

River of Jordan

The little branch that runs east of the Santa Fe tracks got its name "The River of Jordan" in an unusual way. A gentleman of unsteady gait and his companion were wending their way home in the west part of town. At the bank of the little stream he stopped and said, "I think I'll baptize myself in the River of Jordan." He jumped into the stream, and they pulled him out perhaps a little more sober and wise. That's the way the "River of Jordan" got its name.

Sweet Tunes

O.A. Graham, a former resident of Krum owned a sports car that was equipped with horns that played off of the exhaust, and had the sound of an organ. The horns played two tunes, "Home Sweet Home," and Nearer My God To Me." The citizens would hear the familiar tunes as the car came into town, and they would say that O.A. had made it home safely again.

Cold Weather

While this is not a humorous story, it is one of interest. The coldest weather remembered here was on Feb 11, 12 and 13, 1899. Temperatures ranged throughout North Texas from 6 to 18 degrees below zero. A number of surface wells froze over. Where the bank now stands was a general store, owned and operated by R.C. Scripture. Mrs. Brandenberger, mother of Ed Brandenberger drove into town in a cart from her home in the Plainview Community to get some groceries. She was so cold when she got to town that she couldn't get out of the cart. The men had to carry her from the cart into the store. After she had warmed a while, she collected her groceries, got in the cart and returned to her home.

Baseball Happy

The school used to play a lot of baseball, and the teams would go to Sanger by wagon and to Ponder by train to play. Virgil Gibbins told of going to Ponder one day and after the game was over they were all waiting for the train to come. In front of the hotel where they waited was a deep bar ditch, and a plank across it to go to the street. The train whistle blew, and Virgil and some other boys made the run to catch the train, and in crossing the plank fell into the bar ditch. They caught the train all right, and came to Krum with their spirits as well as their clothing dampened.

Correspondence

In a letter from E.H. Rogers from the Rubber Products Co Inc, Fort Worth to the Rev J.O. McClister of Krum dated April 12, 1931 Mr. Rogers writes:

Dear Sir & Friend,

I believe I'll surprise you this morning I know you're not expecting a letter from me but I'm going to send you one anyhow whether you get it or not.

How are you making it now these hard times? But I guess you're making it somehow I haven't heard anything to the contrary, is that right?

I thought of lots of things I wanted to tell you before I commence writing but it's all slipped from my mind now so I guess I'll have to think of something else, as I said before I knew you wasn't expecting a letter from me I've done decided you're not going to get much of a one from me either.

But the main this that I wanted to know is whether they still have the Decoration at the Jackson Cemetery on the first Sunday in May as usual. I hope it will be a better day than it was last year, my we liked to have got drowned coming home that evening, but I guess we'll have to wait and see how the weather will be.

Well I've got to quit and go to Preaching so I'll expect you to read this but be sure and open it before you read it. But don't open it until you get it-let me know about the Cemetery Decoration please.

Yours, E.H. Rogers

PS: A girl named Maude McGuire,

Had trouble in starting a fire.

The wood being green she poured in Kerosene

And now she's gone where the fuel is Drier.

KRUM SETS EXAMPLE IN RUBBER DRIVE

From the June 18, 1912 Denton Record Chronicle we have the above mentioned article: "Krum has set a mark to shoot at in the rubber campaign now under way.

At the close of the third day since the drive was launched there was a stack of rubber at the McClister Motor Co. at Krum, where it is being assembled, that weighed 8,3000 pounds-or more than four tons.

Rubber is still being brought in from town and country and the scrap stack is expected to get a lot bigger before the campaign ends. Children were helping with the drive and are bringing in many rubber articles, as are the grown folk in the town and surrounding community.

Many of those selling the rubber, which brings one cent a pound, are investing the proceeds in war stamps. The McClister Motor Co is also collecting scrap iron."

American Broadcast Network Show Bride & Groom

One of the popular radio programs on the American Broadcast network was Bride and Groom. To appear on Bride and Groom, you had to apply to the broadcast network and if your story impressed the committee judging the application, a date would be assigned for the bride and groom. This radio station was located in California and the couple had to come to California at their own expense, and be able to attend and observe two programs before their wedding date. The couple was interviewed at the beginning of the program by Master of Ceremonies John Nelson. The couple was escorted to the Chapel in the Woods next to the radio station and the couple were married and returned to the program to be told where they would spend their honeymoon and what gifts they would receive.

In June 1946, Dorothy Ruth Rankin graduated from Denton High School and spent the next year attending North Texas State College. In 1948 it was determined that Dorothy's family could not afford to pay for her college education. Dorothy got a job at J.C. Penneys and accepted the proposal of William Henry McDaniel who had just returned from serving four years in the United States Coast Guard WW II. Dorothy decided to send in an application to the Bride and Groom program. If they won it would give Dorothy the wedding she had wanted without the expense for her parents.

The McDaniel's wedding date was set for April 23, 1948. The honeymoon was at Carlsbad by the sea. After two weeks the McDaniels came home on the train that had taken them to California. They have lived in Krum since 1952 and had two sons, William Clark and Mark Wesley.

The Terrapin Race

From DRC-October 4, 1930

"The rain has not dampened the spirit of owners of the terrapins for the big races to be pulled at the Fair next week, several of the men saying that this rain will speed them up, allay the dust which would have been stirred up by the speedsters, and some say that often the dust created interferences with the sight of the races. O.M Curtis has in mind a terrapin that has seen race track service. Bill Hicks decorate his "No-Nox" racer himself and is all set. Henry Owsley will enter "Heine, The Great," and Frank Keel is depending on "Hot Spot" to get the stakes. Ralph Cole, Krum says that he has had three races with a terrapin but has not caught him yet. He's still trying to outrun him and will bring him in for the race. 'Other Krum fellows are going to get in this big event, so watch out for a Krum entry,' he said.

The race is open to all comers and any one desiring to enter should get in touch with Vance Moore, terrapin race manager. It is expected that many turtles will be entered that have not been talked of and one man remarked that he knew of a 'dark horse' that had better be watched."



Dorothy & William McDaniel