

Salado Creek Has Colorful Past — Sound Off — As Texas Historical Landmark



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"I don't want to see another football game—or even a TV!"

AUSTIN—Salado Creek—a winding, picturesque, historical creek in Bell County—has been designated as Texas' first Recorded Texas Natural Landmark.

The announcement was made today by John Ben Shepperd of Odessa, president of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee.

"It has long been felt that worthy and significant historic natural landmarks should be designated to show their importance as evaluated by the State of Texas," said Shepperd. "This official recognition should promote preservation of worthy natural landmarks."

"This award is given only to natural landmarks that are identified prominently with the broad cultural, political, economic, military, or social history of Texas."

"Salado Creek meets all these criteria, and is worthy of preservation."

The creek flows for 35 miles in Bell County, joining the Lampasas River in central Bell County.

Salado Creek has unique, natural beauty, with gushing limestone springs that produce clear water. A clean rock bottom invites wading, and studying the

species of native fish. The banks abound with water cress, mint, native flowers, and flowering shrubs; and oak, pecan, and elm trees.

"Salado Creek has a rich and colorful history which illustrates why it merits designation as a Recorded Texas Natural Landmark," said Shepperd. "During prehistoric times, Indian tribes wandered up and down the creek hunting and fishing. There are many camp sites located near the numerous springs on the creek."

"Later the Spanish explorers named the creek, but no settlements were made until the Anglo-Americans were allowed to settle under the government of Mexico. Permanent settlers came to the creek when Texas became a state in 1846."

"Many Civil War units were organized and drilled on the banks of Salado Creek," continued Shepperd. "After the Civil War, when the great cattle drives started north, the Chisholm Trail came from the south and crossed Salado Creek on the trail's way to Abilene, Kan."

There were eight mills within nine miles on Salado Creek, which created a milling center. These mills supplied the needs of all the local pioneers and of the wagon trains that carried provisions to frontier settlements and western forts. Business competition was keen but friendly.

Shepperd also told about a

Salado pioneer, Col. E. Sterling C. Robertson, who donated 100 acres of land at his crossing on the Salado Creek for a college.

"During the 1850s, 60s, and 80s, Salado College held an outstanding position in Texas education," said Shepperd. "The school was chartered by the State of Texas in 1859. Soon after, the village of Salado was established, on part of the 100 acres of land."

"The stagecoach line carrying mail and passengers from Austin to Waco crossed near the big, bubbling springs here."

In 1860, the Masonic Lodge of Belton laid the cornerstone for the new college building.

200 Scholarships To Be Awarded By A&M Faculty

More than 200 Opportunity Award Scholarships to study at Texas A&M University will be awarded through state-wide competition to Texas high school seniors this spring.

Application to the scholarship program which has assisted 2,400 A&M men must be submitted by March 15, announced Robert M. Logan, student financial aid director.

Opportunity Award Scholarships pay \$800 to \$3,000 over a four-year period. The annual stipend of \$200 to \$750 is determined by need. Student part-time work will be arranged, if necessary.

A candidate's character and leadership ability, scholastic record, College Entrance Exam Board test scores and need of financial aid are considered in making the award. More than 65 per cent of students applying in 1965 received assistance.

"We hope to have that many vacancies again this year," Logan said. He pointed out that 500 students are now attending A&M on Opportunity Award Scholarships.

Application forms are available through high school counseling and guidance offices, vocational agriculture teachers, A&M mothers and dads clubs or by writing the faculty scholarship committee, Student Financial Aid Office, Texas A&M, College Station.

Boston Burn Unit Answers Many Lifesaving Questions

Hundreds of calls to 617 726-2000, telephone number of the Boston Burn Unit, save thousands of lives each year.

The Burn Unit, on the fifth floor of Massachusetts General Hospital, was born in the aftermath of the November 28, 1942 Coconut Grove fire. Mention of this Boston nightclub, where 491 lives were lost, still causes shudders in Boston. Today, 24 years after its birth, the Burn Unit serves as the world's most important research center and as a clearinghouse for information on burn injuries.

The night of July 14, 1966, with co-director Dr. John F. Burke manning the "hot line," the Burn Unit served with particular distinction.

Dr. Burke's first call came at 6 p.m., from New York City's Bellevue Hospital, which had just admitted a man burned in an auto accident. Bellevue was puzzled by the fact that the man had only 15% of his body burned, but had a falling pulse rate.

"It sounds like lung tissue damage," said Dr. Burke. "The patient must have inhaled flame... condition indicates that his lungs are unable to transfer

enough oxygen to the blood. It doesn't matter that he has only 15% surface burns; the respiratory burn is always independent of those. Put the patient on oxygen at once and set up drainage. If he does not respond, get him on a plane and send him to us!"

Death by burning is one of the most horrible ends conceivable, according to an article on the Boston Burn Unit in MAN'S MAGAZINE. However, the national survival rates have changed little in the past 25 years. A minute percentage of persons with burns over 50% of their bodies live. Aware of these grim statistics, Dr. Burke, and other Burn Unit physicians, cannot help but pray that more Burn Units will be established in other states and throughout the world.

Dr. Burke spent the next hour in relative quiet: two calls from suburban doctors and one from Miami, asking if the hospital there could send an acid burn case to Boston.

At 10:30 p.m., Dr. Julius Barney called from Indianapolis with news of a fire at Kokomo. Union Carbide's vast rocket chemical plant had had a fire in the vat

room, where vast quantities of volatile rocket fuels had exploded. The toll: one man melted as if he were wax; five critically burned survivors.

What followed, was a series of long-distance calls from Dr. Burke in Boston to Dr. Barney in Indianapolis, advising of treatment procedures, etc. Then, because facilities in Indianapolis were inadequate to treat severe burns, an airlift was established—with White House assistance—and the survivors were flown to Massachusetts General for personal treatment by Burn Unit doctors.

Burn therapy is a slow process, a battle fought on three fronts: energy loss, infection and shock. The fire-ravaged body, lying stationary and wrapped like a mummy in bandages soaked in silver nitrate solution, undergoes a horrible process of attrition, equal to the drain of the most violent exercise. Stamina is vital to survival.

Burn therapy calls for stamina in the doctor, too. Patients need constant attention, day and night, in the acute stage; then follows a long, meticulous path back, involving all the skills of surgery, physiotherapy and nutrition.

The expense? Contributions from the U. S. Public Health Service and the Shriners help to assuage the burden of long and expensive recoveries.

How the Burn Unit's Dr. Burke labored over the Union Carbide plant fire victims and how he saved the life of more than 60%—burned Edward Miskunas is a testimonial to the dedication of Dr. Burke and to the existence of the Boston Burn Unit.

Air Force Offers Scholarships To College ROTC Students

The U. S. Air Force will award 3,000 scholarships to ROTC students in 180 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

The scholarships, to begin with the 1967-68 school year, will cover the full costs of tuition, fees, laboratory expenses, and an allowance for books. Each recipient also receives a non-taxable \$50 per month.

Texas A&M is expected to have over 50 candidates for the grants. Last year, 26 juniors and 34 seniors were awarded the scholarships.

Under the scholarship program, adopted September 1965, sophomore, junior and senior cadets in any Air Force ROTC detachment are eligible. They are selected on the basis of scores on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Achievement Test, a minimum grade average of 2.5 on a 4 point scale, and a rating from an interviewing board composed of institutional officials and Air Force ROTC staff officers.

The awards will go to 600 sophomores, 1,400 juniors, and 1,000 senior cadets.

There is no maximum on the number of scholarships that can be awarded to a given college or university hosting an Air Force unit with the four-year ROTC course. In addition, all detachments meeting ROTC requirements are assured of a minimum of one scholarship at each of the grade levels. The remainder of the scholarships are determined on a competitive basis and through the interviewing board.

The scholarship program was authorized by the ROTC Vitalization Act of 1964. Since the act was passed, 2,000 scholarships have been awarded—1,000 in 1965 and an additional 1,000 in 1966. The Air Force plans to have 5,500 scholarships in effect by 1970. This is the maximum number authorized to be in effect at any one time by the law.

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