

# HISTORY & FOLKLORE



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Business activity in Dayton seems to be on the rise and the expected growth period of the 1970s may be underway. There are unbelievable rumors of major company land purchases in the area between the Trinity and San Jacinto rivers (Lake Houston) and if any of them turn out to be true, the results could be sizable.



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Hutchins Department Store on Main in Liberty is newly remodeled and heavily stocked. Manager Hughes asked us to thank those who helped make last week's sale a big success.

## Hog-Hunting Tales from the River Bottom

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mean, vicious lot. Perry was penning hogs with his brothers, Albert and Robert, and working near where the railroad track crosses the river. One hog decided to leave the herd, but was swiftly met by one of the dogs. The hog turned around and gouged Robert's horse in the shank. The men led the bleeding horse out of the woods, with Robert alternately riding with Albert and Perry.

The brothers soon thereafter sold that particular bunch of hogs to Elmer Van Deventer and Jim Coons. The same hog that cut the horse later took down Mr. Elmer, who was rescued by Coons. I do not know all of the details of this episode, but Mr. Elmer once said that he had never come across such a bad bunch of hogs.

Mrs. Florine Rives remembers going in to the camp back on Thanksgiving in 1939 with her husband and family, accompanied by Frank McMurtry and his family. They had been there only long enough to kill a hog when a torrential rainstorm hit. It rained for an entire week.

The two families ate the hog and all of the other food supplies, all the while probably thinking deeply about how to get out. Eventually, they were rescued by her father-in-law, Green Rives, who came in with a boat and got them out. Her husband went back six weeks later and got the horse and his wagon.

Mr. Tom Key went in there after Christmas in either 1917 or 1918 with Mr. Jeff Green and his son, Steve.

Steve, now a banker in Hull, was only a toddler then. Mr. Tom would stay with Steve while Jeff hunted hogs.

The water was up at the time and people would come to the opposite bank of Green's Bayou, hallo to him, and he would go across the bayou and pick them up. When Mr. Jeff got back, Key would go out and hunt squirrels.

There are many good stories about hog hunting in these parts, and this is far from a definitive article on the subject. Rather it is just a collection of tales and our readers will likely see quite a few more as time goes on.

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