

## Louis Heimann, Jr.

In this colorful story, Louis Heimann recounts his experiences as a driver for the Kerrville Bus Company for more than 40 years. Starting out in 1940, Louis says the group of young drivers he started with grew up together—it was like a family. They were “just a bunch of ornery young punks” so the \$60 a month they earned seemed like more money than they knew what to do with. They were just happy to have a job. At that time, Guy Griggs was the president of the company and the Kerrville Bus Station was located in the Peterson Garage and the buses held about 20 people. From his fearful first trip from San Antonio to Pecos, Louis went on to log about four million miles without ever causing an accident. For most of his career, Louis had the Kerrville to Pecos run and he recounts many stories of some of his more colorful bus riders. He has seen it all: people have died, had babies, fights, and other interesting experiences on Louis’ buses. Throughout it all, he never lost his enthusiasm for his job—he says he always loved cars and he liked “doing” for people and his job was more than fulfilling in both those regards.

### Cross References:

Two-Way Grocery

Red Ball Bus Line

Kerrville Bus Company

Downtown Kerrville

Flood of '32

Pampells

Dixie Theater

Arcadia Theater

Rialto Theater

Camel Cafè

### Names

John Heimann, Jr.

J.D. McHaffey

Guy Griggs

Pete Journey

Ayala Brothers

D. C. C. Taylor

Mr. & Mrs. Wallace

“Tomcat” Williams

Jiggs Thurman

Marj Nicholson

John Ross

Roger Adkins

Kenneth Markworth

Gay Munn

Raymond Bozeman

Joe Dozier

Rachel Luna

Reverend Probst

Mr. Tarver

Mike Weston

Dr. Wall

Forrest Salter

Cleve Wheelus

Roger Stone

Hal Priour

Earl Bernhard

Leroy Collins

Marvin Bailey

Bruce Yantis

Gerald Turner