

Bonnie and Clyde

From 1932 to 1934, the notorious Bonnie and Clyde engaged in a spree of violent crime across the Central United States. By the time law officers ambushed and killed them in Louisiana, their gang had murdered at least nine people, including two officers in the Grapevine/Southlake area on Dove Road.

Though the pair never committed crimes in Coppel, they still have ties to its story. During their time in North Texas, the two frequented the Grapevine area. They were known to have associates living near present day Southlake. and members of their gang robbed a Grapevine bank in 1932.

According to the late Floyd Harwell, longtime Coppel resident and barber. Bonnie and Clyde sped through town one day. The pair raced down Bethel Road while pursued by the police. Their tires left ruts in the grass in front of the old Methodist church building.

They were gone as quickly as they arrived, high tailing it for the Oklahoma border. It is doubtful they even gave our sleepy, little town a second thought, but for those living in town it was at day they would never forget.

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