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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2019. Meetings are held in the Program Room at the Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd., Plano, TX from 10:15 to 12:30 unless otherwise noted:

Today's Topic:

February 16, 2019—"Digital Newspaper Sites" by Stacy Davis from Richardson Library

Future Events

February 18, 2019—OneNote Users Group—Group meets in the Genealogy Section of the library from 7:00 to 8:30 on the third Monday of each month.

February 26, 2019—Legacy Users Group—Group meets in the Genealogy Section of the library on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:30—3:30 pm.

March 18, 2019—"Names" by Carol Beck

April 13, 2019—**Note the date change due to early voting at the Library** - "Courthouse Research" by Pat Gordon.

May 18, 2019—"Westward Ho, Migration Routes of the US" by Judy Knight

June 15, 2019—"Dating Old Photographs" by Betsy Mills

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Publications for Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

Public Land Survey Systems	\$5
Plano Star Courier Index 1904-1910	\$20
Plano Star Courier Index 1911-1917	\$20
Cemeteries of Collin County, TX	\$40
Collin County, TX Voter Registration Index 1867	\$20
Place Names of Collin County, TX	\$10
Railroads in Collin County, TX	\$10

Genfriends Membership

Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Individual memberships are \$30 a year and family memberships are \$50. Don't forget to renew your membership for next year.

The money we raise is used to purchase materials for the Genealogy Section at Haggard Library.

Download the membership form on our website <http://genealogyfriends.org/news/> send it in with payment to

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Genealogy Education

Save the Date—September 28, 2019 GenFriends is presenting an all day workshop that focuses on using DNA in your family history research. Our speaker will be Debbie Parker Wayne, co author of *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*. Details will be available soon.

RootsTech 2019 hosted by FamilySearch will be held February 27 through March 2, 2019 in Salt Lake City. Since we can't all travel to the conference there are two options. Some Sessions will be streamed for free. You can also purchase a Virtual Pass to view additional sessions. Here are the websites for both options

<https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake/live-stream-schedule>

<https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake/virtual-pass-2019?cid=tp-rt-6557>

Texas State Genealogical Society is hosting the Texas Institute of Genealogical Research June 10-14th at the Crowne Plaza Austin. Courses will be Texas Research Essentials and Advanced Southern Research Techniques. <http://www.txsgs.org/tigr-2019-registration/>

Tracing Our Roots Column

The Tracing Our Roots column published weekly in the Plano Star Courier (available on the paper's website) and written by Genealogy Friends' member Brenda Kellow, covers a different topic or subject each week.

In addition, Brenda announces national events, fee increases in everyday genealogical records, new records added to the Internet and to genealogists' favorite sites.

The past topics are available for several years. Access the site at

http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/. Brenda will add your name to her weekly announcement when her column appears online if you request it by emailing her at bbkellow@verizon.net. You may also request topics for her to cover.

Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1957

By Brenda Burns Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas
July 25, 1957, Volume 70, No. 11

Remember, this is an abstract of the newspaper. Not all names may be mentioned, i.e., obituaries, showers, and marriages may not have every name mentioned that were in the newspaper. For the complete content, look at the microfilm or find the copy in Newspapers.com.

Postmaster W. G. Carlisle installed a post office box on 15th Street in Downtown.

Joe Lewandos of the Lions Club is over the Lions Annual Horse Show.

Henry R. Hoffman, Jr. conferred with David McCall about the Belle View edition. It borders N Avenue to P Avenue and joins 18th Street on the north.

City Marshall Wallace Williams is probably watching our citizens after Mrs. Hasford added the gun pencil to the editor's pencil collection. Others adding to the collection are Bob Swindle.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McCullough recently visited in Dallas with their daughter Mrs. Arnold Mosezick and the new baby boy, Arnold Rudolph, Jr. Mrs. Rudolph was before marriage Miss Nettie McCullough.

Raymond Raines was pitcher and Tom Shield and Tom Raines led the hitters in the First Baptist Church baseball game.

Twenty Plano Girl Scouts left Sunday for Camp Cambill near Paris. Unit leaders were Mrs. Louise Prince and Mrs. Janie Rogers from Plano. Attending are: Judy Prince, Rebecca Robinson, Susan Phelps, Linda Kay Sherrill, Rosemary Rogers, Martha Strange, Betty Smart, Judy Phelps, Ruth Thompson, Pamela Skaggs, Diane Robinson, Judy Hamilton, Mary Ann Erwin, Linda Bichelle, Martha Cannon, Patricia Rogers, Linda Fields, Carolyn Thompson, Patricia Howard, and Judy Hedgecoxe.

The First National Bank celebrates its 70th birthday on Saturday with an open house from 2-8 p.m. Cam F. Dowell and Hudson Rice as well as other officials will be present.

Ed Bradshaw died Saturday in a Dallas hospital. His funeral was Monday at Hillcrest Mausoleum in Dallas. Dr. W. L. Underwood and Dr. Gid J. Bryan officiated. Survivors include his wife, a daughter Mrs. D. Frank Carden, Jr.; brother, Joe Bradshaw; two sisters Mrs. T. A. Hughston and Mrs. Bert Robertson. His wife was the former Miss Dollie Wyatt, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wyatt. She is a sister of George Wyatt of Plano. Deceased was the son of the late D. H. Bradshaw and Margaret Routh Bradshaw.

Mr. Bobby Joe Southwood is a native of Plano but now is principal of Stewart Elementary School in Harlingen.

Rev. Neil Jones of Greenville will head the First Baptist Church Revival along with Rev. Arthur A. Fineout, minister of the Plano First Baptist. The music will be directed by James H. Fineout, music director.

Dr. James L. Sandlin will head the revival at the First Christian Church next week. Rev. C. W. Duncan, past of the church will head the music.

Brother Raymond Gage, Grand Master I. O. O. F. State of Texas will be at the Plano Lodge No. 114 on August 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Webster have a new baby daughter, Denna Jan, born July 10 at City-County Hospital in McKinney. They have one other daughter Sharon Beth.

Rev. Edgar Huffstutler announced Youth Week is August 4-8. They meet each night to hear Rev. Bob Middlebrooks of Richardson Methodist Church.

Mr. R. M. Bob Ziegler, owner, announced the opening of Crown Buick, Inc. this weekend, July 26-28.

Mrs. Dora Viola Alderson, wife of Tom Alderson, died Monday in Plano. Her funeral was Tuesday at the

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Harrington Funeral Home conducted by Rev. Milton Greer of Dallas. Interment followed in Plano Mutual Cemetery. Her survivors besides her husband are: two sons, Clifton and Wilford Jerry Alderson; three grandsons and one granddaughter; and her mother Mrs. John Halderman of Plano.

Joe Lewandos appointed his managers of the Plano Lions Club Horse Show. W. O. Haggard will be in charge of concessions; Frank Phillips and O. B. Hamilton assistants. Ray Graves will handle tickets and O. B. Fields is taking entries. Others named for jobs are: Al Dougal, R. A. "Bud" Milrany, Bud Gordon, W. W. Davis, Floyd Jolly, Bud Gordon, George Apple, Bill Goodman and Bill Stubbs.

A revival is in progress at the Camey Baptist Church with new pastor Rev. Charles Duna preaching.

p. 2 Mrs. Buddy Kimble and son James went to visit the Kimbell family recently after an illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Bagwill and her mother Mrs. Addie Burrow were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Burrow of McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hart visited in Plano Saturday and announced their good wheat yield.

Mrs. Helen Beckham spent the weekend with Mrs. Pauline Thompson and Mrs. H. H. Houston and Miss Maud Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr Suter of Duncan, Oklahoma, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harris.

J. R. Salmon and son, Stephen John, of San Angelo spent the weekend with their parents and grandparent, Mrs. John Salmon.

p. 3 Mr. and Mrs. Syrell Carpenter recently visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Carter of Frisco.

Mrs. J. W. Buchanan recently broke her left arm.

DISTRICT COURT

Divorce: New Suits: Frances Drake McKinzie vs. Kenneth L. McKinzie; Benny Ray Wigington vs. Zela Fay Wigington.

Child Desertion: Helen McBride vs. Billy Jo McBride.

Divorce Granted: Thelma Wiest vs Ed Wiest; Lorene Lawless vs Virgil E. Lawless; Marguerite L. McCulley vs Everette McCulley; Trudie A. Dill vs James R. Dill.

Marriage License: James Harvey Gammons and Betty Ann Campbell; Edwin L. Pistole and Lucile Lavern Hendricks; Elidoro Valdez and Miss Elvira Garza; David Curtis and Rose C. Rogers; Ronnie Orville Brewton and Paula Sue Christian; Fred Bell and Arline Kitchen; James Houston Clark and Viola M. Vest.

Cases Disposed Of: Arthur Maxwell charged with possession of liquor, fined \$100, and costs, totaling \$132.60; Joe Everette Davis charged with carrying a pistol and fined \$100, totaling \$131.55.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Thompson, Beth and Sue visited his mother Mrs. Pauline Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Holt and daughter Carol Ann visited his grandmother Mrs. Doug O'Neil in Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Skaggs and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goodman returned home from Colorado

p. 4 John Broadhead of Plano is co-owner of Highland Park Airport joined B. A. Cory to form the Cory and Broadhead Aviation Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Olney Carpenter returned from visiting Mrs. Huling Ussery in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Quisenberry and children returned from vacation in Alabama.

Joe Raines won his ninth game against two defeats. Ronnie Brewton hit a two-run homer and Joe Raines a three run homer.

Mrs. W. D. Carlisle of the Plano Garden Club discussed beautification of Haggard Park. Attending were

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Mmes. John Salmon, Frank Pasino, George Jones, Allen Duncan, James Robinson, Mayor David McCall, Eugene Lynge and Reese Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haun returned home from visiting Southern States.

Truett Smith and Rev. Fred Mooring of Wylie spoke to the Methodist Men of Plano.

Alex Schell, III, named a five-man committee for use and scheduling the bus purchased by the Scouts that includes Jim Clarkson, Albert Taylor, Homer Adams, Reese Henry, and Glen Rogers.

Mrs. Morace Farrell returned home after being in the St. Paul Hospital for a few days.

p. 5 Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Schell, Jr. Monday were Mrs. Joe Crawford and Mrs. Louise Haynes of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Schell, III.

Those attending and mentioned in the Tenth Annual North Texas Conference School of Missions mentioned from the Plano First Methodist Church are: Mrs. Claude McKinney of Van Alstyne, Rev. John Brown, Mmes. Tom George, Ed Winter of Sherman, W. D. Haggard of Plano, John Poe Hensley of Duncanville, Leon Elliston of Fort Worth, George V. Metzel of Tulsa, David Shipley of Dallas, Marvin Judy of Dallas, Irene T. Powers of Austin, Lamar S. Clark of Jasper and Mildred Osment of Jonesboro, Ark., George McKinney, Leslie Finnell of Holliday, N. B. Williams, Harvey J. Piercy, and Jack Simms. Also mentioned were Dr. George C. Baker of Dallas and Ben Ford of Denton, Miss Ruby Barkley of Dallas, Mrs. W. D. Haggard, Mrs. George Wyatt, and Mrs. Jess Shelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrell visited in Texoma last week.

Mrs. Ross Trigg of Corpus Christi visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tucker of Plano. Mrs. Trigg's mother is Mrs. Blanch Reed. Mrs. Reed is the former Miss Blanch Davis of Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robinson and daughter Jeannie and son-in-law and daughter are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mitchel and baby son Ronnie just returned from a vacation in the Southern States.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pate and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Todd just returned from a vacation in Oklahoma.

The opening of Town and Country Dress Shop had a successful opening announced Mrs. Fred S. Donaldson. Drawing winners were: Mmes. Benton Reed, Irene Bourn, Doc Hawes, Carl Jacobs, Becky Armstrong, Frances Littrell, Homer Horton, P.C. Stoneman, Mildred Wheeler, and L. T. Uland.

Friendship Baptist Church will have a Homecoming on Sunday, July 28, announced Rev. R. M. Collinsworth. Rev. W. P. Carter will bring the morning service. Their Revival is planned for July 31-Aug. 11 with Rev. R. J. Carman as visiting pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Fessler had guests his brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bergsten and son Dale of Kansas.

p. 6 Those attending the Future Farmers meeting in Fort Worth were L. W. Cason, State President Kyle Hooper, Raymond Kenny, Jimmy Lewis, Jerry Don Anderson, and John Brigham.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cason and children Jean and Don left Sunday for Maud, Texas to visit his father Elbert Cason.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hartline of Plano had all their children at home Sunday. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart with Jerry and Jimmy with wife and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Hartline and Louise, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hartline with Jimmy, Linda and Tommy Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shatley with Shirley, Andy, Mike and Ted, Mr. and Mrs. Knowles with Butch, Mary and Martha, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burris with Judy, Gary and Greg, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hartline and Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis with Sherrie, Craig, and Randall. There were 41 present with only three grandsons and one great-grandson absent.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clint Haggard last week were: Mrs. Jack McCarter and children, Miss Longton of England, Messrs. Roton and Bernard Johnson, Mrs. Eugene Wortham and Miss Sally Haggard.

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George Wyatt of Plano, Fire Marshall of University Park of Dallas is attending the Fire Marshall School at A&M this week.

p. 7 Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Pearson and daughters returned home after visiting Galveston. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Dupree who was Charles' roommate in A&M. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Martin and children who was also at A&M with Charles.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith and family were Cheryl and Donald Gene Bishop of Dallas.

Out of town wedding guests of Miss Betty Forman and David Plank were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Plank and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Plank and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Plank, Miss Ester Plank, Miss Earline Plank, Rhett Plank and Bill Dreiss.

Miss Betty Frank Forman and David Omar Plank were married Friday at the First Christian Church. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Forman and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Plank of Canyon. Those in the wedding were Rev. Donald R. Benton, Miss Laurana Rice and Mrs. Clifford Way, Jr. Honor attendants were Miss Judy Whitman, Tom Petrakos, Jean and Joan Keagy. Ushers were Joe Bob Price, Rhett Plank, Bill Dreiss and Jim Plank. Reception attendants were Mrs. Bessie Campbell, Mrs. George Ray Harris, Miss Dora Good, Misses Deanna Bourn, Sue Conoly, Norma Wells, Carole Neely, Betty June Lobb and Patricia Moore. The newlyweds will live in Cleveland, Ohio.

S & S Tearoom Luncheon Saturday honored Miss Gale Grissom, bride-elect of Jimmy Ligon of Electra. Hostesses were Mrs. W. M. Turner, Sr. and daughter-in-law Mrs. W. M. Turner, Jr. and Mrs. Ross Turner. Guests included Mrs. Jack Grissom, Mrs. W. L. Grissom, and Mrs. R. L. Ligon. The wedding is Aug. 30 in Garland at the First Christian Church.

Mrs. George Wyatt sponsored an ice cream supper Tuesday night for Plano Chapter 703 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCormick of Carrollton are visiting her daughter Mrs. John Salmon.

First Lieut. W. S. Hooper, wife and two sons, Johnnie and Jimmie are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Von Hooper.

p. 8 Miss Jane Gregory won second place in the Junior High and High School of the Fire Poster Contest. She was awarded \$100 by Mr. Culberson. Supt. E. A. Sigler says the poster contest is a part of the school's art program. Previously Teresa Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson, was announced as eighth place winner.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hays spent several days fishing at Reelfoot Lake in Tenn.

Rev. Edgar Huffstutler, pastor of the First Methodist Church, concluded the revival meeting last week.

A. L. Merritt is visiting his sister Mrs. Leon Ivy in Riverside, Calif.

Istvan (Steven) Fekete and Miss Magdolina Patyi, both of Hungry, were married in the First Methodist Church last Wednesday by Rev. Edgar Huffstutler.

Jack Lair, agronomist with Texas Research Center was appointed to the agriculture committee of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, as announced by James M. Windham, president.

Recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jolly and daughter Nancy, were Mrs. Jolly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. James of Denton. Mrs. Helen Campbell returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Bottle Wilson and Mrs. Witherspoon left for vacation in Canada.

Lolaville

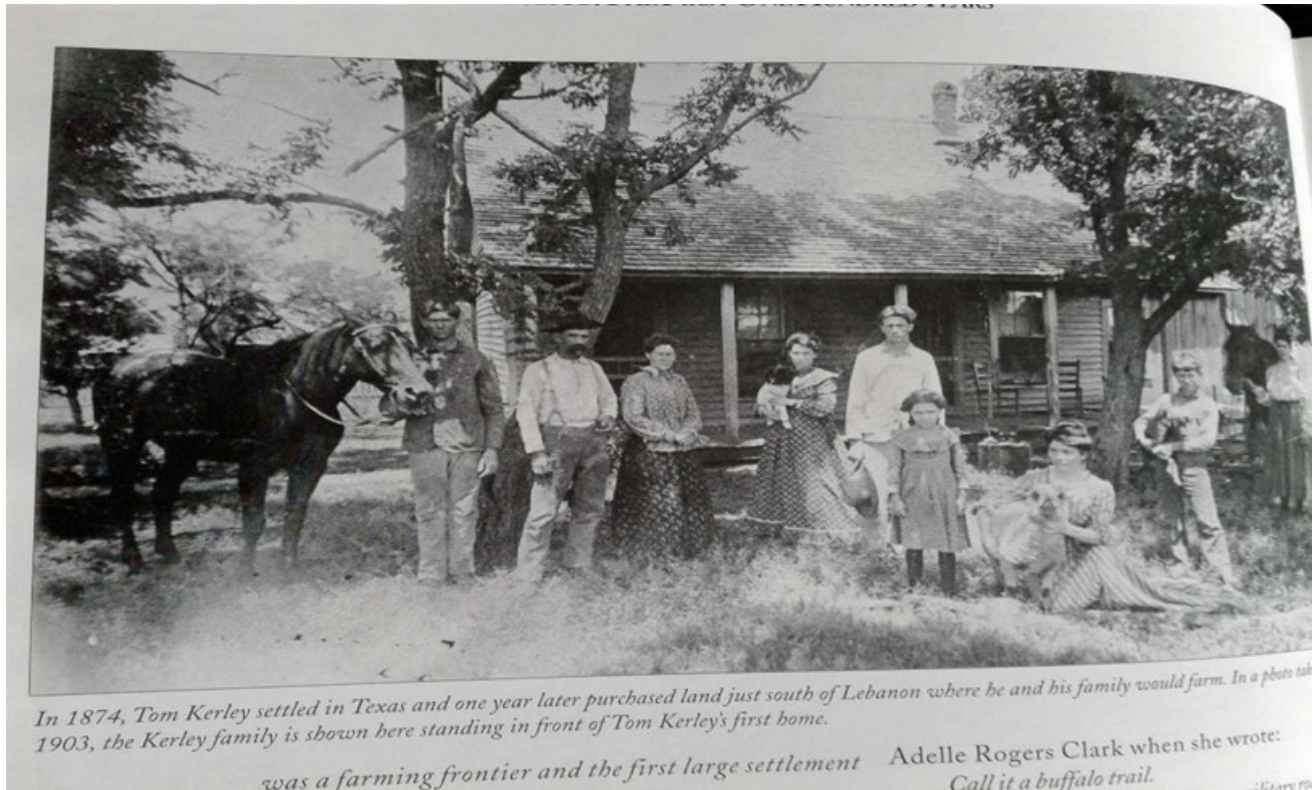
By Barbara Battocchio Brogdon

“Preston Road is a magic name. I can go anywhere and if anyone asks, ‘Where do you live?’ I say I live right off Preston Road. They’ll reply, ‘I know where it is. Everybody knows where Preston Road is’.” Sam Roach, Third¹

In more than 150 years Preston Road has been used by buffalo, Native Americans, cattle drivers, families immigrating to Texas, and freed slaves heading north. In 1976, we went north on Preston Road to the intersection at Highway 121. This was the quickest way to reach DFW Airport before LBJ Freeway was extended that far west.

On the southwest corner of that intersection was a dilapidated shack, maybe it was a fruit stand, with a handmade sign out front that read, “Lolaville.” Never once in the many trips we made to the airport did we see a person, a piece of fruit, or a vegetable at that corner. The area was out in the countryside, surrounded by trees, scruffy shrubs; not another structure in sight. I always looked forward to driving by that spot in hopes of seeing someone who could tell me about it.

Almost forty years later, when speaking with a friend, I did discover a little bit of Lolaville’s story. The friend was John Kerley whose ancestors were among the early Frisco settlers. The fruit stand was once a vibrant, busy place along Preston Road, and was a part of his family’s history.



In 1874, Tom Kerley settled in Texas and one year later purchased land just south of Lebanon where he and his family would farm. In a photo taken in 1903, the Kerley family is shown here standing in front of Tom Kerley's first home.

... was a farming frontier and the first large settlement Adelle Rogers Clark when she wrote: Call it a buffalo trail.

One of John’s ancestors was Tom Kerley who settled in the area around 1874. The photo below was taken in 1903, and was Tom Kerley’s family home at that time. The North Texas area is rich in history and this writer hopes to find many more of its stories in the coming months.

1. This quote and the photo are from the book, FRISCO THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS by Steve Quinn.

Early Collin County Communities—Sunbeam

By Joy Gough

Sunbeam CR138 and CR 132

The Sunbeam community and school were located in far northwest Collin County. It was about 1 mile east of Preston Road (SH 289) and almost on the Grayson County line. The school district straddled the Collin/Grayson county line. The community of Marilee was about a mile west of Sunbeam on the west side of Preston Road (SH 289). Students on the west side of Preston Road went to the Skaggs School. The students on the east side went to Sunbeam School.

In 1916 the teachers at Sunbeam School were Misses Jones and McWilliams. An article written in March 13, 1930 stated that the Sunbeam School would go on through April. The teachers were Misses Kinsey and Goodman, who were said to be teaching one of the best schools ever taught there. The PTA was meeting at the school house the next week. Miss Kinsey was said to be the principal. Dr. Harold Murphy and Miss Lorene Goodman were the teachers at the school in 1932. The school year was starting on October 24th. It was typical in farming communities in the area to wait until the cotton picking was over in September to start the school year. The Sunbeam School district was closed in 1942. The Collin County students were sent to Alla School (Celina). The Grayson County students went to Gunter in that county. The Alla School District got possession of the Sunbeam School building.

The Sunbeam community had a weekly social column in the *Celina Record*. It was also mentioned in the society columns for the communities of Marilee and Alla.

Monster Fish/Dallasaurus

In 1930 a large fossil reptile/fish was found in an embankment about 1¼ mile east of Sunbeam. An article in the *Celina Record* on October 23, 1930 states: “The skeleton of a monster fish was unearthed in a tank in the Sunbeam community, 5 miles southeast of Gunter and 9 miles northeast of Celina.

“The skeleton was in the white rock about 7 feet below the surface of the earth. It was about 18 feet long with eye sockets almost as large as saucers. The mouth is set with teeth, graduating from half the length of one’s finger to much shorter.

“The skeleton is 1 ¼ miles east of Sunbeam School house.

“[The landowner, Mr. Roy Williams] contacted SMU [Southern Methodist University]. M. C. Kelsey, M. L. Coker, and W. A. Bramlette, geology students of SMU, arrived here in a large truck.

“They stated that the skeleton was that of a marine reptile known as a Mosasaur of the upper Cretaceous period of the US and Europe.

“The bones of this fish or reptile have probably lain where they were for something like a million years.

“These SMU men dug the skeleton up and took it to SMU to add to the specimens on display there.”

A Mosasaur was an air-breathing marine reptile/fish that gave birth to live young, similar to a dolphin. Other fossils of this fish have been found in Dallas County and there is a Dallas subspecies for this reptile, *Dallasaurus*. A Mosasaur can be from 1 foot long to over 50 feet long. (Wikipedia)

A fossil fish was found a couple of miles south of this one on the bank of Haw Branch. It was a fish, not a reptile, and was about 12 feet long. It is in the possession of the University of Texas in Austin. That site is marked with a county historical marker.

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥