

Threatened by annexation

Small town wins big fight

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HACKBERRY — When the burgeoning suburbs of Dallas greedily eyed Hackberry's land, the 228 citizens fought back, not with guns and tea raids like their ancestors more than 200 years ago, but in court.

Now all they have to worry about is paying off a \$8,500 bill for legal expenses and whether, as resident Steve Rosselle wryly put it, they will have to impose taxes to pay for police and fire and other city services.

The struggle for incorporation began with the threat of being annexed by The Colony, a tract-home town built from scratch to the south a decade

ago. The allure was Hackberry's 236 acres of unincorporated territory, mostly populated by families in trailer homes, each with its own well and septic tank, linked by roads maintained by the county.

Annexation would mean The Colony could collect taxes until developers created a demand for water and sewer services. Former Mayor Lonnie Richards of neighboring Little Elm offered a way out: Hackberry could become part of Little Elm. And pay Little Elm taxes, etc.

"He was saying that somebody's going to get us, and that

we didn't have enough time to incorporate," said Jean Buckelew, co-leader of the drive to incorporate.

That raised hackles all over town.

The day after the meeting, Buckelew and a neighbor, Janet Rosselle — whom she'd never met — got up a group and hired a lawyer to put together the legal work for incorporation. They'd worry about the money to pay him later.

"It (annexation) was like building a little wall around us," said Rosselle, whose house offers a view of water towers from three adjoining towns. "We told those cities, 'Do what

you want to do but leave us alone,'" she said.

A petition drive collected the necessary names and the group beat The Colony to court. In February, a county judge scheduled an election. On April 2, behind burlap curtains in the Buckelew's garage, Hackberry's citizens voted 25-16 to become a town.

Since then, Hackberry has placed a population sign at the corner of King's Road and Rose Lane. A city council election is set for Aug. 13.

And the Hackberry Hullabaloo was scheduled to help pay off the new town's legal debts.

Two drown on Monday near Dallas

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DALLAS — Two men drowned Monday in separate swimming pool accidents at Twelve Hills apartments near Dallas.

Clarence Williams, 19, was pronounced dead at Methodist Central Hospital at 4:45 p.m. after he was pulled from the pool, officers said.

The second victim, Charlie Ray Jackson, 23, died at the same hospital at 5:20 p.m.



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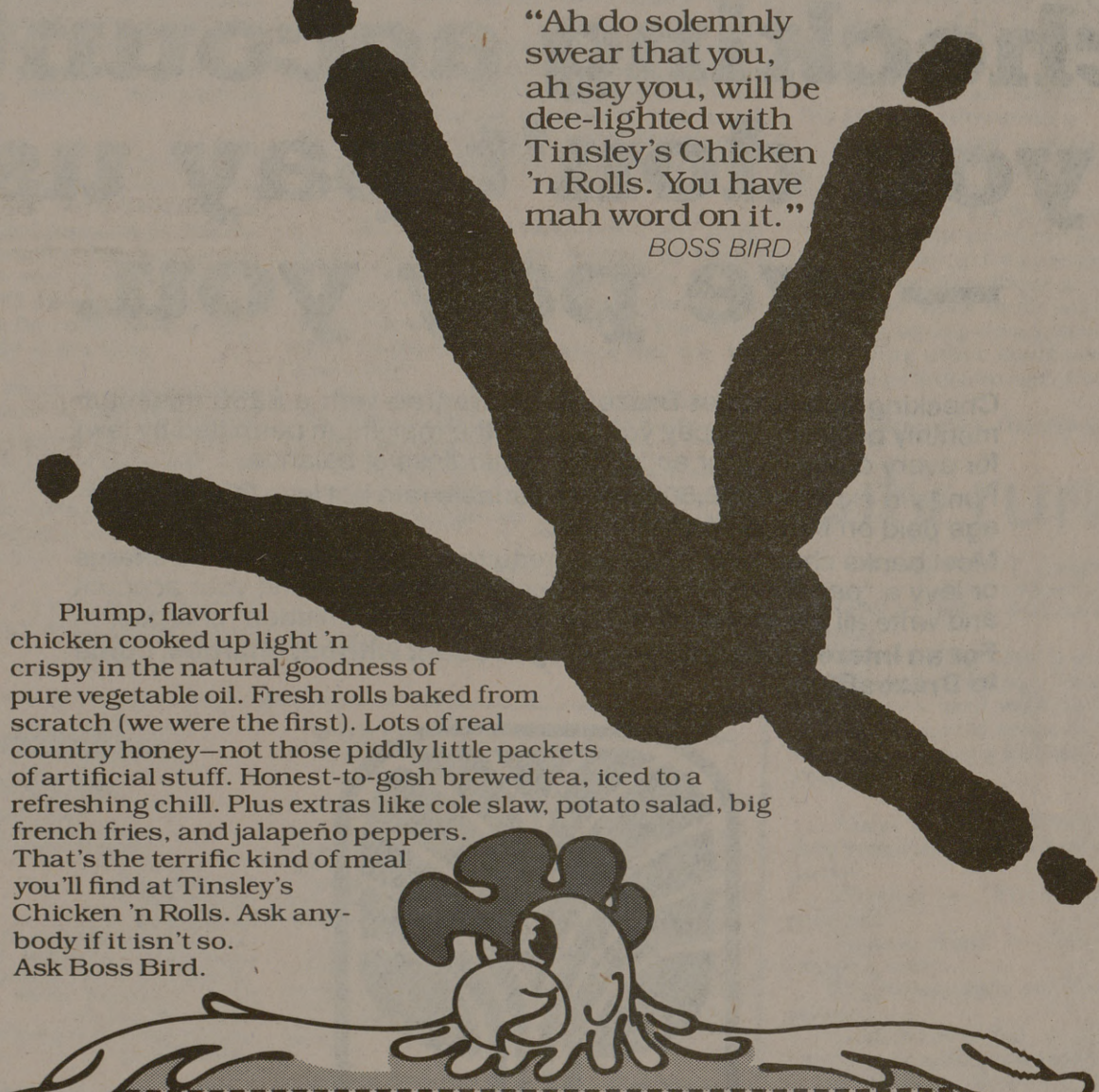
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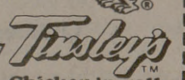
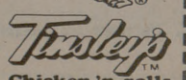
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