

Notable Facts Set Names Of Streams

Politicians, heroes and others received their due from earlier Texans in the naming of places but the names of streams were taken from area features such as oak trees, the name of persons residing near the stream or other notable facts.

This is among the findings of A&M University English Professor John Q. Anderson whose "Texas Stream Names" appears in the latest volume published by the Texas Folklore Society with the title "A Good Tale and A Bonnie Tune."

Sam Houston, for example, is the namesake of a Texas city. Yet Texas State Highway Department maps listing nearly 4,100 streams show not a single one named Houston, Anderson said.

The professor and head of the Department of English write of Texas place names in an earlier volume of the folklore society. He is a past president of the organization.

"The pioneers were seldom as whimsical in naming streams as in naming places," Anderson said. The names of neighbors and community leaders, vegetation, animals, terrain, tools, equipment and memorable events were given to streams.

"More than a third, 1,429 to be exact, of Texas stream names are family names," Anderson said. In the list is everything from Adams to Zoro.

Such names as Pa, Gal, Grannies, Bachelor and Swede also were given.

Names of trees, plants and shrubs are the second most popular of the eight classifications. There are 69 streams with the word oak in their names, 57 with cedar and on down the list.

Almost equally popular are names dealing with the terrain, features of the water and similar aspects.

This classification includes everything from the 20 streams with prairie in their name to one named Smokey," Anderson said.

"The importance of animals, wild and domesticated, to early Texans is evident in the fact that almost 500 streams bear their names, including those named for fish, birds and insects," Anderson said. The list includes 12 streams

with beaver in the name, six with polecat and 67 with horses.

Anderson wonders what human characteristics or conflict lie behind such creek names as Alarm, Big Head, Friendship, Happy, Hardshell, Harmony, Pikes Peak, Poor, Repress, Rowdy and Thunder Struck.

The names of rocks and minerals are used in 238 names of streams.

"Surprising in a way is that despite the centuries of Spanish dominance, only about 200 stream names are obviously Spanish," Anderson said.

The hostility of the Texans after the Revolution and the fact that Spanish settlements actually were few in name and confined to the areas where Spanish names still are found, such as the Lower Rio Grande Valley, were cited as an explanation.

And Texans used names associated with Indians in naming only 124 streams.

"Early Texans were apparently anxious to forget the fierce Comanche and named only four Comanche creeks as compared with 12 for the friendlier Kickapoos," Anderson said.



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WASHINGTON, D. C. — Maj. Gen. W. J. Sutton, chief of the Army Reserve in the Department of the Army, is sponsoring two marksmanship trophies open only to U. S. Army Reserve riflemen in competition during August at the National Matches in Camp Perry, Ohio.

General Sutton is a familiar figure on the Texas A&M campus. He was a reviewing officer at last Spring's parade of the Corps of Cadets, one of his several visits here for military day.

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Twenty-five A&M University graduate students enrolled in "Introduction to Scientific Russian" are preparing for the final examination in the language new to them six weeks ago. And they should do well Friday.

The course offered by A&M for the first time is believed to be one of only four taught in the nation this summer. Goal of the course is to help graduate students master Russian well enough to accurately translate scientific literature.

On pop quizzes the students successfully translate such sentences as "The first galvian cell was made by an Italian physicist." The students may use a dictionary, but they have only 10 to 15 minutes to translate several sentences of a pop quiz.

"Right now," Dr. J. M. Skrivanek said, "I don't have anybody failing the quizzes I've given."

Students seeking the Doctor of Philosophy degree are required to have a reading knowledge of two foreign languages for use as research tools. Skrivanek's students who successfully complete the Russian course this term and "Reading in Scientific Russian" next six weeks become qualified in one language.

French and German courses especially for doctoral students long have been taught at A&M. The courses are equally demanding of the advanced student.

Three women are among the 25 students from four nations in the Russian class. They represent diverse fields of study. Among the major areas are agricultural economics, physics, petroleum engineering, entomology, mathematics and chemistry.

The students quickly mastered the 33-character Russian alphabet, known as Cyrillic, evolved from the original based mainly on the Greek.

The next step was learning rudiments of grammar and vocabulary. Students now spend several hours daily translating from the Russian.

"Let us further suppose that charged particles have been arranged symmetrically," is an example of the sentences translated.

"I have read," Skrivanek said, "that 20 percent of the scientific literature in the world is published in Russian at the present time." He said the same source indicated that in the "foreseeable future" Russian will be second only to English as the language of science and technology.

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Equipment Classes Set New Schedule

A new schedule of classes for the highway construction equipment operators school has been announced by A&M University's Engineering Extension Service.

Dates for new classes are July 20, Aug. 24, Sept. 21, Oct. 19 and Nov. 16, Alvin Jones, chief instructor, reported.

In the four-week courses students learn to operate bulldozers, crawler tractors, draglines and other heavy machinery used by earth-moving industries.

University Historian Returns To Study History Of Settlers

A&M University historian returns to South Texas later this month to seek further information about the people who settled in the Coastal Bend and Lower Rio Grande Valley after the railroads were opened.

Dr. A. Ray Stephens last summer checked railroad company records in such cities as Houston, St. Louis and Chicago, as well as interviewing persons and checking files in South Texas. Now completing a summer term teaching assignment at A&M, Stephens plans to spend the remainder of the summer in the Coastal Bend and Lower Valley areas.

"South Texas has been neglected so far as regional histories of the state are concerned," Stephens said.

His interest in the transformation of range country into an area of farms and towns has resulted already in one book. "The Taft Ranch, A Texas Principality" tells of that ranch northwest of Corpus Christi from its beginnings in the 1800s until the last land was sold to farmers. The University of Texas Press will issue the book later this month.

Who were the leaders who induced people to emigrate into the Coastal Bend and Lower Valley after the railroads were laid? Why did the people come? What contribution to the region did they make? These are the basic questions Stephens seeks to answer through personal interviews and study of various records, newspapers and other documents.

His study entitled "Emigrant Special: Impact of Railroads and Emigrants on the Economy of the Texas Gulf Coast, 1800-1930," is sponsored by the university.

Stephens joined the A&M faculty in 1962 after completing doctoral studies at the University of Texas. He has been advanced to assistant professor effective Sept. 1.



John is thinking about "what he wants to be." No, he doesn't want to be a jet pilot, nor a nuclear physicist, nor a lawyer, nor an actor, nor a doctor, nor yet a banker, baker, or chemist. John has decided. He wants to be a MINISTER.

I wondered if his father or his uncle or anyone else in the family is a minister? Strangely enough, no! He won't make a lot of money, and knowing John, he certainly won't particularly like the idea of getting up to "preach" to people. Definitely he won't have a big shiny car to make his calls. I wondered why John had decided to devote a lifetime to service in the Church.

I asked John for a frank answer and he told me many small accumulative experiences which boiled down to this: A strong Christian influence from family, friends, and church kindled a spirit of awareness and devotion which seems to be latent in every human heart. Of course, we can't all be like John. Few of us have received the stimulus to devote our entire life to the Church. But some of John's spirit does dwell in all of us. Too often we are unaware that we possess this miraculous gift from God. Rekindle your spirit by going to church this Sunday.

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Sunday Isaiah 6:1-13	Monday John 1:35-42	Tuesday John 1:43-51	Wednesday Acts 9:1-16	Thursday Romans 10:5-17	Friday Galatians 1:1-5	Saturday Galatians 1:11-24
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