

## More from Potlicker Creek

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This year the Bossier Parish Library Historical Center's Holiday Open House will be Friday, Dec. 14 from 1-3 p.m. in the History Center. It will feature Allen Smith of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Dept. performing songs from the past, refreshments, and Holiday exhibits and decorations throughout the History Center, which is adjacent to Bossier Central Library. Call 746-7717 for more information.

While at the Open House, be sure to check out our railroad exhibit, featuring several toy train sets as well as the railroad history of Bossier Parish. Or stop by anytime during History Center hours 7 days a week to see the exhibit, which is a big hit with kids or the kid in all of us. The Railroad exhibit will be up through at least the end of February.

As Associate Editor of The Bossier Banner-Progress, Rupert Peyton submitted columns to the paper. One such column told of the goings-on in "Potlicker Creek" in Bossier Parish. In the September 11, 1952 issue he gave his personal recipe for peanut butter cookies, along with some personal endorsements of Bossier Parish eateries.

"Get you some peanut butter and put it in a bowl. Mix it with some sugar and some dough. Add milk and make a 'gooey' out of it. Roll out the 'gooey' and cut with a cookie cutter, put it in a slightly greased pan and then take a nap. When you wake up the cookies will be a crisp black and have the aroma of burned bourbon, which won't make much difference anyhow as the cookies would have been a mess anyway, if you had stayed by the hot stove until they were a golden brown."

"Just dump the crisp cookies in the garbage can and pull the lid down tight. A dog might come along and they'd kill the dog. Then take a bath, dress up and go down to the Court House Café at Benton or the Louisiana Café at Plain Dealing and tell Gladys I sent you. She'll probably frown, but will serve you a fine meal. Pay your bill and if you have a nickel left put it in the juke box and listen and forget all about peanut butter cookies."

"If any of you have any more recipes or cooking problems just send in your letters and I will answer as above."

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“But I can say that if you want good fish then go to the Louisiana Café and have Gladys cook you some. You’ll eat your head off. But if its good butterbeans and cornbread you hunger for go to the Court House Café’ and you’ll forget you ever ate at Antoine’s or tasted caviar at the Waldorf-Astoria. I’ve been all places and give me these old Potlicker Creek dishes. I’m [a] gourmet of catfish, cornbread, purple hull peas and butterbeans, providing they are cooked right.”

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