

...Sheep Shearing School

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“We teach the basics of the shearing pattern. A lot of it is you learn how to handle the animal so you don’t hurt yourself or the animal and how to harvest the wool efficiently,” said Dr. Reid Redden, Extension state sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo, in an interview with the Texas Farm Bureau Radio Network. “We update shearing equipment, handling equipment and the most advanced shearing technique and process that we have available to us.”

Redden said the heart of the fine wool sheep industry in Texas is in and around San Angelo. But there are smaller flocks of sheep popping up all over the state and the nation. And he said some of those are just too far away for major shearing crews to get to, so there’s a growing demand for small flock shearing.

...World War I

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Meanwhile, more Yanks had started to arrive in a tired Europe. The American Troops had been in Europe since Aug. 1917, when they had paraded down the streets of London. Once in France the Doughboys were put through rigorous training in both trench and open warfare. As they gained skill, they were posted to sentry duty or sent out on small raids. As of December 31, 1917, 176,665 American Troops were in France. America was badly prepared for the war it entered on April 6, 1917. Woodrow Wilson was the President of the United States.

On July 4, 1918, three days after Vaux fell, American G.H.Q. at Chaumont announced loudly that more than one million Americans had arrived in France.

Willie I. Tubb and Pammie Landers had left Arthur Tubb at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio and they shipped out to Europe. They arrived with their division fresh off the boats. They carried the Model 1917 rifle, a weapon so awkward and crudely tooled that their firing was only effective at short range.

They arrived wearing hot O.D. Woolens with choker collars, which in the July heat, only added another atrocity to the Western front. However, when they came down the gangplank, they radiated vigor and confidence. They stood tall and appeared all powerful, thanks to the campaign hats they were wearing. There has never been a prouder, happier, more talkative army under the American Flag.

As they marched over the Roman Roads, they sang the bawdiest songs within memory: “Lulu”, “Frankie and Johnny”, and the “Fusiliers”, a ditty that was later cleaned up to become “I’ve got sixpence” of World War II.

World War I was a bloody war and it was then that the Mustard Gas was introduced.

130th M.G. Bat. 35th Division. He was killed 29 September 1918, three days after Armistice; they didn’t get the word in time while fighting in the trenches. Pammie was a courageous hero; he paid the supreme sacrifice. Pammie was buried somewhere in France, in a place called Ramagne, in a cemetery named Meuse-Argonne. Clodene Greer Guillary of Waco, Texas, one of Pammie’s nieces, was able to go to France to visit his grave.

Although Pammie was unable to return home with Arthur and Willie I., his memory lives on. Pammie had two nephews living in Robert Lee, Wilbern Millican and Finis Millican. Wilbern named one of his sons after his uncle Pammie. Other nieces and nephews have kept some memorabilia on Pammie. My dad, Arthur Tubb, was instrumental in naming the local American Legion Post after Pammie Landers. Pammie was the only man killed from Robert Lee during World War I.

After the fighting in the trenches had ended in France and they were told that Armistice was signed, according to Willie I., the Germans and Americans offered one another cigarettes. Willie was able to get acquainted with several families before returning home.

Willie I. lived in Silver, Texas. He became a rancher and was successfully involved in investments in the oil industry until his death. Willie has one



Dog Races! These pups were some of the participants at the annual ‘Running of the Weiners’ at the 3rd Annual Brontetoberfest, held October 21, 2017.

nephew, Bunyon Millican living at Silver, along with great nieces and nephews.

After my dad, Arthur Tubb had the accident on the horse at Fort Sam Houston, he was honorably discharged and returned home.

He was in the cafe business and later was involved in stock farming. He married Mary Maxwell and raised a family. Arthur was in the American Legion, serving as adjutant for

over 35 years in Robert Lee. My dad, Arthur, never forgot Pammie and the time they spent together while training at Fort Sam Houston.

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