty years of his life with this company. The couple had three daughters, Dorothy Kate Martin, Hazel Jo Montgomery, and Rebecca Elder Hogan.

In 1946, Munsey Rothwell and Ellen Rebecca bought the one and one-half acre plot in Corinth where the Baptist Church stood, before being moved to its present location near I-35.

Hazel Jo Montgomery and her husband Richard J. Montgomery still own and reside on part of the land purchased in 1946.

Mrs. Ellen Rebecca Elder died in 1981, at the age of 86. She is buried in the Corinth-Shiloh Cemetery.

Munsey Rothwell Elder is now living in Denton. He will be 93 years old on September 10, 1986.

## FAUBION

Al and J'Nevelyn Faubion moved into Meadows North in 1984, but they had lived in surrounding areas for the past ten years. Both are native Texans, Al from the Texas Hill country, but they spent their early years in Ft. Worth, where J'Nevelyn was born and reared. She received her unusual first name from an anatomy class which her mother attended.

The Faubions have been amazed at the tremendous residential growth that has taken place in Corinth in such a short time, especially in Meadows North, Corinth Farms and Fairview Estates. Also they have seen the business community grow from one or two establishments to more than twenty now.

J'Nevelyn graduated from TCU with a BA degree and a masters in Library Science from North Texas State in Denton. She is a stockbroker with Dean Witter Reynolds in Los Colinas, and she enjoys reading and needlepoint. Al has attended TCJC and the UT of Dallas and works at Omri Hearing Aids, Electronics Techniques, Carrollton, where he is Head Quality Control Auditor.

Al has an unusual hobby, the Japanese sport of Kendo-Japanese Fencing, an ancient military sword technique, also the restoration of antique Japanese swords, and is one of a very small number in the United States who works in the restoration of antique hardware.

J'Nevelyn helps with local and county elections at City Hall. She and Al are amateur radio operators; both are interested in gardening and camping. They attend the Corinth Baptist Church.

## FORD

James Monroe Ford and Rhoda Florence Fuller were married in Christian County, Kentucky, April 7, 1896. They were married in the home of E. Lantrip by J.W. McCarroll. Witnesses were Grant Knight and Riley Hudson.

James Monroe was born August 31, 1868 in Madison, Kentucky. He worked in lumbering, splitting rails and logging, in and around Madison, Bowling Green, and Paducah. He was the only one of his immediate family to

migrate to Texas. Florence was born in Christian County, Kentucky on September 7, 1877, to James Robin and Rhoda Florence (Collins) Fuller. She was the second of nine children, the last two dying in infancy.

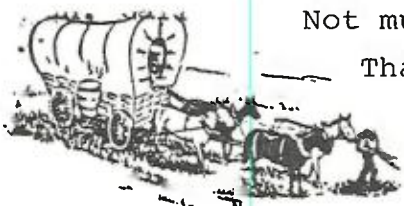


The Fullers were farmers. In addition to farming, Mr. Fuller operated a general store, a tobacco warehouse, was a Justice-of-the-Peace of Scates' Mill Precinct, and also served in the "office of Magistrate" for several years. This information was taken from HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL; edited by William Henry Perrin, and published in 1884 by F.A. Batty Publishing Company, Chicago and Louisville. Mr. Fuller was also a licensed surveyor.

After the families settled in Texas, he ran for the office of County Surveyor of Denton County. The children remember seeing and holding the surveying instruments.

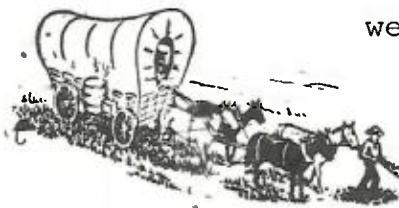


No clear-cut reason emerges as to why the families left their homes and businesses and started west by wagon. There is speculation that poor tobacco crops led Grandpa Fuller to sell out and move his whole family to Texas. In checking birth, death, and marriage records from Christian County, it becomes clear that the move had to have been made in the Fall of 1897. A son, Gether Roy, had been born to Monroe and Florence on April 22, 1897 in Kentucky. He died in Texas (Denton County) August 8, 1898, and is buried in Shiloh Cemetery, Corinth. The dates are clearly visible on his tombstone. The families had to have made the move between these two dates.



Not much is known about the wagon trip to Texas. That it was long and arduous goes without saying. There are dim memories of stories told by the ones, now long gone, who actually made the trip. There

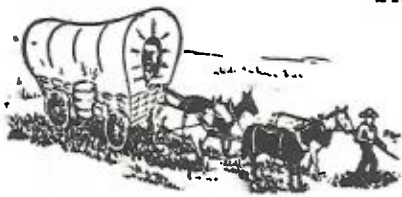
were stories of cold when the travelers had to brush snow from the camp grounds so that the tired horses would have



a dry place to rest. Other stories were of hazardous river crossings where the men had to cut logs, fastening them together to make rafts to float the wagons across the deeper streams. There were also



stories of outlaws who lay in wait for the small wagon train.

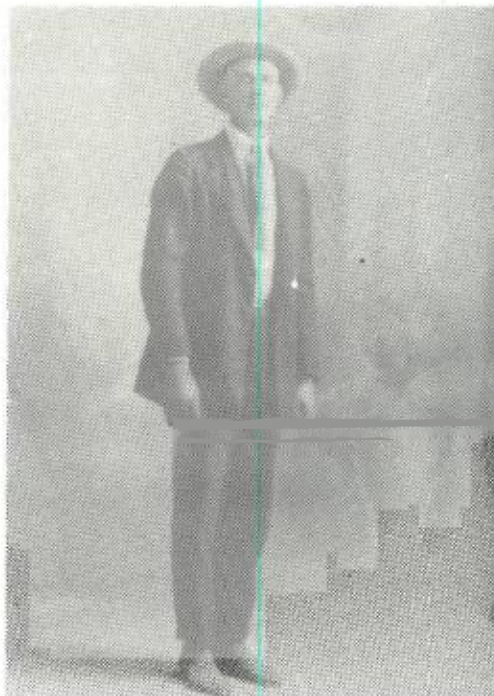


The first such group felt so sorry for this small band of travelers that not only did they not rob and plunder, but actually traveled with the wagon train as "protectors" until they were safely through

that dangerous part of the journey. Sometime in the winter of 1897 or 1898, the wagon train arrived in Denton. They camped in a wagon yard located in what is now the parking lot back of the First State Bank vicinity. Some say the exact spot is where the air-conditioning units of First United Methodist Church are now located.

In the next few weeks the families settled on farm land in the Page Town area. It is not clear what happened next. Some say that part of the families, including the Fords, went to the Indian Territory (now the state of Oklahoma). While there, another son, Garrett, was born to Monroe and Florence on August 15, 1899. Soon they were all back in Texas, buying or renting farmland in this area. Five more children were born to the Fords. The older ones attended the Independence School. Later, they all went to Corinth.

Farming continued to be the way of life for this family. As the children grew up, they married and moved on to other occupations and professions. Garrett, who married Lela Shahan in 1925, continued to farm on his own. In 1943, he went to work on the campus of North Texas State University, and worked there until his retirement in 1965. He and Lela had one daughter, Lorene, three grandchildren, David, Sandra, and Randy Manasco, and three great grandchildren. Garrett died, April 11, 1980. Lela and Lorene still live in Denton.



Travis, the next son, was born January 24, 1904. After finishing school at Corinth, he went to Teachers College which is not North Texas State University. He earned a teaching Certificate, but decided against teaching, preferring to farm instead. He farmed, either with his father or for himself until 1948, when he, too, went to work on the campus at N.T.S.U. He worked here until his retirement in 1964. On October 12, 1941, Travis married Oleta Garrison, a descendant of one of the earliest land owners in the Corinth area.



Their son, Kenneth, was born May 14, 1944. He and his family live on Walton Road in Corinth, as does Oleta. Kenneth produced five grandchildren (one of whom died in infancy) for Travis and Oleta. There is also one great grandchild. Travis died on January 27, 1976. He and the grandchild are both buried in Swisher Cemetery.



Beatrice, the first girl in the family, and later to be the first teacher, was born January 24, 1907. From Corinth School she went to what was then called Sub-College, a division of what is now North Texas State University. She earned her teaching Certificate, and came back to the Corinth School to teach her first year. Her next school was Lloyd. Then she was back at Corinth where she taught for eight to ten years. After another move to New Hope where she taught for four years, she took off from teaching until 1944 when she taught one year at Lake Dallas. Now she was off again, this time to have a baby. She was back at Corinth for one more year, then moved with the school to Denton

Where she taught at the Robert E. Lee School for the next twenty years. Beatrice married Cecil Brown, October 13, 1929. They have one son, Gary, born in 1945, and two grandsons, Mike and Dan. Beatrice and Cecil have lived all their married lives in Corinth except for the first year. That year they lived in Denton where Cecil worked for Homer Handy as a car salesman.



Ennis was born October 7, 1909. Like the others he worked at farming and attended Corinth School. On December 12, 1931, he married Ruby Boyd. They first lived in Corinth, but later moved to Denton. By this time he was working for building contractors (Vestal-Naagle: Clyde Carpenter) as a carpenter. He also worked at Texas Woman's University in a like capacity. During World War II he served in the South Pacific (Philippines, New Guinea, and others) in the 37th Artillery which was a backup unit for the 43rd Infantry. When the war was over, Ennis came back to Denton, In 1945 he entered a year's apprentice program in printing. At the end of the year, he went to work in the Print Shop at N.T.S.U. as a pressman, and worked there until his retirement in 1972. He and Ruby still live in Denton.



Olin, born December 30, 1912, grew up, farming with the rest of the family. When he finished Corinth School he entered Denton High School, going back and forth on the Inter-urban which he boarded at Corinth. He decided this was not for him, so he quit and worked at various jobs until 1936. He enrolled in the Demonstration School at N.T.S.U. and went for two semesters. When he learned that he could take entrance exams and start to college without finishing high school, he did, and went until he qualified for a Teaching Certificate. Like Beatrice, he came back to Corinth to teach his first year. He was hired as Principal-Teacher and taught two years. He married Rosedell Helm June 2, 1940. He left teaching for a while and worked as a salesman for Headlee Motor Company. World War II made a change in his life, also. In June, 1942, he went to Chanute Field, Illinois, to enter a training school for airplane mechanics. At the end of the training period he was assigned to Lincoln Air Force Base at Lincoln, Nebraska, as a civilian instructor in airplane engines. In March of 1944, he went to Oak Ridge, Tennessee where he worked for Eastman Kodak Company. This work ultimately resulted in the formation and building of the first atomic bomb. After the war, he and Rosedell stayed in Oak Ridge and taught in the public schools there. In the meantime, Olin went to school summers, at night, and on Saturdays, to finish his degree. In 1949, they moved back to Denton, and once again he was working at Headlee Motor Company. It didn't take long to convince him that he really wanted back into teaching. He started back to school, got his Master's Degree and taught until his retirement in 1975. He was Principal-Teacher at Little Elm, shop teacher at the Junior High School in Irving, sixth grade teacher at Sam Houston Elementary School in Denton, and for the last six years of his teaching career, was Principal at the same school. He and Rosedell have lived in Corinth since 1949.



Gladys, the last child in the family, was born September 23, 1918. Like the others she went to Corinth School. She graduated from Denton High School in 1935. That Fall, she started college at N.T.S.U. and worked in the Print Shop. She decided that she would rather have a full-time job, so she went to work at Duke and Ayers, a store located on downtown Denton Square. From there she went to General Telephone Company of the Southwest, where she worked until her retirement on January 4, 1970. Gladys married Howard McNeill on December 4, 1948. She is an avid fisherman. She is never happier than when she is in a boat, out on a lake with about four or five fishing poles hanging off the sides, and another line baited with a lively minnow, wrapped around her finger. Needless to say, she always brings home the fish.



Monroe and Florence Ford are both buried in Shiloh Cemetery, Corinth. Monroe died April 6, 1952. Florence died February 24, 1957.

Grandpa and Grandma Ford with their grandchildren.



Lorene Ford Manasco



Kenneth Ford



Gary Brown

## GOULD

Bruce Gould, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board, was born in Culver City, California, July 20, 1948. He is the son of Ted and Darlene Gould, and was raised in Missouri. He graduated from high school in Wentzville, Missouri, and attended the University of Missouri at Columbia. He is a Navy veteran, and works for Ozark Airlines at D/FW.

Bruce married Sandra Hume in 1969. She had been born and reared in Rolla, Missouri, graduated from high school there, and later earned a BS degree in Education from the University of Missouri, Columbia. She is teaching in the Lake Dallas school district, and is working on a MA degree in Reading at TWU in Denton.

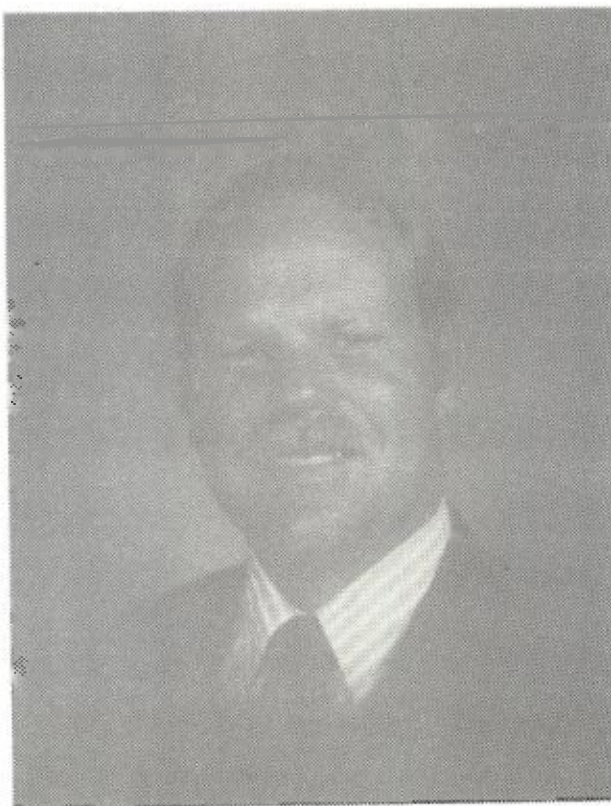
Bruce and Sandra have two daughters, Vicki and Lisa.

The Goulds moved to the Lake Citites area in 1978, and are active members of the Lake Shore Baptist Church.

Recreation includes fishing, hunting, snow-skiing, water skiing, and gardening.

Bruce was elected to the Corinth City Council this year.

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## HAIRE

Back in the Fall of 1981, Sandra and Jack Haire began their quest for housing in the Dallas area. It was a great relief to be moving to Dallas. Both native Texans from Bell County, they considered themselves lucky to be able to remain in Dallas, after living out-of-state for several years.

One Saturday afternoon they decided to drive up to Denton, to seek out a jewelry store that had been recommended by a jeweler in Dallas. After parking on the square and window shopping in Denton, the car battery was dead. While Jack was working under the hood of the car, a man pulled in beside him, and offered to help. He said that there was only one place he knew of open so late on Saturday, and offered to transport Jack for assistance. Meanwhile, a local merchant saw the problem, and invited Sandra to wait in his store. After the car was repaired, the Dentonite refused to take any compensation for his time or the transportation he had provided. Driving back into Dallas that day, the Haires marveled that everyone had been so nice, so friendly and helpful. Because of this experience, they decided to look in the area for possible housing, thinking that this seemed to be the kind of place where they would like to live.

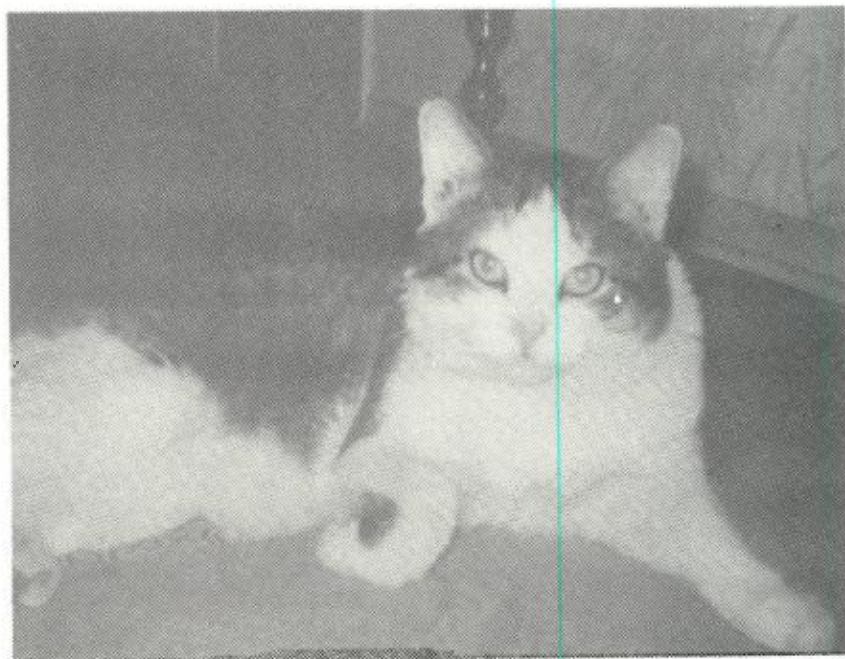
The next weekend they left Dallas heading toward Denton, looking for housing with easy access to IH-35 and DFW Airport. The local Corinth realtor was the first to return their inquiries, and as a result they found Corinth. When they saw Corinth, they knew that this was where they wanted to live. The question was where to settle within Corinth.

After looking at several houses in various areas of Corinth, the Haires found one that was immediately available, warm and friendly, and they were able to move in before Christmas. That first Christmas in Corinth consisted of two stockings hung on the fireplace, and a garage full of furniture waiting to be moved in.

In the Spring of 1982, while at Goldern Triangle Mall, a

small gray and white kitten kept trying to jump out of the window display. This is how W.P. Haire became a Corinthian. However, he didn't remain small for long, and within a few weeks showed signs of attaining his full stature. With no children about, W.P. became and still is the center of the Haire household, and the neighborhood as well. All of Corinth Shores, and especially North Haven Drive, are his special domain.

Soon after the Haires moved to Corinth, they began acclimating themselves to the area and the town by meeting neighbors, attending community functions and council meetings, and volunteering their time where needed, and when asked to do so. Jack has served on various community committees, and chaired the cable franchise committee. Meanwhile, Sandra worked at City Hall as City Secretary for a while, and has twice been elected to the City Council.



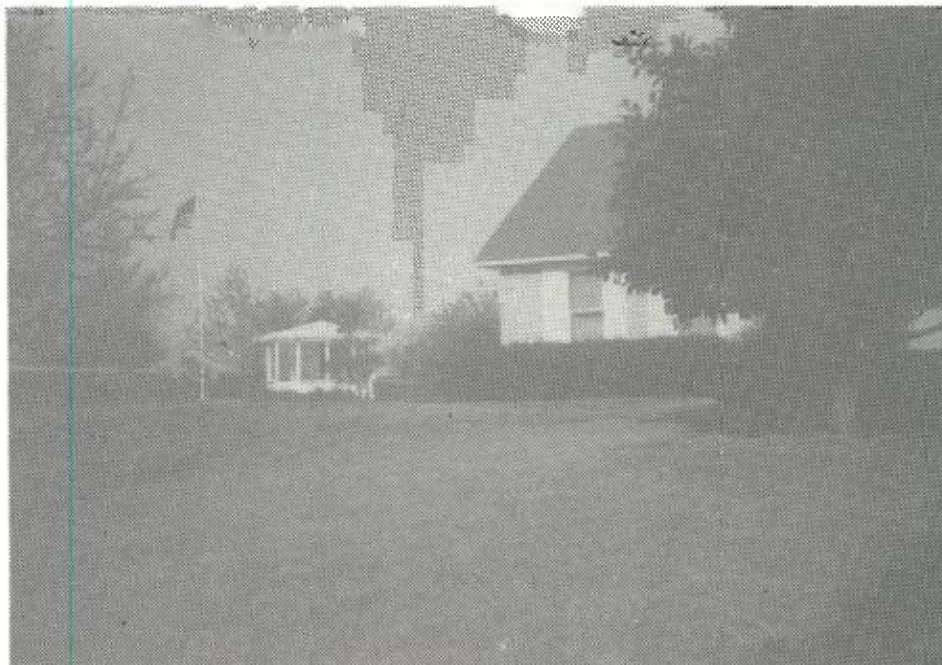
## HEDGE

Jack and Jo Hedge came to the Lake Cities area from Sillsbee, Hardin County, a suburb of Beaumont, and a part of the Big Thicket. This was twelve and half years ago, when Jack was named president of the Lake Cities State Bank. He had organized a bank previously in Sillsbee.

Jo grew up in Sillsbee, and graduated from high school there. She was a flight attendant with Trans-Texas, a predecessor of Texas International. She opened the Lake Cities Insurance Agency in October, 1972, and was one of the earliest women owner agents in Insurance in Texas.

Jack was graduated from A. and M. with a licensed Engineering degree, majoring in Civil Engineering. He was in the service for two years, the Korean Conflict, as Commander of a Combat Engineering Company, and retired as a Colonel of Engineers, Army Reserves.

Jack and Jo have two sons. Jack C. is a 1981 graduate of A. & M., is married, and is a loan officer with a Mortgage Company in Austin, Texas. Jeffery is a junior at A. & M.



## HEDGE

Jack and Jo are members of the Lake Dallas First Baptist Church.

The Hedges have no plans for early retirement. Their beautiful home on Quail Run Drive has a lovely gazebo, and a greenhouse, both built by father and sons. Jack grows hybrid tearoses. They have a mounted bell, and a flag pole from the Babe Smith horse farm nearby.

Jack and Jo Hedge have a remarkable oak tree. It is the largest oak tree in Denton County. They are applying for a marker from the Texas Historical Association.



Oldest Oak Tree in Denton County



## HELM

Ewell Ezra and Della Mae Helm moved to Corinth from Pilot Point, Texas, in January, 1933. They had a large family, with eleven children then living, and they brought their six youngest daughters with them to Corinth. The daughters all entered the Corinth school and finished the school year there, and later attended North Texas Demonstration School and Denton High.

Corinth was a farming community, and Mr. Helm farmed the family property which was part of the Thetford-Garrison Survey. Their home is now on Church Drive, where their oldest daughter, Margie Hollis, and her husband, Pierre Hollis, live. Mr. and Mrs. Helm were Methodists, but they participated in the life of the Christian and Baptist churches where he often read the Scriptures, offered prayers, and led in the singing for the congregations. Music was a very important part of the life of this family.

Five children were teaching or away from home when the family moved to Corinth. They were:

Margie, who graduated from Pilot Point High School, North Texas State University, and Syracuse University in New York. She taught music at North Texas Demonstration-Laboratory. She married Pierre Hollis, who was a graduate of Clyde, Texas, High School, and North Texas State University, with a major in Industrial Arts. He also taught at the Demonstration-Laboratory School, and Congree Junior High in Denton. They both retired from teaching.

Vernelle, who graduated from North Texas Demonstration School, was married to Walter Cochran, and lived in Shady Shores. She and Walter have two daughters, Jonelle Bettles, and Nita Thurman, Shady Shores. Vernelle retired from Moore's Business Forms, Denton.

O.L. Buster Helm, who was associated with the First National Bank of Memphis, Texas, also attended North Texas State. He married Evelyn Selby of Memphis, and spent his entire adult life there. He died in 1975 and is buried in Corinth-Shiloh Cemetery.

Arvis Clinton Helm attended North Texas Demonstration School,

was associated with the cotton compress in Memphis, and security work in Ft. Worth and Oklahoma, died in 1979, and is buried in Corinth-Shiloh Cemetery. He was married to Lillain Duggan of Corinth.

Minor, the youngest son, was attending North Texas State where he graduated. He married Katherine Pitts of Hubbard. They have a son and a daughter, and four grandchildren. Minor and Katherine are both retired, he from the insurance business, and she from teaching. They live in Dallas.

The children who moved with their parents to Corinth were:

Florene, who later was office manager for Russell-Newman Manufacturing Company, and a graduate of TWU. She retired from teaching in Denton and Lewisville, and now lives in Denton.

Rosedell who graduated from North Texas State with a Masters degree in music, retired from the Newton-Rayzor School in Denton. She married Olin Ford, of Corinth. He also retired from the Denton Public Schools. They live in Corinth

Ruby, who graduated from North Texas State with a Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degrees. She retired as president of El Centro College in Dallas, and is now manager of the Harlam Dance Theater School in New York City. She has an apartment in Shady Shores.

Chrystene, a graduate of North Texas State, and a retired teacher, married Lt. Col. Norman Locksley, U.S. Army. Since his retirement from the service, Dr. Locksley has served on the faculties of the University of Maryland, and the Community College in Baltimore. They live in Silver Springs, Maryland.

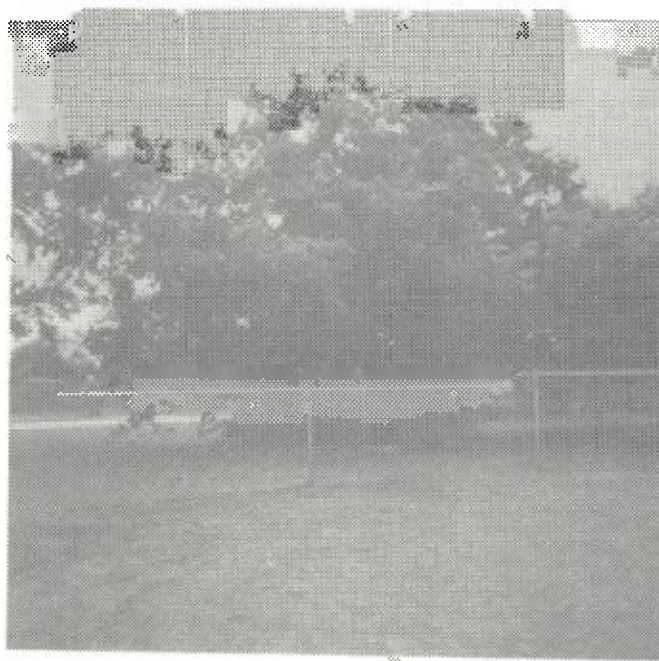
Jocile, who graduated from North Texas Demonstration School and attended North Texas State. She married Jack Shirey, U.S. Air Force. After his retirement, the couple moved to Shady Shores. Jack retired from teaching in the Denton Lee School, and Jocile from secretary of the Frank Boorman School. They have two sons, and four grandchildren. Jack died in 1984, and is buried in Corinth-Shiloh Cemetery.

Billie Jean, the youngest daughter, graduated from North Texas Demonstration School, and attended North Texas State.

She was employed at Bill Utter Ford, Denton, in the bookkeeping department, for eighteen years. She married John Wilson, from Mississippi, and they owned a chicken farm in Eldorado, Arkansas. John died in 1981 and is buried in Corinth-Shiloh Cemetery. Billie Jean has four children, and four grandchildren.

The Helms had two other children. Their first child, Curtis, died at the age of five, and is buried at Eula Cemetery, Callahan, County. A sister, Faye, died in 1931. She had graduated from North Texas Demonstration School, and was employed at the First National Bank at Memphis. She is buried at Pilot Point, Texas.

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## HIGHTOWER

Dan and Laurie Hightower, and sons Stephen, 10, and Michael, 12, came to Corinth from New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1982, and settled in Meadows North, at 3611 Macbey Drive. Dan is with Sally's Beauty Company, in Denton, and Laurie is with Children's Protective Service, also in Denton, Dallas Drive. They have found life in Corinth quite different from that of New Orleans, and they like it - the peacefulness, the space - a change of pace from the bustle and clutter of the big city.

The boys attend the Sam Houston School, Denton, and the family attends the Immaculate Conception Church.

Dan and Laurie were born and raised in New Orleans. Laurie graduated from St. Joseph's Academy there, and Dan from Tulane University majoring in Accounting and Computer Science.

For recreation, the family enjoys the outdoors, fishing, and soccer. The boys play soccer for the Denton YMCA, with the enthusiastic support of their parents. Laurie also enjoys gardening and making hooked rugs. She has served as Treasurer for the Meadows North Home Owners Association. She and Dan are interested in civic affairs.

The family make frequent trips to the coast to visit friends and relatives.

## HOLSTEAD

John and Frances Holstead came from the Fort Smith area of Arkansas. They settled in Dallas, but after their son Chris was born, they started looking for a place with a small-town atmosphere, so they settled in Corinth, and live at 2808 North Haven Drive. Since the family is involved with transportation, Corinth seemed to be the ideal place. Frances could reach Delta Air Lines where she has been in Reservations for twenty years, and John with Trailways. Chris could attend Lake Dallas Schools, and later Liberty Christian School in Denton. Chris is interested in basketball, the Space Age, and Boy Scout work.

The Holsteads became an active part of the Corinth community. They assisted with the Bicentennial Committee work, and the many projects carried on at that time. They helped with establishing the Lion and Lioness Clubs, and John served on the City Council in 1980 and 1982. He was very active in the building of the City Hall.

Although their work is rather confining, the Holsteads find time for travel. They take advantage of Chris' holidays from school, and the family enjoy trips to Hawaii, New York, and other exciting places. They have a beautiful back yard where they spend time with their flowers and the swimming pool. John's parents live in Denton, and they are often included in the Corinth family life.

The Holsteads are Baptists by Church choice.



## CORINTH LIONS AND LIONESS CLUBS

## HORNACK

Texas is the adopted home of Gene and Jan Hornack. They say they love Texas because they find the people warm and friendly, and because they enjoy Barbecue and Football. These preferences qualify the Hornacks as "true Texans", they claim, and all Texans agree.

Gene Hornack came to Texas from Monessen, Pa., in 1960. His family name, Hornack, is Polish and Czechoslovakian, and the family came from the "old Country" in 1892. Gene's grandmother lived with the family until he was 6 years old, and Polish and Czech were spoken in the home until it was decided by the elders that the children should speak only English. Quite a change from today's thinking.

Gene stayed in Monessen after graduation from high school, and worked in the steel mill and lumber yard. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1943, a 3-year hitch which included an 8-month stay in an Italian POW camp. Coming home from WW II proved to be a tame experience in Monessen; however, Gene remained there a while, and later moved to New Orleans, and on to Dallas in 1960. He was associated with Seaboard Finance, and traveled all over the States, auditing offices. He came to Dallas as a vice president of the Lakewood City Bank, and his business in Dallas is Affiliated Hatch and Sun Roof, and Cellular Telephones.

Jan, a native of Colorado, comes from a fairly large family. Her father, Taylor by name, had six brothers and sisters. Her mother, from the Pennsylvania Dutch Neiswangers, had four brothers. Jan attended high school, and later Colorado State in Ft. Collins. Jan enjoyed skiing, one of the most exciting sports of the area. She came to Dallas in March, 1959, and worked with Braniff a number of years.

Gene and Jan have a daughter, Kimberly, who is with the U.S. Army at Ft. Bennington, in Georgia. Jan likes to cook, and both of them enjoy swimming, tennis, and playing golf at the Denton Country Club.

## HORTON

On January 29, 1917, I was the seventh child of nine children born to George and Myrtle Smith Hall, in Leonard, Fannin County, Texas. I was named Frankie Pauline, but called Polly by family and friends. My parents provided a warm, happy home for all of us. Discipline and respect were taught to each child. Within my family there were many funny experiences, and I would like to share a few of the incidents that happened to me as I was growing up.

It was a miracle that I lived past childhood. Gene, my older sister by three years, was very persuasive, bigger than I, and she could con me into anything. One hot July day she told me she could improve my looks and remove my freckles. Since I would do anything to get rid of those hated brown spots, I fell for her latest ploy. She gave me a facial and set my hair. In those days the beauty products were not purchased. She used egg yolk for the facial, and equal parts of sugar and water to set my hair. I went outside so my thick, red hair would dry faster. Suddenly my face and hair were covered with flies and gnats. I jumped around swatting at them, and yelling for my Mama. My face was getting so dry I couldn't blink my eyes, and my hair had turned snow white. With Mama's help, I finally got the dried egg yolk, along with a lot of skin, off my face, and the sugar out of my hair. To my surprise every freckle was still on my face!

One Sunday afternoon in January, shortly after moving into a new community, my Dad went into town to get some chewing tobacco. Since we were new in the community and didn't expect any Sunday afternoon visitors, I decided to take a bath while my Dad was in town. I put water on the stove to warm, and got out the No. 3 wash tub. As soon as I was in the tub, wet and soapy, there was a knock on the front door. I jumped out of the tub and started to run for Mother. As I turned to go into the next room, my feet slipped on the cold linoleum floor, and I slid under the bed. A small crack under the bed let in a strong wind where I slid. Meanwhile, my Mother came into the room, and not realizing I was

under the bed, wet and without a stitch of clothes, opened the door and invited our visitors into the house. After about thirty minutes, the couple prepared to leave, although my Mother had encouraged them to stay and see my Dad. As I lay on the floor, praying they wouldn't stay, I began shaking so hard from the cold that I made a thumping noise. The lady asked what was making that noise, and Mama stated that it was probably the old dog under the house, hitting the floor. When she closed the door after our visitors left, I croaked in a weak, shaky voice, "Mama, help me!" She heard me, looked under the bed, and asked, "Golly, Polly, what are you doing under the bed?" By the time she pulled me from under the bed, I could hardly move. Thank goodness, I recovered!

Every July, Leonard, Texas, would have a community picnic and celebration that would last for four days. One year they decided to have a rodeo during the celebration. That year some of the steers got loose. The men and boys rounded up the steers, but one escaped, and headed down the road where we lived. When the steer spotted me, it took after me, and I started running and yelling, which only made the chase more fun for the steer. Finally I reached the safety of our front porch. My baby sister Helen, was on the porch, and she told Mama to "Look at Polly. She ain't got no freckles." To this day I'm still afraid of cows: to my dismay, my freckles reappeared.

As I was growing up, my one ambition was to go to school and become a nurse. In 1937 I entered nursing school at Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman. While I was in nursing school I pulled one trick that I had not disclosed until recently.

We lived in cottages since there were no dormitories. I lived in the second room of the first cottage; four seniors lived in the front room. An old hen slept on our front porch. One cold Saturday night the four seniors had late leaves. When you had late leave you always set up your uniform, put it on the back of a chair, and placed your duty shoes by your uniform, so that you would not be late for breakfast at 6:30.

That Saturday night I was on call and had to stay in my room or close by when I was off duty. When I returned to my room after



being called for a delivery, I spotted the old hen drawn up in a "knot" against the cold weather. I took the old hen and put her under the covers on the bed of one of the senior girls in the front room.

When the alarm went off the next morning, the girls awoke to find an old hen in their room. The bad part was the old hen had diarrhea. The mess was in their hair, on their uniforms and shoes, on their beds, and everywhere you looked. There was much confusion in the front room that morning. Just a thin wall separated my room from their room. I was eating my pillow to keep from laughing.

Shortly afterwards, the phone started ringing. It was the Director of the Nurses wanting to know why they had not reported for breakfast. They told her they would explain when they reported for duty.

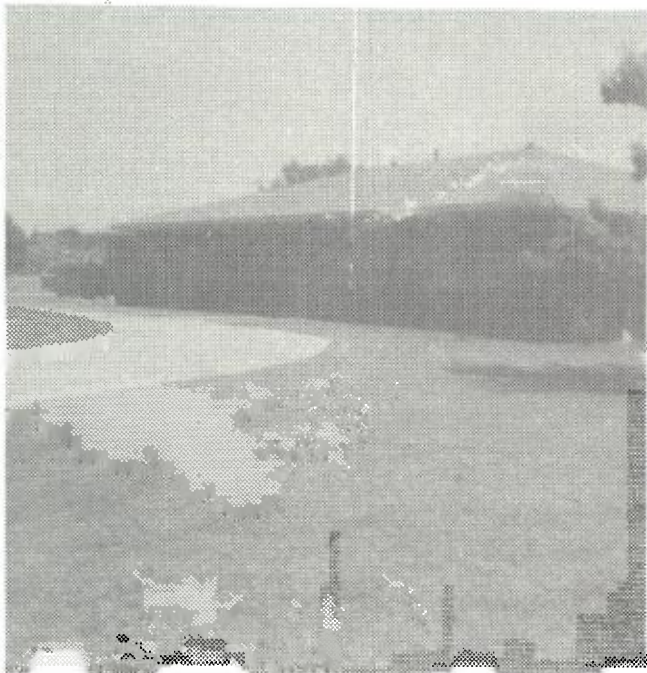
The four students made a vow before they left the room. They would kill the person or persons if they found out who put the old hen in their room. I can assure you it was a well-kept secret. At the last reunion at the hospital, one of the four students told me she was still looking for the rat who did the dirty trick.

Since those days of growing up, I married and had a daughter. The stories of my childhood still entertain my family and friends. I still have my freckles.

Harold, my husband, and I spent the past twenty-three years in Beaumont, Texas, before moving to Corinth. We had two reasons for moving here. Our daughter Jo and her husband, Marvin Haney, Jr., and their eighteen month old son Philip, were living in Lewisville, and Jo was teaching in the Lewisville school system. Harold's mother was living in Lake Dallas, so we wanted to be near each family, yet not next door.

We were in business for fourteen years. We were tired of very long hours, and little time to be together.

We sold the business, two nursing homes, in February, 1974, and in March of that year we found two lots in Corinth. We liked the location and the country atmosphere. In the Fall of that same year, we built our house, and moved into our new home,



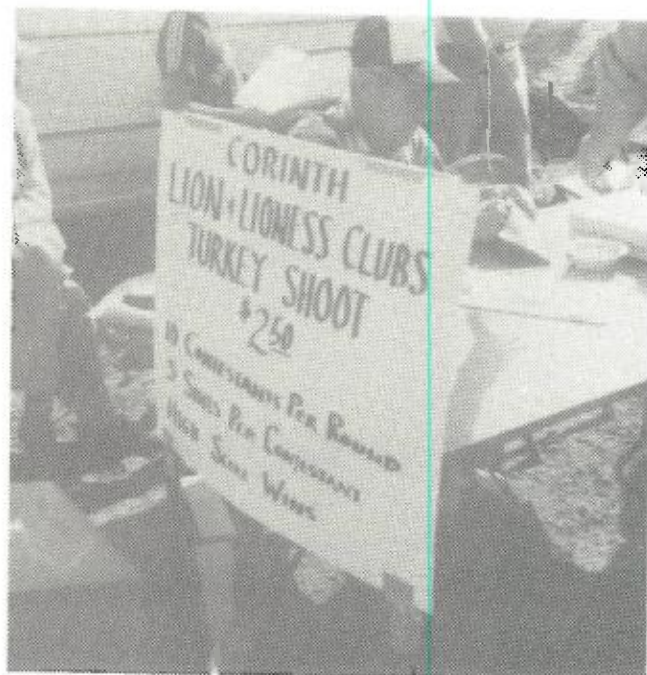
December 5, 1974. We enjoy being a part of Corinth.

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Pauline has been an active participant in volunteer work, community affairs, and the Lioness Club, and has worked tirelessly on the "Scrap Book" collection.

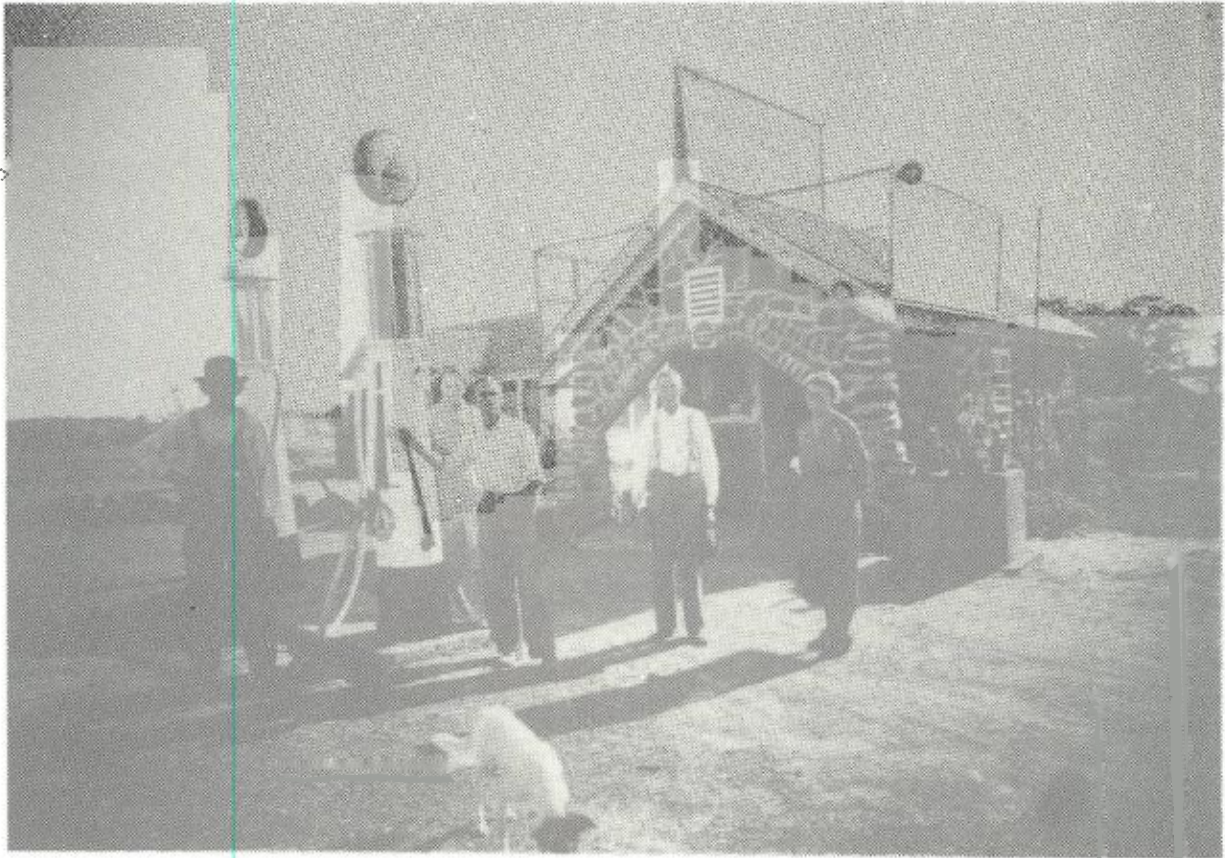
Harold is an active, interested member of the community. He helps when called upon to do so.

The Hortons attend church in Lake Dallas.



## KIGER

Bertha, a sister to O.C. Robison, and a descendant of Shoutin' Griffith, married E.A. (Jack) Kiger, and they lived their entire life in Corinth. They operated a filling station and lunch counter for a number of years, before Bertha became associated with the the Sears store in Denton. At the time of her retirement, Bertha had been manager of the drapery and linens departments for ten years. After retirement, Bertha and Jack were active in local community life, the church, civic affairs, and in the organization of the Town of Corinth. The first city election was held in their home.



## MEADOWS

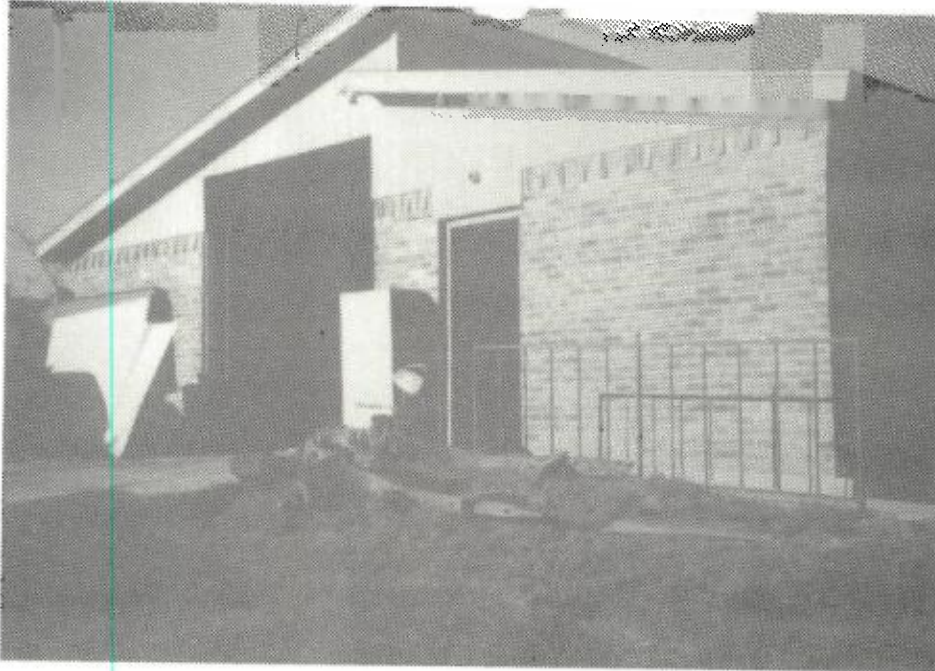
Joseph Marion Meadows was born in 1849, probably in or near Philadelphia. As he and his four brothers grew up, they worked at farming and railroading. As the Civil War approached, and being in sympathy with the South, the brothers worked their way down through Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, making their first extended stop at Bald Knob, Arkansas. While there, Joseph married an Indian maiden from Pryor, Oklahoma, in the Cherokee Indian Territory. Her tribal name has been forgotten, but she was Sarah Frances Greer, and family legend says that one of Joseph's brothers, a minister, performed the wedding ceremony. Later, two children were born in Bald Knob, and buried there.

The next move of the Meadows brothers was to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and then on into the Texarkana area, following the railroad. Moving on south, the brothers came to Dallas, and laid the first rails in that settlement. When Joseph rode into town, he was offered a section of land for the horse he was riding. Taking a northerly direction, along the Preston Road, Joseph Marion staked out a claim, settled down for a while, and his son Albert was born there. Later the families moved on north, and settled between Denton and Clear Creeks, and in the settlements of present-day Bolivar and Pilot Point. Joseph Marion brought his family into the Corinth area, and settled on the E. March survey, adjacent to the H. Garrison survey. This was around 1910, and a family home was built near the location of the home of his grandson, Ray Meadows. In that family were William, Jack, Albert, and Carrie, Minnie, and Bessie.

Albert Meadows married Bessie Bodkins of Lavinia, near Milam, Tennessee. Their children were Joseph, Leon, Charlie, Ray, and Bertha Beatrice, Quanah, Coleen, Rita, Elaine. Jack Meadows married Thelma Taylor, and their sons were Charles, John Nathan, James, and daughter Frances.

Albert and Bessie Meadows and their children lived most of their lives in Corinth. Joseph married Jeannette Kingery, and

their children are Jodi, Debra, Flicka, and David. Leon was killed in a highway accident. Charlie married Carolyn Cantrell, and their children are Steve, Mike, Willie, Rob, and Pamela. Ray married Bessie Mae Johnson of Ft. Worth, and their daughter Nelda, her husband Bennie Jones, and daughter Shelly, live in Denton; their daughter Patricia Holder, her son Douglas, and daughter Melissa, live in Corinth. Elaine, youngest daughter, lives in Corinth, and has worked for Texas Instruments of Dallas for the past twenty years.



MEADOWS SHOP

Charlie Meadows, Owner

## MEADOWS

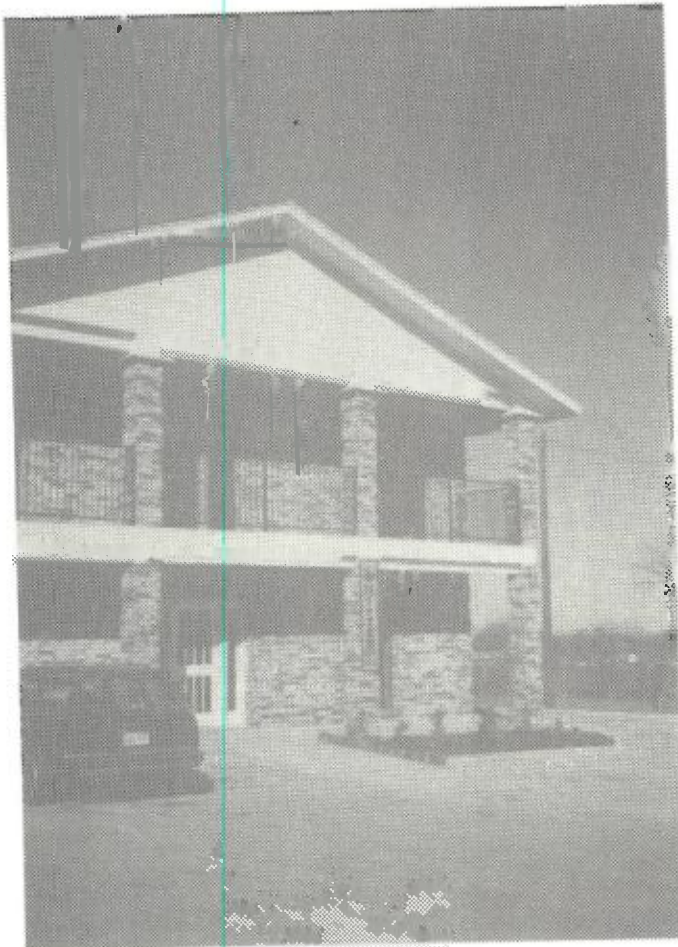
Ray Meadows was born, April 22, 1924, in Shady Shores, on the Dr. M.L. Martin place, across the road from the present Leon Brown place. The lake was not in existence then, and the bottom land was used for farming. Moves to the Foster Ranch in Bolivar (Mrs. M.L. Martin's family owned the Foster Ranch), to Tennessee where Ray's mother had lived, and the return to Texas, resulted in the family's settling down on the present site area, a part of the Garrison survey, 1927.

Ray attended school in Corinth, and in Denton. During his senior year at Denton High, his father Albert was transferred to San Diego to work for Consolidated, but returned soon, and Ray graduated from Northside High in Ft. Worth, after which he entered the Army Air Force, and served three years. He took part in the Normandy Beach invasion, and was shot down in Bordeaux, France, interned in Spain, escaped, and in an exchange of prisoners by way of Gibraltar and London he returned to the United States, to be discharged, August 23, 1945, by order of General Hap Arnold and President Truman that all prisoners of war, escapees, and internees be discharged immediately. Ray was discharged at Fort Sam Houston, in San Antonio.

In returning to civilian life and peace time, and in finding his life's work, Ray worked first with his father in a cabinet shop. Next he sold insurance, and became district manager of the National Life Benefit Insurance Company, Houston, Texas. Later he associated with the New York Life Insurance Company. The next move was toward wholesale hardware, where he worked with Jess and Mary Gurley in Wholesale Appliances in Denton, and with Consolidated in Ft. Worth. Work in the test laboratories of Aircraft Quality Control for Chance Vought resulted in three and a half years of travel over the United States for Corvell Industries. He was also attending Arlington State. Ray's last move was back to Builders Hardware, 1953, where he remained for the next twenty nine years. Before returning to Corinth to live, Ray had mar-

Bessie Mae Johnson, and they have two daughters, and three grandchildren. He served on the board of the Lake Worth Schools for five terms. Their home in Corinth is near the site of the old home place.

Ray served as mayor of Corinth from 1969 through 1977. He worked endless hours to build up the community, to preserve and enhance its way of life, and to make it a more enjoyable place for everyone. At that time, the early years of growth and development, there were no budget, no expense accounts, no taxes. Ray and his Councils formulated the rules, regulations, and procedures that are the foundation of our present-day Town of Corinth.



MEADOWS OFFICE BUILDING

Mila Franklin  
Hi-Tex Realtor

## THELMA TAYLOR MEADOWS

Thelma, daughter of John William and Ida McDaniels Taylor, was born in the oldest house in Corinth. The house, around two hundred years old, is still occupied by her youngest brother, Robert.

Thelma married Jack Meadows, son of Joseph Marion and Sarah Frances Meadows, in 1974, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. E.A. Garrison, early pioneer of Denton County. The couple lived their entire life in Corinth.

Mrs. Meadows worked as a dietician at Texas Woman's University. She was Democratic Chairwoman of the Corinth precinct from 1952, and was in charge of all local, county, state, and federal elections for the area. She organized the first Mother's March on polio, organized the Home Demonstration Club, and the 4-H Club, and served with them for many years.

Mrs. Meadows worked tirelessly for the Corinth-Shiloh Cemetery, and served as its president for one year. Her husband, Jack Meadows, was a life-time member of the VFW, and Mrs. Meadows served with the auxillary.

Jack and Thelma Meadows were members of the Christian Church.

Thelma Taylor Meadows died February 12, 1980.



## MONTGOMERY

Richard and Hazel Jo Montgomery live at 1212 North Corinth Road, an historic site in the story of Corinth. According to early history, secular and church, the Sand Hill log school house was located there, and served for several years as a place of worship for the Corinth Baptist Church. Richard was the son of C.H. and Eliza Jame Montgomery, of Colorado, and spent his early childhood in that western area. Hazel Jo, daughter of Munsey Rothwell and Ellen Rebecca Sickles Elder, grew up in Ft. Worth, Wichita Falls, Childress, and Pampa, an area serviced by her father, a railroad man.

Hazel Jo and Richard met in Pampa, were married in Wichita Falls, and finally settled in Ft. Worth, where Richard practiced "Leave the driving to us" for eleven years with the Greyhound Bus company. Since moving to their present address, Hazel Jo worked twenty years as a saleslady for Voertman's in Denton. She is now retired, and raises beautiful irises.

Richard and Hazel Jo have four children. Richard Jackson Montgomery II, has worked with the Houston Power and Light Company for the past ten years. Rothwell Carroll is a salesman for Make-Ready materials for car companies, Leo Paul is the Post Office Coordinator in Palm Springs, Ca., and LaDuska is in the regional office of the Nissan Auto Company, in Carrollton. Hazel Jo's mother died in 1981, and her father is living in Denton, and will be 93 in September of this year.

Richard is with Eddins Chevrolet, formerly McNatt's of Denton. The plant is located on I-35, and the Cadillac division is being built.

The Montgomerys attend the Pearl Street Church of Christ, Denton. They have ten grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

## MORROW

Gene and Marie Morrow, along with their two children, moved from Wautauga, Texas, to Corinth in July, 1975. They built a house next door to Marie's parents, on Church Drive. Marie is the only child of Mason and Mary Lou White.

When the move to Corinth was made, Gene was still serving in the U.S. Air Force. He worked out of Arlington, where he was a S.M./SGT. and Operation's Supervisor of the 3544 Recruiting Squadron. He made the daily trip to Arlington until he retired.

The family was a wandering service family until it settled in Corinth, having lived from one end of the States to the other, and overseas. Their son Dowl was born in Tyler, Texas, and daughter Jamie in Seoul, Korea. Their children were and still are typical G.I. Brats. After devoting thirty years of service, Gene retired from the Air Force in August, 1982. In September of that same year, Gene went to work for the Denton County Sheriff's department, as a bailiff in the 158th District Court. He continues to serve as bailiff now, and he enjoys the job. He also likes living in Corinth.

At the present time, Marie works at home taking care of her home and her family. She also enjoys living next door to her mother. She has worked outside the home at various jobs, and now she finds time to help with volunteer work in Corinth when called upon. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University at El Paso.

All four members of the family graduated from Denton High School and they still reside at their home in Corinth. Dowl is now twenty, and works while attending Cooke County College. Jamie works part-time, and attends North Texas State University.

The family has cows, calves, dogs, and cats to care for. Each Spring they plant a large garden, and spend much time working in it. After many years of traveling and moving, the whole family has truly found a real home in Corinth.

## PAAR

The Parrs came to Corinth in 1975, looking for a home, a place to build their dream house. They had come from Raymondville, in the Valley, to live in Denton, Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, and Ft. Worth, so they were ready to settle down to quiet, peaceful living in the country. Their four daughters are Stephanie McCoy, Evelyn McCurdy, Cynthia Parr, and Elizabeth Parr. Robert Parr had graduated from NTSU in 1950, and Dorothy, a graduate of SMU, also attended NTSU.

Robert's parents came from Mississippi and Texas, and his father was agent for the Missouri-Pacific Railway in Raymondville, for more than 25 years. Robert is associated with Trinity Companies, an insurance company in Dallas. Dorothy's parents came from Minnesota and Texas. Her grandfather, William Apsey Harding, came to the Lower Rio Grande Valley in 1912, his goal to make the Lower Valley a citrus-growing area of national importance. He reached this goal. In addition, he set up the Harding Foundation, a philanthropic, non-profit organization for the purpose of promoting Christian education and the selling below cost of one million copies of the Bible in Pictures, printed in English and Spanish, and Catholic and Protestant editions. This second goal was reached in 1982, and the work still continues.

Dorothy's mother, Nola Lou Martin Harding, was historian for the Willacy County and Raymondville, and her work is housed in a wing of the public library. Locally, Dorothy represents us on the board of the Lake Cities Library. Her father, Rollo Harding, was a hunter, farmer, traveler, who flew his own plane, and worked tirelessly for the Foundation. This work is being carried on by the family. A group from the North has established a church school in Roma, a border town to promote Christian education. The Foundation is donating its surplus 2500 Spanish Protestant Bibles to the enterprise. Dorothy serves on the board of the Harding Foundation.

The Parrs attend the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Denton, where Bob and Elizabeth have sung in the choir. He is a member of the Corinth City Council, and Dorothy has a Gifts-Antique Shoppe on Church Drive. She is secretary of the Corinth Sesquicentennial Committee. For recreation, Bob plays golf, and Dorothy plays bridge.

To quote the Parrs:

"We were very pleased to find our place in Corinth, and it has been a joy for our family. This includes five grand children who spend many happy hours with us from time to time."



## PEEL

My Mother and Dad, Katherine and Quillian Ramey, were born and raised in northern Georgia. I was born in middle Georgia, March 26, 1929, at Warrenton, Warren County, Georgia. I went to Martha Berry School for Girls, Rome, Georgia, for my high school years.

I later married an Alabama boy, and had three girls. My husband was in the Air Force, and later died, leaving me a widow at 32. I married Claude Allen Peel in Little Rock, Arkansas, in December, 1961.

Claude was born in Riverby, Fannin County, Texas, in 1915. His parents, Claude Wilson and Mae Peel, and the family moved to Corinth in 1927. At the time, Fowler's Garage was located where Clardy's Auto is today. I have been told that part of the old building is still there.

The Peel family moved back and forth to Riverby, Mississippi, and Arkansas, and Claude was engaged in construction work. He married, had a son who lives now in Lake Dallas, and a daughter now living in Southhaven, Mississippi. He and wife Christine divorced.

After Claude and I were married, we were transferred back to Texas from Little Rock. We lived around the Dallas area: Sherman, Ft. Worth, and Dallas, and then we came to Corinth to visit. We had relatives, Mildred Brown, a cousin, and an Aunt Attie, so when they decided to sell their property, we bought it, in 1973.

My parents visited us, and liked Corinth. They moved here in 1975. They first lived at Donleys Trailer Park, but later were able to move onto an extra lot we have here. Dad lived only a short time, but we still have mother with us.

My daughters live in Plano, Conroe, and Los Angeles. We have five children, twelve grandchildren, and almost two great grandchildren.

We live at 2820 Meadows Oak, Corinth.

## POCKRUS

Grandfather Vinson Pockrus and Grandmother Sarah Harbert Pockrus came to the Corinth area soon after the Civil War. They came from Huntsville, Alabama, by train to Coryell County, Waco area, and on to Denton County. Their children were William David, Grundy, Robert Wylie, Fannie, Mary, and Mattie.

William David was 8 years old when he was brought to Texas by his father Vinson, a Water-Well man. William David continued in the footsteps of his father; he drilled a flowing well in Corinth in 1902 down by the railroad and the depot. "We used a spudger, a drill in use before rotary drills." The well, 656 feet deep, would flow twenty feet above the ground. That well furnished water for the depot, trains, gin, blacksmith shop, and drug store. It also serviced many households in Corinth until 1910, and later.

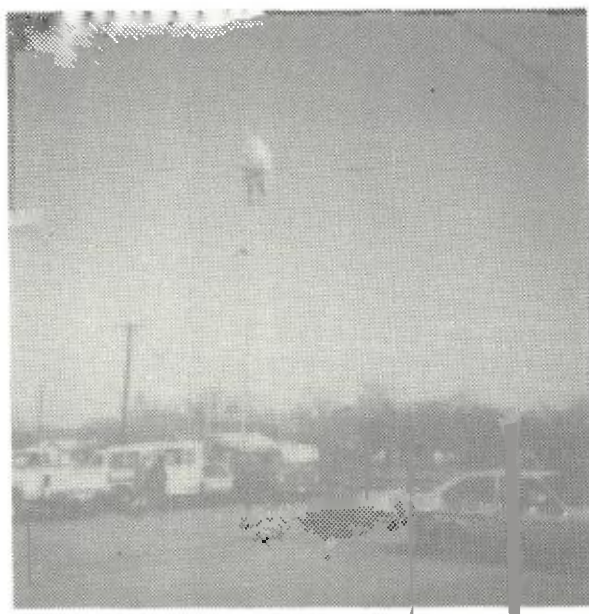
Grandfather Harbert moved from Illinois to Missouri on the way to Texas. After they reached Corinth and settled in, the older children attended school, the Belton School, located on the corner of the present Taylor property. For recreation the children played field baseball, and pitched horse shoes, but there was work for everyone. William Pockrus and Shed Webster helped build the railroad, Lon Fowler ran the general store, and Fate Carpenter worked there, Tom and Bob Berry, nephews of Sarah Pockrus ran the blacksmith shop, and Robert Pockrus stoked the boiler to give steam to the cotton gin.

William David married Nora Henry, and their children were Arthur Archie, Auscan, H.W. (Pete), William Grundy, Cecil, Edna, and Raymond. The family lived at the west end of present named Church Drive, and the first electricity was furnished by a Delco system. Pete followed his father and grandfather in the water-well business--these three men drilled most of the wells in the Corinth area.

The Pockrus family attended the three local churches, the Christian, the Baptist, and the Lynchburg Presbyterian.

H.W. (Pete) Pockrus, son of William David and Nora Henry Pockrus, married Alice Blagg, October 13, 1940, and they live on IH 35E South. They have a son, Dennis Dale, who is continuing the Water-Well business, and a daughter, Anita Gale. She is married to Kenneth Riney, they live in Denton, and they have an Antique shop.

There is a Page Cemetery north of the Pockrus home. It is near a Page Station from the early days, by the railroad. It is referred to as Pockrus Road on some maps, also Page Town.



## ROBERTSON

Carl and Louise Robertson live at 2808 Church Drive, Corinth, and have been citizens of the community since 1938. They lived first in the addition of present-day Forestwood, in a rock house not too far from the famous old water well. Louise said that the water at her house was "hard water", and that when she did the laundry she hitched a mule to a sled and hauled water from the well to her house. This is the same well that served wagon trains of pioneer settlers and cattle drives in the early days.

Louise was born to W.R. Erwin, Ferris, Texas. Her mother died when Louise was very young and her father remarried. He was a farmer and a dairyman and the family moved to Milford, Rhome, Justin and Bartonville before settling down near Argyle. W.R. worked for Borden Dairy before going to Moore's Business Forms in Denton, where he remained until his retirement.

Carl was born in Morristown, Tennessee, and came to Weatherford, Texas, at the age of 13 with his family. Later he worked with Louise's father in Justin. He and Louise were married in Marietta, Oklahoma, and finally reached Corinth by way of Grapevine and Bartonville. Carl worked for the American Manufacturing Co. in Ft. Worth until the end of World War II. He and Louise had two children, a son Wayne, and a daughter Joann.

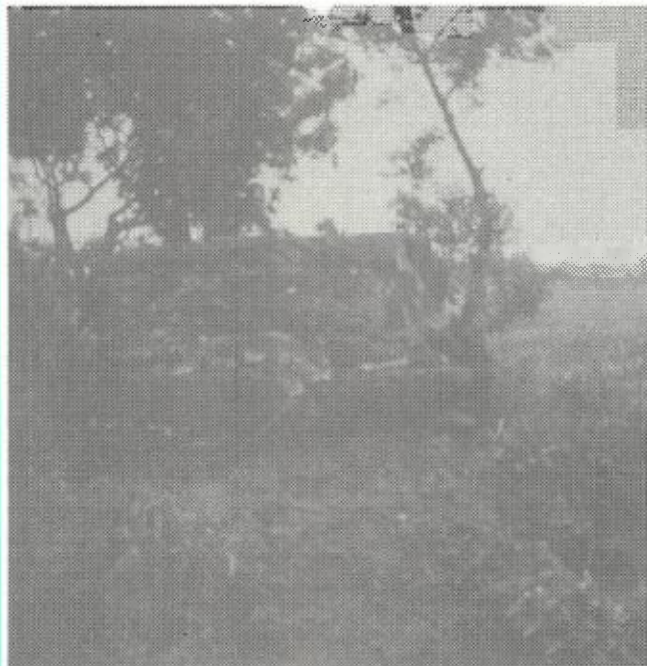
Wayne works at T.I. in Dallas. He attended school in Corinth and Lake Dallas and graduated from Denton High. Joann graduated from North Texas Demonstration School, Denton, is married, and had four children, one deceased. The children are Teresa Diane Montgomery, who graduated from Lewisville High, Randy Carl Montgomery, who finished high school in San Angelo, and works in a lumberyard, and Bill Aylor who builds swimming pools. Carl and Louise have one grandchild, Stacy Lee Aylor.



Louise worked in a cotton mill, a "winder" of spun thread. This mill was at Love Field, and it featured cotton goods. The factory had a plant in McKinney too. When the McKinney plant was destroyed by a cyclone, both plants were closed down, and Louise worked for a Standard Yeast Co. before going to Convair-General Dynamics in Ft. Worth for two years. She recalled that General Eisenhower was running for President and the saying went around that if "Ike was elected, you will lose your jobs, and have to chase rabbits the rest of your life". She did lose her job, but chased no rabbits. She went to work at T.I., Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, on the assembly line, 1952, and worked there for twenty three years.

Carl went to TWU as a locksmith and a plumber and later transferred to North Texas State in the same field. He retired from there. He finds plenty to do in his retirement. He is a tinker and can fix anything. He has done part-time work at the post office in Lake Dallas and at the church here. He has a fantastic garden each year.

Carl and Louise are faithful, tireless members of the Church.

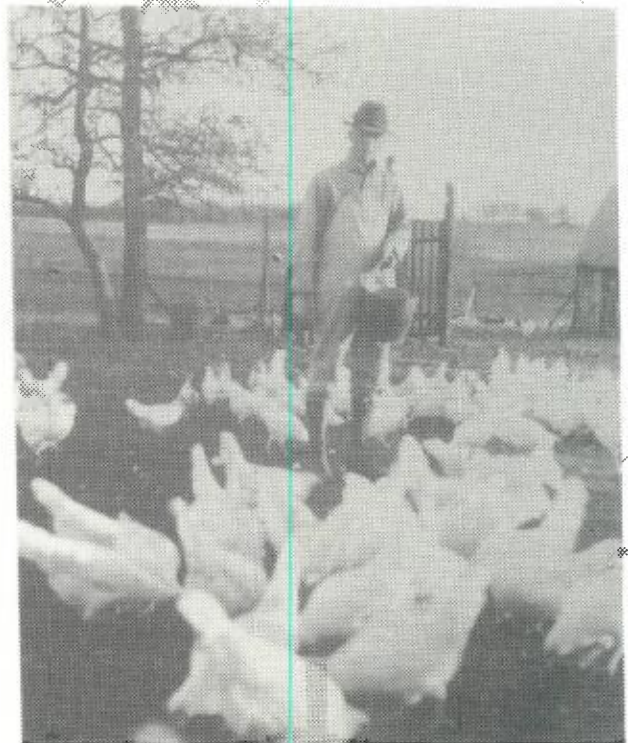


O.C. Robison, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Robison, pioneer settlers of the Corinth community, married Ollie Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Scott, Lampassas County, in 1917, and the couple lived in Corinth from that day forward. Robison was a dairy farmer, and she was a teacher, but he worked as security officer for Camp Howze in Gainesville, Texas, and for Hart's Flying School, north of Denton, Texas. Robison retired, 1964, from Security Officer at General Dynamics in Ft. Worth, after twenty-one years of service; Mrs. Robison retired, 1959, from forty-two years of teaching, nineteen of that time in Corinth.

Mrs. Ollie Robison began teaching in the Corinth school in 1917. She saw the need for home economics training in the school, so she purchased a three-room house for \$194.00, and had it moved onto the school grounds. Furnished with a sewing machine, oil stove, a long mirror, and a table with drawers for the supplies, the first Home Economics Class in Denton County schools was born. The first 4-H Club was organized, and a wagon, fixed up as a model kitchen, was displayed at the County Fair.



Ollie Robison  
O.C. Robison



## SANDLING

Mrs. Evelyn Sandling moved to Corinth in 1977, from Dallas, and lives at 2817 Silver Meadows Lane. She had lived in Denton, had a daughter and her family there, was a retired dressmaker, and is now self-employed in customized drapery. Corinth was a nice distance from her former girlhood home in Denton, and from Dallas where her employers in drapery came to deliver fabrics, and pick up orders.

Evelyn was born in Clayton, Panola County, east Texas, one of 4 boys and 4 girls of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Davis, Jr. Her father was a successful farmer and financier. The family moved to Denton in 1923, and purchased the historic Blewett house on Oak Street. Evelyn and her brothers and sisters went to Denton High and NTSU.

Evelyn spent a number of years in the Metro Goldwyn Mayer wardrobe department, where she was associated with the internationally known designer Helen Rose. She has also found time to paint, and is an avid reader. Her family was nondenominational in its church affiliation, but Evelyn is a member of the Unity Church in Dallas, and is a student of metaphysics. She has two daughters, one deceased, and two sons, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Evelyn Sandling is interested in Corinth and its growth. It is a perfect location, an ideal size, and she likes its homelike atmosphere. A card from a dear friend, Mary Brown of Carthage, Texas, relates this sesquicentennial note: "To celebrate the sesquicentennial, the wagon train that originated in Sulphur Springs spent the night of Jan. 12 in Clayton, in Floyd Mauritzen's pasture. There were some 60 to 80 wagons, buggies, etc. besides horsebackers in the train." Mary Brown, Brown Wood Acres, Carthage, Tx.

## SHAHAN

It is difficult to write a short history of Corinth, and keep the history of Shady Shores separate and apart from it. This entire area has been so interwoven in family, school, church, and business since the beginning of recorded Texas history, --they go together. The Fowlers, Shahans, Carpenters, Cochrans have lived in both communities and have played an important part in the life of the area.

George Washington Lafayette Shahan is the pioneer, the forefather, the founder of the Shahan family. He and his first wife, Ann Marie Smith, had twelve children; he and his second wife Glen Dora Fowler, had eight children. They were born in the Corinth area, but many grew up, moved into surrounding areas, and have lived near-by all their lives.

Ed Shahan, from the first marriage, remained in Corinth, and married Timmie Drusilla Bounds, daughter of Frank and Dee Bounds. The wedding ceremony was performed under an oak tree, the couple sitting in a buggy, on the property of the Rev. Hawk who performed the ceremony. In 1910, Ed and Tim purchased forty-five acres in Corinth, built a house where the Kigers used to live, and their children were born there. The entire family attended the Corinth churches, and the children went to Corinth schools. The parents attended the Corinth Baptist Church for sixty-three years, their only church in their lifetime.

Ed and Tim were among seventy-five children who attended the Shady Shores Independence School located at the end of present-day Dobbs Road. The family had many memories of the general store where groceries and farm machinery could be purchased, the near-by depot which was a favorite spot for planning a trip to the Dallas Fair, the blacksmith shop, the cotton gin, drug store, and the Doctor's office, owned by a Dr. McCabe.

Several descendants of G.W.L. Shahan live in and near Corinth. Billy, son of George Arthur Shahan was born on South Corinth and Walton Road. Phoebe Lane Shahan Tarver was born in Corinth, but lives now in Denton. Lela Shahan married Garrett Ford, lived on

Walton Road, and their daughter Lorene now lives in Denton.

Myrtie Shahan, and her mother were members of the Lynchburg Presbyterian Church. Jim Shahan was a member of the Corinth Baptist Church; he was baptised in Hickory Creek in August, 1926. At the time of his baptism, Otis Taylor, Pete Brown, Cecil Brown, and several more were baptized. These were probably the last ones to be baptized in Hickory Creek.

Jim and Christel Shahan, Lela Shahan and Garrett Ford, and Eva Shahan and Ernest Bounds were all married by the Rev. Garrison, at his home about half-way between Corinth and Lake Dallas.

Phoebe Lane Shahan Tarver, Denton has been most helpful in getting this family history together.



## SHERWIN

Clark and Barbara Sherwin came to Corinth four years ago, and they live at 1903 Twin Brook Turn. They had spent the previous thirteen years in Minnesota, and will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary this year.

Barbara grew up in Akron, Ohio, and graduated from high school there. Clark was from Omaha, Nebraska, finishing high school there, and going on to Purdue University for his degree in Mechanical Engineering. He later received his Masters Degree at Xavier University, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He went to Akron to work for Goodyear, and he and Barbara met at a laundromat.

Clark joined Victor Equipment, 1982, in Denton, as Director of Quality Assurance, and teaches a weekly class at North Texas State in Quality Control. Barbara is a homemaker, but also represents Avon products for south Corinth. Their son Alan is a full-time student at Cooke County Community College, in addition to working full time in Lewisville. Catherine is an honor student at Denton High, junior year.

The family attends St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Denton.

For hobbies, Barbara leans toward hand work, and reading. She assists with local civic work, and works as a volunteer frequently. Clark likes to tinker. He enjoys working with wood, tile, and making improvements around the house.

The Sherwins like living in Corinth.

## SIMMONS

Charles Steven Simmons and Lillie Mae Brown Simmons, and their two children, Charles Malcolm (Mack), and Vala Mae, moved into the Corinth area in 1923, coming from Roanoke, Texas. Lillie Mae was a sister to John Brown, father of the Corinth Brown family, and to Annie Brown McNeil; all three were children of Calvin and Ellen Brown, from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Charles (Charley) and Lillie Mae lived across the road from present-day Meadows North. Later, they lived at the Shahan old home place.

At this time, 1923, there were the three churches in Corinth, the Baptist, the Christian, and the Presbyterian. Sunday School at the Presbyterian was usually in the afternoon, and served as an opportunity for the children and young people to get together. Everybody attended.

A big event in 1924: the Simmons family bought a brand new Ford, Model T. Three other families followed suit: Jim Shahan, Will Crubaugh, and Monroe Ford. Homer Cochran went them one better and bought an Overland touring car.

Utilities were limited to water wells and kerosene lamps. There were three telephones, wall type. Call signals were ring 2½ on 11 for Simmons, 3 on 43 for McNeils, and 3 on 11 for Crubaugh. Business in town was the store, run by Fred and Mae Fowler, and the blacksmith shop, run by a Mr. Waldrop, brother to Mark Waldrop of Denton.

The Corinth school was a three-room building located on the hill where Dorris Brown lives now, and the interior was referred to as the Little Room, the Middle Room, and the Big Room. Ben Witt was the principal, and when an unexpected snow fall came, he dismissed classes, and everybody played in the snow.

The boys from the Big Room had a basketball team,--they became a special team for the whole area, and were dressed in proper uniforms. The players were Otis Harbert, Clarence Harbert, Coleman Moses, Dub Smith, and Mack Simmons. Teachers were Lena Shahan, Lois McCurley, and Maylene Kiger.

Malcolm (Mack) Simmons Married Florene Helm, daughter of Ewell Ezra and Della Mae Helm, Corinth. Vala Mae Simmons married J.B. Wilson, son of James N. Wilson, Gordon County, Georgia, and Mary Smalley Wilson, daughter of Joseph and Dema Smalley, Dutton, Alabama.

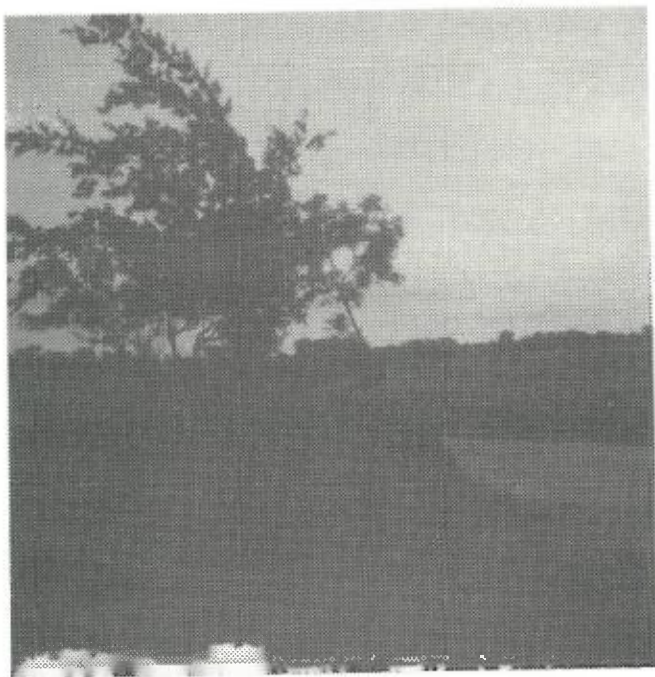
Malcolm Simmons was drafted in December of 1942, and after basic training in Mineral Wells, Texas, he was sent immediately to a camp near San Bernardino, California. Later, he was stationed in England with the Air Force as a Cryptographic Technician. While there he received the EAME Campaign medal with one Bronze Star, four overseas service bars, the Good Conduct Medal, and a Victory Ribbon. Malcolm was discharged, November 4, 1945.

The Simmons family attended the Church of Christ.

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#### OLD WELL-FORESTBURG ADDITION

The well was dug early in 1800, located on what became known as the Frank Smith farm. By 1900, a farm house was on the property, and an orchard with peaches and plums was near the well. People came from near and far to haul water from this well.



Any house that did not have water came here. In the early days, caravans from other states camped here for rest and water.

In 1920, Jack Meadows cleaned the well.

The well is considered to be a landmark in the community.



## SIMS

The Sims family includes William Joseph Sims, Jr., Deanne Devers Sims, William J. Sims, III (Trey) age 22, and Lee Kellie Sims, 16. The family lives at 7801 Tower Ridge Drive/

The summer of 1980 will be remembered by some as the year of the Texas heat wave, but for our family, it was a time of new beginnings. A new home with room for a horse, a barn, a garden, and new schools for Trey and Kellie.

We moved from Dallas to the country atmosphere of Corinth. Starting with four acres of land purchased from Dorris and Gene Brown, we added seventeen more during the next year to have room for a "few cows". Those few cows have provided many memorable experiences for the four of us, not to mention the neighbors.

Nearly everyone who lives in the country has the usual cats and dogs, and so we have two cats, and Cal, a working cow-dog. However, our most unusual pet is Willie. He is a precious raccoon. Willie has his own house, but he prefers ours, and the barn. He loves Owens Sausage, cheese crackers, and raw eggs.

During the years we've lived in Corinth, Bill has served as a Councilman of the City, 1982-83, Trey graduated from Lake Dallas High, 1982, attended Brookhaven Community College in Dallas, and NTSU in Denton, and Kellie is a junior in Lake Dallas High.

The biggest change has taken place around us. We had one close neighbor when we built our house. Now there are four other families living across the road, and a large housing development is growing on two sides of us--there used to be trees, blackberry and plum bushes, rabbits and squirrels, and quail in great profusion there. We still have our cows and Kellie's horse, but it is not the same. It is not as quiet, and the nights are not as dark. Corinth is growing and changing over night, and we are watching it from our back yard.

William Joseph, (Bill) was born in Corpus Christi, and was raised at Port Aransas, a real island boy. Deanne was born in Kilgore, the heart of the East Texas oil field, and graduated

from high school in Snyder, West Texas. Bill and Deanne met at NTSU, where she earned a BS degree in Education, and later taught school for five years. Bill, a business major, is now owner of a commercial lumber business in Carrollton, - Bowie, Sims, Prange, Inc.

Deanne is a member of the Sesquicentennial Committee, and is chairwoman of the Yard Beautification project. She volunteers for assistance at City Hall, telephoning, and local politics. She attends Bible study each Wednesday in Dallas, and exercise class in Denton.

Deanne Sims



WILLIE RACCOON SIMS

## SLOVACEK

John and Frances Slovacek moved from Oak Cliff to Corinth in 1972, and her parents still live in Oak Cliff. The family came to Corinth to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life, and they wish Corinth would not grow so fast.

A daughter, Elaine is married, and lives in Lucas, near Allen. The grandchildren are Letitia, 15, Serena, 6, and Kenny, 9.

John, a son, attends Video Tech school in Dallas, and is not married.

Frances does substitute teaching in Lake Dallas, on any level when called. but prefers the high school age.

John Slovacek is Director of Maintenance at the Denton Housing Authority. He was with Braniff thirty two years. He lost his parents at an early age- their home had been at Abbott, near Waco, and he was reared by an aunt and uncle.

Frances has one brother and two sisters, and her father, George Dyess retired from maintenance of the Presbyterian Village near Hillsboro.

The Slovaceks like to travel in the United States. Frances likes handwork, ceramics, and gardening, and John enjoys fishing, and all out-door activities.

The Slovaceks attend the Church of Christ in Lewisville and Lake Dallas. They live at 1901 Oak Hill Drive.



A Horse Farm  
in  
Corinth

## SPELLERBERG

My husband Herman and I moved to Corinth, in November, 1979. We came from Miami, Florida, where we had lived for eighteen years. Herman was flying for Pan Am.

I was born to Paul M. and Evelyn Cunyus, in Waco, and my twin brothers arrived four years later.

My father was sole owner and agent for an independent insurance agency, where I worked during the summers after age fourteen. My mother was a full-time homemaker, giving her family and her home careful attention. Our home was a character-building experience. By precept and example we learned honesty, responsibility, respect for law and order, and the rewards of hard work. My father taught me to think for myself, to speak effectively, to conserve my energies and my resources. He has a wonderful sense of humor.

My formal education was in the Waco public schools and Baylor University. Herman graduated from St. Louis University with a B.S. degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He spent forty years with Pan Am as Flight Engineer, but took a five-year leave of absence to serve as a pilot in Korea. He is a retired Major in the Air Force Reserves.

We have two sons, Craig and Grant, who are married and live in Miami. We attend the Lewisville Bible Church, Lewisville, Texas.

Herman and I are dedicated to our God, our family, and our country, and we enjoy being a part of Corinth.

For recreation, Herman likes flying, and target shooting. I enjoy swimming, boating and mountain hiking.

## STURM

As one reads the stories of the people who live in Corinth, one learns that they are a courageous and hardy people. Whether it is a spirit of adventure, a desire to "make a fortune", or the need to support the family, leaving family and relatives, friends and familiar surroundings does take courage.

Clo's parents came to America from Poland in the early 1900s --her mother worked in Chicago and her father went to work in the iron ore mines of Upper Michigan. They met in Chicago while her father was visiting relatives, married in 1911 and settled in Upper Michigan. The ore dust affected her father's lungs and so he farmed. Clo grew up and graduated from high school in that beautiful, cold country.

Joseph's father was of German descent and grew up in Milwaukee, Wis. His mother was of Pennsylvania Dutch who had migrated to Iowa. Joseph grew up in Milwaukee and graduated from high school there.

Clo and Joe met in Milwaukee when Clo went there to attend college. They were married in June, 1953. Their son, Joseph III, daughters Camille and Patrice (Patty) were born in Milwaukee. Joe Jr. had the opportunity to move to Lewisburg, TN in 1958 as manager of the Data Processing Dept., to be organized, for the Heil-Quaker Corp. The Heil Co. of Milwaukee had bought a stove factory in Lewisburg and were moving their heating and cooling division to Tennessee. At that time there were tabulating machines--the forerunners to computers. Joe installed Heil-Quaker's first computer and others, and worked closely with IBM on designing systems for manufacturing, inventory, and accounting and other areas.

Three more children were born to Clo and Joe in Lewisburg--daughters Diane, Mary Louise--deceased, and Jacqueline. The children attended schools in Lewisburg and Franklin.

Joe III was a good student academically and athletically. Upon graduation from high school, he entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD., graduating in 1976. During his five year

obligation, he served as supply officer and bursar on ships and managed commissaries. His colorblindness prevented him from the more challenging positions such as commander of a ship, pilot, or navigator. In 1977, he and Patricia (Pat) were married. Their daughter Melissa was born in 1980, in Rhode Island, and Katey was born in Texas in 1983. When Joe's obligation was completed, he left the Navy and came to work for Texas Instruments in Lewisville. He moved to Corinth shortly after and served on the Corinth City Council for about a year. In February, 1985, he moved back to Lewisburg, TN, to work for Teledyne as Quality Control Manager.

In the meantime, Clo and Joe moved to Iowa with Diane who was starting college and Jacque was in seventh grade. For three years they had an antique furniture restoration business. At the end of 1980 they sold that and Joe went back to computers. This time he is selling them. Because of Iowa's depressed agricultural economy, Joe left Iowa for Texas in February, 1985. He stayed with son Joe III while looking for employment. When he found a position selling computers for Computer Resource Group, Inc. of Dallas, young Joe III announced his plans to move to Tennessee. Joe and Clo decided to rent Joe and Pat's house in Corinth until they felt their way around. Clo moved down the first part of April, 1985, and on May 1st started work at Corinth City Hall as receptionist and municipal court clerk.

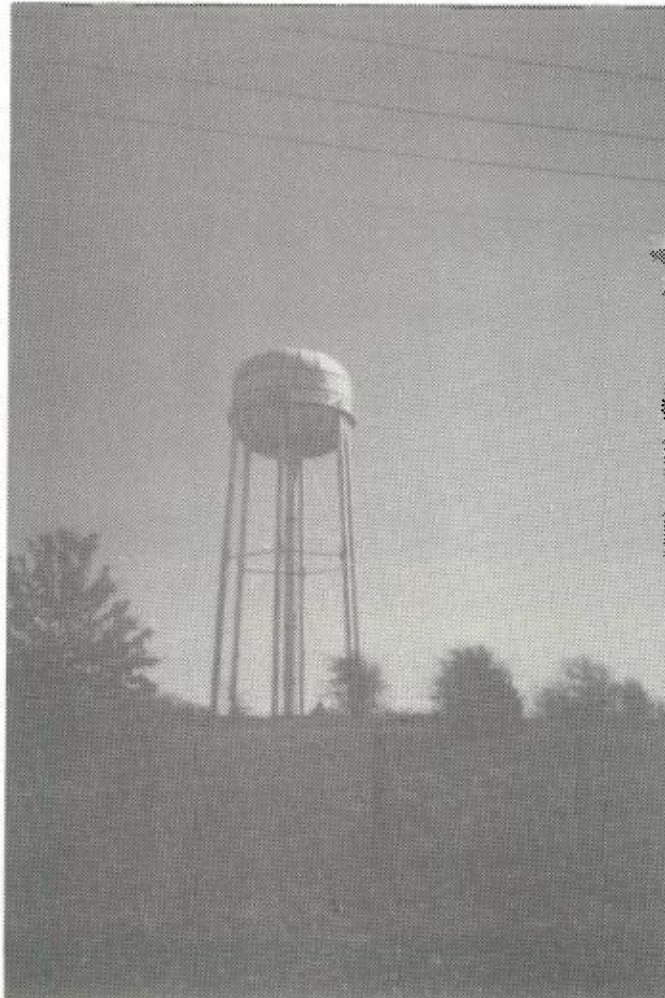
Daughter Jacque had attended Iowa State University for two years but is now living with her parents. She attends North Texas State University as a junior, majoring in Marketing.

Clo and Joe feel they have the best of two worlds in Corinth-- a country atmosphere with the cultural, academic and shopping benefits of Denton and Dallas very near. They live on Wildwood Drive.

## TAYLOR

Simion Fredrick Taylor, born 1831, and his family came from the Carolinas, and settled in Georgia, where Simion married Margaret Desier Tinney in 1857, Lawrenceville, County, Georgia. Simion and Margaret owned a plantation in Gwinnett County, Georgia, near present-day Atlanta. Their four children were Buena Vista, 1862, James Simion, 1864, John William, 1867, and Mary Helen, 1872.

John William, born 1867, married Ida Louise McDaniels, 1888, in Georgia. They lived on the family plantation, where they had three children, William Henry, 1889, Mae, 1891, and Lena, 1893. A year later they moved to Texas, coming by train to Garza, where they were met by a family named Mangum. Garza is now Lake Dallas. In 1895, John William and Ida bought 86 acres of land in Corinth, Denton County; the deed to the land was written in long-hand.



The house standing on the property then, and still in use today, was believed to have been built in the late 1700s.

John William and Ida Louise had eight children born in Corinth. They were Janey, 1895, Annie, 1897, Simion Fredrick, 1900, Lilly, 1902, James Otis, 1903, Vernon, 1906, Thelma, 1908, Robert Lee, 1910. John William was a farmer, growing cotton, corn, fruit, and vegetables, and raising cattle. Ida Louise sold milk and butter to the passengers who rode the train twice a week through Garza. The family went to church in Corinth, and the children attended school there. Robert Lee still lives in the old home place.

James Otis married Ruby Alley on January 14, 1928. She was the daughter of Marion and Elizabeth Ann Alley who had moved to Corinth from Oklahoma. James Otis and Ruby lived on a part of the 86 acre farm, and their two children, Bobby Jean, now deceased, and a son, Foy Franklin were born there. Foy was born in the old house of his grandparents. James Otis was a farmer, worked for the railroad, and helped build several Denton County roads. He and Ruby went to work for Convair in Ft. Worth during World War II, where Otis worked until he retired. Ruby worked for Texas Instruments in Dallas, and retired from there. She still lives on the farm. James Otis died in 1978.

Foy Franklin attended school in Corinth and Denton, and later served his country in the United States navy. He married Lula Raymond, born and raised in Kaufman County, the daughter of John Haywood and Maggie Mae Pierson Raymond. Their home is across the street from the house where Foy was born. Their four sons are Otis Lynn and Rickie Wayne, born in Denton, and Cary Ray and Boyd Franklin, born in Corinth.

Otis Lynn and his family live on the family farm. He attended school in Lake Dallas, and later served with the Marine division in Viet-Nam. He received the Purple Heart. Otis Lynn married Donna Nelson, Carrollton, and they have a daughter Leigh Ann, who is in the third grade, Lake Dallas school, and a son, almost two, James Otis II. These children



enjoy playing on the land bought by their great, great ancestor more than ninety years ago.

Boyd and Rickie live away from Corinth, but they still think of it as home. Cary lives in Corinth, and has been interested in the growth of the community. He helped with the erection of the Flag Pole, 1983.

Foy and Lula have been active members of the Corinth community, and have participated in church, school, and civic projects. Foy served on the Planning and Zoning board, and later made and installed the City street signs. He and Lula worked to make the Bicentennial celebration, 1976, a success by assisting with the carnival, public auction, and community-wide dinner. Foy cooked all the delicious meat for this dinner.

Planting the Flag Pole  
City Hall  
April, 1983

Foy Taylor, Gene Morrow  
Cary Taylor, Pierre  
Hollis, Margie Hollis,  
Lula Taylor



Lula has served at election time, local and county, for twenty years, Lake Dallas school functions, and as a charter member and president of the Corinth Lioness Club. Both Foy and Lula are life-time members of the V.F.W. and Auxiliary Post 2205, originally in Corinth, but now in Denton. Foy is president of the Corinth Shiloh Cemetery Association.



## THETFORD

Vivid memories of events occurring during "Many good years of living" were recalled by a long-time Lewisville resident, Mrs. J.B. Thetford, who celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday, March 12, 1961. Surrounded by family and friends, the "little mother" thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the celebration held in her home, 444 East College, in Lewisville. A resident of the area for the past 81 years, the former Miss Texana Newton was born in Virginia, 1871, and came to Texas with her parents when she was only nine years old.

The family first settled in Collin County, where they lived for about three years before moving to Denton County. Her father owned and operated a cotton gin, a general merchandise store, and a blacksmith shop in a little settlement called Lynchburg, located near the present site of Corinth.



A childhood memory still vivid in her mind was the move to Texas via covered wagon. "I will never forget crossing the Mississippi River on a ferry. I was afraid it would sink."

Mrs. Thetford received her education at Independence, a school located about one mile east of present-day Corinth. "Our social life in those days was church on Sunday, prayer meeting on Wednesday night, and a "Spelling Bee" one night a week. We rode side saddle to church, of course." She remembered

well the sight of her own mother at the spinning wheel. "That was a sight to see her spin thread into material for our clothes." Her father took advantage of the railroad, and had supplies shipped in by rail.

Mrs. Thetford, and her husband who died many years ago, were married in 1889, in Corinth. A few years after the marriage, the couple moved to Graham. "It took three covered wagons to move our family, household goods, and supplies, and over a week to make the trip from Corinth. We pitched camp nightly near waterholes."

Mr. and Mrs. Thetford had nine children, all of whom are living. "In raising nine children, there was naturally lots of baking, and it was all done on a wood stove. There were no push buttons to those." When her children were grown, she never knew who or how many she was baking for, especially on Sundays. Many weekends she baked 15 or 20 pies. Home baked breads and fried chicken were favorite foods.

This account was written by Mary Rankin, 1961, for the Women's page of the Lewisville Leader.



This picture of Corinth was made October 22, 1905, by R. Sparkman, and shows the cotton gin, and the general store to the right.

## WALKER

There are at least three distinctions of living in Corinth where my home has been for the last twenty-one years. First, Corinth is not a city, hardly a town, but a system of clusters, a collection of private homes by choice, or an almost isolated country home if one chooses. Scattered over 8.1 square miles, dotted with wooded hills and open land uses, it may be among the last style of select living that can be considered both town and country at the same time.

Corinth's second distinction is that it is just about as close as anyone would want to whatever place one would want to go: joins Denton City Limits on the north where two distinguished universities are running full fledged; the rapidly exploding, growing town of Lewisville is less than ten miles to the south, Dallas about twenty miles, given two or three; the north part of Lake Lewisville lies between, an excellent school system is nearby in the town of Lake Dallas. I would consider Corinth to offer a perfect balance between being close enough in and far enough out to satisfy anybody who is alive to such need.

Corinth's third distinction is that it has a future--as near guaranteed as any place can be, settled in the heart-land of fresh opportunity of settling within or as near the Dallas-Fort Worth-Denton triangle as one could wish to be. The name and fact of Corinth is quite old, as Texas time is counted; also its heart-throb and new sense of worth and self-confidence are as fresh and bubbling as the coming of a new spring where rains come on time and birds sing their melodies to every happy tune.

P.S. - To the above three distinctions, I wish to add another: Each of the three listed above is true--to my judgement. Also, I write from a bias; my home overlooks the northwest end of Lake Lewisville, with the greatest landscape view in North Texas; I can see miles to the south, with an unlimited

variety of terrain, timbers, elevations, a range of distant rim-lights at night, and I have only one description of this scene: I live in the foothills of the Swiss Alps--and I'm guessing that there are plenty of other residential possibilities for which homeowners would share the same enthusiasm. Such is my twenty-one year experience of living in Corinth.

Phillip Walker



## WHITE

Mason and Mary Lou White moved from Denton to Corinth in January, 1965. Mary Lou's maiden name was Arrington. She and Mason both came from large families who lived in the Denton area. They had one daughter, Marie Morrow.

The Whites bought the old house which had housed the principal and some of the teachers, from time to time, in the Corinth school. The school was next door, and when it consolidated with the Denton Independent School District in 1949, the old school building was used, for a while, by the community as a Center, and later sold, and moved to the service road on I-35.

When the family move was made to Corinth, Mason worked at Kimbell Milling Company, where he had been employed most of his life. He became disabled, and was forced to retire. After retirement, he and Mary Lou became more involved with chickens, cows, dogs, and cats. Their animals brought them many years of enjoyment.

Mason and Mary Lou were known to all as true, dedicated fishermen. They spent many hours on the lakes and creeks of area with a pole in one hand, and a coffee thermos in the other.

The Whites celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in December of 1982, with a reception in the home of their daughter. Mason died in July, 1984, after a long stay at Westgate hospital. He is buried at the Prairie Mound Cemetery in Argyle.

Mary Lou still resides at their home on Church Drive. She still spends many days with her fishing friends on the lakes and creeks, hoping to catch a "big one".



## WILLIAMS

Gerald and Judi Williams, Jr., and son John Robert are relative newcomers to Corinth, having moved into Meadows North in December of 1984, but they had lived in the surrounding area for the past fifteen years. Originally they came from Cooper, where Judi grew up on a farm. Their son John Robert attends the Sam Houston elementary school, an old school in a new setting and a new building, in Denton.

Jerry (Gerald) graduated from East Texas State at Commerce, Texas, with a major in history. He is teaching Automotive Technology at Brook Haven, a part of the Dallas Community College system. Judi finished at Brook Haven, and is now attending TWU, with special emphasis on Child Development. She also does part-time teaching in a preschool. Judi enjoys interior decorating, and sewing, especially curtains and draperies, listening to music, gardening, and is an avid reader. Jerry has a special interest in cars and motorcycles.

The Williams family enjoy travelling, and spend vacations in National Parks, especially the Great Smokey National Park. They have just returned from a winter vacation in Florida. They like trees, and the country atmosphere of Corinth.



A Horse Farm  
in  
Corinth



## WILSON

Bruce and Nila Wilson moved to Corinth four and one-half years ago from The Colony, Texas. Actually, Nila can take full credit for the decision to build a home in the Corinth Farms subdivision of the town. She was enamored of the beauty of the subdivision and had to make a convincing argument to Bruce to make the move, for which he is forever grateful. Unknown at the time, Bruce would serve one year on the Corinth Planning and Zoning Board and later be elected to first and second terms on the Corinth Town Council. Bruce and Nila enjoy the lifestyle in Corinth very much and plan to remain in the city for the foreseeable future. They are dedicated to the town and its citizens and to making the inevitable growth of Corinth come about in an orderly manner.

Bruce is the son of Walter and Carol Ann Wilson, who are currently happily retired and living in Georgetown, South Carolina. Bruce has a sister, Heather, who has a Ph.D. degree in education and is currently Dean of Women at Clarkson College in Potsdam, New York. Bruce was raised in Southampton, New York and graduated from Southampton High School in 1965. He subsequently received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, New York) in 1969 and a Master of Business Administration from Cornell University (Ithaca, New York) in 1971.

Bruce's business career spans fifteen years of financial management experience, initially with Doubleday & Company of Garden City, New York and most recently with Mostek Corporation of Carrollton, Texas and Cooper Industries Portable Rig Division of Dallas. He is currently employed by Taylor Baum Companies of Lewisville as a financial consultant.

Nila Wilson is the daughter of Louella and the late Jack Zody, originally of Chillicothe, Ohio. Her mother currently resides in Houston, Texas, as does her sister and brother-in-law, Jackie and Mike Evanko. Nila has two daughters, Lori Athey and

Lissa Doneson, both of whom reside in the Dallas area. Lori has a daughter, Melissa, 4, and Lissa and her husband Mike are expecting their first child in June.

Nila has been an interior designer for sixteen years, beginning her career as a designer with Sears, Roebuck and Company in Newport News, Virginia. She is currently employed by Booker's Furniture and Interiors in Lewisville and is widely recognized in her profession in the area she serves.

Nila and Bruce met in April, 1976, while both resided in Newport News, Virginia. They were married in Southampton, New York, in October, 1976, and lived in Southampton for two years, during which time Bruce was in business with his father. Bruce and Nila relocated to Texas in October, 1978 and purchased a home in The Colony. They built their current Corinth residence and moved to Corinth in December, 1981.

Bruce is an avid golfer and sports fan. He is a member of the Association of MBA Executives and is currently beginning his second two-year term on the Town Council of Corinth. Bruce and Nila are long-time members of Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch.