

70 at dedication ceremonies for expanded Smith Cemetery

Dedication ceremonies for the Smith Cemetery in the School Creek Community were held April 30 at 10 a.m. The cemetery was recently expanded with a 1-acre donation of land by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cummings, a new chain link fence, metal sign and other improvements made by donations of time and money.

The dedication ceremony opened with an invocation by Wayne Smith. Nelson Nuckles, president of the cemetery association, explained to the 70 people attending all the progress made during the past year. The work and contributions made by so many people made possible an outstanding improvement to the cemetery.

Dr. Lloyd Smith, historian for the cemetery association, explained to the assembled group the time capsule, donated by Briggs-Gamel Funeral Home, and welcomed any documents anyone wished to be placed within the stainless steel vault. The rock foundation for the capsule was built by Grant Bell assisted by Henry Langford, Charles Lancaster and others. Placed in the capsule were a history of the cemetery, a register of all the people attending the ceremony, list of the present directors, a current list of all the people buried in the cemetery with dates of their births and deaths, compiled by Mrs. Lillian Standard, a late copy of the Lampasas Dispatch and the Temple Telegram, and other documents people wished to contribute. The capsule will be opened in 100 years.

Special recognition was given to Evon Self who designed and made the new sign, to Wayne Smith and Henry Langford who helped

with the installation, and to Sue Faulkner who handled the legal details for the association.

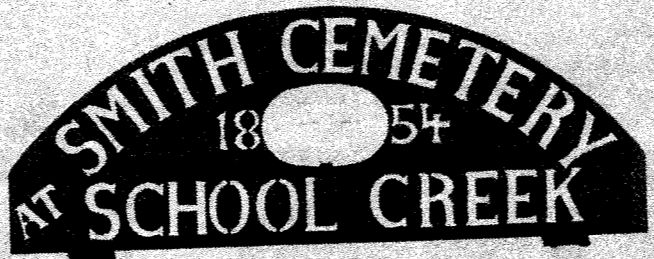
A letter of thanks was presented to Mrs. Cummings for the donation of the land. Nuckles thanked everyone for their cooperation and support for this worthwhile project.

Wayne Smith assisted by others sealed the capsule. After a short business meeting, lunch was served at School Creek Baptist Church by this year's hostesses: Cornelia Key, Vicki Shurtleff, and Gladys Owen.

Directors of the Smith Cemetery Association are Nelson Nuckles, Wayne Smith, Henry Langford, Douglas Langford, Charles Lancaster, Roger Carpenter, Sam Shurtleff III, Dr. Lloyd Smith, Mrs. Nelson Nuckles, Mrs. Lillian Standard, Oscar Taylor, J.B. Cowan.

Plans were made to make this an annual meeting on the last Saturday in April.

Donations to the cemetery can be made to Roger Carpenter, treasurer of the organization.



The new sign at the Smith Cemetery in the School Creek Community was dedicated at the recent ceremony. In the background are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Langford.