

## Tom Marshall's Weekly News, January 16, 2017

**The Tenth Decade:** A few of us have made it to our 10<sup>th</sup> decade -- whether this is good or not is unclear. As a member of that class, I know some things I didn't know before. This is not medical expertise, but those in that profession have not lived in their 10<sup>th</sup> decade.

I have learned that toes are shorter, ears are larger, nails grow faster, hair grows slower, joints are sorer, feet are colder, skin is thinner, and the mind grows duller. On this latter point, most of you have noticed that I write stories about the past, not the present or the future. Some of these writings are acceptable- at least you tell me so -- and some are pure trivia, which should evoke the question "Who Cares?" When I sit down each week to write "off the top of my head," I have little idea how it will turn out. These writings may come to an end before long, but in the meantime, thanks for your indulgence.

The approximate 600 weekly stories that started in February 2005 are tabulated in the following categories:

**BIOGRAPHIES:** Steam Car People, Trapshooters, Marshall-Shallcross Greater Family, and "Others."

**LOCAL HISTORY:** Auburn Heights Property, Special Events at Auburn Heights, Auburn Heights People and Their Adventures, Local Industry, Trapshooting at Yorklyn, Trapshooting in General (usually not at Yorklyn), New Cars Owned by the Marshalls, and "Other Local History."

**STEAM CAR ADVENTURES AND BREAKDOWNS:** Trips in Stanley Cars, Breakdowns and Problems with Cars, and Local Events with Antique Cars.

**TOM MARSHALL'S ADVENTURES (Not Otherwise Covered):** Odd Lifetime Adventures, and Stories Connected with World War II Service.

**OTHER HISTORY:** Americana, and "Other History Not Covered in Any Other Category."

The sub-categories have from 11 to 86 stories in each. So, where is the story this week? It didn't develop, so please wait until January 23.

*Editor's Note: As a hint of things to come, I have begun compiling select stories from among this vibrant inventory for a book that we expect to produce and sell as a fundraiser for FAHP later this year. Stay tuned!*