

Houston *Deaf* Seniors of **Texas** NEWSLETTER

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Dedicated To . . .

Editor of this Houston Deaf Senior of Texas Newsletter, I would like to dedicate this to some people that we know have served the deaf community for many years. With this dedication we hope to repay in a very small way for the countless hours of service which have been given by these men toward the success of Texas. We take special pride dedicating this newsletter.

IN MEMORIAM Gordon "Bud" Allen

Gordon was the "Founder" of the Southwestern Athletic Association of the Deaf which had its beginning in 1946. Actually "Bud" was concerned with the physical fitness of his younger friends and at the local level helped us out with many legal and tax matters. However, he was at his best when he looked after our spiritual needs toward the end of his existence. He was inducted into the SWAAD Hall of Fame as a Leader in 1973; and into the AAAD Hall of Fame as an Old Timer Leader in 1974.



From The Towers--The Senior Class of 1955

R. L. DAVIS

The Senior Class lovingly and respectfully dedicates the 1955 TOWERS to "R. L. Davis" -- teacher, advisor, and friend of the students at the Texas School for the Deaf for over 46 years. His life and ideas have been, and remain, a shining example for all.

From The Towers--The Senior Class of 1949

W. H. DAVIS

To Mr. W. H. Davis, our friend and teacher who has given unselfishly fifty years of his life in teaching and helping the deaf to whom students and teachers alike have gone to seek advice knowing that he would not turn them away without guidance -- we seniors do gratefully dedicate this book.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2, 2007, (Thursday) This meeting will be on the **first Thursday**

Postive Interaction Program (PIP) will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX. The topic will be the "Mayor's Re-Entry Program". This program will be given by the program director that is an ex-offender and recovering addict. Don't miss this informative presentation!

August 2, 2007 (Thursday)

Houston Deaf Senior will have a field trip to Lake Jackson and Texas City. More details contact the field trip committee, Gertie Sessions VP 281-447-7575 or Julie Spauling VP 291-445-1072. We will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX. at 8am. The bus will leave at 8:30am. Hope you can join us.

August 3, 2007 (Friday)

NO MEETING IN AUGUST for "Old Faithful No 81 Folks"

August 3, 2007 (Friday)

ASL Social will be held at Memorial City Mall at 900 South Gessner, Houston TX. Any questions please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@houston.rr.com. or www.aslsocial.net.

August 8, 2007 (Wednesday)

Houston Deaf Senior will have a regular business meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center (WGARC), formerly Metropolitan Multi-Service Center (MMSC) at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Please come to say farwell to our President Earl Day of HDST as he moves to San Marcos.

August 10, 2007 (Friday)

Houston HandTalk is to be held at Galleria Mall at Food Court on 5085 Westhemier Road in Houston, TX 77056 Contact Roger Spivey for more details. Houston HandTalk@Yahooogroups.com. Always start in 5pm to 9pm.

August 16, 2007 (Thursday)

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point Rd from 9 AM to 1PM. If you wish to bring a covered dish, please contact Evelyn Autry at 713-984-8186 TTY or Nancy Krone at 281-565-8614 TTY and let them know what you will bring.

August 22, 2007 (Wednesday)

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a social meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center (WGARC), 1475 West Gray, Houston from 9AM to 1 PM. Contact Pasty Walker, our chairwoman social committee for more information.

From Zelma Curbello of HDST Love Fund

Love Fund from Emma R. Cross --- In Memory to Norma Hensley by Bobby Griggs

Love Fund from Thelma Jo Hays and Jimmy and Julie Spaulding in memory of Jerry Hassell and Norma Hensley

From Audrey Leger of HDST Newsletter Fund

New Subscriber: Welcome our new subscriber, Odis Trotter, a gift by Leonor Royce, and Annabelle Yassney, a gift by Patsy Smith. **Leonor and Pasty**, thank you for your thoughtful newsletter gifts.

Renewal Subscribers: Thank you for renewal: Eugene & Martha Alaniz, Carter & Wanda Bearden, Kathryn V. Caldeleugh, M/M Jerry Capell, Emma R. Cross, William & M. Evelyn Floerke, Gertrude Galloway, Bonnie Gough, Millie Ann Miller, Mrs Louise Nantz, Marian J. Seale, Pasty R. Smith, and Robert J. Wood.

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Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in July

Rubin/Faye Sims-51 Years-July 7 1956

Lowell/Ruth Montgomery -52 Years-July 14 1955

Senior Class of 1947



MARY RUTH FINCHER
Valedictorian

LOTTIE LAVON GILELAND
Scholarship

REUBEN LEE MCGILL

CHESTER WELDON QUALLS

DORISGEAN MEARS

HELENE ELIZABETH HART

Can you believe it? Where are the girls in Jr. & Soph. Class?



JUNIOR CLASS OF 1946-1947

Front row (left to right): Lloyd Williams, Bill Melton, James Fair, Bob Selz, Melvyn Hoffman, Olon Lawrence



SOPHMORE CLASS OF 1946-1947

Front row (left to right): Aaron Theriot, Fince Taylor, Bobby Barlow, Arnold Vogt
Second Row (left to right): Gordon Gibbons, Tom Withrow, Gene Harkness, H.C. Collins, Bobby Hallmark



FRESHMAN CLASS OF 1946-1947

Front Row; Johanna Burghardt, Jennie Roach, Geraldine Coker, Garica Gonzales, Barbara Gobel, Jean Grooms, Wanda Parker, Joyce Eastman. Second Row: Howard Randall, Junior Todd, Vernon Pate, Don Anderson, Danny Baker, Howard Pace, Lee Montez

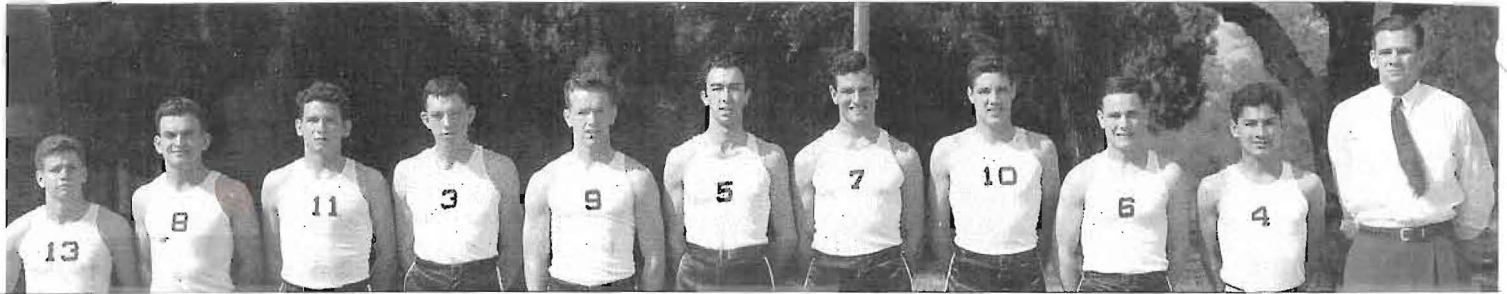
Organizations

Lewis Literary Society

In 1886 Dr. J. W. Blattner first organized the Lewis Literary Society. Dr Blattner was the principal of TSD for 25 years. L.L.S. was first named Advance Literary Society, but later it was changed to Lewis Literary Society in honor of Miss Emily Lewis, Who was a teacher here for about 50 years. She was a deaf woman and spent most of her life living around Texas School for the Deaf. Regular meetings are held every two weeks, on Thursday nights. The programs consist of an address, poems, short stories, jokes, critic reports, announcements, and a closing prayer.

1947 Summary of Basketball Season

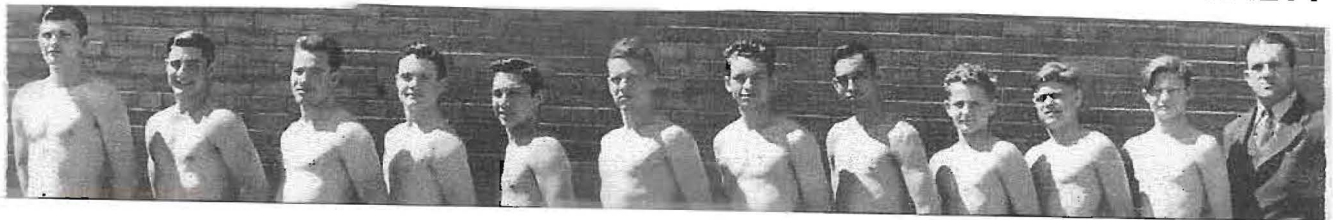
The Austin Silents had a very impressive basketball season, winning sixteen games and losing two. Lee Montez and Bobby Hallmark were most outstanding on the basketball team, averaging approximately 10 and 11 points per game. Other key men on the basketball were James Fair, Gene Harkness, Aaron Theriot, and Howard Pace. All will return next year, and, if the same hustle and desire to win prevails, the Austin Silents should be a winning basketball team.



13 Arnold Vogt, 8 Melvin Hoffman, 11 Bobby Barlow, 3 Finice Taylor, 9 Harold McDonald, 5 Gene Harkness, 7 Aaron Theriot, 10 Bobby Hallmark, 8 James Fair, 4 Lee Montez, Coach Jesse Hawthorne 1946-1947



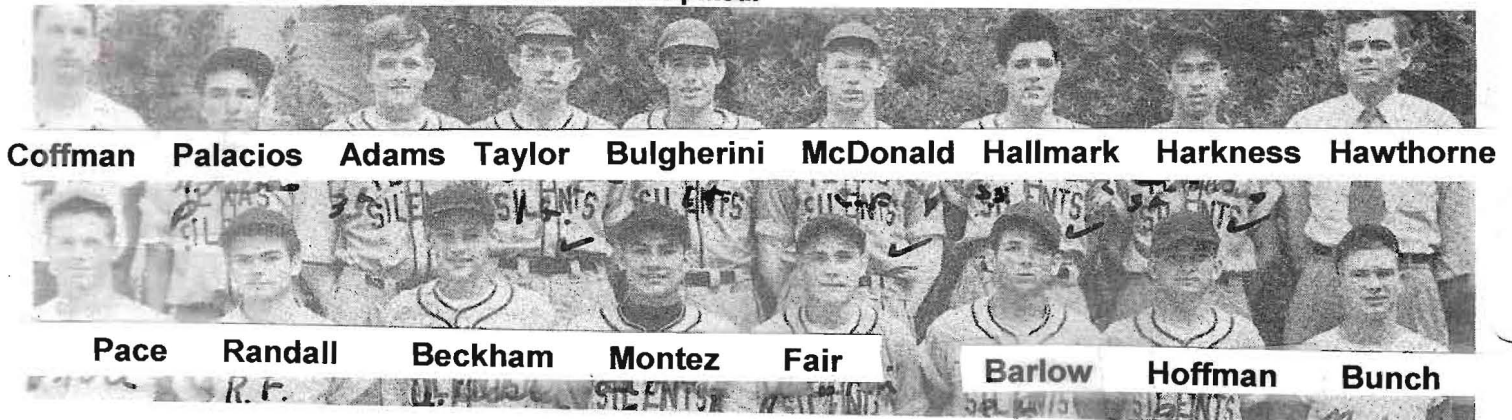
Oklahoma School for the Deaf Wrestlers Team in Year of 1941 or 1942??



(left to right) Dale Voyles, Jack Buckholtz, George Hillard, Jack Price, Charles Charley. Henry or Ivan Nunn??, Eudorus Bice, Reed England, Lloyd Walkup, James Thompson, Billy Freeman, Coach Broadbent

1947 Summary of Baseball Season

The baseball team won nine out of thirteen games this season. Among the outstanding players were Lee Montez, Gene Harkness, and Harold McDonald. Lee took the mound in all the games except one, winning eight and losing four. Harkness and McDonald, two of the team's strongest hitters, cooperated to give the team many of its earned runs. McDonald won a thriller for the Silents by driving in the winning run in the last half of the ninth, with two men out, to give a 4-3 victory over New Branufels. The Silents won another game with New Branufels on Field Day, the score being 9-3. Lee Montez on the mound, fanned 17 men. All players on the team this year are expected to return next year, and another successful season is anticipated.



SPORTS NEWS

Do You Remember?

Little Rock, since 1949 to 1961, has played in AAAD National Tournament every year. Little Rock has won 13 straight years in SWAAD. Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Baton Rouge, Jackson Miss., and many others deaf club never had an opportunity to play in AAAD because of Little Rock Ark Deaf Club had great players such as Clyde Nutt, Fay Nutt, Houston Nutt (3 brothers) and J.L. Jackson. Houston Deaf Club finally entered AAAD Tournament in 1962, San Antonio in 1963, Dallas in 1964 again with Clyde Nutt, Fay Nutt, Houston Nutt on their team. Also in 1966 Houston with Clyde, Fay and Houston entered AAAD won second place. Well we know the Nutt brothers were the great players. Clyde and Houston Nutt both had passed away. Fay Nutt and J.L. Jackson are still living.

6th AAAD—1950

LITTLE ROCK COPS NATIONAL BASKETBALL CROWN

By F. Leon Baker to The Silent Worker



1950 CHAMPION — LITTLE ROCK ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Jack Owen, Luther Stack, Wallis Beatty, Captain Robert Steed, Maxwell Mercer, Robert Worrell, Clyde Nutt, John L. Jackson, William Fields, Coach James Collums and Southwest AAAD representative Lonnie Tubbs.

Little Rock			Worcester				
G	FT	TP	G	FT	TP		
Beatty	7	1	15	Trudeau	3	2	8
Nutt, C.	10	3	23	Philip	3	1	7
Jackson	3	3	9	Ovitt	2	1	5
Mercer	4	2	10	Monahan	0	0	0
Steed	0	1	1	Tucker	0	0	0
Owens	1	0	2	Fox	1	0	2
Fields	0	0	0	Pontbriand	0	0	0
Worrell	0	1	1	Winters	0	1	1
Stack	0	0	0				
Totals	25	11	61	Totals	9	5	23

CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS

Little Rock			Los Angeles				
G	FT	TP	G	FT	TP		
Nutt, C.	8	4	20	Loveland	2	2	6
Beatty	5	0	10	Jelaco	3	3	9
Jackson	2	3	7	Hart	6	3	15
Mercer	2	1	5	Sorensen	0	0	0
Steed	0	1	1	Brandt	0	0	0
Fields	0	0	0	Grinde	0	0	0
				Skinner, B.	0	1	1
Totals	17	9	43	Totals	11	9	31

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Little Rock			Des Moines				
G	FT	TP	G	FT	TP		
Nutt, C.	7	3	17	Tuttle	9	1	19
Beatty	9	2	20	Buchholz	4	1	9
Jackson	9	2	20	Marxer	1	4	6
Mercer	0	0	0	Ross	5	4	14
Steed	0	3	3	Sawhill	1	4	6
Owens	0	0	0	Dempewolf	2	0	4
Stack	0	0	0				
Totals	25	10	60	Totals	22	14	58



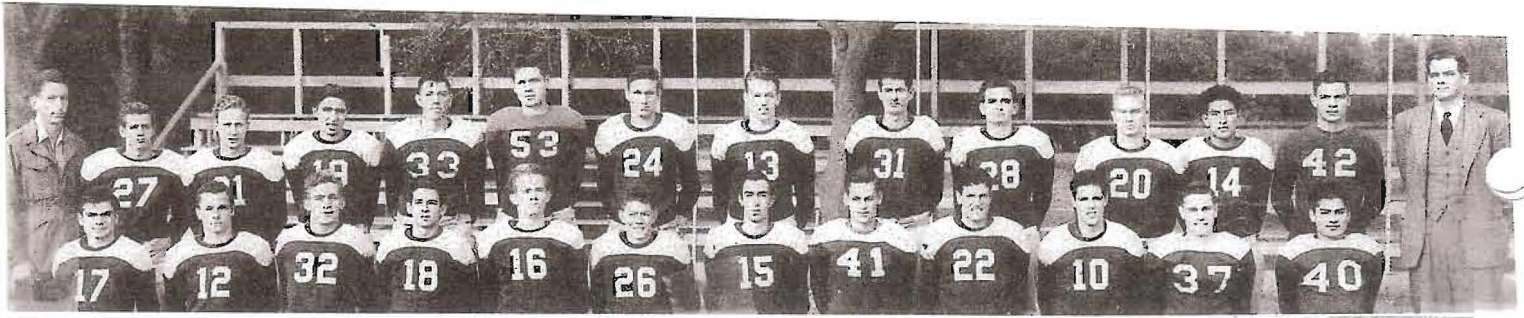
SOFTBALL TEAM



VOLLEYBALL TEAM



PEP SQUAD
DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS



1946 Football Team --Front row (left to right) Howard Randall, Howard Pace, Billy Corum, Bobby Barlow, Tom Withrow, Olon Lawrence, Gene Harkness, Andrew Beckham, Aaron Theriot, Bobby Hallmark, James Fair, Lee Montez Second row Ass't Coach Ray Coffman, Arnold Vogt, Billy Basham, Max Floyd, Finice Taylor, William Buchanan, H.C. Collins, Harold McDonald, Gordon Gibbons, Melvin Hoffman, David Bunch, Nicholas Palacios, J.W. Reeves, Head Coach Jesse Hawthorne---- 1947 Football players not in 1946 picture are Nimm Shelton, Billy Layman, Robert Gearhart, Joe Bulgherine, Jack Autry, Billy Simpson, Rubin Sims, Junior Todd, mgr. and George Ruby, mgr.

Art Kruger wrote to Tom Withrow, Jr., author of *The History of the Texas School of the Deaf Football* and I quoted. "Having been a sport writer for 50 years, I still have not forgotten the 1947 T.S.D. football team, and I still consider it as the greatest deaf prep eleven of all time. Under the able direction of Coach Jesse Hawthorne, the amazing T.S.D. Silents went through the '47 campaign undefeated and untied, with a top-heavy total of 516 points to 13 for the opposition in nine games; therefore, they were accorded the accolade of National Deaf Prep Champions. The 516 total is still a national deaf prep record, and probably the nation's highest score for a high school team of all time. This team was led by national deaf prep scoring leader and national deaf prep football player of the year, Lee Montez, who is still considered as one of the all-time greats in deaf prep football".

Lee Montez, QB 1ST TEAM and Aaron Theriot Tackle 1ST TEAM were selected Deaf All-American 1946. In 1947 Lee Montez was selected first team All-Americans with other players, Olon Lawrence, tackle 1ST TEAM and Gene Harkness, center 1St TEAM. Aaron Theriot, tackle and James Fair, running back were selected second team All-Americans.

In 1947 Lee Montez tallied 30 touchdowns and 59 extra points for a season total of 239 points. He passed for five touchdowns. No one else came close.

Fun Facts:

- Longest Winning Game Streak --12 games 1946-1947**
- Longest Winning Regular Game Streak --12 games 1946-1947**
- Most Shutouts in a Season -- 7 Shutouts --1947 (9 games)**
- Back to Back 50+ Point Games: 4 games -- 1947 -- 96-0, 60-7, 96-0, 76-0**
- Most Points Scored in a Season: 516 pts -- 1947 -- 9 games**
- Least Points per game Allowed in Season: -- 13 pts -- 1947 -- 9 games**

1947 - TSD SILENTS		
we		they
96	CONCORDIA College	0
60	ST. EDWARD'S	7
96	Miss. Sch. for the DEAF	0
76	Ill. Sch. for the DEAF	0
46	S.M.A.	0
37	KIRWIN	0
46	La. Sch. for the DEAF	0
26	UVALDE	0
33	GOLDTHWAITE	6
516		13
9 WINS - 0 LOSS		
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS		

**Texas Silents (1947) Rated No. 1 Deaf Team of the Nation.
 Undefeated, Untied, Scoring 516 Points to 13 for Opponents
 Gridders of 1947 Establish New High Record for TSD**

The Hawthorne boys brought their total for nine games to 516 points. This was 166 more than the college pace setters, Pepperdine College of Los Angeles, Calif., and twelve more points than the a' time college team record for a single season which was made by Army in 1944. The victory over Goldthwaite was the Silents' seventeenth win in 19 games over past two years under the tutelage of Jesse Hawthorne---From The Lone Star

OBITUARY



Larry Edward Oles born November 17, 1943, in Houston, TX. passed away July 4, 2007. Larry was born hard of hearing, he had many friends in the deaf world. Larry did know the Lord and he passed peacefully in his sleep. His sweet and gentle spirit will never be forgotten. He was preceded in death by his father, Ted Oles. He is survived by his mother, Ruby Oles; 2 sisters, Sandra Boatright and husband Jack, Melba Logan and husband Earl; numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. He was buried at Rosewood Memorial Park Saturday, July 7, 2007. Funeral service was at Rosewood Funeral Home in Humble, Texas.

Ernest Morgan who is a deaf/blind, passed away July 6 or 7, 2007. Funeral service was at Claybar Funeral Home, 504 N. 5th St, at Orange TX, 77630. He used to lived in Orange and moved to Mississippi but his body was brought back to Orange TX for burial July 9 2007. (Editor is sorry and he has no more information)

Lillian Telfer Richard passed away June 12, 2007. She was born Nov. 13, 1932 to Mr and Mrs. Curtis Telfer. She grew up in Houston, Texas and attended public school. She is a graduate of Phyllis Wheatley Senior High, Class of 1951. She later married John B. Richard. Lillian was employed as a nurse for St. Joseph spital for 36 years. She is survived by one sister, Betty Telfer, of Houston. Funeral service was at 3618 Lyons Avenue Saturday, June 16, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. She was buried at Paradise North Cemetery at 10401 W. Montgomery Rd, Houston Texas 77088.



Mrs. Ina Mae Jones, 91, of Gatesville, died Monday, June 11, 2007 at a local hospital. Graveside service were held 2 pm. Wednesday, June 13, at Restland Cemetery with Lloyd Hall officiating. No visitation is scheduled. Mrs Jones is survived by daughter, Martha Sexton of Gatesville; son, Raymond Jones and wife Connie of Gatesville, six grandchildren.

EXTRA!!

EXTRA!!

Hello! Subscribers

Just a few words to let you know that **Nancy Morris** has accepted to be the editor of our newsletter and she will start very soon. It has been my pleasure to be the temporary editor and I want to thank you all for being patient. I trust you will enjoy the newsletter. Please send her some news or information so that she can start to work on the newsletter. You will get more information about what Nancy would like for you to do in next newsletter.

Truly yours,
James Fair



From the Editor,
James Fair

The TAD Conference 2007 A Huge Success!!

During June 22-23, 2007 The Texas Association of Deaf Conference held at the Arlington Hilton, and spearheaded by Kathy Walters, chairperson, assistant Byron Bridges, and her hardworking committee, plus many volunteers, was a huge success with 190 people in attendance.

Elected the following to serve on the 2007-2009 TAD Board Steve Baldwin -- President, Cathy Edler Ashley -- Vice President, Marianne Sasseen -- Secretary, John Mills -- Treasurer, Christopher Kearney -- Board Member, and both Gertie Galloway and Larry Evans will remain as the board directors.

During Saturday night's banquet, Texan style, everyone watched a song given by the new Miss Deaf Texas Katie Murch of Corpus Chrisiti, and a performance about global warming by Mr. and Miss Deaf Teen, Bejo Goodridge and Toj Mora of TSD. Giving the keynote address was Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins, president of the National Association of the Deaf.

To see the slide show of the 44th Biennial TAD Conference, courtesy of Crazy Tech via Grant Laird, Jr., go to <http://deaftexas.org/wp/conference/>

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