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FOP 188'S ANNUAL MIKE CLANCY TOY DRIVE

Over 1,796 children had a Merry Christmas this year thanks to the FOP 188 Mike Clancy Toy Drive! Thanks to the hard work and generosity of FOP members and auxiliary, TCSO staff and employees, Retired Reserve Tom Payne and the Air National Guards 138th Fighter Wing, Air Specialties Services, Retired Reserve Conley Tunnell and Retired Reserve Benji Smith, the toy drive was a great success. This year's drive helped brighten the Christmas holiday for 34 TCSO families with 92 kids. With continued support from Aircraft Specialties Services there were 11 families adopted who received donations of food, furniture and toys. With the overwhelming generosity of gifts several schools and organizations were also helped.

Some of the organizations helped were Garfield Elementary in Sand Springs, Santa Claus a.k.a. Sheriff Regalado made a surprise visit to the Northwoods Fine Arts Academy which includes children from Widow's Colony, Sand Springs Home and the Day Springs Villa Shelter. Additionally, toys were given to children at Laura Dester Center, the Tulsa Dream Center, the Family Safety Center and John 3:16 Mission.



Community Involvement

FOP NEWS

by Paul Tryon, FOP Lodge #188 President Elect



Thank you for electing me for your FOP president, I hope to serve you well. We have a lot of goals both legislative, office and county to achieve. We would like to thank the Sheriff, Undersheriff, Christina Morrison and Brad Johnson for the hard work obtaining the longevity pay; it came at a good time. We really appreciated it. In 2017 we intend to work together with the Sheriff, County Commissioners and the legislators, to help our members achieve our goals. We hope that all members will

be involved, and attend FOP meetings and functions. Our next meeting is January 4, at 5:30 pm dinner at 5:00 pm. There is also the FOP State Winter Boards with Cleet Training on January 6, 7 and 8 at Southern Hills Marriott, all members are welcome to attend. Check website for more details. Thank you for all the hard work on the Mike Clancy toy drive.

Thank you,
Paul Tryon

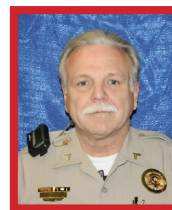
SHOP WITH A COP

TCSO, Bixby Police and Bixby Rotary Club teamed up to brighten the holiday season for approximately 50 local families in need. This an opportunity for law enforcement to take less fortunate children shopping to buy Christmas gifts for their families.



(L-R Deputy Justin Green, Sgt. Steve Norton, Dep. Monica Blendowski, Dep. Sue Nye, Dep. Justin Tesson, Captain Paul Tryon, with assistance from girls from TCSO Communications)

RETIREMENT NEWS



Cpl. Dennis Miller - 12-31-16

TCSO DEPUTIES SHOW SUPPORT



Thank you to all of the TCSO deputies who braved the cold weather to participate in a fundraiser in which they shaved their mustaches in show of support for Cpl. Dennis Miller. Some of them have had their mustaches for 30 years!

Cpl. Dennis Miller is known for helping those in need. Now it's time for TCSO to return the favor. Cpl. Miller has been diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. The cancer has metastasized into his bones and spine. His family and friends are asking for help so Dennis can focus on his treatment. Many TCSO staff members have kept the mustaches they grew during "No Shave November". They shaved them all off during a benefit for Cpl. Miller.

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TCSO History

By Retired Sgt. Lyndall Cole
TCSO Historian

“Public Enemy Among Us”

Our Encounters with Charles Arthur “Pretty Boy” Floyd

Part IV

It was in the early morning hours of Saturday, April 9, 1932, and Former-Sheriff E. A. Kelly and the officers assisting him had established their hiding places around the Ben Hargraves farm south of Bixby to lay in wait for public enemy number one; “Pretty Boy” Floyd, and his Lieutenant, George Birdwell. The night and early morning turned out to be cooler than some of the officers had anticipated, so it was decided they would drive away from the stakeout and have sandwiches and coffee. The men chose Detective Cooper and State Bureau Agent Crockett Long to retrieve the food as well as some additional clothing. The two men left the stakeout area around 2:30 a.m. It was later believed that Kelly was unaware this decision had been made.

Shortly after these two officers had left the ambush area, two men in a green Chevrolet drove up to the gate leading to the farmhouse. The Chevrolet matched the description as the one Floyd and Birdwell had been seen in sometime earlier with Floyd behind the wheel. E. A. Kelly jumped out from behind the chicken coop he was hiding behind and demanded the car to halt. I’m sure the brave and determined former sheriff felt comfortable knowing he had numerous officers backing him up and would, within seconds, be yelling commands of their own. Sadly, that did not happen. What Kelly heard instead as he walked towards the two men in the Chevrolet, was a quick burst of gunfire from inside the approaching car which struck him in the heart. The courageous former-sheriff fell to the ground and died at the scene. His three-month search for the elusive “Pretty Boy” Floyd was over. The two men in the Chevrolet sped away before any more shots could be fired.

It was later reported that two members of Kelly’s posse, two farmers who were closest to him near the chicken coop, did not return fire. One farmer reported that his semi-automatic pistol jammed and the other farmer admitted that he had no knowledge on how to operate the automatic rifle he was assigned. By Tuesday, officers had determined that George Birdwell was the man behind the trigger when Kelly was struck down and that Floyd had been driving the car. It was also later discovered that after the murder of E. A. Kelly, Floyd and Birdwell spent the night at another farm in Bixby, just three miles from the Hargraves farm.

No prior notice of the trap to capture Floyd and Birdwell was given to Tulsa County Sheriff Charles Price or Tulsa County Attorney W. L. Coffey. Both men were searching and trailing the elusive bandit and both men were critical of the operation and how it was handled. Our County Attorney went even further in his criticism by stating in the newspaper; “I have been trying for some time to get the proper co-operation between city and county authorities.” Coffey explained. “When city officers are advised of a felony which may be or has been committed outside the city limits, they should communicate with county authorities.



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If this was done, Kelly might still be alive. John Evans, of the sheriff's office, and other deputies of Sheriff Charles Price have been on the trail of Floyd. They know every foot of the land in that vicinity, and if they had been called they would have known what to do." (Tulsa Tribune, Sunday, April 10, 1932.) County Attorney Coffey filed a murder charge against Charles Arthur Floyd for E. A. Kelly's murder, a first for Floyd in Tulsa County. Although he was wanted elsewhere across the nation, and although he had been involved in other gunfights with local law enforcement, Floyd had never been formerly charged for any crime in Tulsa County, this murder charge was his first. A "shoot to kill" order was issued for Floyd and Birdwell. Law enforcement authorities formed a posse and began a statewide search for the two bandits. By the time Kelly was buried in Eufaula, the posse had tracked the two bandits to Earlsboro, Oklahoma, but that is where the trail went cold, but it would soon heat up again.

"Pretty Boy" Floyd and George Birdwell soon returned to their well-known craft, that of robbing banks, when on Thursday, April 21st, 1932, they robbed the First State Bank in Stonewall Oklahoma of \$600. The two bandits took a cashier and assistant cashier hostage to shield against the posse which was forming because of the bank alarm being tripped. The cashiers were later released unharmed. A short time later, a young 18-year-old boy, Estel Henson, who had hailed the bandits down believing they were police, was instead kidnapped by the two bandits. Floyd and Birdwell were in unfamiliar countryside so they kidnapped Henson and used him as a guide to help avoid pursuing the posse.

After 13 hours in captivity, Henson was released around 1:30 a.m. and was given one dollar and a hat by his two captors. Later, when questioned by authorities, Henson positively identified the two bank robbers as Floyd and Birdwell. He stated that during his time with the two wanted men, that when it was apparent the two bandits would be involved in a gun battle with two civilian posse members northeast of Ada, they ordered him out of the car into a nearby ditch for cover. After shooting their way through this ambush, the two bandits ordered Henson back into their car and continued their escape. (The civilians did not fire their weapons because they were afraid they would hit Henson.)

Once Henson was freed, officers and their posses became even more determined in their pursuit, and local pilots took to the skies in their airplanes to assist. One of the airplanes joining the pursuit was piloted by the famous aviator, Wiley Post. Officers would engage Floyd and Birdwell in two separate shootouts, with the first one occurring near the small town of Wanette where officers filled the bandit's sedan with bullet holes and knocked out their windshield, only to be answered with the rapid-fire blasts of two machine guns from Floyd and Birdwell. In the second gun battle near Ada, the two bandits were surprised shortly before dawn while they were trying to cut their way through a barb-wire fence. After brief bursts of fire on both sides, the two bandits continued their flight. Despite the efforts by everyone involved, Pretty Boy Floyd and George Birdwell disappeared again.

COUNTRY APPLE DUMPLINGS

Prep time 20 minutes, Cook Time 45 Minutes, Ready in 1 hour 5 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 large Granny Smith apples, peeled and cored
- 2 (10 ounce) cans refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 1 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can or bottle Mountain Dew (TM)



Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
2. Cut each apple into 8 wedges and set aside. Separate the crescent roll dough into triangles. Roll each apple wedge in crescent roll dough starting at the smallest end. Pinch to seal and place in the baking dish.
3. Melt butter in a small saucepan and stir in the sugar and cinnamon. Pour over the apple dumplings. Pour Mountain Dew(TM) over the dumplings.
4. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes in the preheated oven, or until golden brown.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Deputy Brian Osman on his 10 years of
service to TCSO**

**Corporal Michael Heisten on his promotion!
December 2016**

(Pictured right)

