



DALLAS GATHERING OF EAGLES

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HISTORY OF THE GATHERING OF EAGLES

❖ The Gathering of Eagles was originally held in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1986. The people hosting the conferences decided not to continue the meetings after the third year. Searcy W., who was sober for 40 years at the time, brought the conference to Dallas, Texas where it has been every year since over Memorial Day weekend. From the beginning, it was a blend of Old Timers served with a heavy dose of AA History and Archives.



SEARCY W.



Searcy Whaley
1910-2003

May 5, 1946 57 years sober

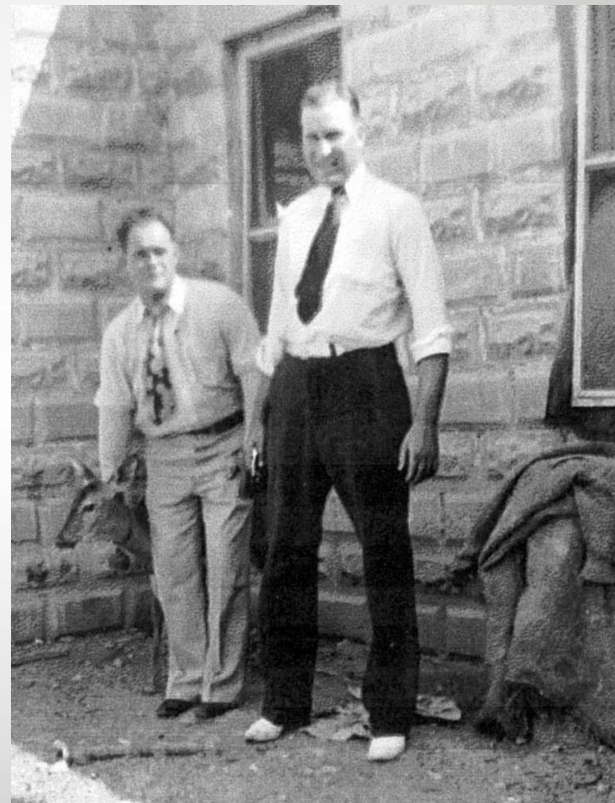
"This Too Shall Pass"

"Trust God, Clean House, Help Others"

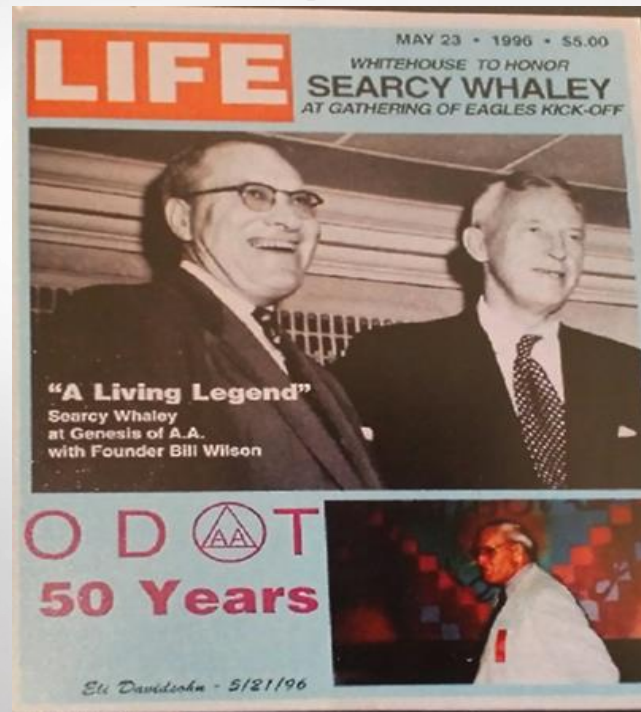
"Experience the Steps Again for the First Time"

Searcy was the driving force
that kept the GOE going for
14 years until he passed in
2003 at 93 years of age with 57
years sobriety.

SEARCY – 1930S



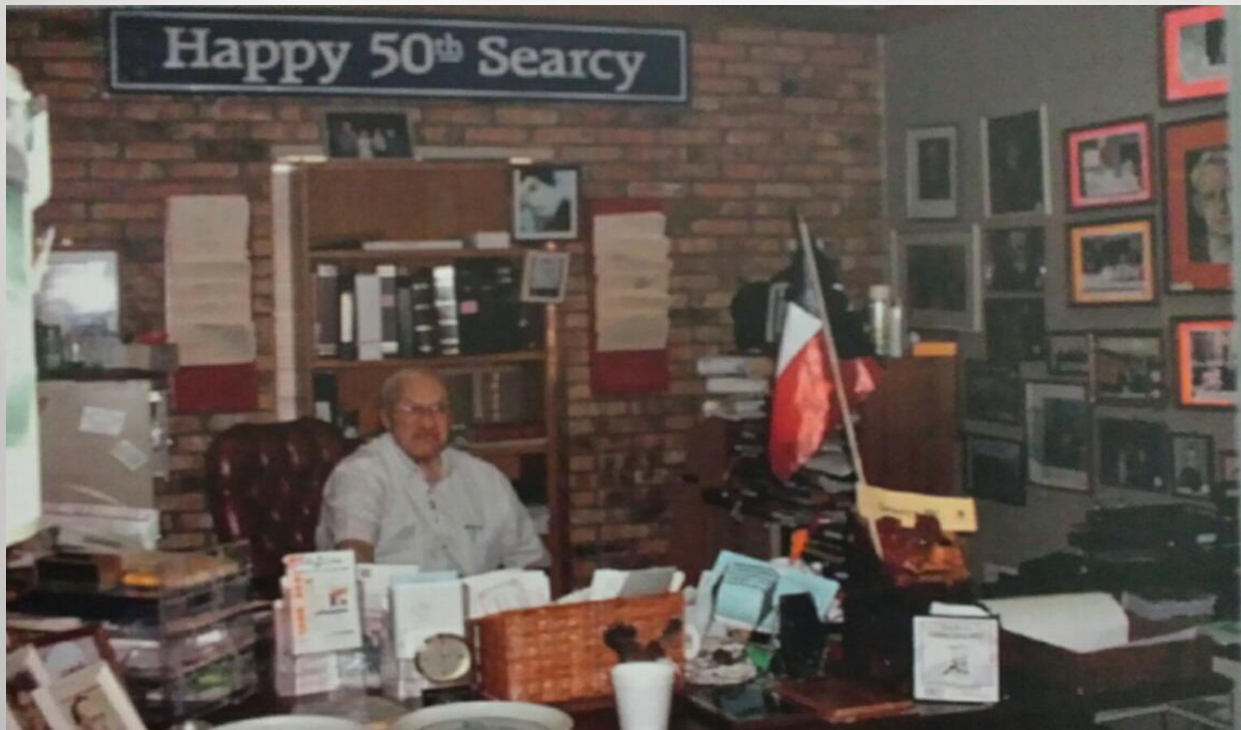
SEARCY AND BILL W.



SEARCY AND HIS BELOVED WIFE MARGARET



SEARCY AT THE WHITE HOUSE GROUP



SEARCY & SMITTY (SON OF DR. BOB)



Seating at Left - BOB SMITH, Son of Dr. BOB SMITH, Nocona, TX -

SEARCY AND SMITTY



Dr. Bob's son, Smitty, and Searcy were the best of friends. The two were often seen at the Eagles meetings with an entourage of fans following them in the hotel corridors. Smitty died in 2004 less than a year after Searcy's passing.

MARGARET ATTENDS GOE





The background of the name, **Gathering of Eagles**, is clouded in rumor and is not entirely clear. Searcy loved the eagle because it was a survivor and stood for grace, strength, and independence.