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## **OKLAHOMA'S PAST**

**Continued introduction story from last month-**

In 1937 Oklahoma participated in a WPA funded project to transcribe the personal accounts of those who participated in the land runs in the late 1800s. Joseph W. Bouse was interviewed by Arnold Aronson in 1937. Excerpts of the interview are sidebars of this newspaper through December of this year. The words, the spelling and most punctuation is original. Continued from the February issue.

### **My Trip And Experience In The Opening Of Oklahoma**

The Government had surveyed this country, and set up a monument made of the native stone every mile. On each side of the stone was marked the range, township and section so we could tell at once the number of our quarter section. The biggest race the world ever pulled off was for a prize of 160 acres of the best land in the U.S.A.

The next move I made was to walk back to my stake. Other people began to show up, some horsemen first, then people on foot. I then picked up my lunch and shot gun and started to look up my others corners. Also, to see if there was anyone else on my claim. And, not a one did I find or see. I went to the north line, then to the east line, then to the south line.

Just then my friend showed up. "Oh," he said, "I don't want a claim in this country." I said to him, "You have come a long ways and it has taken you a long time to make up your mind, and so you do not want a claim." He said, "No, it looks like they are all staked." The next move was to pitch camp. Right here is the place where there is plenty of wood and water.

This story will continue next month-

## **LAKOTA**

The Great Plains that stretch from the eastern Missouri River to the southern banks of the North Platte River to the western side of the Big Horn Mountains and upward to Canada in what was called Grandmother Ground are home to seven culturally and linguistically related bands of the Lakota people. The Lakota (meaning "allies") are often called "Sioux," an Ojibwe word for "enemy," a misnomer perpetuated by 18th century French fur Traders. Inheritors of a rich and diverse culture, life for the Lakota people has always been characterized by strong family and community relations, a respect for Mother Earth and her relations, and courage, fortitude, bravery and generosity in all aspects of life.

Reporter's Communiqué

### **Protective Spirits**

**Downtown Tulsa - Is A Safe Haven From Storms Long ago, before the time of the Five Civilized Tribes, Tulsa, a word used by George Perryman who was the first Postmaster General for this town that had a name that no one was sure of the correct spelling. Tulsa ( Sacred Town ), was widely known as a meeting place for Native Americans migrating on the buffalo trails. People from many different Indian nations traveled through the area & met here each spring.**

**Powwows were held yearly in Tulsa by several tribes, including the Cheyenne, Osage, Caddo, and Euchie. Tulsa became known as a safe gathering spot for all.**

**The belief of the Lochapoka, clan of the Creek Nation, was the tree known as the Sacred Oak, located at 18th and Cheyenne, was a safe haven for the tribes because Mother Earth had blessed the tree.**

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**Mother Earth's blessings were apparent because most trees at the time were wiped out by the horrible storms in the area, and only a small number lived more than a few years. Black Mesa, in the Oklahoma panhandle, is the only other sacred ground in Oklahoma.**

**Over time, the area around the Sacred Oak became the burial ground for various tribes. Several medicine men from different Indian nations chose to be buried on these sacred grounds. They promised as long as there was one drop of Indian blood in Tulsa, their spirits would protect their people from tornadoes that would wipe them from the face of the earth. So, according to Indian legend, while Sacred Town may be hit by lightening and strong winds, tornados will never destroy Tulsa.**

Historic Reporter-

### **Harry Caray Article Brings Back Memories**

Concerning the Harry Caray article written by Terrell Lester in the Mid-April Issue, maybe not as well, but I could have written that article. The experiences you described were mostly mine also. Yes, the '64 call, "The Cardinals win the pennant! The Cardinals win the pennant! The Cardinals win the pennant!" showed the genuine boyish exuberance of Harry.

I have a few years on you (I'm from the Tulsa Central class of '55) because it was in 1948 on summer afternoons that I began listening to Harry and the Cards. You could tell when you tuned in if they were ahead or behind by the tone of his voice. He was unashamedly a fan. The sponsor then was Griesedick Brothers Light Lager Beer, if you recall. I wandered into the arms of nostalgia for a moment.)

Stan Musial became and remains my all-time favorite player. And (B. A. Bridgewater was sports editor of the Tulsa World, Jack Charvat of

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The Tribune. Mack Creagor was a youngster in Tulsa radio. (Sorry, I wandered into the arms of nostalgia for a moment.) Stan Musial became and remains my all-time favorite player. If Musial got two hits, I was happy.

During his best radio days, Harry could set up a baseball situation better than anyone before or since, if you ask me. The anticipation of an impending rally in the late innings was exciting. The best broadcasting team ever was Harry, Jack Buck, and Joe Garagiola, all in the Hall. When the local cable company dropped WGN and we missed Harry's last couple of years, I was very disappointed. Probably to this day, the human voice I've heard more than any other's belonged to Harry Caray.

Thanks for your great article.

Nick Rylander

Tulsa

### **Looking For Luck ?**

According to legend or folklore, wearing your birthstone brings good luck & protection. Each birthstone is said to have its own magical properties that may help ward off evil spirits or cure various ailments.

#### **What is the myth behind your birthstone?**

**June - Pearl or Alexandrite: Both** are gemstones for the month of June.

**Pearl:** Product of an oyster's defense mechanism - the oyster produces layers of nacre, which forms a pearl.

**Myth:** Emblem of modesty, chastity and purity. Symbolizes a happy marriage.

**Alexandrite:** Fascinating and rare gemstone that changes color. Often green in daylight and red in incandescent light.

**Myth: Color changes were thought to be evil, but alexandrite now symbolizes good omens.**

Art Gallery Commentator

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## Partisan Games in Congress

To the Editor:

I am outraged at the partisan games that Senator Daschle and Senator Leahy have been playing with President Bush's judicial nominees. They have created a crisis in the federal courts by leaving these important positions vacant indefinitely.

President Bush has nominated over 100 men and women of distinction and accomplishment. They are solidly within the mainstream of American legal opinion, and all of the pending nominees thus far have received either a well-qualified or qualified rating from the American Bar Association.

Judges help ensure that the innocent remain free and the guilty are punished. Judges make decisions that help safeguard the stability of the marketplace and address the grievances of those who have been wronged. Because of the number of vacancies in our nation's courts, Americans are being forced to wait for justice, and the burden on sitting federal judges is growing heavier.

I expect more than partisan politics from our nation's leaders. Senators Daschle and Leahy need to end their stonewalling and confirm Our President's judicial nominees.

Garret Krier - Owasso

### Summer Camp -

Laughter, the splash of swimmers cooling off in the pool, canoe paddles dipping into the lake, shouts of encouragement, and the crackling of campfires are all sounds to be heard at **Camp Waluhili** this summer.

Operated by Camp Fire USA, **Camp Waluhili's** summer resident camp offers a multitude of program activities for both boys and girls ages 9 to 17. Located on the beautiful shores of Lake Fort Gibson north of Wagoner, **Waluhili's** program activities are diverse enough to meet the varied interests of all youth. They include summer favorites like swimming, canoeing, and sailing, all great for staying cool in the heat, but also fishing, archery, learning to build fires & tie knots, horseback riding, rappelling, mountain biking, drama, singing, rock climbing, photography, backpacking, plus arts and crafts. The value of all the new friendships that develop throughout the week are priceless.

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activities with caring adults. What makes The value of all the new friendships that develop throughout the week are priceless. **Camp Waluhili** offers kids a supervised, positive environment where they can laugh and grow through a variety of activities with caring adults. What makes **Camp Waluhili** unique is Camp Fire USA's dedication to youth development and their purpose of building caring, confident youths and future leaders. Camp Fire USA takes this philosophy and applies it to the camp setting to satisfy a child's need for responsibility, cooperation, courage, and self-esteem. The camp experience is an integral part of a child's total education, and it is fun. **Camp Waluhili** is divided into weeklong sessions that begin in June and end on July 6. In the first three sessions, campers choose from the many program options, allowing them to mix and match to create their ideal camping experience. The last session is jam-packed full of specialty sessions where youths may specialize in one area of interest such as photography and dark-room techniques, horseback-riding, canoe-trips, backpacking, outdoor adventure, primitive camping, and art in the woods. At **Camp Waluhili**, there is something for everyone.

For information about **Camp Waluhili** and to receive the 2002 Camp Brochure, contact the Camp Fire office at **1-888-553-2267** or email Vicki Proctor at [vpcampfire@hotmail.com](mailto:vpcampfire@hotmail.com). Camp Fire gives kids a world of good, and that's what you'll find waiting for you this summer at **Camp Waluhili**. Register now !!! Camp Fire USA Green Country Council, a member agency of the Tulsa Area United Way provides quality youth development opportunities that build strong relationships with safe, caring adults and positive peers and activities that support academic competencies, recreational, leisure, and social-skill development, and a love of giving service. Since 1912, young people throughout northeastern Oklahoma have benefited from Camp Fire's club and camping services that are open to all boys and girls, Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.



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