

Camp Howze marker to be dedicated

Civic leaders, citizens and interested parties will gather Tuesday to dedicate a historical marker for the site of Camp Howze.

The camp, noted as an infantry training facility, was activated here in World War II.

The ceremony is scheduled at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Interstate 35 and Farm Road 1202.

J.W. Trisler, chaplain for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1922, will give the invocation and introduce special guests.

Margaret Park Hays, mayor of the

City of Gainesville, will give the address, followed by the unveiling of the mark of the oldest World War II veteran present.

Ona B. Reed, chairman of the Cooke County Historical Commission will read the marker.

Colors will be posted and retired by the National Guard.

The audience will be invited to join in singing of the National Anthem as it is played by Roger Martin on the trumpet.

A public reception will follow at the VFW on North Highway 77. Serving as

hosts will be the VFW and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

The marker reads:

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The Cooke County Historical Commission
 The City of Gainesville
 V.F.W. Post 1922 and Ladies Auxiliary
 invite you, your family and friends
 to ceremonies dedicating
 Official Historical Marker
 for
 Site of Camp Howze
 on Tuesday, the seventeenth of August, 1982
 at 10 A.M.
 F.M. 1202 at I-35

PROGRAM

- Posting of Colors
 "Star Spangled Banner" Roger Martin and Audience
- Invocation
- Welcome and Recognition of Guests J. W. Trisler
- Marker Dedication Margaret Parx Hays,
 Mayor, City of Gainesville
- Unveiling of Marker Oldest World War II Veteran Present
- Marker Inscription Ona B. Reed, Chairman
 Cooke County Historical Commission
- Retirement of Colors

"Fall Out"
 Reception at V.F.W. on N. Hwy. 77

SITE OF
CAMP HOWZE
 (ONE MILE WEST)

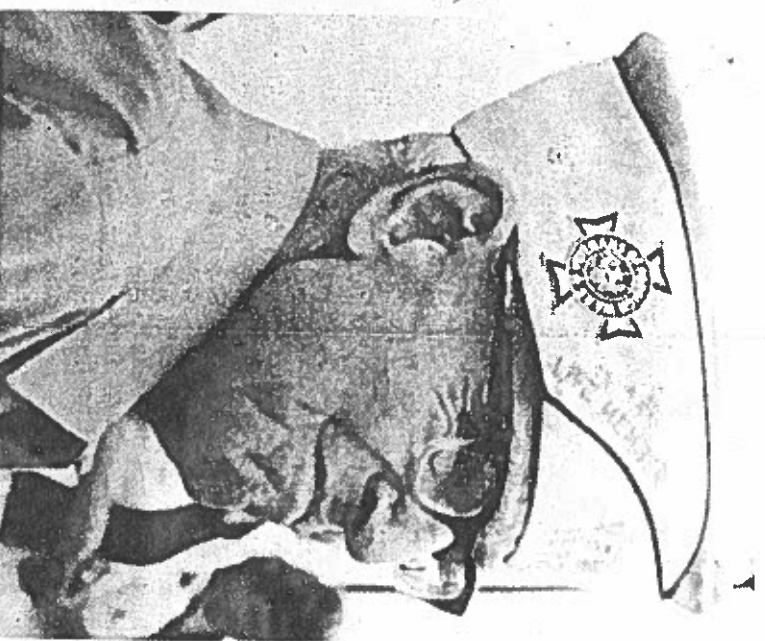
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CLIFFORD McMAHON OF THE GAINESVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FIRST CONTACTED FEDERAL AUTHORITIES WITH THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A MILITARY INSTALLATION HERE. ATTRACTED BY THE COMMUNITY'S ACTIVE ENDORSEMENT OF THE PLAN, THE GOVERNMENT ACTIVATED CAMP HOWZE ON AUGUST 17, 1942, UNDER THE COMMAND OF COLONEL JOHN P. WHEELER. IN ADDITION TO INFANTRY TRAINING, THE BASE WAS ALSO THE SITE OF A GERMAN PRISONER OF WAR CAMP AND AN AIR SUPPORT COMMAND BASE, NOW PART OF THE GAINESVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE SOLDIERS INCLUDED CAMP EXCHANGES, LIBRARIES, CHAPELS, THEATERS, SERVICE CLUBS AND A BASE NEWSPAPER, THE "CAMP HOWZE HOWITZER."

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF CAMP HOWZE ON GAINESVILLE WAS SIGNIFICANT AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE TOWN'S RAPID GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

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Marker dedicated to commemorate



DEDICATION CEREMONY — Citizens, civic leaders and interested citizens paused briefly Tuesday morning to dedicate a historical marker for the site of Camp Howze. The ceremony took place at the intersection of Interstate 35 and Farm Road 1202. Highlights included an address by Mayor Margaret Parr Hays and reading of the marker

Today's chuckle

When you're 20, you can't imagine what it would be like to be 40; after 40, you're grateful you were left in ignorance for 20 years.

by Ona B. Reed, chairman of the Cooke County Historical Commission. Colors were posted and retired by the National Guard. Camp Howze was well known throughout the nation during World War II. It served as an Infantry training facility and also the site of a German prisoner of war camp. It greatly boosted the economy of the

Gainesville area during General Robert F. E. Howze's military career. In central Texas, a World War I veteran, who di-

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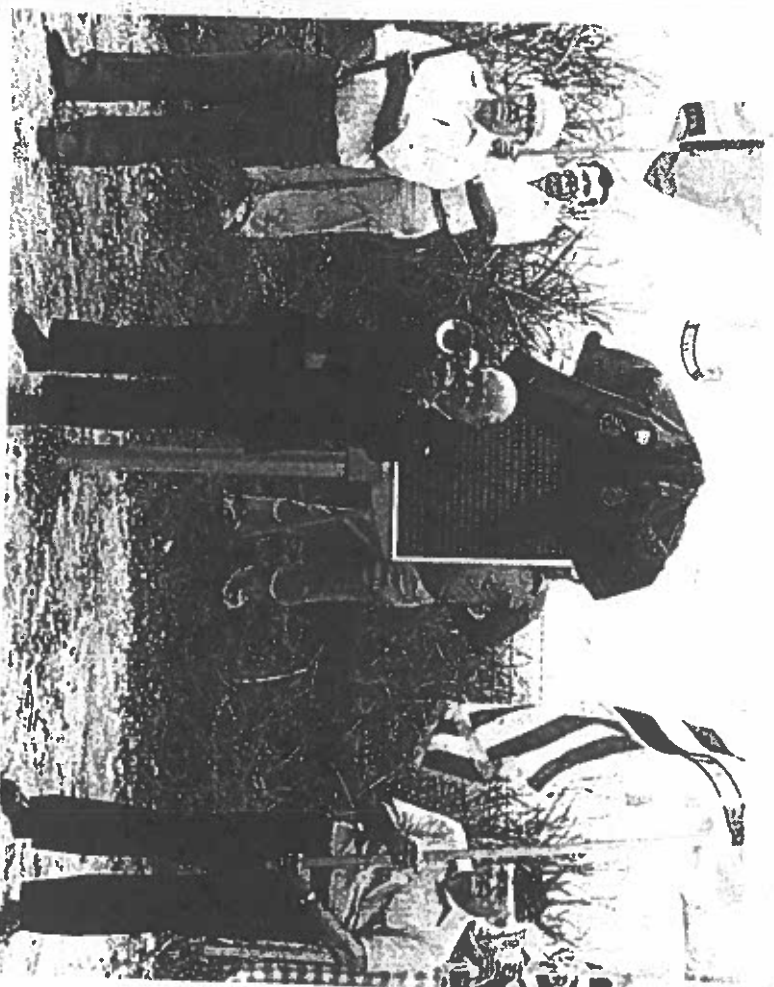
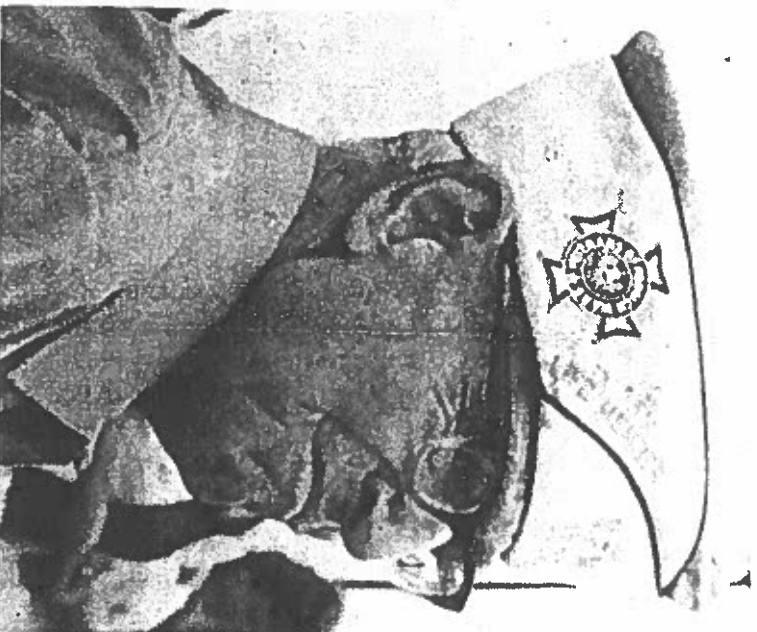
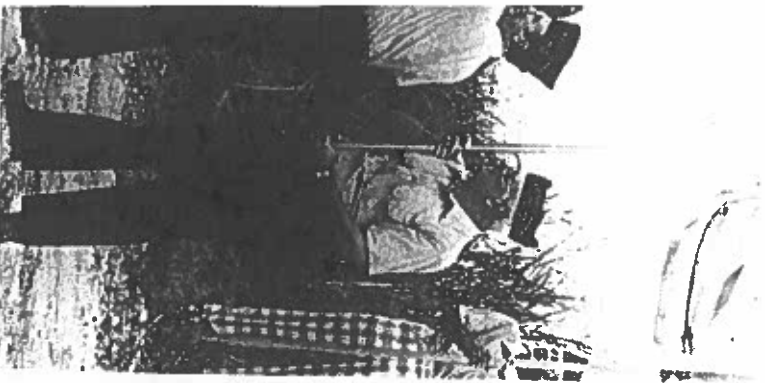
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General Robert Lee Howze, a native Texan with a long distinguished
military career. In center photo is Dan Kirchenbauer, oldest World
War II veteran, who did the formal unweaving.

(Photos by Brett Kaylor)

Weather forecast

Fair to partly cloudy
through Thursday.
Widely scattered
thunderstorms.
Warmer Thursday.
Highs 92 to 102. Lows in
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Ceremonies dedicating the Official Historical Marker for the Site of Camp Howze were held on Tuesday, August 17 at 10 a.m. at an area north of Gainesville just off the junction of FM 1202 at I-35, about 200 yards west of the Interstate Highway. Shown in the picture is J. W. Trisler, Chaplain of VFW Post 1922, who gave the invocation, the welcome and recognition of guests.

The program included the Star Spangled Banner, led by Roger Martin; the marker dedication by Margaret Parx Hays, Mayor of Gainesville; unveiling of the marker by Dan Kirchenbough, 83, oldest WW II veteran present; presentation and reading of the marker inscription by Ona B. Reed chairman of Cooke County Historical Commission; and retirement of the Colors.

Preliminary plans for the marker dedication, research and preparation for the event were the work of Ona B. Reed. A reception followed the ceremony at the VFW Club on N. Hwy. 77.

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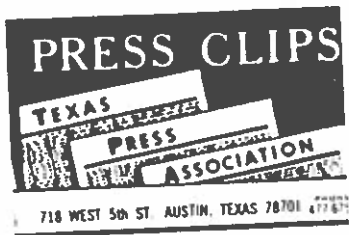
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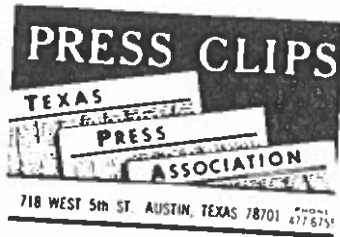


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Several former Camp Howze residents took part in the dedication ceremonies of the Camp Howze Historical marker were Jo Gilbert, third from left; Ann Gardner; E.N. Caldwell Mrs. Portis Sims; Howard Booher; David Atchison, Jr. (in Fire Dept. uniform); L.H. Cogdell; Jack Lovet; Mayo Peterson. All are of Gainesville except Booher of Moss Lake.



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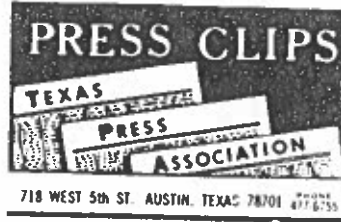
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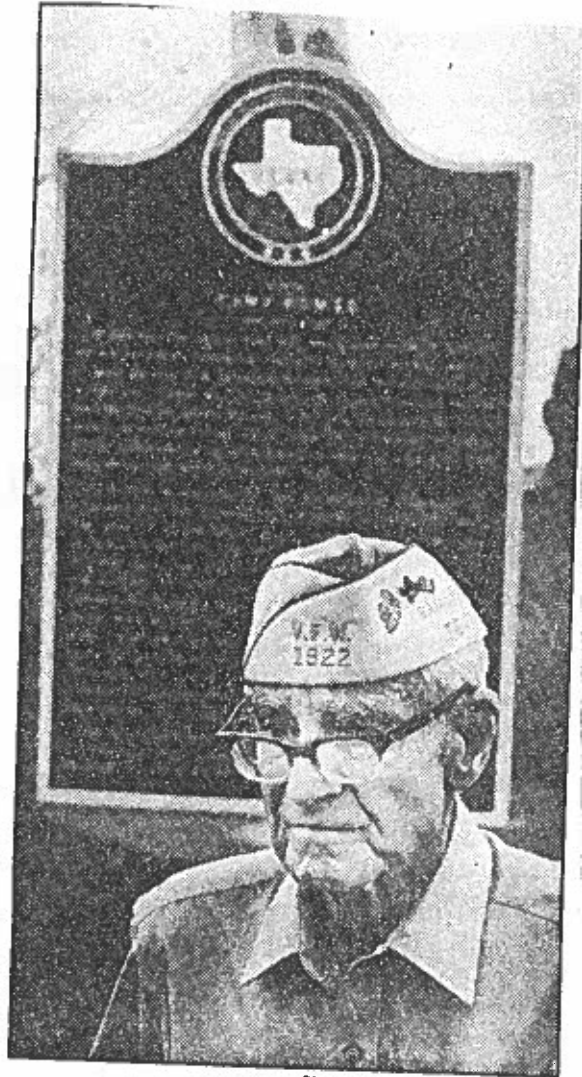
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Camp Howze memorial

Dan Kirchenbauer, 83, of Gainesville helped dedicate a historical marker at Camp Howze outside Gainesville Tuesday. Kirchenbauer was the oldest veteran present at the unveiling of the marker. He served in Germany during World War II.