

Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Newsletter

Fourth Edition – February 17, 2012

Words From Our President

All in attendance at the July 17, 2011 Old Saltillo Cemetery Memorial Day/Annual Business Meeting had a great day. The weather was over 100 degrees; however, the church and the Woodrow Kirby Memorial Center were very cool. We enjoyed a larger attendance than we have the past few years, and as usual there was plentiful food for all to enjoy while visiting with folks from near and far.



The formal program began at 10:30 a.m. following the meeting and greeting of attendees as they came into the church. Mike Briley led the congregation in the opening songs, and Bobby Goswick offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Darwin McGill opened the meeting with greetings. He graciously and eloquently recognized the oldest person in attendance, Ina Barnett; the youngest in attendance, Ryan Previtt (Gladys Briley Pierce's great-grandson); and the person(s) who had traveled the longest distance to attend the Memorial program, Michelle O'Hara and family from Round Rock, TX (Larry and Lou Briley Daniel's daughter.) Following another song by Mike and the congregation, Vivian Dennis-Monzingo and Ryan Agee presided at the Annual Business Meeting, including a review of the Association's activities since the 2010 annual meeting, as follows:

As prescribed by Article IX – Meetings of the Bylaws of the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association, Hopkins County, Texas, there shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Association held the third Sunday in July of each year. The meetings shall be held at the Old Saltillo United Methodist Church beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Board of Directors of the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association held four meetings during the past year, on the third Saturday evening in March, June, August, and November at 6:30 p.m. Meetings of the Board of Directors are held in the Woodrow Kirby Memorial Center and are open to anyone wishing to attend. Your presence and suggestions are always welcome. *Continued on Page 2*

Spotlight: Ina McGill Barnett

Theodore Roosevelt was President of the United States when James (Jay) and Ada Crump McGill welcomed their first child into the world, at their home between the Saltillo and Greenwood communities. Thy named their baby girl, Ina Ree McGill. The date, October 23, 1908.

As the only child of this union for some seventeen years, Ina received a lot of attention, especially from her father. Ina preferred farm work to house work, and as a constant companion to her Daddy, she would frequently follow him to the fields, and ride home on a mule when work was finished.



Ina started her education at Round Knob School, and recalls carrying her lunch in a syrup bucket. She also recalls that her lunch would sometimes be stolen before mealtime, but for purposes of this interview, Ina wouldn't identify the culprit. She completed her education at Saltillo, and it was about this time that Mr. and Mrs. McGill welcomed a second child into the world, Ina's younger sister, Etoile. Later, Ina eloped with Henry Barnett, the son of Will and Ida Poor Barnett, and the love of Ina's life. As the story goes, Ina "left the house for a baby shower", but in truth, met up with Henry and headed to the home of Bro. Perry Griffith who married the young couple, as they sat in their car, right in his front yard. The date, June 5, 1922.

Henry and Ina had two children, both girls... first Dimple, then Louise. They raised the girls in the Dallas area, where Henry and Ina moved during WWII in search of better jobs. Henry found work with Chance-Vought while Ina went to work in the Dallas offices of the Texas Pacific Railroad. She also enjoyed 27 years as an "Avon Lady", making "The President's List" for a great number of years, meaning she rang many doorbells and sold a lot of Avon product. Henry and Ina enjoyed a wonderful life together, traveling, fishing, playing '42' and all kinds of card games. Their daughter, Dimple, blessed them with five grandchildren and

numerous great and great-great grandchildren. Louise also married, but had no children. Ina's husband and daughters would precede her in death... Henry in 1978, Dimple in 1992 and Louise in 1995. Afterward, Ina lived in an assisted living community in the Dallas area, until moving two years ago to Sulphur Springs (with sister Etoile) to the home of Etoile's daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Larry Calcaterra.



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Photos Needed!

Plans are underway for this year's Memorial Day program, but to make it spectacular,

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We need photos of Old Saltillo Memorial Days past... black & white or color, it doesn't matter. We need photos of the memorial program in action: speakers, entertainment, lunch under the trees, visiting among family and friends, the cemetery grounds... we'll take them all.

If you have photos you are willing to permanently donate to the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association archive, we will gladly receive them.

If you prefer to loan your pictures for purposes of Memorial Day program planning, we will gladly scan and save a digital image of your photos, and return the originals to you within days of receiving them.

Please mail any and all Memorial Day photos you can locate to:

Ryan Agee
3900 Vitruvian Way, #467
Addison, TX 75001

If you already have photos in digital format or would prefer to scan and email them for submission, please use the following address:

rtagee@yahoo.com

Photos requested by March 15th, 2012

Words From Our President, Cont...

Cemetery business performed in preceding year:

- Conducted the financial business of the Association
- Prepared and executed a contract for mowing, weed trimming, fire ant eradication, grave filling, and flower maintenance. Manuel Aguayo, was contracted to serve as Caretaker from July 2011 through June 2012.
- Trimmed trees and leveled monuments (*outside the contracted scope of Caretaker duties*)
- Preserved and rejoined parts of one very old monument, which had deteriorated with time and broken into several pieces
- Invoiced area funeral homes for money collected from families for duties performed by the Old Saltillo Cemetery Caretaker
- Published two editions of the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Newsletter
- Conferred with CPA to insure that the Association maintains its tax exempt status 501©(3) and file appropriate IRS documents
- Began a review of the OSCA By-Laws, Operating Manual, and Rules and Regulations
- Installed additional pipes at grave sites for the placement of floral arrangements
- Placed small floral arrangements at very old (or otherwise unattended) gravesites prior to Memorial Day
- Began work to establish a web site for the Old Saltillo Cemetery
- Designed and printed new Memorial Acknowledgment cards and new receipt forms to acknowledge the right of interment in reserved spaces
- Mailed Memorial Day invitations to family members of those whose loved ones were buried in the Old Saltillo Cemetery this past year



It was reiterated during the annual meeting that that the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association is not responsible for any losses in the cemetery. Members were encouraged to contact their insurance company to determine the amount of coverage that they may have /need under their homeowner's policy for damages that could occur to

family monuments. It was further noted that many of the monuments in the Cemetery are affected by mold and lichen. As the monuments are considered personal property, no Association funds will be used for cleaning of monuments.

Darwin McGill, Lou Briley Daniel, and Barbara Conley Norris were reelected to fill three expiring positions on the Old Saltillo Cemetery Board of Directors for the years 2011-2014. Ryan Agee, Treasurer of the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association, gave a review of the printed Annual Financial Report, 2010-2011.

Jewel McAfee, assisted by Jo Ann Agee, presented a very memorable program to honor those loved ones that were buried in the Old Saltillo Cemetery during the 2010-2011 year. Steve Conley added to the memorial with an outstanding musical presentation. John Points, well-known pianist, provided a musical prelude prior to the opening of the program and was the accompanist for other musical presentations during the program. Byron and Sue Bass entertained all in attendance with a beautiful array of spiritual and inspirational songs, encouraging the congregation to join them on some arrangements... an excellent program! Lunch was served in a buffet manner in the Woodrow Kirby Memorial Center. Great dishes were brought by those in attendance and enjoyed by all. Following tradition, many of those in attendance enjoyed their lunch under the giant oak trees in back of the church.



Please make plans to attend the Old Saltillo Cemetery Memorial Day/Annual Business Meeting on July 15, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. A very special program is being planned.

Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, President

Interments

Since our last publication, the following individuals have been laid to rest in the Old Saltillo Cemetery:

Billy Bob Freeman, interred November 23, 2011

Larry G. Ward, interred January 7, 2012

"He has spent his life best who has enjoyed it most."
Samuel Butler

Ina McGill Barnett, Cont...

Ina has only good memories of Old Saltillo Memorial Day, as far back as squirrel stew, semi-melted ice cream and soda pops (when they were hard to come by.) If you counted all of Ina's relatives buried in Old Saltillo Cemetery, you would leave very few on the "un-kin" list. She is related to the McGills, Crumps, Barnetts, Poors, and you can't overlook all of her friends who have gone on ahead.

At 103 years young, Ina still walks with the help of her trusty walker... attending First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs on Sunday nights and is always ready for a game of dominoes, and apparently much more. Memorial Day 2011, Ina, Etoile and Marilyn toured Lake Ouachita atop an inner-tube, towed behind the Calcaterra boat.



More recently, December 2011, Ina broke the record as the oldest passenger on the Screws' Christmas Train, in the Pine Forest Community... She's still a kid at heart. Join Ina, oldest OSCA Member, at the 2012 Old Saltillo Memorial Day.

Jo Ann Agee, Contributing Columnist

Treasurer's Comments

Interest rates remain low and continue to limit the OSCA's revenue, as investment interest is our primary source of income. So, your support is essential to our ability to keep the cemetery grounds in pristine condition.

All OSCA funds are invested in FDIC insured instruments, namely checking and savings accounts and certificates of deposit, with sound local financial institutions. A full accounting of the OSCA's annual revenues and expenditures is provided (both orally and in written form) during the OSCA's Annual Meeting.

In memory / honor of your friends, family and loved ones, consider a donation to the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association, at P.O. Box 123, Saltillo, TX 75478. Donations are tax deductible.

Ryan Agee, Treasurer