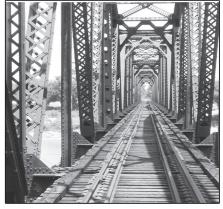


The most fun I never had was probably this past Saturday when I missed the Red River Float. I was invited on Eddie Trapp's annual Back to School Five-Mile Float from Chicota, Texas to the State line Bridge north of Paris. Eddie's brother Larry and his nephew Ryan signed up for the trip, along with two grandchildren. I did get down to the rendezvous site by noon, however I arrived before the Trapp party arrived, and came back again after they had already gone. But I would not trade my time on the riverbank that day!

After parking on the bluff above, I walked/slid down the slope to where the sandy bank began. I found the river broad and lazy with beach-like sandbars the sandy-red color of the river mud. Two young men were swimming and talking aways down and they were the only humans in sight. When one of them stood up and I saw he was wearing trunks, I felt better about intruding on their space. I mostly just stood there in 🛭 the light breeze, watching the water coming around the bend, completely absorbed in the peaceful majesty of the river. I also saw it's power illustrated by the piles of logs deposited against the bridge pilings by fast-moving water. I strolled along the 'beach' and under the railroad trestle and watched the cars moving between the states.. Then I climbed up onto the railroad track to photograph the broad river and that great old rusty iron bridge structure you've probably noticed every time you've crossed the state line bridge during daylight. You can see a good bit of graffiti on it when you get up close to it. There is easy access to this basic launch site by a little narrow road that runs parallel and just east of Hwy 271. It's easy to access the river there on both the Texas and Oklahoma sides. You ought to venture down there sometime, it's a neat experience.





Eddie Trapp is an outdoorsman who has written a weekly column for the Cooper Review for decades called "On the River With E.T." His writings are based on current fishing and hunting forays into the Sulphur and Red River areas, as well as from journals he has kept since his high school days in the 1960's. He has published twelve compilation volumes of these adventures, and he is still adding to the collection. Here's an excerpt from a recent article





"The problem with floating rivers is how to get to your rig after you get where you are going. Over the years I have hitchhiked back to my pickup. Carry a boat paddle and the local people know you are needing a ride. Some have gone miles out of the way to carry me back to the launch place. The primitive launch (for the red River Float) is northwest of Arthur City. It is about a six hour float depending on how much time you spend on the Galveston type sandbars. You may want to go on this float with your family or friends. Directions – Go 271 north of Paris. Just before you cross Red River Bridge take a left (west) on FM 197. Go west until you cross Sanders Creek, the one that runs out of Pat Mayes Lake. About a mile west of the bridge turn right on CR 36980. It's the first county road West of Sander's Creek. Go a mile or two. Watch for a small road or ramp on the East side of road. You can see the river from the road. Lots of rocks there that you can walk out to fish. I have fished there with several people a few times. My brother and I rode in my 12-foot flat bottom boat I call Skint Back after two comedians' boat."

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#### LaVada Nell Beard

LaVada Nell Beard, age 74 of Winnsboro, passed away on Monday, August 7th, 2017 in Tyler. She was born on October 29th, 1942 in Scroggins to the late Luther Wood and Frances Reeves Wood. Nell married C.P. "Chock" Beard on August 21, 1964. She was Homemaker, and a member of Cross Roads Baptist Church.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Cindy Beard of Winnsboro, Billy and Audrey Beard of Winnsboro, daughter Joy Huggins, of Quitman as well as grandchildren, Sharon Beard-Riley and her husband Shawn, Madison Beard, MeKall Beard, Tori Huggins and Hunter Huggins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a sister Mamie Evelyn Stone, a brother Ernest Paul Wood, and son-in-law, Tim "Bo" Huggins.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 10 from 10 am to 11 A.M. at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro with Graveside Services following at Lee Cemetery, Highway 37 S. Winnsboro, TX 75494 at 11:15A.M., Bro. Terry Bolton officiating.



#### **Joe Attlesey**

Christian Mass for Joe Attlesey, age 78, of Yantis, will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at St. James Catholic Church, Sulphur Springs. Visitation was held at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel from 6 to 8 P.M. with Rosary at 7 P.M. on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. Mr. Attlesey passed away on Monday, August 7, 2017 at CHRISTUS Mother Frances, Sulphur Springs.

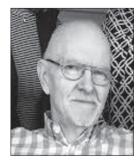
Joe Thurman Attlesey was born on June 14, 1939 in Shreveport, LA to Joe Eddie and Norma Fay (Byles) Attlesey. He married Emilia Munoz in San Antonio on August 10, 1985. Joe served in the Air Force Reserves, worked for USAA printing services for 36 years and was a member of St. James Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Emilia; daughters, Karen Maree Zamora and husband Michael of Mt. Vernon; Mary Louise Dooley and husband Sean of Colorado Springs, Co; son, Adam Rufino Zamora II and wife Diane of Cypress, TX; grandchildren, Manuel Anthony Zamora, Joshua Sussmann, Joseph Sussman, Erika Dooley, Sydney Dooley, Payton Dooley, Bethany Zamora, Jacob Zamora and Heather Zamora; seven great grandchildren; sisters, Laura Teer and Linda Fails.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother, Mary Attlesey.

Memorials can be made to National Parkinson Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



#### **Thomas Jennings**

Thomas Jennings, age 79, of Sulphur Springs, passed away Friday, August 4, 2017, at Baylor Hospital, Plano, TX. Memorial Services will be held at a later date. There will be no formal visitation.

Thomas Mack Jennings, was born on May 13, 1938, the son of Travis Murel and Ada Christine (Jenkins) Jennings, in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Mack was in the Army National Guard during the Berlin Crisis. He was a retired Realtor.

He is survived by his daughters, Marci and husband Dale Owens of Sulphur Springs, Nanci Jennings of Collierville, TN, Amy and husband Tony Dillard of Ft. Worth Texas, and Allison and husband John Brownlee of Tupelo, MS; grandchildren, Lauren Owens Marfin, Shelbi Owens, Jordan Owens, Mary Kate (Dillard) Campbell, Drew Dillard, Kelsey Brownlee, Jake Brownlee and Will Brownlee; great grandchildren, Harris Marfin, Judah Campbell, Georgia Kate Campbell.

Mack was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Gary Jennings. Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



#### **Christopher Hubbert**

Christopher Hubbert, 31, of Commerce passed away on Thursday, August 3, 2017, in Commerce.

Christopher was born in Dallas, Texas on October 1, 1985, to Karen Stovall and Michael Robert Hubbert. He was a graduate from Commerce High School and Texas A&M Commerce with a degree in business. He was an Mortgage Underwriter. Chris was an avid golfer and sports enthusiast, and loved being out-of-doors. Last year Chris fulfilled his life-long dream of backpacking through the Colorado wilderness.

Survivors include his parents; Karen and Michael, his sisters; Meagan E. Heath (Alex) of Greenville and Emily A. Ross (Tommy) currently stationed in Groton, Connecticut, his two nephews; Alex and Aiden Heath, his grandfather, Robert S. Hubbert of Forney, Texas, his grandfather, Jerry M. Stovall and wife Judi of Rockport, Texas, his grandfather, Tom Hails of

Panama City, Florida, his uncle, Courtney Stovall of Rockport, Texas, his aunts; Vicki Bacon (Kevin) of Kaufman, Texas, Debi Lewis (Chris) of Kaufman, Texas and Teri Busby of Pottsboro, Texas, and his cousins; Christina, Jeff, Jennifer, Clayton, Connor, Jesse and Layla.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2017, at 11:00 A.M. at First Presbyterian Church of Commerce, 1216 Monroe St. with Rev. Krista Rasco officiating.



#### Agnes L. Ponder

Graveside services for Agnes L. Ponder, age 93 of Sulphur Springs, were held Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 12:15 P.M. at Restlawn Memorial Park with Rowdy Crowson, Garrett Lockhart, Christi Ponder, Hunter Crowson, Keith Clark, Kevin Clark and Tristen Clark serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held on Wednesday from 11 A.M.-.12 P.M. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Ms. Ponder passed away Monday, August 7, 2017 at Rock Creek Health and Rehab.

Agnes Laverne Ponder was born on August 19, 1923 in Garden Valley, Texas, the daughter of Edgar Allen and Minnie Lavada (McPhail) Wright. She married Edgar "Red" Ponder in Rockwall, TX on August 19, 1944. Agnes was a retired owner of Ponder's Café and The Steakhouse. Agnes was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son James Ponder and wife Cindy of Ruidoso, NM; daughter, Judy Roberts and husband Randy of Yantis, TX; grandchildren, Keith Clark, Kevin Clark, Christi Ponder, Rowdy Crowson, Lesley Ann Owens, Monica Roberts; great grandchildren, Tristen Clark, Tiffany Clark, Amanda Wehunt, Dakota Clark, Hunter Clark, Kaci Kennedy, Hunter Crowson, Hannah Crowson, Logan Marroquin, Garrett Lockhart, Addey Ann Owens, Cadence Runyan, Creedence Runyan; great grandchildren, Taylor Wehunt, Kaley Wehunt, Ember Lockhart. Agnes was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, James F. Wright, Marland Wright, Edgar Wright Jr., Jack Wright, Billy Wright, Bobby Wright.

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"Then attached to the contract is what's called a rider. Good promoters talk about the rider first. The contract might say \$50,000 plus rider and the rider might have 8 first-class airplane tickets, separate suites for every member of the group for 3 nights and other things that add another \$40,000. So you've got to get that straight right up front. One entertainer wanted his laundry done. I thought he was talking about his stage clothing. The load weighed 50 pounds and had diapers and everything else."

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"I'm sitting here kind of bored with everything and this guy comes up wearing some patchwork boots, the kind that Tony Lama made years ago. He has these Wranglers on that are stretchy, kind of a tweedy-looking material and he has on a sea turtle belt with some kind of god-awful belt buckle. Then he's got this shirt with eagles on it and he's wearing this big black hat that I labeled 'Buzzard in Flight.' So he sings a song or two and he's looking down at the ground, kicking is feet, sort of bashful. I think to myself what is this guy doing here wasting our time taking up this spot. He mentioned that he had been on the road and lived somewhere in Oklahoma.

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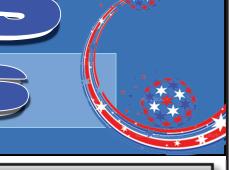


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