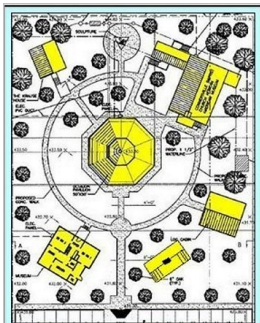


Round Top History Quiz

- ♦ What year did Round Top get its first phone system?
 - ♦ **1913**
- ♦ What year did the Round Top Fourth of July celebration start?
 - ♦ **1851**
- ♦ How much did it cost to build the Round Top Lutheran stone church in 1866?
 - ♦ **\$ 2,400.00**
- ♦ What year did Round Top have its largest population of 306?
 - ♦ **1870**
- ♦ What two Indian tribes lived in the Round Top area until 1859?
 - ♦ **Tonkawa and Karankawa**
- ♦ How many historical markers does Round Top have?
 - ♦ **16**



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Round Top 1910 Baseball Team



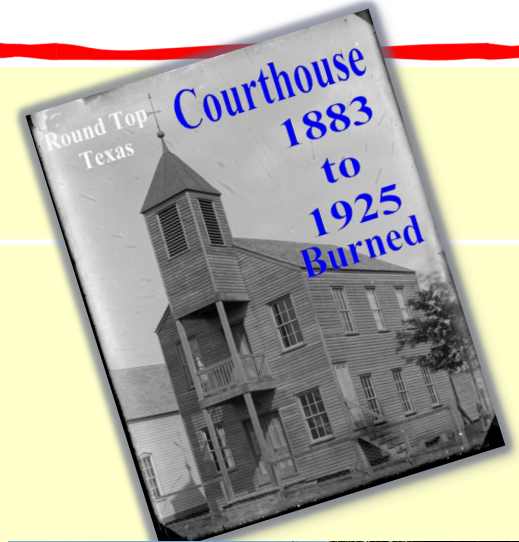
Round Top 1893 Band



The on going Round Top volunteer fire department began in 1905 with a horse drawn fire-wagon. The wagon was in use until the mid 1960s.

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Historical Round Top



1926

Round Top must have been born from the simple idea of someone's thinking that "this would be a wonderful place to live and share, with others"

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The first known Anglo came to the Round Top area in 1826. This growing settlement in 1832 was known as Townsend Settlement after the family that lived there.

In the early 1840s Alvin H. Soergel built a two story house with a octagonal

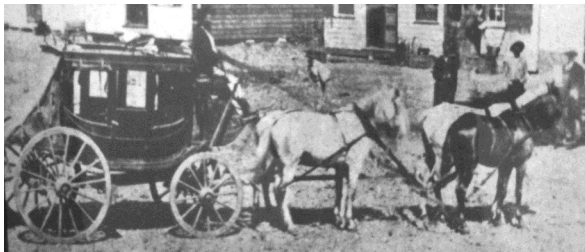
(8 sided) cupola tower,

which by 1846 was listed as a United States post office.

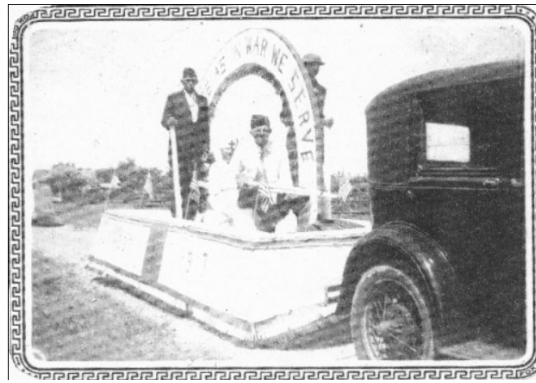
After a 1847 shootout at Nassau Plantation the Soergel House Post Office was moved to the Cummins Creek Jones Post Office settlement two miles away.

Both settlements continued to grow and in 1850 they were both given the name of "Round Top" by the tri-weekly stage-coach drivers.

From a distance the drivers mistakenly saw the octagonal cupola tower as being round. Thus the name "Round Top" stuck. Both settlements were called Round Top.



In 1849 a one-way stage coach ride from Houston to Austin through Round Top cost \$ 10.00



The Round Top community has celebrated the Fourth of July every year since 1851. In fact, it's known as the longest running Fourth of July celebration west of the Mississippi.



of the Lutheran stone church which remains in use to this day, along with its pipe organ, carved by Traugott Wantke out of native cedar.

In 1858 Reverend Neuthard, founded the Neuthard School at Round Top. The school lessons and church sermons were given in German for the first seventy-five years.

In 1866 Reverend Adam Neuthard organized the building



To maintain the dignity of becoming an incorporated city Round Top pays for many public services which could have been turned over to county government.

1. Round Top incorporated in 1870
2. Rifle Association formed in 1873.
3. Do-Your-Duty Club founded in 1935.

These three organizations keep the town the pleasant, self-sufficient place it is.



By 1850 Round Top had a population of 150, two stores, a blacksmith shop, two saloons, a post office, and a line of tri-weekly stages serving the predominantly German citizenry.

When Round Top did not receive a train-spur in 1873, it was believed the town would fade away. Not so, because education, music, language studies and the arts played an important role in the lives of residents, and the cultural arts characterized Round Top throughout the nineteenth century when the town thrived.

The town of Round Top is made up of 640 acres which is equal to one square mile. In the 1820s to 1840s the population was mainly English from the United States. After the 1840s most settlers came from Germany through Galveston.