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Ten rest in A&M's ghost graveyard

By LESLIE MALONE Reporter

A Texas A&M employee cemetery? As unusual as it sounds, that's what the cemetery now located on the corner of Marion Pugh Road and Luther Street is.

Hidden on the front by bushes and trees, visible from a side dirt road and watched from the back by horses in a pasture, the cemetery goes unnoticed by passersby.

Don Simons, assistant director for Ad Educational Television at KAMU, makes a hobby of researching the history of cemeteries in the area.

Simons said the cemetery was moved to the present location from the site that is now Duncan Dining Hall. According to the records in the Sterling C. Evans library archives, the cemetery was moved in 1939 to the present location which is also University-owned.

Of the headstones marked and recorded as A&M employees, are J. Riggs, a janitor at the Experimental Station Building; Allison Smoot, head milkman at the dairy barn during the Harrington administration (1901-1905); and C.O. Watkins, a long-time employee of Texas A&M.

The largest headstone in the small cemetery belongs to L.L. Foster, the

president of A&M College from 1898 to 1901.

Also in the archives was a report from the last official visit made to the cemetery in 1954. D.B. Cofer, the college archivist at the time, was the visitor. His report included the following:

"Located on the southwest side of Missouri Pacific track a mile or so south of R.R. Station and one-eighth miles or so west of old Highway 6:

Graveyard: neglected; ten graves marked now with ten stones; no record shown of the grave of Dr. Pond, buried in the 'teens one summer in the First College Station cemetery, in the Old Sheep Pasture, and on the present site of Dunecan mess hall."

Of the records that followed, it is evident that an attempt was made to contact relatives of Foster to get permission to move his remains to the new cemetery.

During the search, a proposal was made by a friend of the Foster family, Hal Moseley, to move the remains of Foster. A letter to George Smith, chairman of the objectives committee, Moseley complained of Foster's treatment:

"It is a crime the way President Foster's remains have been treated," he wrote. "Maybe with the help of Professor Leland's committee (the

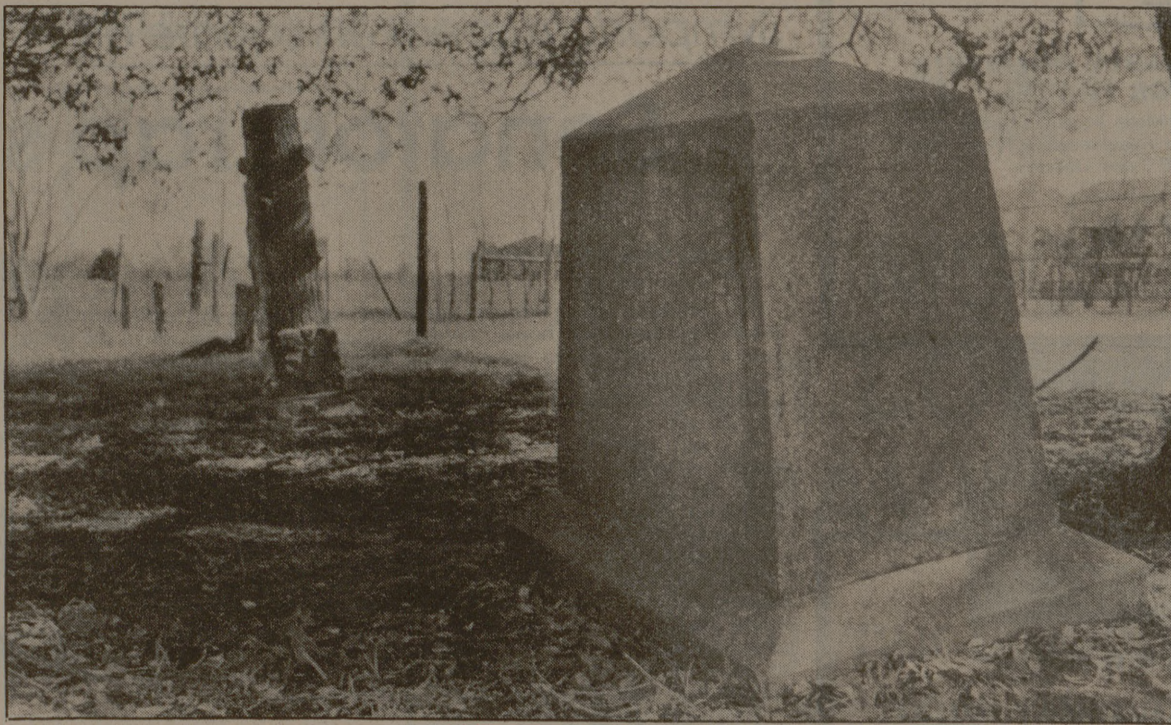


Photo by DEAN SAITO

The headstone of former Texas A&M President L.L. Foster is the most prominent

marker in the cemetery. There are about 10 graves in the cemetery.

cemetery committee) and alumni working together, a suitable plot could be provided for and cared for."

The search for the relatives proved unsuccessful and the propo-

sal was to go before the objectives committee in August of 1955. There was no further information on the subject in the archives. Neither Simons or any of the University officials in the archives know why nothing

became of it.

The cemetery now has only nine markers left, some of which are falling apart. It is, however, part of A&M's history and will probably remain in this location permanently.

Senator's postponed shuttle flight rescheduled

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Space agency officials Wednesday set an April 12 launch date for the long-delayed space shuttle flight of Sen. Jake Garn and six astronauts.

NASA announced Wednesday that the five-day mission aboard space shuttle Discovery will be launched at 8:04 a.m. and will include the deployment of two satellites and operation of a number of experiments, including testing of a variety of ordinary toys.

The launch date falls on the fourth anniversary of the liftoff of the first space shuttle flight.

Garn, R-Utah, is flying on the mission as part of his supervisory responsibilities in Congress. He is chairman of the Senate subcommittee that monitors NASA's budget.

Mission Cmdr. Karol Bobko said the astronauts on his crew have been affected little by the many changes that have occurred in the flight manifest and crew complement since he was selected as a commander last year.

"I was surprised at how much resident expertise I had in my crew," said Bobko.

Bobko noted that despite major changes in payload activities and satellite deployments, at least someone on the crew had been trained for those activities.

The mission originally was scheduled with five astronauts for a launch last August on space shuttle Discovery. Since then, the crew has been assigned to another spacecraft, crew mates have been added and removed, and the date has moved back several times.

Computer logic, reason to be discussed

The Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah will discuss "Computers, Human Reason, and Heuristic Rules," today at 4 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

Dr. Michael Orenduff, who specializes in the philosophy of logic, will answer questions about the logic behind computers and the human mind.

Orenduff primarily will discuss the argument that computers do not think like humans which causes problems in computer programming.

He also will address the possibility of any rules that can be used by both computers and humans to solve problems.

Before moving to Utah two years ago, Orenduff was a professor and department chairman in the philosophy department at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

About 750 Aggies to attend reunion

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD Staff Writer

About 750 former students are expected to descend on the Texas A&M campus this weekend for the annual Sul Ross reunion, said Olive DeLucia, class projects director and co-ordinator of the event Wednesday.

The annual event began in the 1940s, DeLucia said, when a group of students who were at A&M during Lawrence Ross's presidency

(1891-1898) realized they must admit new members to their group to sustain membership.

Members are inducted into the organization 50 years after graduation. At this reunion, members of the Class of '35 will be inducted.

The events begin Sunday March 31 and last until Tuesday April 2. On Sunday, at 3 p.m. registration begins, followed by a social hour at 6:30 p.m.

During the social hour, the classes

of '21 through '26 will each have separate dinners in the Memorial Student Center, while the classes of '27 through '34 will have separate dinners at the Ramada Inn.

Monday's program will include a program of special recognition for the wives of Sul Ross members to be hosted by Renee Vandiver, wife of A&M President Frank Vandiver.

Monday night a banquet will be held, also in the Memorial Student Center. DeLucia said the members

Ramsey never lost an election in 45-year career

Former Texas lieutenant governor dies at 81

AUSTIN — Ben Ramsey, lieutenant governor for a decade and a politician who never lost an election during his 45-year career, died Wednesday at an Austin hospital. He was 81.

A native of San Augustine, Ramsey was lieutenant governor from 1951 until August 1961, when he resigned the office to become a mem-

ber of the Texas Railroad Commission. He served in that post until 1977.

Ramsey died Wednesday morning of pneumonia, according to a spokeswoman for Seton Medical Center in Austin. He had been hospitalized for five days, said Linda McFarland.

A lanky East Texan, Ramsey en-

joyed a reputation for his dry wit.

While presiding over the Senate as lieutenant governor, Ramsey once was asked by a young news reporter, "When does the Senate come to order?"

Without blinking, Ramsey replied, "Young man, the Senate of the state of Texas never comes to order. It just meets."

He made his first successful bid for office in 1930, running for the Texas House. He won re-election in 1932. He then returned to private law practice for six years.

In 1940, Ramsey ran for the Texas Senate, winning again. He held that seat for eight years, then returned to private life.

But in January 1949, Ramsey was

appointed secretary of state by Gov. Beauford H. Jester, a post he continued to hold under Gov. Allan Shivers after Jester died.

He first was elected lieutenant governor in the 1950 election. Re-elected five times, he held the office longer than anyone before him.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday morning in San Augustine.

Advertisement for Whole Earth Provision Co. featuring illustrations of clothing items: a Snap Jersey, Gurkha Short, Snap Shirt, and BBC Short. Text describes the items and provides contact information for the company.

Large advertisement for Ford Theater featuring the slogan 'GET OFF TO A GREAT START' and 'AGGIE CINEMA'. It includes the Ford logo and details about the event on Tuesday, April 9th.

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