

Interviewee: Edna Clark

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I: What do you do at the Moose Lodge?

E: I am a barstoolist.

I: How long has the Moose been in Marshall?

E: 45 years.

I: How did the Moose get started?

E: First we had to have a board of officers, and they had to pay a certain amount in dues to become charter members.

I: When did the jamborees begin?

E: They started before I got here, and they were here four years after.

I: Did you ever have any popular bands perform?

E: No, most of them were here mainly to practice and for enjoyment.

I: Why did you quit having jamborees?

E: The music director got ill so they had to quit. His name was Jim Jenkins.

I: How long has bingo been at the Moose?

E: Approximately 18 years; it is every Thursday.

I: Do you have many people in the Moose Heart Club?

E: I cannot say for the women, but the men have 108 and are growing.

I: Are there dues?

E: Yes, it is \$50.00 to join and \$30.00 per year

I: What do the member do for the club?

E: We donate money to organizations and charities. We have suppers and picnics.

I: Do you have meetings?

E: Yes twice a month and the first and third Wednesdays of every month. We also have women's affiliations.

I: Do you have the meetings upstairs?

E: Yes we also have wedding up there.

I: What does the Moose stand for?

E: The Moose stands for children. We have a big organization where if mothers and/or fathers can't take care of their children the Moose Heart takes care of them. They get

anything their hearts desire; in addition, the Moose Heart will pay for their college anywhere. In Jacksonville, Florida, they have a senior citizens retirement center called Moose Heaven. To live there you must sell all your property. 2

I: Who keeps the Moose running?

E: The board of officers. There are seven.

I: When was the lodge built?

E: It dates back to 1823. To my knowledge, it is the second oldest building in Marshall.

I: Do you know any history about the Moose?

E: The downstairs used to be stables where people tied up their horses. In addition, people went upstairs to watch shows and to have a good time. The Moose also used to be a crystal factory, children's home, theatre, roller skating rink, boxing ring, soccer, and the upstairs was a game room and teen hall.

I: How did they get the horses in the building?

E: Through the double doors in the back.

I: Has the Moose ever been recognized outside of Marshall?

E: Not to my knowledge.

I: What was the building's cost, and who brought the building for the first and final times?

E: The first time was sold to John Riggs for \$24.25 on December 25, 1835. The last time was on March 26, 1954 for \$2500.00.