

Remember When...

Share your memories, photos and mementos of Altus with others. School photos, old business photos and items, etc. If you have something you want to share, bring it to the Altus Times office or E-mail: altusmemories@yahoo.com.



Sue Stockton shares these photos with our Remember When readers. That's Sue's mother Ethel Davis at left. Ethel had all three of her sons in the service during the war, one in the Marines, one in the Army, and one in the Navy. Ethel said she needed to something too to help out, so she went to Dallas to work as a riveter for the Defense Department. These women were often referred to as "Rosie the Riveter" which is a cultural icon of the United States, representing the American women who worked in factories during World War II, many of whom produced munitions and war supplies. Sue had the photo of her mom hanging up in her laundry mat, and someone brought in the book above about the plane she was standing in front of.

The Ruptured Duck Award

Joe Powell submitted this Honorable Service Lapel Button. His father, Herbert Powell wore this as an award before being honorably discharged from service in 1945. During service, he worked as a diesel mechanic on P.T. Boats.



The Honorable Service Lapel Button sometimes called the Honorable Service Lapel Pin was awarded to United States military service members who were discharged under honorable conditions during World War II. The award was sometimes slangily called the Ruptured duck. Sculptor Anthony de Francisci designed the award.

The button was awarded between September 1939 and December 1946 and was made of gilt brass, except during metal shortages during which it was made of gilt plastic. Service members who received the plastic version were later allowed to trade it in for the brass version.

The button, which depicted an eagle inside a wreath, served as proof to military police that its wearer was not absent without

leave. During the World War II emergency, members of the armed forces (unless under orders) were forbidden to possess civilian clothing, in order to make desertion more difficult. The discharge insignia, embroidered onto a cloth lozenge and sewn on the right breast of the tunic, allowed its wearer to wear his or her uniform for up to thirty days subsequent to discharge. Some veterans wore the pin on their civilian lapels for many years after the war's end. It also appeared on a postage stamp honoring veterans.

The usage of the term later expanded to also refer to the individuals wearing it, as in "that ruptured duck is flying space-available." Presumably because these individuals were usually in a great hurry to return to their homes in the United States, the term later came into use when describing somebody or something which was moving quickly.



Remember pickin' cotton?

Sue Stockton, who shared the airplane photos above, also shares this photo of her sister and two of her brothers picking cotton in the 40s. That's Edna, Ed and Billy Davis on the family farm in Brinkman. (Maybe her brother Cecil was taking the picture).

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They knew what this was...



It's a bottle opener

Remember those glass soda pop with the metal caps? You could use one of these to take them off.

Getting It Right:

- Billy W. Magouyrk
- Daphne Hoogmoed
- Marilyn Sullivan
- Bill Kline

Postcards from the past...



THE WEE SMALL PERSON

cuddled in his cozy crib may have a wonderful future—who knows? Perhaps he's only been loaned to us for a very little while. Either way, you should have us make pictures of him that you'll always be glad to keep.

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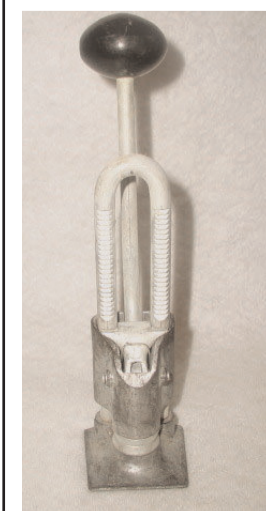
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Oklahoma.

We think this old postcard was from the 1920s. If so, and you had baby photos taken from this advertisement, that baby would be in their 90s now.



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