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What Were You Thinking?

Ted Hinton and Bonnie & Clyde

As told by Joe Hinton to Robert Nieman



Lawman Ted Hinton

Joe Hinton and I are privileged to serve on the board of directors of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Joe's uncle, Ted, was a member of Frank Hamer's posse, which brought an end to the murderous rampage of Bonnie and Clyde.

After a recent board meeting, I asked Joe if his uncle ever talked about the fatal day back in May 1934 when Bonnie and Clyde were ambushed and killed. He remembered one story in particular.

Uncle Ted was visiting with his brother, who was Joe's father. Joe Sr. asked Ted what he was thinking immediately after the gunfire ended.

Ted replied that, as he walked toward the bullet-riddled car, all he could think was,

"I hope we haven't just blown an innocent farmer and his wife all to hell!"