



Members & Friends

Our April 30 Meeting Is Canceled Due To The Corona Virus!

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The presentation of
“Lookie What We Have Here!”
will be rescheduled
for a later date.

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The LCHS YARD SALE Will Be Rescheduled For Later In The Year!

If you have items to bring,-- you can still put them on one of the porches at Richard and Catharin Lewis’s Home, 1518 Walker. Clean closets while we are having to stay home. Keep us in mind for the extra stuff you don’t have room for!!

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From the President...

We are all witnessing history as the pandemic threat paralyzes the world and stops everything we are so used to enjoying in our daily life. I don’t know about you but for me it’s better safe than sorry so I’m staying home as much as possible and when around others, I observe the 6 foot distancing rule. Because of the Governors stay at home order we are cancelling the Yard Sale Set for April 18th and our regular monthly meeting set for April 30th. We will wait and announce if we will hold our May 28th meeting as the date draws closer.

In the meantime we would ask anyone that has not renewed their annual membership to please do so. The COVID-19 virus has forced us to cancel all of the classes for the West Bay Common School program through June and this has reduced our income. A dues renewal form is included in this newsletter. If you have already renewed and just want to offer your support donations are very welcome and much appreciated. Even a small amount helps. Please stay safe and healthy.

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New Addition to the Museum

We recently received a storage building donation from *Bay Harbour United Methodist Church* here In League City. I put a floor in it, painted it and moved it to the schoolyard.

We call it our Garden Classroom Storage building. As you can see in the pictures we have our out-

side teaching wagon, well bucket and Hoops and Sticks game items located much closer to where they are actually used.



I also made a new holder for the hoops. The biggest improvement in the new item is that it has WHEELS. (I can hear the cheering from the Schoolmarms from here.) We have had the same **lug around** holder for our hoops for 25 years.

Now all we have to do is get the fans working in the Garden Classroom and we will have 4 schoolmarms that are very happy.

That's next young ladies...

Richard Lewis



World War II Story

by Deborah Gammon

This month's story is about Roy Lafayette Hardy. His is a tragic story, a victim of a crime of passion. I remember some years ago when I included him on a senior walking tour in Fairview Cemetery, a woman asked me "So, am I supposed to feel sorry for him?" Try to remember that at one time, someone stood in front of his headstone and cried.

Roy L. Hardy was the oldest of 7 children born to Walter Leroy and Inez Johnson Hardy. The father, Walter Hardy was born in Arkansas and married Inez Johnson, probably in Texas because that was where she was from. The parents, Walter and Inez Johnson Hardy are buried in Fairview along with their son, Roy L. Hardy. Roy was born in Winnsboro, Tx on July 5, 1918. Roy was married several times. I guess, we could call Roy a scoundrel, and you will see why I said that in a minute.

His first wife was a widow, Beatrice Pate Hammer with 3 young children. Her husband, Ralph Hammer died in October of 1937. She wed Roy August 8, 1938 in Jefferson, TX. Their daughter, Lela Ruth Hardy was born in 1940 in Harris County. On Roy's WWII Draft card, Beatrice his wife is listed as the person who would always know where he was. Roy was divorced "with dependents" when he enlisted in the US Army on April 8, 1942. On his enlistment record, Roy states that he had 3 years of high school and in his civil occupation that he was an unskilled oiler of machinery. GALVESTON DAILY NEWS on September 29, 1950 front page ran a story titled *Shot Him for Love, Mrs. Rogers Says*. It said Mrs. Rogers was Mrs. Johnnie Louise Rogers, a 29-year-old mother of three and a filling station employee. She shot Roy L. Hardy, 32, operator of Hardy Bros. Garage, 2514 Mechanic street. "Hardy was shot late Wednesday night as he stood on the porch of his residence, 911 33rd street, his wife, standing beside him." "A single shot from a 44-40 caliber Colt single-action revolver struck Hardy under the left chest, penetrated the lung and emerged at his back to lodge in the front door of his house."..."While he was on the stretcher, I leaned against the porch post and I hollered: 'Oh, Darling, I do love you, I do love you!', Mrs. Rogers was quoted as saying that day.

Galveston Daily News, October 9, 1950, p. 1: *HARDY DIES; Woman Charged for Murder*. Roy didn't have an obituary per se but it was the last paragraph in the story that announced his death.

"Hardy died at 7:45 a.m. after 11 days in which he lingered on the borderline of life and death at St. Mary's Infirmary, suffering from a bullet wound which penetrated his body."

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“A charge of assault in murder has been supplanted by one of murder against Mrs. Johnnie Louise Rogers, 29, the woman who for three years played the third role in a triangle involving her and Hardy’s wife, Dolores.” ...

“Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Dolores Hardy; his mother and father, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Hardy, of Galveston; a daughter, Lela Ruth and two sons, Jonathan Lee and Stephen Roy, all of Galveston; a sister, Juanita Hardy of Galveston; and five brothers, Hollis and John Dee, both of Galveston and Travis, Lester and Robert, all of Bacliff.”

So, what happened to Johnnie Lee Rogers? The trial began May 21, 1951. Mrs. Rogers was the first white woman to face a murder charge locally in 10 years. Hardy’s widow, Delores was now Mrs. Paul Hall and she was the 1st witness for the prosecution. She stated that she knew about Mrs. Rogers and that Rogers had been to see her before to discuss Roy. A filling station employee at the station where Mrs. Rogers’ worked, Nola Jean Howard age 17 testified that Roy was the one that usually brought Mrs. Rogers to work. But about 3 weeks before the shooting that had stopped.

The testimony of Mrs. Rogers is recounted in the *Jury Ponders Evidence in ‘Love Shooting’* article in the Galveston Daily News May 23, 1951. Mrs. Rogers spoke of how they met in a café in Seabrook while she worked as a waitress. She said that Roy had told her his wife was pregnant but he didn’t love her. She had spoken about loving and worshipping Roy L. Hardy. She washed and ironed for him, even his socks. She had asked Roy to get a divorce. Hardy had bought her a car and she always introduced him to her friends as her husband. But, she said that she really only meant to scare him. This sounds like all the soap operas I’ve ever seen on television. The verdict came on May 24, 1951 newspaper article *5-Year Term Suspended in ‘Love Killing’*.

“After about six hours of deliberation a 56th District Court jury Wednesday morning pronounced Mrs. Johnnie Louise Rogers guilty of the murder of Roy Hardy, Galveston garage mechanic, and imposed a five-year suspended sentence. Roy Lafayette Hardy a soldier in WWII with Reconnaissance Company 44th Armored Regiment, the 44th Infantry Division was a division of the U. S. Army National Guard from October 1920 to November 1945, and a Technician 4th Grade with Troop E 92nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, was laid to rest on the 10th day of October 1950 in Fairview Cemetery in the Hardy family block #85.

Mrs. Johnnie Louise (Frame) Rogers married multiple times after her trial ended. She passed away on March 28, 2004 and is buried in the Confederate Cemetery in Alvin, Texas.

The Best Stories.....

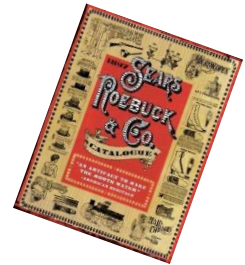
When sharing the story of the 1898 schoolhouse, I always say that we get our best stories from our visitors. One older gentleman loved to play marbles, but didn't have the money to buy a "glassie" or "steelie" or other marble. He told of visiting the brick factory at the end of Kansas St. to ask for leftover clay so he could make his own clay marbles called jugs.



Another visitor reported that the use of catalogs (the Amazon.com of the day) as toilet paper wasn't as bad as it seems. With nothing better to do while doing their business, they would fold and re-fold, toss and wad and re-wad a page until its fibers broke down to make the paper "softer." I don't know about that.

A favorite lunch was described as leftover breakfast pancakes or biscuits spread with bacon grease. They said it was just like eating a big piece of bacon with the pancake or biscuit.

Again, to each his own.



Then, to the tune of groans, I assign homework. Visitors are to find an older person to ask 3 questions:

1. What was school like when you were younger?
2. What happened when someone got in trouble at school?
3. What did you do for fun at recess?

Everyone has stories. I treasure the story tapes my Dad, Bob Lewis, left me of his growing up in the blue house on Main Street and fishing in the Creek. We are in a strange time now. Our stories of quarantine and social distancing and masks and this wicked COVID 19 are valuable. One day they will be the primary sources used to study this historical time period. One day when you and I are not here to tell them, they will be treasured by our families. Consider writing down your thoughts, recording them on your phone, whatever works for you. We are living history. Appreciate that. Share it.

Stay safe. Wash your hands.

Linda Lewis Michael

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A perfect time to work in the yard or
just sit in the warm sun and read!!

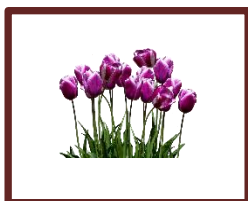


**Free eBook on the
Medical history of Texas**

In many ways, the coronavirus pandemic is an unprecedented event in the lives of Texans inside and outside the medical community. Yet the medical history of Texas includes several battles with pandemics, epidemics and outbreaks. By researching how previous generations responded to these crises, we gain valuable insight into lessons learned and what might be done to confront diseases now and in the future. With this in mind, Texas State Historical Association presents the latest free eBook, *From Malaise to Miracles: Health and Healing in the Long Star State*.

To download your copy use this link:

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What Happened 100 Years Ago (1920)

Band-Aid adhesive bandages.

A cotton-buyer named Earle Dickson invented what is now known as the Band-Aid adhesive bandage. Dickson wanted to create a bandage his wife could apply herself, so he layered two Band-Aid products *gauze and adhesive tape* to create the then revolutionary bandage.



The first radio station went on air.

On November 2, 1920, the radio station, KDKA in Pittsburgh produced the world's first commercial radio broadcast. Frank Conrad is known as the *father of radio broadcasting* for inventing the first station – which was located in his garage.

Women's right to vote in the US.

On August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment was ratified, granting women the right to vote and ending nearly 100 years of protesting for women's suffrage. Despite the victory, many states passed laws that prohibited African American women from voting. It wasn't until 1965 that President Lyndon B. Johnson passed the Voting Rights Act, which banned racial discrimination in voting practices.

The National Football League.

Originally called the American Professional Football Association (APFA), the league was founded in Canton, Ohio, on September 17, 1920. The APFA was renamed as the National Football League (NFL) two years later.

The Baby Ruth candy bar.

Named after Ruth Cleveland, a daughter of former US president Grover Cleveland, the Baby Ruth candy bar was created in 1920. There is often confusion surrounding the origins of the candy bar name, as some people assume the treat was named after baseball star Babe Ruth, who was a household name at the time.

The first three-color traffic light.

William Potts, a Detroit police officer, created the first three-color, four-directional traffic signal. Prior to Potts' invention, the traffic light used only red and green lights. The yellow light was new at the time and became the standard in all traffic signals by the mid-1930s.

So was the jungle gym.

The jungle gym was patented by Sebastian Hinton as a "climbing structure" in 1920. It was meant to "harness the monkey instinct strong in all human beings and perhaps more clearly displayed in children."

The Good Humor ice cream bar.

Founded by candy-maker Harry Burtin Youngstown, Ohio, in 1920, the Good Humor bar was revolutionary because it was the first ice cream pop on a stick. The brand's chocolate-covered treats continue to be popular desserts to this day. It was originally served out of dry-ice vending carts in city parks before it went into the famous Good Humor trucks.



What Happened 100 Years Ago (1920)

AMC bought its first movie theater.

The history of AMC theaters started in 1920, when Maurice, Edward, and Barney Dubinsky bought the Regent Theater in Kansas City, Missouri. The theater company was renamed (AMC) *American Multi-Cinema* in 1961.

The inkblot test was first introduced as a psychoanalysis method.

Developed by Swiss psychiatrist Hermann Rorschach in 1920, the test consists of a collection of cards containing inkblot images that have been folded over to create a mirrored effect.

KLM's first passenger aircraft.

KLM is the world's oldest airlines. Its first passenger aircraft was the Fokker F.II. The plane had room for four passengers, and the pilot sat in the open air. The first flight took passengers from London to Amsterdam.



Prohibition went into effect.

The 18th Amendment banned the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcohol within the US. Known as Prohibition, the amendment went into effect in 1920, one year after it was ratified. The amendment was in effect for 13 years and was repealed in 1933 by the 21st Amendment.

E. Scott Fitzgerald published his first novel, *This Side of Paradise*.

Though Fitzgerald is perhaps best known for *The Great Gatsby*, which was published in 1925, his first novel, *This Side of Paradise*, turns 100 in 2020. The story follows character Amory Blaine from prep school to Princeton to glittering Jazz Age New York, confident that he is destined for greatness but unsure how to go about it.

The American Civil Liberties Union

In 1920, the ACLU was founded in the midst of the *Red Scare* that swept the US following World War I. The organization continues to make strides and advocate for policy change, promoting free speech and other social issues in America.

Clothing brand Eddie Bauer.

In 1920, Eddie Bauer opened a shop in his name in Seattle, Washington, and later created a quilted goose down jacket, called the "Skyliner," which would become a patented item in 1940. The brand continues to produce innovative outerwear and clothing made in warm, durable fabrics, as well as luggage and gear for traveling, hiking, and other outdoor adventures.

Container and storage company Rubbermaid was founded.

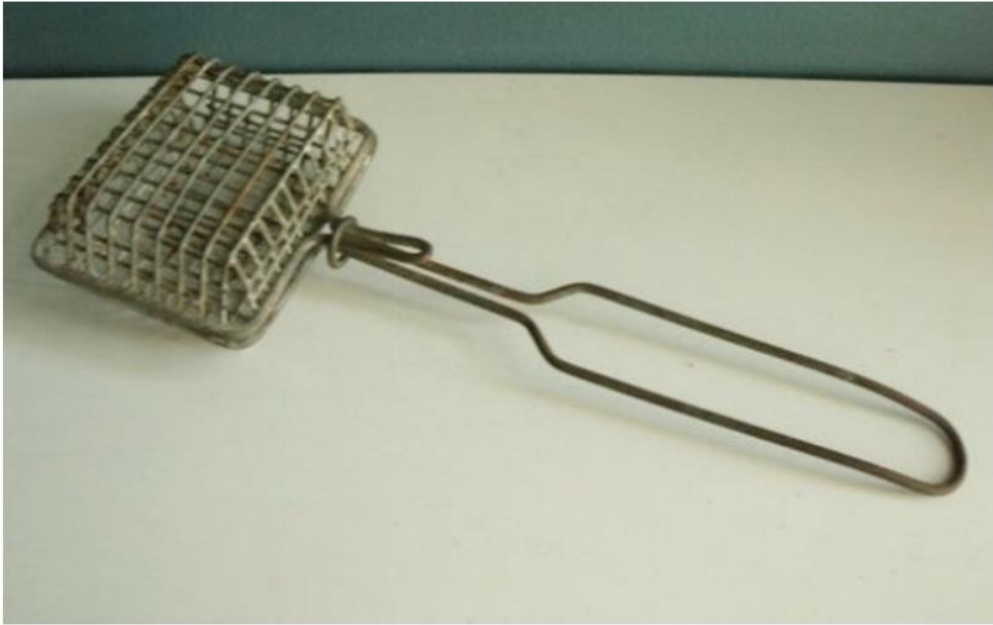
Founded in Wooster, Ohio, in 1920, the popular houseware company's first product actually had nothing to do with containers. Instead, the company manufactured toy balloons. It wasn't until the 1930s that it expanded its products to household items.

The famous silent film *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde* was released.

The movie, which is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's novella, follows Dr. Henry Jekyll, who faces consequences when he takes a potion that turns him into an evil alter-ego, Mr. Hyde.

From the Collection

Can you guess what this item from the Museum Collection is, and what it would be used for? Just reply your response to the email that sent you this newsletter. We will respond. Thanks...



April Message from the Marm

West Bay Common School Children's Museum will be temporarily closed until further notice. I will be checking email periodically and will respond to all inquiries.

Sarah Eubanks
Director of Education



If You Are Not A Member, We Are Hoping You Will Join!!

League City Historical Society

Thank you for being a member. The various types of memberships with the associated dues are listed below. To renew your membership or become a new member, select the membership level that is best for you, complete the form and mail to:

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