

## **Elaine Crider Hurt**

In this story, Elaine Crider Hurt talks about the origins of Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall in Hunt, a tradition that began in 1925. The first rodeo and dance were held as a July 4<sup>th</sup> fundraiser in 1925 but it was so popular that it eventually became a weekly event during the summer months. Elaine recalls many of the bands who played at the dances in the early years when Crider's was the place to be on Saturday nights in the summer. She also recounts the later struggles to keep the event going after a disastrous fire and damage to the landmark oak tree that sheltered the dancefloor. Crider's finally overcame all these events to once more become a magnet that draws people from all over the Hill Country every Saturday night in the summer.

### **Cross References:**

Crider's Rodeo & Dancehall

### **Names:**

Foster Merritt  
Walter & Audrey Crider  
Furley & Pat Mogford  
Bill Dickey  
Aubrey Henderson  
Pappy Crate  
Mamie Webb