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Happy 90th
Birthday
Mr. Griffith*"The Secret"*

By Peter Tanksley

*He went a second mile, gave more than life demanded,
And slowly but surely he found, his soul and mind expanded.
Steadfast he stood in stress, beside his post of duty,
And day by day his spirit grew in the love of beauty.
Beyond his vast potential, he stretched himself afar
And gained impossible goals by shooting for a star.
By bearing throughout life, a cross quite undeserving
And never once complaining,
He grew Christ-like by serving.*

We honor your faithful service to our community over the years.

G.W. Causey Reunion Held Oct. 25 in Lissie

On Sunday October 25, 2009 the G.W. Causey family held its 51st official reunion for the descendants of the Rev. George Washington Causey.

The day of celebration began with a social hour and worship service at the Lissie United Methodist Church, where G.W. Causey served as the first minister of the Lissie Church in 1905, joined in 1906 by his wife, Lydia, and four of his six children, Clara Causey (Mrs. Mose Thomas), Charles Causey (Ida Isenhower Causey), Ruth Causey, Anna Mae Causey (Mrs. Jim Clipson Sr.), and Ed Causey (Opal Hough Causey).

Rev. Causey was a pioneer among ministers in the area, and in addition to the Lissie Church, he also held services at the rural areas of Hahn, Ramsey Point, Gobbler's Creek, and later El Campo.

He was perhaps best remembered for his gentle manner, forward thinking, outreach to rural families, and preaching from the pulpit without notes. Widowed early, at the birth of his sixth child, he raised his children alone, assisted by friends and family.

At noon on Sunday, about sixty members of the Causey family gathered at the M.J. Herman Farm in Lissie, formerly the G.E. Thomas homeplace, where G.W. Causey first lived while building the Lissie parsonage. The family enjoyed a beautiful day and barbecue lunch under the live oak trees at the farm, while greeting relatives, hearing family updates, and a program of Causey family history.

The last official reunion, the fiftieth, was held in Mentz in 1984 at the Raymond and Elfe Thomas home, where numerous reunions were held through the years.

The Causey family tradition of reunions began over 75 years ago in Lissie at an Easter picnic planned by Clara and Mose Thomas.

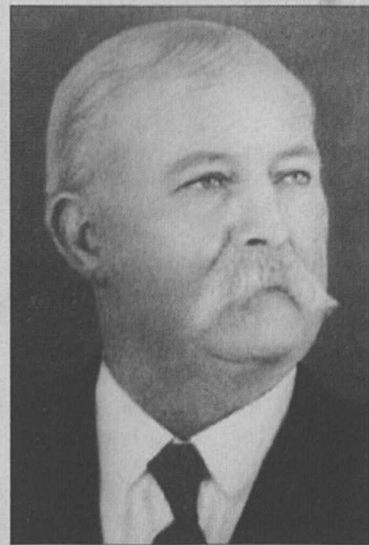
The Easter family picnic soon became a tradition, and was held at various places throughout the years, where ball games, swimming in the creeks, horseshoes, and delicious covered dish meals

were enjoyed.

A published history book of the G.W. Causey family, written by Ruth Thomas Seaholm and Ed Causey Sr., entitled *The Preacher and His Family*, is available at the Prairie Edge Museum in Eagle Lake. It chronicles the life and challenges of an early rural preacher through the delightful and humorous stories and recollections of the Preacher's life on the Lissie prairie by his son, Ed Causey, Jr.

Among those in attendance at the reunion were Ed and Hope Causey, Elfe Thomas, Ralph and Bobbie Johnson, George and Ida Causey, Jean (Causey) and Ivan Banfield, Jim and Jane Clipson, Jim W. Clipson, Charles W. Causey III, Allison and Eric Erlich, Lee Meyer, George Hale, Steve Halvorsen, Bryan and

Shirley Johnson, Eric Johnson, Donna Lou (Thomas) Kelley, Tom and Vickie Kelley, Emma and Sophie Kelley, David and Val Loveday, Sam Marks, Tom and Charmaine (Causey) Laughlin, Bret and Julia (Thomas) Pardue, Anna, Clara, and Kenneth Pardue, Jill (Causey) Williams, Mallory Thomas, Magdalena Causey Rickelman, Shireen and Luke Rickelman, Jerri (Clipson) and Jim Romine, Megan Seaholm, Diane Thomas, John Thomas, Michael and Sherry Thomas, Dr. Sandra S. Thomas and Sarah Mason Thomas, Dr. Russell and Robin Thomas, Dr. Sandra C. Thomas, Morgan (Causey) and Jacob Waggoner, Jill (Causey) Williams, Rev. Janice Kerlee and Jim Kerlee, and Martin J. and Lois Herman.



**Rev. George
Washington Causey
1859-1931**

Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck



"A man (or woman!) needs a little madness, or else he (she) never dares.....be free."

—N. Kazantzakis
My daughters thought I WAS a bit mad.

"You're doing WHAT, Mom?" they asked me last week.

"I'm riding in the 37th Annual BikeHouston Moonlight Bicycle Ramble this weekend," I answered quite simply.

Now that alone might not have sounded too mad or crazy, except that the ride started at 1:59 a.m. Sunday morning, a minute before the time change and two hours after a nearly full-moon-lit Halloween Saturday night.

The ride started at the George R. Brown Convention Center and offered the choice of either an eight or twenty mile route.

A dubious friend had reminded me that my ride would begin as the Halloween parties would be ending their night and driving home— meaning it would be my bike and tired partners on the road at the same time.

I took this into consideration, but signed up for the ride with a friend anyway.

I hadn't realized for how long I had been interested in this particular event till my riding partner picked up the newspaper advertisement for the ride that I had been carrying around for weeks, noting it was from a 2007 copy of *The Houston Chronicle*.

For two years I had been reading about this ride and thinking how much fun it would be. For two years I rode minimally on my somewhat sturdy mountain bike and thought how great it would be to ride the streets of downtown

Houston on a moonlit night.

In fact, it became an instant entry on my recent list of 60 things to do in the years preceding and following my 60th birthday.

So I was not going to allow the uneasiness of my doubting daughters or questioning friends to deter my plans.

First there was vehicle preparation. My friend and I pulled out our rarely used bicycles and readied them for consistent use.

Seats were adjusted, a new chain was purchased, and the additional features of front and rear lights were included during the maintenance program.

There was the purchase of helmets, required for most sanctioned bicycle rides. We thought we were beginning to look pretty professional by this stage.

Secondly there was body preparation. We began riding on a more regular basis, enjoying the beautiful weekends and cooler temperatures of fall.

Speaking of "fall", there were some close calls but no actual incidences of vehicle or body damage.

We managed to be somewhat physically in shape and accident free by Halloween night and the start of the ride.

It was fun mixing with the other riders, many who dressed for the costume competition or did a great job of decorating their bikes for that particular competition.

There were an obvious num-

ber of rookie recreational riders like my friend and me, but also many riders who dressed and pedaled more professionally.

We took the eight mile route. The moon was full, the night was cool, and riders were all part of an active, happy and carefree group.

The ride was exhilarating and we were just as "pumped" by the end of the trek as we were at the beginning.

And, yes, riding in the moonlight on downtown city streets met all my two year expectations – I particularly loved cruising by the downtown

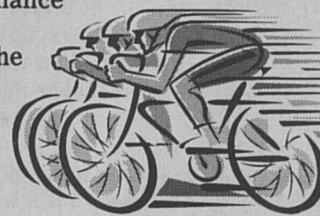
Macy's, peering in the display windows, and racing down a slope on Allen Parkway, places I always drive in my car. This bit of madness DID make me feel free.

The lesson here is not to go book your next bike ride. The lesson here is not just to meet the challenge of what you've been holding in the back of your mind for some two years or so.

The simple truth: don't neglect having some mad fun and experiencing some new quests at any age. Once you put yourself back in the practice, you'll find it's something like, well, ~~having fun~~kind of like riding a bike.....you never really forget how to do it.

"A little nonsense now and then is cherished by the wisest men." —R. Dahl

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Deadline Approaching
to Become A "PAC"

Dec. 1 is the final 2009 deadline to submit an application to become a Preserve America Community (PAC).

This prestigious designation recognizes communities that protect and celebrate their heritage, use historic assets for economic development and downtown revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

Several benefits of becoming a PAC include White House recognition, eligibility for Preserve America grants and enhanced

community visibility and pride. Four application and designation cycles occur each year.

The next application deadline is March 1, 2010.

Preserve America is a White House initiative that encourages and supports local efforts to preserve and enjoy the nation's cultural and natural heritage. Currently, Texas has 67 Preserve America communities.

For more information about applying to become a PAC, visit www.preserveamerica.gov.

To learn more about PA communities in Texas visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

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Starting Saturday November 14 The Barn will be having Pool Tournaments starting from 7 p.m.-? Prizes awarded for first and second place winners.

Colorado County
Relay For Life

Colorado County—It's getting to be that time of year again!

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Colorado County is in the beginning planning stages and is looking for people to join them in the fight against cancer.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's premiere fundraising event and in 2009, held over 5,100 events across the nation that raised over \$46 million towards their goal of eliminating cancer through research, education, advocacy, and patient services.

The 2009 Relay For Life of Colorado County was another amazing event.

In spite of torrential rain and flooding throughout the county, the Relay went on, moving to the VFW Hall in Columbus.

Teams came out and decorated their tables, rather than campsites, but they still went all out with dressing the part for their teams' theme, fundraising, and enjoying what the spirit of Relay is all about.

The Survivors still made their lap around the "track" constructed of Luminaria bags lining tables through the middle of the hall.

The entire event was a testament to what Relay For Life is all about and just goes to show that you can't keep Relay down!

The committee and volunteers in Colorado County are hosting a Community Relay Rally Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

This is an Open House gathering for anyone to attend.

It's a great opportunity to find out what different opportunities there are to become involved—from joining the committee to help plan the 2010 Relay For Life, organizing a team to participate, or just finding out what all this "Relay" excitement in the community is all about.

Please contact Robin Maertz, the Event Chair, at 979-732-1687 for more information.