

THE CCC LEGACY NEWSLETTER

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Chartered - November 1, 1985

Past Presidents - *Nelson Oats, *Harold Ballard, *W.O. Mullen, *Verle Oringderff, *Harold Trammell, *William Oakley, Frank Polenta, *S.L. Baker, *George Payne, *Harry Steinert, & *Al Clement. *deceased

Current Officers - Pres-Mike Pixler, 1st VP-R.H. Rastall, Sec/Tres/Editor-Curtis Greer, Sgt-at-Arms-Willie Pixler, Chaplain-George Riley, Food Committee-Blanche Howerton.

Monthly Meeting is held on the *second* Saturday of each month from 10 AM -1 PM at the Northside Multipurpose Center, 1801 Harrington, Ft Worth TX 76103. This information is printed on the back of your Chapter 123 CCC Legacy membership card.

Directions- Interstate Hwy 30 runs east & west and accesses the downtown Ft Worth area from the south. Exit north on Henderson St. After a couple of miles it crosses the Trinity River & becomes State Hwy 199 which goes to Lake Worth, Azle, Springtown, & Jacksboro. When you reach the red light at the intersection of 18th St NW, turn right (east) and go up the hill four blocks to Homan St. Turn left (north) and go a block to the Y. Bear right & continue into the Center's rear parking lot. Our meeting room has a green & yellow CCC Logo sign on the door. Bring a friend & enjoy fun, fellowship, & food. Sign the register for you may win the \$5 door prize. See you there! Editor.

CHAPTER ETERNAL-*From the tree of life each leaf must fall, the green, the gold, the great, the small. Each one in God's own time He'll call, with loving care He gathers all.* Hallmark

M. Hudson Harkins of Dallas TX, a member of Chapter 123 since 1993 passed away April 20, 2009 according to the Sep/Oct edition of The CCC Legacy Journal. He was also a lifetime member of the national organization. Hudson served with Co.3809 at Pflugerville TX from 1940-42 & at CCC Hdqrs in San Antonio. Condolences to 947 Leatrice Dr Dallas TX 75208

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES-5th-Silver, 10th-Diamond, 20th-Platinum, 25th-Sterling Silver, 50th-Gold, 60th-Diamond, 70th-Diamond. Richard & Jerriene Crooks, Crowley TX 09/23 (#26) James & Kathleen Green, Forest Hill TX 09/06 (#64) Willie & Ruby Pixler, Ft Worth TX, 09/31 (#60) Morris & Marjorie Taylor, Smithfield TX, 09/17 (#64) and Marshall & Elizabeth Zickefoose, Stephenville TX, 09/11 (#47).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!- Mrs Stan Finney, Martinsville VA, 09/04, Betty Fruge, Sulphur LA, 09/28, Dee King, Sudan TX, 09/25, LaDonna Perkins, Lake Charles LA, 09/14, and O.L. Springer, Decatur TX, 09/06.

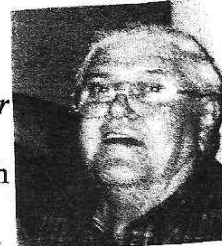
MEMORIAL DONATION-T.W. "Bill" McKee recently made a \$325 cash donation to Chapter 123's general fund.

This is in memory of his late wife, Mildred, who passed away on June 22, 2009. Bill stated, "The estate has been settled and Mildred would have wanted this." Also, he desired to see our Total Worth exceed the \$1,000 mark and it did, however, when the check was posted for printing and mailing the August Newsletter, the balance dropped below that amount again but we appreciate Bill's generosity and concern. Both he and Mildred served the chapter well in times past and were always faithful in their attendance and financial support on a local, state, and national level. Bill served in the CCC with Company 878 at Waxahachie TX and performed duties as a cook. He met Mildred through the introduction of a CCC buddy who was dating her sister at the time. They were married on October 31, 1941 after Bill had completed his tour of duty. He served his country during World War II with the 14th Armored Division in the European Theater of Operations as an anti-tank gunner on a half track vehicle.



TRIVIA - Who was Elizabeth Griscom, and what was her connection to the American flag? Answer: She was also known as Betsy and eloped with John Ross in November 1773. Betsy Ross, of course, sewed the first American flag. Who planted the first U.S. flag on the moon? Answer: Neil Armstrong, on July 20, 1969. Is it ever appropriate to fly the flag upside down? Answer: Yes, but only in emergency to alert others that you're in need of help. What is done with worn or outdated flags? Answer: Flags are used until they are worn out and then they are destroyed, preferably by burning. A vexillologist is an expert in what? Answer: History of flags. "Shipwreck" Kelly (1885-1952) was famous for sitting for long periods of time. What did he have to do with flags? Answer: He set many flagpole-sitting records. He sat for 49 days on one flagpole! Francis Scott Key wrote the words to *The Star-Spangled Banner* on the back of an envelope. What is the source of the music for the song? The music is from an English drinking song called *To Anacreon in Heaven*.

OUT & ABOUT & MAIL CALL by Curtis Greer, Editor. On Friday afternoon, Aug 21, 2009 my wife, LaVaughn, & I and our son, Dennis Greer, from Dripping Springs (near Austin) met with Bill Stallings of Irving and Norbert & Betty Gebhard of Grandview TX at Babe's Chicken Place in Burleson to critique the article Bill wrote in the *Newsletter* about Geb's World War II service & to return the material to him. We had a great time together fellowshiping, re-living war time days and *hanger flying*. We all need to experience this type of activity more often. Geb's wife, Betty, is a native of this area & was raised around the Cresson community which is located between Benbrook & Granbury. I have a book entitled *From Then Until Now* by J..D. Landers which was given to me by an ex-CCC boy at a Lake Brownwood State CCC Reunion during the 90s. It's real interesting and covers much of the Central Texas lifestyle during the 30s & the years of the *Great Depression*. J.D. states, "As I lived in many different places for months or years I always tried to find out what happened there. People would tell me and I would listen." In one part of the book he tells of being employed by the Soil Conservation Service and being based at Dublin (where you can still buy sugar sweetened Dr Pepper.) He was dispatched in his pick up truck with two CCC boys to Lindale in East Texas to secure and return two new trucks for the CCC detail there at Dublin. After taking delivery of the vehicles & checking them out, especially for anti-freeze because it was winter time, they headed back home. As they turned west at Mineola, they were hit by a rare blizzard. The enrollees weren't dressed for such cold weather so when they reached Buckner's Orphan's Home on the eastern outskirts of Dallas they stopped at a filling station and got warm. J.D. called a friend near Love Field and he loaned them a football warm-up sweatsuit, two overcoats, and a goose neck sweater with scarf. There were no heaters in the trucks but the two CCC boys were able to keep warm. Because of the snow they could drive only about 10 MPH It took over seven hours to get from Lindale to Fort Worth and it was well after dark when they finally reached Dublin. I love these old time stories. Growing up with my brother Bob in Fort Worth we didn't take a newspaper, didn't even have a radio, and that was way before TV was invented. But, our step-dad could tell the most interesting stories about his life growing up in rural West Texas. The format was always the same on a cold winter evening around the old pot belly stove. He would pack his old corn cob pipe with Prince Albert tobacco, light it with one of those long wooden matches, clear his throat a couple of times and begin with, "Years ago, when Stamford first started...." and we were off and running. I wish I had a CD of those tales!



Joe Kleinbrook wrote from Northbrook IL & sent his dues early plus a little extra for the petty cash fund. Says he really enjoys the *Newsletter*. He was a B-25 pilot during WW II. He served in the 3 Cs in 1936-37 at Camp Duck Lake, WI He now resides in a retirement home. He was recruited for our chapter several years ago by Al Whitehead of the Chattanooga, TN chapter. Al was our son Dennis's supervisor on one of his first assignments with the Internal Revenue Service after graduating from the UT at Austin. Folks, we are honored to have as our very newest chapter member the former President of the National Association Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni (NACCCA) Walter Atwood of Jacksonville FL . We had a real nice letter from him which will be read at the next meeting. He not only sent his dues but also a substantial amount to be utilized as we see fit. He has a very busy schedule but we hope to visit with him in October at the gathering in Denver CO.

Talked to Fay Clement on the phone recently and she sounded upbeat although she still faces surgery on her shoulder in the near future. Her sister who has been hospitalized in Shreveport in an unconscious state has rallied, regain consciousness, & will be discharged soon.

REVISED CHAPTER MEETING DATES - There will be no Chapter 123 meeting in October due to the National CCC Legacy Gathering & Reunion in Denver scheduled for Oct 8-10.

Several of our members & key personnel will be away attending those functions. At our Nov 14 Chapter 123 meeting you are reminded that we will nominate & elect a Second Vice President. Our current President, Mike Pixler, moved up from the First VP slot when Al expired & R.H. Rastall became First VP. This created the 2nd VP vacancy. Remember, any chapter member is eligible to serve, regardless of gender. Also, you need not have been an enrollee in the CCC in order to serve. This is where the Legacy stipulation helps us for there are several new younger members who are faithful in their support & attendance who are qualified to serve.

Suzanne Tuttle, Manager of the Fort Worth Nature Center, is one of our newest members & has been invited to speak to our chapter at the Nov 12 meeting. Lets have a good turn out and remember, our chapter was born there when a young volunteer worker by the name of Janet Ketter became curious about some of the projects she observed and began doing research.

2009 CCC LEGACY GATHERING & REUNION, DENVER CO. OCT 8-10 Thu/Fri/Sat

Registration-\$100 per person. Deadline-**Sep 25th** Fee includes all meals except breakfast which is included in your room rate at Hampton Inn. Make check payable to: Mile High CCC Legacy Chap 7 c/o Sally White 17677 Tycoon Ave Morrison CO 80465 (Ph 303-697-5439.)

Hampton Inn reservations—Make under CCC block of rooms. Up to 4 guests for each room at \$79, plus tax .Deadline- **Sep 15th.** Hampton Inn & Suites, Denver Littleton, 7611 Shaffer Pky Littleton CO 80127. Ph 1-303-973-3400. Fax: 1-303-973-2422, or 1-800-HAMPTON 1-800-426-7866. Campground Accommodations-Bear Creek Lake Park 44 RV/tent sites with electricity and dump station.

Tentative Schedule-Thu Oct 8th-2-4 PM Tour Mt Morrison CCC Camp.4-8 PM-registration mixer, light meal, speeches.**Fri** Oct 9th- 8 AM-coffee, description of hotel events. 10:30 AM-bus departs for Red Rocks Amphitheatre. 1200-2:30 PM-Luncheon/banquet, speakers, awards. 6 PM-dinner & programs at hotel. **Sat** Oct 10th-8 AM-coffee, presentation & discussion groups 11:30-luncheon followed by business meeting. 6 PM-dinner. **Sun** Oct 11th-departure.

SNAPPLE LID FACTS-Fresh apples float because 25% of their volume is air. It takes more water to fill a bathtub than it does to enjoy an average length shower. The bumblebee bat is the smallest mammal on earth. It weighs less than a penny. If done perfectly-any Rubick's Cube combination can be solved in 17 turns.

THE TREASURY OF QUOTES-By Brian Tracy *Giving/Asking*-Love only grows by sharing You can only have more for yourself by giving it away to others. Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting. Develop an "attitude of gratitude." Say thank you to everyone you meet for everything they do for you. Develop a benevolent view; look for the good in the people and circumstances around you. *Leadership*-Integrity is the most valuable & respected quality of leadership. Always keep your word. Leaders think & talk about the solutions. Followers think & talk about the problems. Leadership is the ability to get extraordinary achievement from ordinary people. The three "C"s of leadership are Consideration, Caring, and Courtesy. Be polite to everyone.

Editor's Note-with the Fall of the year approaching we think of cooler weather, leaves changing color & falling, and of course **football!** Consider the 6-man high school football teams of the 30s & today's inflated, unbelievable cost of attending a Cowboy's game at their new stadium in Arlington. Yes, time & inflation marches on - Who had the best time? **THE HISTORY OF 6-MAN FOOTBALL**-by Bob Greer, *Protection KS Press*-In recent weeks I have become interested in the history of the game of 6-man football. It's a fabulous tale of ingenuity and was a child of the *Great Depression* era. It was invented in the year of 1934 when times were really tough. The game was invented in Nebraska & started in the little town of Chester. A very enthusiastic young coach named Stephen Epler dreamed up the game. He wanted a game of football that could be played by tiny enrollment high schools. He chose six kids for each side of the game. That would mean fewer uniforms and the like and the team could be transported in two vehicles. The first ever game used kids from four nearby high schools. They were Hardy, Chester, Alexandria, & Ruskin. Kids from two schools made up the teams, but only six boys would be on the field for each team at the same time. That first game turned out to be an exciting tie! The game was perfect for small high schools. It literally "caught fire" and spread all across the Midwest of the nation within just a few years. The state of Texas was one of the earlier 6-man boosters. It gave the little towns a big chance to cheer & develop rivalries. Colorado, Nebraska, Montana, and New Mexico all took up the newly invented game. It was inexpensive & just fitted into the sports scene for the tiny high schools. Later, 6-man evolved into 8-man football, which is widely played nowadays all around the country. Maybe the games weren't the Super Bowl but the game invented during the 30s gave folks a chance to scream & holler for "our kids." That's what high school athletes and fun are all about. The 6-man game peaked in 1953 when a whopping 30,000 little high schools in the nation played the exciting, mile-a-minute game. And it all started with an idea dreamed up by a fellow named Stephen Epler.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING, CHAPTER 123 CCC L

Weather-rainy & wet. Headcount-16. Meeting called to order by the President at 11:30 AM. He led Pledges to Flags. Invocation by Curtis Greer. Visitors-none. New Members (via mail) Walter Atwood, former President of NACCA. & Suzanne Tuttle. Manager of the Ft Worth Nature Center. Walter's letter was read to the group. Health & Telephone Report-Richard Crooks continues to make progress in his recovery from brain surgery, however, he still can't drive & his wife, Jerriene, doesn't drive in heavy city traffic so they're restricted to the Crowley area. Tony & Terry Rodriguez are attending his brother's 50th wedding anniversary in San Antonio, & Kathleen Green & Rosalee Mann are both homebound. Eli Merrill is delighted with his latest chest X-Ray which shows his tumor shrinking. Bob Nettles still has leg problems but was able to attend a family reunion in Burleson today. Jack Bragg is out with a virus. Frank Polenta is still taking therapy for back problems. Joyce Rastall is recovering & doing well after back surgery & Bill Smith's health is improving. The Financial Report showed a total worth of \$1,008.36. Bill McKee's note regarding a \$325.00 donation to the chapter was read. Excellent Table Displays were provided by Mike Pixler, Pat Mann, Bill Stallings, & James Green. Chapter Eternal, Wedding Anniversaries, & Birthdays were recognized. Minutes of last month's meeting were approved as published in the *Newsletter*. The membership decided to go ahead and nominate & vote on a Second Vice President. This individual is James Green and he was elected unanimously. He will take the Oath of Office and be installed at the November 14, 2009 Monthly Meeting. Those planning to attend the National CCC Legacy Reunion and Gathering in Denver CO on October 8-10 were recognized. A general discussion regarding a variety of subjects followed and was enjoyed by all. Kathy Smith reported she had read "Once in a Life Time" handbook given to CCC Educational Advisor Tom Arnold brother of 5 Star General "Hap" Arnold. It tells about many jobs, their requirements, and how the CCC could prepare enrollees for them. It is a fantastic CCC book. Kathy told about the "Giving Hearts Program" in Iraq. Soldiers requests school supplies, toys, and personal items for the children. For those who cannot attend meetings, Kathy requests that checks be sent to Kathy Smith, 3328 Dothan Ln., Dallas, Tx. 75229 to cover postage and purchase of items. Those who can attend are asked to bring items to the November meeting. This is such a successful strategic program developed by her son who has returned from his second tour in Iraq, that soldiers across Iraq are participating in it. Mike Pixler won the \$5 door prize and donated it back to the petty cash fund. LaVaughn Greer blessed the food and Blanche Howerton's Kitchen Committee fed us a great meal. The meeting was adjourned by the President at 12:30 PM.

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"I propose to create a Civilian Conservation Corps to be used in simple work, more important, however, than the material gains will be the moral and spiritual value of such work." -FDR, 1933

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