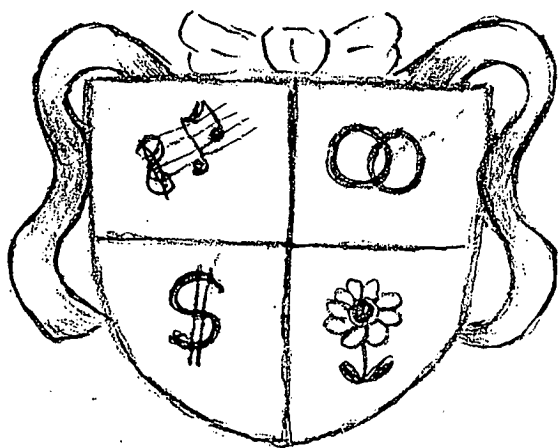


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60 YEARS

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## Foreword

Having published two Carroll County History books, most people know that I am a collector of articles, items, pictures, and trivia.

Way back when ....I was born in Carrollton on the corner of Sixth and Sycamore in a nice house with nice parents (F.G. & Mary Helen Hill)

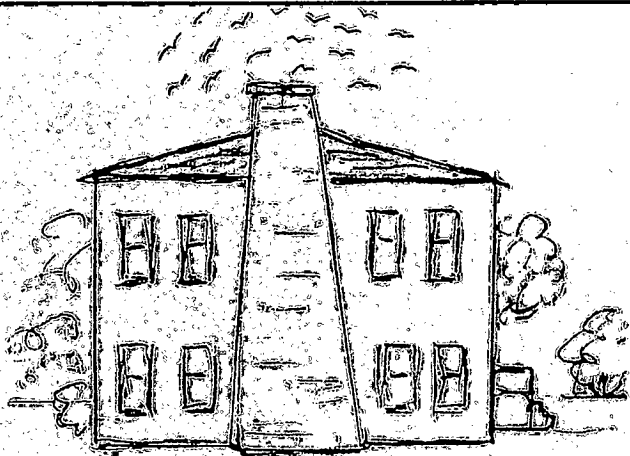
When I married in 1949 (to Enos Baglan) we owned the house next door. More than 50 years of my life was spent on this corner. Now most of it has changed!!!

I have reached into the bottom of my old "trivia box" and have printed for you some of the wisdom therein - on a number of subjects - plus jokes and quotes.

And you can add yours on the last page.

Dedicated to all packrats!!

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CAMERON'S MILL  
302 SIXTH ST  
1895

### CAMERON'S MILL

in

### My Little Corner of the World

Guess you noticed that near the end of July 2001, the wrecking crew razed the 100-year old brick building at 302 Sixth Street (Sycamore corner) in Carrollton. It was built by Mr. Ed Cameron's father before 1900 and produced ground flour. 1905 Ad: "Cameron Roller Mills sells flour at 25¢ a package."

In the 1930's, as a little girl, I could sit on the front porch of my parents home at 301 Sixth Street and see the mill with its huge chimney - six feet taller than the building. At sunset fifty or sixty swallows circled the chimney before dropping one by one down the chimney to sleep the night.

In 1937 when the BIG flood covered the five groceries downtown, bread, milk, and canned goods were delivered to the mill for several weeks to serve the community.

Mr. Ed ceased making flour in the 1930's, cleaned the huge rooms and retired. Although there were dozens of kids in the area, none of us ever entered the building.

After WWII the mill was owned by some one else who rented it to a Penecostal congregation for weekly services. The chimney was dismantled and a double door put in the east side. Now I could sit on my front porch twice a week and see members come and go, hear their singing, amens, and hallelujahs.

In the 1960's the City of Carrollton purchased the building and put the Water Department office there. Later the Mayor's office; then the Police Department. When the Fire Department moved to 302 Sixth, a triple garage was added.

Upstairs was a big empty room which was allowed to be used as a Teen Center on Saturday nights (fully chaperoned). This was enjoyed for 8 or more years until the city needed the space for storage. In 1996 I gave the Police Chief, Laymon Stark, several oil paintings of Carroll County to hang on their hall wall.

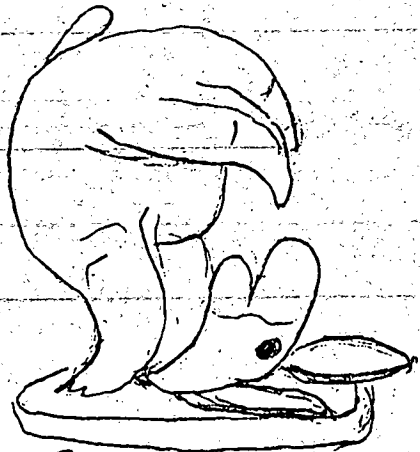


301 SIXTH ST

When our old jail needed replacing, and plans were being debated, two holdover cells were added near the police section until 1994 when the Detention Center on Clay Street was completed.

The City Hall nearby was opened in 2001 for the Mayor, Council, Police, fire and rescue vehicles.

Now the 100-year-old mill has become a dusty pile of old bricks. Still owned by Carrollton Utilities. I don't live at 301 Sixth, but I will watch my "little corner's" progress, and look to see if my paintings are still around somewhere..



SOME DAYS LOOK  
BETTER UPSIDE-  
DOWN

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SUCCESS is how high you bounce when you hit bottom!

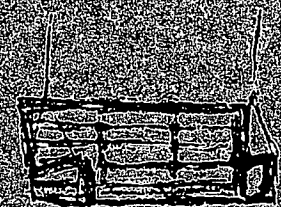
PERSONALITY may open a door but character keeps it open.

Good work is seldom accidental. It is done by people who care. Success comes in cans. I can, you can, and we can.

Whatever you do, do it right and give it class.

Live so that you wouldn't be concerned about selling the family parrot to the town gossip.

Some people make things happen, some watch things happen, and some wonder what happened!



### C H A N G E S

by: Mr. A. Gentry  
For: U. Ky. Writing Workshop

I saw the wrecking crew arrive;  
They will raze Mrs. Mack's home today.  
It's true, it was in need of repair  
but now it will soon be gone.  
The much-used wooden swing still hangs  
on the porch.  
Her block is now zoned commercial.  
The City has waited.

Last time I talked to her  
She said she was 94. Had no idea she  
would live so long.  
Married twice, both husbands have died,  
And no children.  
Sight's going, hearing's gone  
But she still lived alone - not even a  
pet - might trip her.

She enjoyed her television, and her  
Cincinnati Reds  
If she sat real close she could see the  
players.  
If she tuned up real loud, she could hear  
the crowd.  
She kept a big red poinsettia in her  
front window.

So she lived alone  
Until the day she missed the back step  
and fell.  
Broke her arm and was recuperating in the  
nursing home  
When she realized that is where she should  
stay.  
"Thank the city for waiting"

And the old wooden swing sits on top of  
the rubble with its memories.

KIDS! KIDS! KIDS!

Life is a bunch of raisins - raising  
cain, raisin kids and raisin money!

You have to do your own growing - no  
matter how tall your grandfather was.

A pat on the back helps more than a kick  
in the pants.

The best way to get the last word is to  
apologize.

Little boy to his mother after returning  
from a ride with his father: "We passed two  
idiots, three morons, four darn fools, and  
I don't know how many knotheads."

The only thing more expensive than educa-  
tion is ignorance.

The greatest ability is dependability.

Misquotes:

Give us this day our jelly bread.

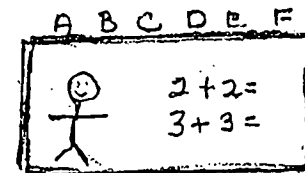
Jose can you see.

Lead us not into Penn Station.

I pledge a lesson to the frog of the Uni-  
ted States of America.

Johnny's first day at school. Mother,  
What did you all do?" "We sang" What  
did the class sing?" "I don't know what  
they sang, but I sang Rudolph the Red-  
nosed Reindeer"

We do not inherit the earth from our  
ancestors - we borrow it from our  
children.





FROM THE CHURCH BULLETINS

The most important missionary journey a person can make is to walk next door.

Never pray for money. The Lord is your shepherd, not your banker.

A sermon can help people in different ways. Some rise from it greatly strengthened and others wake from it refreshed.

Don't find fault, find a remedy.

Whatever happens, thank Him. Praising God is the highest occupation anyone can have.

Friends are made by many acts, and lost by only one.

To be wronged is nothing, unless you continue to remember it.

Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apples in a seed.

He who teaches others to sin is the worst of sinners, for he cannot make reparation because he can never tell how far his sin has gone out and how many it has gone to influence.

OOOPSP!! New secretary!!!  
Thursday will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All those wishing to become little mothers, see the minister.

This being Easter Sunday, we ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday nite in the church hall. Music will follow.

ON BEING AN AMERICAN



George Washington: "The United States has come into existence at a very auspicious time. If the citizens should not be completely free and happy, the fault will be entirely their own."

WILL ROGERS who was part Cherokee: "My forefathers did not come over on the Mayflower, but they met the boat."

SOMERSET MAUGHAM: "If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and if it's money or comfort that it values more, lose that too."

Freedom is the right to be wrong - not to do wrong.

1876 WESTERN UNION: This "telephone" has too many shortcomings. It is inherently of no value to us.

1899 PATENT OFFICE: Everything that can be invented, has been invented.

A real patriot is the person who gets a parking ticket, and rejoices that the system works.

Make war with your vices; peace with your neighbors.

BILL MOYERS: Our nation was founded on moral values - in trust in God. We must return these values to our government, to all the people. Great minds formed our Constitution, a moral instrument that has held for over 200 years. Our possibilities are vast, but we must choose our goals, our ideals, and work for them.

## THE ARTS

Art becomes history of a time or place.

Art endures.

Writers write for the joy of it so that we can have forever the stories of now and of the past.

"Hamlet" was not written by a committee nor Mona Lisa painted by a club. Creative ideas spring from individuals.

If you get an inspiration, write it down!

Music is the only language where we cannot hear a mean or sarcastic thing.

No one respects a talent that is concealed - so shine your light forward.

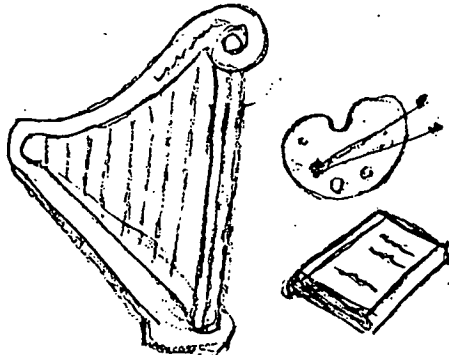
There is one redeeming thing about a mistake. It means that somebody stopped talking long enough to do something.

Thomas Merton: Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.

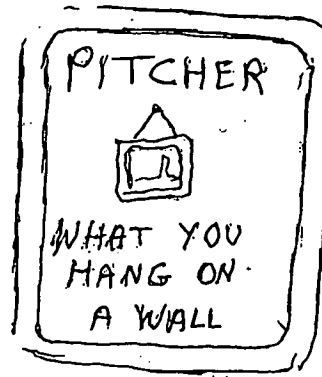
DaVinci: Artists are the best scientists. They observe and they think about what they see. Then they tell the rest of us about it in a picture.

Winslow Homer: There is no such thing as talent. It is nothing but continuous work in the right direction.

Cartoon: They couldn't find the artist so they hung the picture!!



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## ODDS and ENDS

Clippings from all over

MOTHER EVE:  
from TIME Magazine

Biochemists from the Un. of California at Berkeley think that a single female living 200,000 years ago was the ancestor of everyone on Earth today. They call her \*EVE\*.

Three biochemists (Rebecca Cann, Mark Stoneking and Allen Wilson) point out that other females reproducing at that time have modern descendants. But Eve is the only one who appears in everyone's genealogy, a conclusion they reached by studying mitochondrial DNA (midNA).

There is DNA outside the nucleus that is inherited solely from the mother. The biochemists examined MIDNA from 147 individuals representing five broad geographic regions, and constructed a family tree showing common ancestral midNA. Then they extrapolated backward to calculate when midNA existed - when Eve lived, 200,000 years ago and in sub-Saharan Africa.

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MAHATMA GANDHI was asked what lesson he had learned in life. He answered, "You will make many journeys. Always keep your destination in mind or you will never get there."

ALBERT SCHWEITZER - the most important lesson: Magnificent cathedrals are not outside you, but inside you!"

Some cliches from Shakespeare:

The fault is not in our stars, but in ourselves. Julius Caesar

The quality of mercy is not strained. It is twice blessed, it blesseth him that gives and him that takes. Merchant of Venice

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. Twelfth Night

#### MONEY CAN'T BUY CLASS

Class never runs scared. It can handle whatever comes along.

Class has a sense of humor.

Class never makes excuses.

Class knows that good manners are nothing more than a series of small inconsequential sacrifices.

Some wealthy "bluebloods" have no class, while individuals struggling to make ends meet are loaded with it.

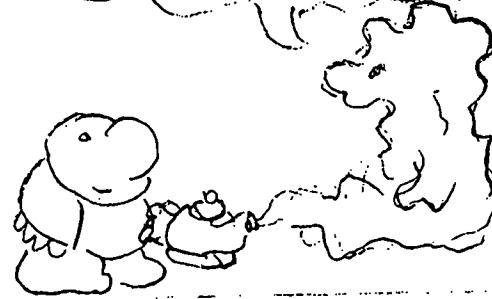
Class is real. It can't be faked.

Class never tries to build itself up by tearing others down.

If you have class, you've got it made. If you don't have class, no matter what else you have doesn't make any difference.

Ann Landers!!!

MAKING YOU A LEGEND  
IS OUT OF THE  
QUESTION. WOULD YOU  
SETTLE FOR A RUMOR?



#### E.P.'S' COLA DAYS

Ten years after my first husband died, E.P. Gentry had been a widower for six years, and we got married. E.P. was full of interesting little happenings and one of them was when he was a distributor of R.C. Cola in the 1950's.

One of his stops was in Grant County at Crouch's little shop. Mr. Crouch was honest but he bootlegged whiskey. One day E.P. stopped to deliver two cases of colas and as he set them into the shop more than 10 state police pulled up and strode into the shop.

E.P. started shaking like a leaf, and explained that he was just delivering colas. One of the officers said, "Get on your way".

The next week Mrs. Crouch told E.P., "A person can't make a living anymore because of the state police."



GROWING UP INTEGRATED

in

My Little Corner of the World

One of my earliest memories (around the age of 5) was looking across Sixth Street at the Myers' home, where Mrs. Myers, her son and daughter-in-law lived. Mr. Myers was janitor of the U.S. Post Office - had a nice home with a big fish pond and flowers. During the depression he had a job and income when most of the men (including my father) were out of work.

The ladies, Liza and Henrietta, took in washing and ironing, using three-pound irons heated on the warm moking stove, changing irons as needed. Their home smelled of starch and steam. These ladies also baked for families - hams, turkeys, roasts, and dinners for special entertaining.

One sad day when Mother and I visited the Myers, a little girl and her mother were in the bedroom. The next day the little girl died.

Soon after this my mother got a part-time job and I began school, so there were no more visits. After W W II the Myers used electric irons, and my mother purchased the iron ones which I later tole-painted for bookends and doorstops.

Since my parents' home was on the corner, we had neighbors on the Sycamore Street side too. Two Harris families - one was a barber, and his brother worked in concrete.

Between their homes stood the Second Baptist Church - a red brick one-story building with regular services. When the caretakers needed a tall ladder, they borrowed by father's. On Sunday afternoon we could hear the choir, and occasionally a funeral would bring many cars, even buses, with robed choirs.

Mr. Harris, the barber, passed away in the early sixties. His wife had health problems and began losing her eyesight. She would call my 8-year-old son to run errands or to clean her porch. Then an old friend of hers moved in with her. That Christmas the friend went to visit his family for the day. Mrs. Harris got her medicines confused, and died before he got back that night.



In the 1960's a new family moved in next to the church. Arch and Emma Brown had worked for 40 years for R.M. Barker in his huge home on Highway 42. Emma became a favorite babysitter for my children. She was really nice, a marvelous cook, had a green thumb and often helped my struggling flowerbed. We exchanged many favors until Archie passed away. She then moved to another town to live with her daughter. In 2000 she died at age 99.

For a short time a young family lived above the church meeting hall. A few times the little pre-schoolers wandered over to play on my children's singset. I told my girls to watch to see that the littlest one did not get hurt. Their mother would call her children home always too soon. This family moved to Ghent after four months.

TIMES CHANGE. For the past twenty years the Myers home has had new owners. The barber's home and Emma's home were both razed to make parking area for the municipal building next door.

The red brick Baptist church still is there, well-kept with monthly services. Mr. Harris' (concrete) home is the parsonage.

After my parents passed away, E.P. and I moved from Sycamore Street (1988) so I don't know whose ladder they're using now.



NOW A WORD ABOUT YOUR HEALTH!!

The best exercise is to bend down and help someone up.

Nothing you put into a bananasplit is as fattening as the spoon.

If you have no charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.

If you want to stay youthful, stay useful.

On dieting: Some people's idea of curbing their appetite is to park at a drivein restaurant.

When it comes to eating, you can sometimes help yourself more by helping yourself less.

New bathing suit: No diet - no buy it!

Those who get too big for their britches, will be exposed in the end.

Smoking means always having to say your're sorry.

A lady called to enroll in an exercise class: "Wear loose clothing." "If I had loose clothing, I wouldn't need the class."

Money will buy a bed but not sleep; books but not knowledge, finery but not beauty; amusement but not happiness; and a passport to anywhere but heaven.

LIFE IS SHORT - EAT DESSERT  
FIRST!!!



## MIDDLE AGE

You have reached middle age when you have learned to take care of your health and intend to start any day now.

Once you are over the hill, you begin to pick up speed.

The trouble with class reunions is that old flames have become even older.

Age is an issue of mind over matter - if you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Henny Youngman says his grandmother still doesn't need glasses - drinks right out of the bottle.

It is better to have loafed and lost than never to have loafed at all.

It is nice to be important, but more important to be nice.

Patience is the ability to let your light shine after you have blown your fuse!!

If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never turn into an old nag.

Middle age - your little black book has only names ending with M.D.

Your favorite part of the paper is "20 Years Ago Today".

Your back goes out more than you do. You know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions.



Maturity is the ability to do a job whether you are supervised or not; finish a job; carry money without spending it; and the ability to bear an injustice without wanting to get even.

Dear Abby



## ON BEING HAPPY

Happiness is one thing that multiplies by division.

You cannot get ahead while you are getting even.

Love gives one the opportunity to be one's best self.

Make your mistakes on the side of trust and hope, not on mistrust or despair.

An angry person is in pain and fear. Depression is caused by fear. A "whole" person does not lean on others.

The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.

When you are through changing, you are through!

The cream of enjoyment is always impromptu - the chance walk, an unexpected visit, an unsought conversation or acquaintance.

Retirement takes the fun out of Saturdays.

If you love something, you must let it go. If it returns to you - it is yours. If it doesn't - it never was.

The formula for failure: Try to please everybody.

Happiness is not money. It is feeling you are in control; being useful; having purpose or commitment; and smiling anyway.

## ON BEING SUCCESSFUL

Great achievers have one thing in common: they never bother to compare themselves with others, but are content to run their own race on their terms.

Genius is seldom recognized for what it is - a great capacity for hard work. Backbone beats wishbone.

Eliminate your enemies by making friends of them.

Positive people attract others, negative people repel.

Be enthusiastic about your project.

Don't lend people money - it gives them amnesia. A financial genius is one who can make money faster than the family can spend it.

In the end the pessimist may be right, but the optimist has a better time on the way.

Great opportunities seldom come, but small ones surround us daily.

Many people find that the harder they work, the luckier they get.

When things go wrong - don't go with them!

## ODDS and ENDS

Clippings from all over

If your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep will be your downfall.

Many can rise to an occasion, but few know when to sit down.

Those who know the least, know it the loudest.

There are two ways to find something that is lost: By accident. Or by swearing, grunting, and tearing the room apart. The second method is much more satisfying!

Linda Ellerbee says a good time to laugh is anytime you can. Laughter may be a form of courage.

When a telephone salesman gives his spiel, answer, "Oh, thank you, you want to sell me something!. I thought you were another collection agency."

Back in 1976 Bob Hope had some political jokes: "In California we just elected a new senator, Hayakawa. Everone voted for him 'cause they thought he was a motorcycle." "President Carter will like the White House, although it may take him a while to get used to indoor plumbing."

"My wife is such a strong Catholic that she thinks Oral Roberts is a dentist, and Norman Vincent Peale a stripper".

Never try to teach a pig how to sing. It wastes your time and annoys the pig.



Jack Fultz signoff at midnight at  
WVCM in the 1950's and 60's: "Two  
things in life are worthwhile - to  
know the truth - and to be in love"

Ann Landers defines success: "If you  
have a good name, if you are right more  
often than you are wrong, if people all  
ages respect you, if your friends can count  
on you and you can count on them, if you  
can face your God and say, "I have done my  
best," - then you are a success."



NOW IT IS YOUR TURN