

## Vern “Bucky” Blodgett

Bucky Blodgett moved to Texas when he was 8 years old and lived here his entire life except for four years when he was in the service. He began his career with the VA Hospital here in Kerrville, then worked in several facilities around the country but finally made his way back to Kerrville where he worked until he retired in 1978. In this story, Bucky tells about the many changes he has seen at the VA during his long career. In his work as a Supply Officer, Bucky says his inventory was all logged in and out with a pencil—computers were still in the future. He remembers the days of brass spittoons and when they tore down the old VA hospital to build the present day facility. He remembers Father Kemper and recounts his generosity to the Kerrville community. He reminisces about many of those he went to school with in Kerrville and recounts his memories of the flood of 1932.

### Cross References:

VA Hospital

Basse Courts

Mahon Courts

Red & White Grocery

Council Lumberyard

Saenger Lumberyard

Temple Lumberyard

Miller’s Lumberyard

Edson’s Kerrcrafters

Eldridge Freight Line

Cooper & Adkins

W. B. Brown Plumbing

Arcadia Theater

Rialto Theater

Dixie Theater

Flood of ‘32

Buck N’ Bull Club

### Names

Jim King

Will Adams

Dick Swayze

Phillip Swayze

Francis “Fuzzy” Swayze

Ace Reid

Dr. Krajett

Betty Adams Blodgett

Felix Real

George & Estelle Callcott

Bill Fleming

Clyde Borrow

Roger Adkins

Manly Cooper

Emil Baethge

Sample Brothers

Glendon Hague

Jim Nugent

Sully Woodland

Mr & Mrs. Edson

Clara Edson

Florence & Ed Honea

Don Deibner

Michael George

Dr. Lang

Albert Dietert

Hank & Alice Hilburn

Evelyn Fisk

Father Kemper

Bernard Whelan

W. B. Brown

Henry Covert

Earl & Bennett Nance

Leland Luther

Milton Pampell

Al Man

Earl Garrett