

**Thorndale ISD Ex-Students News**  
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We hope you had a great opportunity to thank a veteran last week on Veteran's Day. There were a number of exes in photos in surrounding newspapers, some in uniform and some remembering the wars. Wilbert "Uti" Weise, Class of 1947 was holding an American flag at the SPJST Activity Center. Wife, Ima Jean Beard Weise, Class of 1969 noted that Uti doesn't speak much anymore or even get around well. We need to keep him in our prayers. It was a nice, big photo and he looked good.

There was a nice photo of VFW Post 4009 Quartermaster, Kenneth Menzel, Class of 1967, as always, helping cook breakfast on Veteran's Day.

Charles "Hoot" Gibson was also pictured at the breakfast. Hoot and his wife have been to many of our Homecoming activities with his brother, Grady Ray Gibson, Class of 1948 of Barnegat, New Jersey.

We appreciate and salute all our Veterans, past and current.

We had nice donations made to our scholarship fund in memory of ex-principal/coach, Bob Mathis, from Mary Ann Sielaff Rodenbeck, Class of 1949 and Lisa Thiele Timmons, Class of 1990 of Gatesville. We thank them so much as this is such a nice way to remember our loved ones.

We were gone most of the day on Tuesday and when we got home, there was a note on the front door. It read, "Clyde P 5pm Tues. Sorry I missed supper." We sure were sorry to miss a fun visit with Clyde "Poly" Poldrack, Class of 1955 of Cedar Creek.

Judy Smith Thompson, Class of 1954 fell and damaged one of her replaced knees. She has been in rehab for the last few weeks and we surely need to keep her in our prayers.

There was a photo in the newspaper of Preston Hegar, Class of 1978 of Taylor telling what he likes about Taylor.

We understand that Delma "Sloppy" Kiesling, Class of 1941 is now a resident of Manor Oaks in Rockdale. We need to keep both Sloppy and wife, Doris, who has been going through chemo, in our prayers.

Now for the Final episode from the last two weeks: The article was written in remembrance of Thorndale ISD's 100th year in 1983 by Chris Amante in the Thorndale Champion.

At Thorndale, grade schoolers studied reading, writing and arithmetic, but in high school, students had choices that included algebra, ancient history and science, Locklin said. And, like their present-day counterparts, Thorndale students were required to take four years of English, which was Locklin's least favorite subject, he said. (Locklin is the late, James E. "Buddy" Locklin, Class of 1938.)

The third story of Thorndale's brick school was ripped off during a tornado in 1940, and officials put a roof over the second story. But when the number of students outgrew school space during the 1960s, the building was torn down and replaced with the present structure.

(This structure is now the middle school. A new high school and gym were built later where the old cinder track and football field of the 1940s and 1950s was located, just East of the middle school.) THE END!

Attached is a photo of the first appointed trustees for the school in 1883. Many thanks to Evelyn Beard Young, Class of 1953 of Rockdale for digging up this interesting article. Mr. J. K. Quinn was the grandfather of the lady who called looking for this article. Evelyn sent her a copy and we hope she enjoyed it as much as we did.

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