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"Patriotism, American History, & Education"

FIELDS OF DREAMS

I have just watched a video, Fields of Dreams, produced by the University of North Texas. The video is about a gift to the University by our member John David Monroe. To see this film is to restore a measure of faith in, some of us believe, the fading hope for humanity. This is not the gift of a football stadium. Such a gift simply keeps going traits like beating your fellow man. No, this gift is one that encourages us to search for the reasons for our existence; to search for the origin of the universe. It is the gift of a new astronomic plant north of Gainesville, Texas, tied electronically to classrooms on the Denton campus. I hope that we will ask John David for permission to view this film as a group at a future meeting.

JOHN MARSHALL

There is no question as to which political party John Marshall believes in. But when he speaks, one will find much credence in what he says, regardless of your beliefs. He believes that two things will result from the 2000 election. One is that the polls across the country will close at the same time. Polls will open at 7 AM and close at 9 PM. The second thing is that the electoral vote will not be abolished but will be emphasized anew. He believes that the Supreme Court wisely followed the Constitution in the 2000 election by not making the decision; by letting the State handle the problem. He feels that, whether you are republican or democrat is not the question. But some of us, after consideration, still have questions. If the Supreme Court did not intend to decide, why did they not immediately reject the case. The delays caused by the Supreme Court in effect went far toward deciding the election. One Supreme Court Justice, in a dissenting opinion, stated essentially, that we may never know who won the election, but we know who got it.

Judge Marshall directly opposed argument for "political correctness" as the greatest threat to free speech since Joseph McCarthy. During the McCarthy era, if one were accused, he was assumed to be guilty. "If you cannot speak your mind, the country is in trouble." This, I believe, was the most memorable thing Judge Marshall said to us this evening.



Next Meeting Will Be:

May 3, 2001

Good Samaritan Village, 7pm

The Speaker Will Be:

Clovis Brakebill

**Subject: "My Ancestors Came
Over on the Mayflower"**

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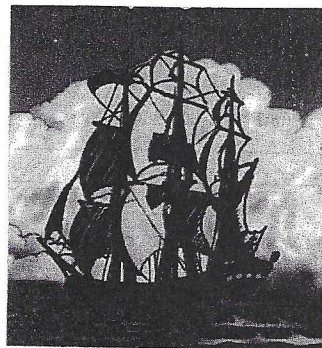
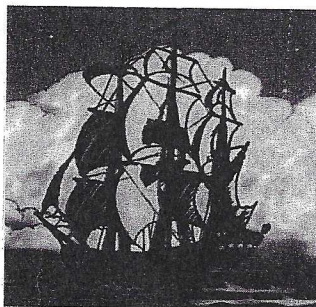
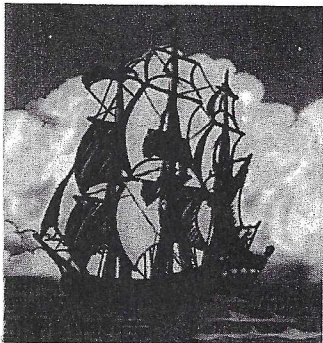
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