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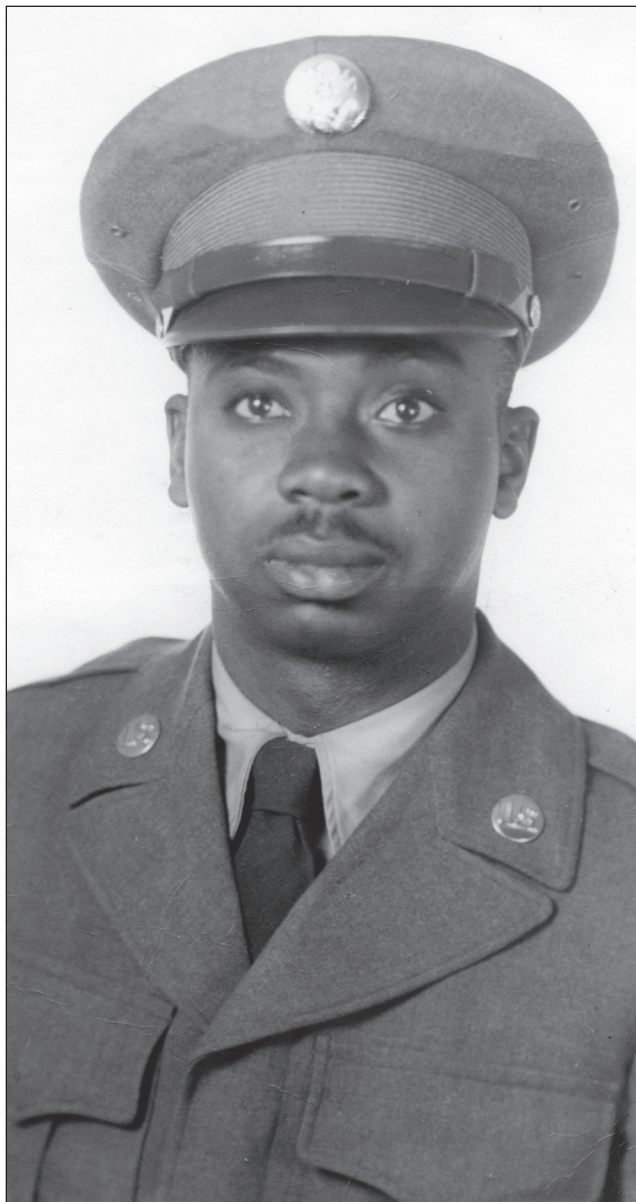
SAM HOUSTON CENTER SETX SERVICE MILITARY IMAGE SERIES

Come celebrate Southeast Texans' service to the nation as part of the Sam Houston Center's America250 events commemorating the country's 250th birthday. The event takes place Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Events will include historical exhibits and tours, activities for children, refreshments and special entertainment. *More photos of these special Southeast Texans will come in the following weeks up through Tues., June 30.*



Lieutenant Morris S. Norman, United States Navy, November 20, 1944. Norman Family Papers, 1995.050. SHC, TSLAC.

Morris Shepard Norman was born on November 11, 1915, in Liberty, Texas. Norman served in the United States Navy during World War II. He attended Officer Training School at Notre Dame University and spent most the war with the Atlantic Fleet, taking part in the landing on Normandy Beach during D-Day. Norman had two other brothers, William and W.T., Jr., who also served. Norman passed away on November 6, 1997, and was buried in Liberty, Texas. Learn more about the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center's collections at www.tsl.texas.gov/shc.



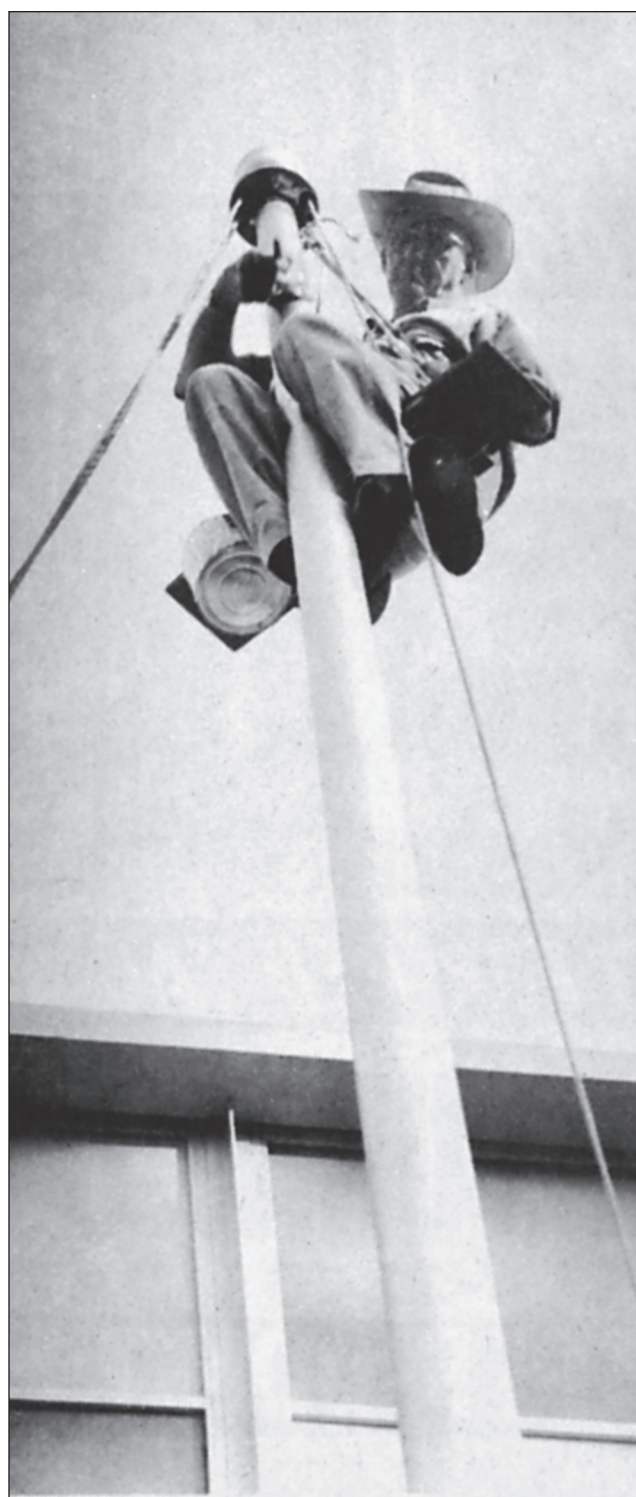
Johnny Dugat, Jr., United States Army, 1960s. Henry Lloyd Dugat Sr. Papers, 1995.049.8-25. SHC, TSLAC.

Johnny Dugat Jr. was born on January 23, 1934, in Dayton, Texas, to Johnny Dugat, Sr. and Catherine Lillian Rundles. He was educated at the Colbert High School in Dayton and the Liberty Training School. After graduating in 1953, Dugat joined the United States Army. Following his discharge, he attended the Commonwealth of Mortuary Sciences and worked at Wells Funeral Home in Liberty, Texas for 45 years. Dugat passed away in 1998 and was buried in Wells Memorial Cemetery in Liberty. Learn more about the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center's collections at www.tsl.texas.gov/shc.



Specialist Paris Reescano, Jr., United States Army, undated. Barbara Donatto Wright Collection, 2005.057. SHC, TSLAC.

Paris Reescano Jr. was born in 1944 and graduated from the Liberty Training School in 1962. He entered the United States Army in October 1963. By 1965, Reescano was a specialist with Battery C, 3rd Howitzer Battalion of the 17th Artillery, serving in Germany. After his service, Reescano returned to Texas. Learn more about the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center's collections at www.tsl.texas.gov/shc.



From Illustrated Press of Liberty County, Thursday, August 22, 1963 –

Guy McIlvany may be the last of the flag-pole sitters. For you members of the younger generation, there was a craze in the 1930s for this kind of foolishness. Actually, Mac is painting the pole in front of the Dayton Post Office, having been run up the staff by friend J.B. Jamison. Mac is in the aluminum siding business.

From The Beaumont Enterprise, 1953 –

Student Strike Is Averted in Teacher Dispute

Bruce Campbell was going through his mom Mary Anne's old stuff and ran across this article from the Beaumont Enterprise printed many years ago. Jimmie Ruth Shivers, Kitty Key and Wanda Berry put their heads together and determined that the article is from 1953.

DAISETTA, Texas, April 27 (Spl) - Threatened strike of Daisetta high school students did

not materialize Monday morning although signs appeared on the school yard fence earlier reading: "Down with Thomas;" "Thomas Goes or We Go" and "We Appeased Hitler and World War II Resulted."

R.C. Thomas, superintendent; Carl Dickens, high school principal; and Curtis Stewart, school trustee, were asked to resign in a straw vote at a public protest meeting during which four teach-

ers' contracts were renewed by the trustees.

PROTEST MADE

Saturday night's meeting of the trustees on the high school auditorium stage followed protests that the four had not been rehired. They are L.V. Hightower, coach; Mrs. Yevette Ramsay; Mrs. C.C. Hanchey; and Mrs. Kenneth Koehler.

Lem Devine, president of the Daisetta school board, said he tore down the signs, which appeared early Monday morning.

Mr. Thomas himself was non-committal earlier Monday on the entire situation. His present contract expires in two years, although trustees voted to extend it a year at a meeting earlier this month.

DICKENS REHIRED

Mr. Dickens' contract, which expires in a year, was also extended. Mr. Devine said motion to extend the contracts was not legally binding until they

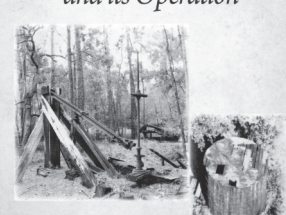
were signed.

Mr. Hightower Saturday night read from the minutes of a trustee meeting Thursday night in which teachers' contracts were discussed for renewal. According to the minutes, Mr. Thomas said he would recommend the four teachers for renewal if certain problems could be solved. These problems were given as Mr. Hightower's failure to complete roll call forms and his "smoking and cursing" in front of students; Mrs. Hanchey's tardiness; Mrs. Ramsay's discipline problems, "probably due to hearing difficulties," and Mrs. Koehler, who "for no known reason does not speak to me, but is a capable teacher."

Mr. Thomas said that all the teachers knew their subject matter well and told Saturday's audience that Mr. Hightower's "cursing and smoking" was known to him by hearsay only.

The board is scheduled to hold the next regular session May 5.

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