

A Special T.E.A. Day

On July 3, 1984, the Board of Directors of the Tulsa Executives Association resolved that July 3rd of each year shall be known as "Larkin Bailey Day". Many outstanding achievements have been accomplished by this man for the benefit of the Association and its members as well as for the City of Tulsa, the State of Oklahoma and the entire nation.

This great T.E.A. member missed being born a firecracker by ten minutes by rushing into the world just before midnight on July 3, 1898, against the wishes of his doctor and his father who wanted him to be born on the Fourth of July. Since that great day, Larkin has still been moving forward, making many outstanding accomplishments, not only for himself but for his family and many, many friends. After striving hard to get through college and earn a degree in law as well as sneaking his way in to the marines to help save the country, he then proved his ability as a great baseball player and also became one of the better cattle raisers of all times. Cattle raising is one of his most pleasure accomplishments in the business world along with his abstract business (which he took over from his father who was also a lawyer).

Even though Larkin was striving to fulfill all his desires in business accomplishments, he took time to admire a beautiful and sweet school teacher by the name of Elsie Schlegel whom he married. They were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Florence Ann and a granddaughter, Gretchen Ann Caraway of whom they are most proud.

Larkin, the entire membership of T.E.A. thinks you are the greatest and we all wish you many more happy and healthy birthdays. Here is a quote from Robert Louis Stevenson on measuring the success of such a great T.E.A. member:

'Larkin, you are a success and have lived well, laughed often and loved much. You have gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children. You have filled the niche and accomplished your task. You will have left this world better than you found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a reserved soul. You have never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it. You have looked for the best in others and gave the best you had.'

Larkin, all the T.E.A. members are proud of you and your fine family, keep moving forward. – Clinton J. Bohannon, July 3, 1990.