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City to Address Cypress Waters in Dallas January 25

By Jean Murph

The City of Coppel will again address the Billingsley Company's Cypress Waters zoning change request during the Dallas City Council meeting Wednesday, January 25, which will begin at 9 a.m. at Dallas City Hall. The proposed development lies in a small tract annexed by Dallas in the 1950s for a power plant (North Lake), but it is surrounded by Coppel and Irving. As proposed, the plan could result in as many as 10,000 additional dwelling units and over

3,000 students to the Coppel Independent School District. Coppel is opposing the development based on strain to the City's infrastructure, including its roads; increased traffic to an already congested area; and overcrowding of a school system that was based on Coppel's Master Plan for build-out.

Details of Coppel's presentation during the meeting were not yet available but both the City and CISD will speak. Mayor Doug Stover recently invited the public to attend Dallas meetings. *see CITY on page 19*

Home Computer, Cell Phone Recycling is This Saturday

Keep Coppel Beautiful offers Coppel residents an opportunity to recycle home computers and cell phones this Saturday, January 7, between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., in the parking lot of Town Center (city hall), 255 Parkway Blvd.

Cell phones and computers contain toxic materials, including mercury, cadmium, brominated plastics, and lead. Therefore, they should be reused, refurbished, repaired and the ma-

terials recycled and not put in the landfill, according to a Keep Coppel Beautiful spokesman.

Ideally, used computers and cell phones can be donated to service agencies for reuse; however, other non-working/used computers and cell phones need to be responsibly recycled through the proper channels, said the spokesman.

For more information on the computer and cell phone recycling, call 972-462-5100.

Holiday Thieves Commit Rash of Burglaries, Thefts

By Jane Moore

A Grinch-like string of thefts plagued many residents on December 23, with 11 burglaries of vehicles and three thefts of property at residences.

Thieves hit vehicles and houses on streets including Graham, Graywood Lane, Button-

wood Drive, Avalon Lane, Copperstone Trail, Gifford Drive, Matheson Court, Woodmoor Drive, Hampton Drive and Rocky Branch Lane, with several of the thefts occurring in the 300, 400, or 500 blocks of those streets.

Property stolen included some *see BURGLARIES on page 19*

Dad Seeks Arrests Following Son's Death

By Jane Moore

It's been just over a year since Dave Cannata told the *Citizens' Advocate* about his son Nick's drug problems and his concerns about local drug activities. It was a nightmare, but at least Nick was alive.

The 16-year-old Coppel High School student, who had been in drug rehab and counseling under his dad's watchful eye, died of a heroin overdose on June 4. His father found him dead in his bedroom the morning after he'd been allowed to "have pizza and watch a movie" at a female friend's house. That never happened.

His dad said Nick was obviously "not right" that night at home, and Cannata suspected he'd taken drugs, but decided to avoid a confrontation and deal with it the next morning. He never got the chance.

Since then, Dave Cannata went on a mission to find out exactly what happened in the three hours his son was out of his sight the night before he died. Cannata hired a private investigator who met several times with local police, talked to a number of local *see CANNATA on page 19*



Nick Cannata's school picture, along with the paperwork surrounding his death, sit on the desk in the bedroom where he died of a heroin overdose on June 4, 2005.

A Series on Coppel's Early History, Part XXXII

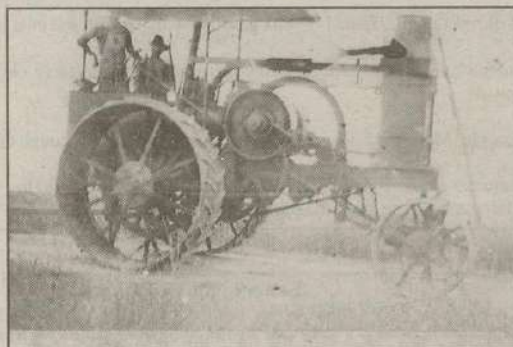
An Early Coppel Family: The Moores

By Jean Murph

The following article was contributed by the late Theresa Ehy some years ago.

By Theresa Ehy

In 1876, a young bachelor, Charles Moore, came from Alabama to Gibbs (later Coppel). He rented a piece of farmland located "on the prairie," as it was known then and started to work. He had to haul his water supply from Grapevine Springs which was not far away. As time passed, Moore met, courted, and married Cora McDonald. After his marriage, Moore purchased 480 acres of wooded bottom land from the Warner, Perry, and Griencer families. The



A tractor at work in Coppel.

land was located west of the Carrollton Dam on the West Fork of the Trinity. For some of the land, he paid 50 cents an acre.

In 1889 a son was born to the Moores, Thomas Bernard.

Young Tom began his schooling in the Bethel School, a one-room log cabin. Miss Anna Moore was the teacher.

Several years later his father bought another farm of *see MOORE on page 9*

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145 acres again on the prairie where North Lake is now. Tom transferred to the school at Gibbs because it offered better opportunities for learning. The school building was located west of the Baptist Church, where Mr. and Mrs. John Arnett lived for many years (in old downtown).

The land for the school was donated by Henry Bennet. As Tom walked to school in Gibbs each day, the only house he passed on his way there was the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harrison and family.

A new interest developed in the community when tracks for the railroad were being laid. Tom had his share of enjoyment watching and looking forward to a new way of travel. When the railroad was finished, the community changed its name from Gibbs to Coppell. It seemed another big step toward progress had been made.

After graduating from the eighth grade, Tom continued going to school for two additional years. He sat in the back of the one-room school and received tutoring from the teacher, Pleas Corbin, as time permitted. These years meant extra learning for Tom, and a sparkle came into his eyes when he talked about them.

Dr. Jess Bennett built a small frame building about 1905 and opened a drug store. It was Tom's privilege to drive the horse for Dr. Bennett when he made his house calls. The horse was gentle and Tom had control.

In 1906, Tom left Coppell for Dallas and enrolled in the Dallas Business University located in Oak Cliff. After several months of schooling, he secured a book-keeping job with the P & O Implement House, a wholesale distributor for farm supplies.

The money panic in 1907 changed Tom's life. One morning he went to the bank to make a deposit and to cash a payroll check, and the bank president told him there was not any money to cash checks. P & O had to close for business, and Tom lost his job and, in addition, only received \$20.00 from his \$80.00 savings account.

After this misfortune, Tom returned to Coppell to his father's farm, and together they went into

the hay baling business. However, Tom still preferred the business world to farming, so in 1909 he bought the lumber yard in Coppell. Also, Tom kept thinking of Dallas, and in 1911 he sold his lumber yard and went to work for Eagle Ford Cement Company. On August 12, 1912 he went to work for Ford Motor Company which was located on Commerce Street just below Harwood.

Soon after moving to Dallas Tom met a lady and decided she was the one he would need for life. On August 30, 1914, he and Miss Nannie Mae Shaw were married. At that time Nannie Mae was a nurse in Dr. Leake's Hospital, located on the corner of Pearl and Canton Streets.

Their honeymoon was a train trip to San Antonio and then back to Coppell to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore. Several "chivarees" were planned for them, one being a watermelon feast. Charles Moore rode in the wagon to Farmers Branch and bought 20 large watermelons from Mr. Tracy for 10 cents each. The Tom Bullock family had a "42 party" for them. Other get-togethers with loved ones and friends were planned.

Back to Dallas to begin their new life together, the young couple bought a home on Bennett near Ross Avenue. It

was while they were living there that their first child was born, Thomas Bernard Moore, Jr.

About this time the Dallas Ford plant had moved into larger quarters on Williams and Henry Streets. But a good opportunity opened for Moore when the Ford Company made him service manager in their plant in Mesquite, Texas. The Moores moved to Mesquite and lived there for 10 years. During that time their daughter, Martha Jo (Martha Jo Cozby), was born.

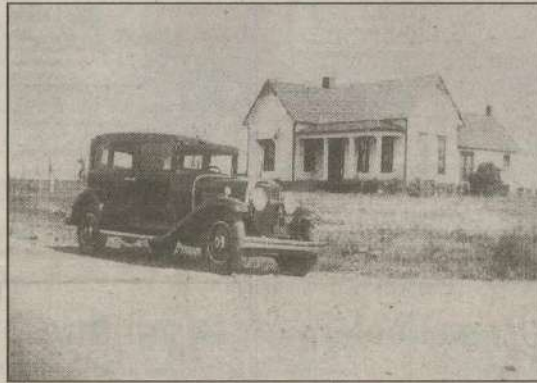
In 1928 Tom returned to Coppell with his family to look after his father's farm. He farmed five years on the prairie and decided he wanted a larger farm. He rented the Whittiken place, the farm and house that he

passed each day on the way to school where the J.B. Harrisons lived. The Moores lived there 10 years and during this time were very active in the Methodist Church, school, and the community at large.

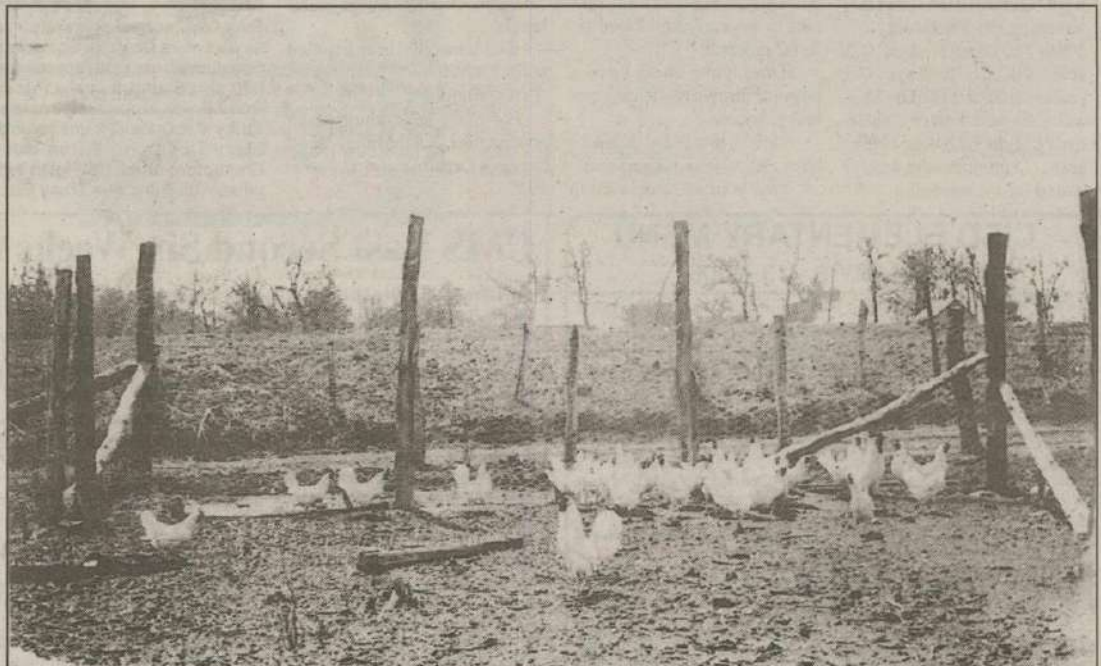
They have always been interested in politics and helped with the national and county elections as judge and helper.

In 1942 they moved back to Dallas, where they lived five years. It seemed about time to think of retirement so Coppell was the place they picked. Their last venture was a grocery store in downtown Coppell not far from where they had built their new home.

Thomas Bernard Moore died at the age of 84.



The home where Martha Jo Moore Cozby grew up on Harrison Hill.



The Bennett Poultry Yards in Coppell.

Bennett Bros. Druggists

As we had a good supply of the goods we offered in last issue and still have some of them, we will

Continue the Special Sale

On same for a short time only, and will add to the list this week the following:

OXIDINE

The Best Chill Tonic Made.

We will sell Oxidine at 40 cents a bottle for the next two weeks - a price it was never known to sell for before.

The reason we offer this is we have an over-supply and need the money. We know there are not many chills now, but will be soon, so lay in a supply while you can get it cheap and save money.

These are all Fresh Goods.

Bennett Bros., Coppell, Tex.

SINGLE COMB WHITE LEGHORNS

Our stock are fine layers, farm raised and in healthy condition. 200 cockerels and pullets for sale. \$1.00 to \$1.50 each. Page 9, 10.

The Bennett Poultry Yards, Coppell

An early ad from Dr. Bennett's drug store.