

If Only The Tree Could Talk Script

- (MC Paul Rutowski) Our next presenter is Miss Deaf Texas—Sericia Jackerson who will perform a pantomime called “If only the tree could talk.” And here she is!
- (Sericia) Thank you. The Deaf Texan newsletter is talking about Deaf Smith and his oak tree back in 1835. Let’s see. Oh history, ahem. Zzzzz. Asleep. Dreaming.
- (Tree) Deaf Smith climbs up on me to look out. From here we can see Old San Antonio, Cibolo Creek and Gonzales. Observing carefully.
- Suddenly notices the Mexican army and they too see Deaf Smith. They are scared. Deaf Smith told them how small their army is and ours army is bigger. “Go home!” The Mexican army appears scared, turns around to Old San Antonio. What do we do?
- (D. Smith) I need to alert General Houston and General Austin.
- (Tree) Smith returns. What will you do now?
- (D. Smith) Texans quickly moved to Gonzales.
- (Tree) Good. Days go by. Deaf Smith and I continued our lookout. We spotted one male riding on a horse alone. Deaf Smith wondered what is up and became curious. He climbed down and chased him and then captured him and found a secret letter—a secret enemy plan!
- (D. Smith) I need to hurry to Gonzales to show General Houston and General Austin now!
- (Tree) I waited days for Deaf Smith and he came back! He sat on my branch to spy.
- (D. Smith) After I told General Houston about the secret plan, our army burnt down Gonzales then moved farther east by water . I have to go back to help fight in a big battle. It is my duty. Bye.
- (Tree) He took off on his horse again. OK, bye. I waited for 2, 3, 4 months. Heard nothing. Was wondering. Then I heard the cannonballs, screaming, saw fire and smell the battle. Curious, what is happening? Finally, I spotted Deaf Smith coming my way slowly. He was also injured, exhausted and sick. He slowly climbed up my branch. Deaf Smith explained what happened.

- (Deaf Smith) The Mexican army was angry because they had to chase us to San Jacinto. We destroyed a bridge by the water. There were 1,400 Mexican soldiers and 900 of us. We defeated them!
- (Tree) 18 minutes? Amazing!
- (Smith) Yes. Our flag. I am exhausted. It is time I go home to my family now. My duty is over.
- (Tree) OK. Goodbye! He rode off in the distance.
- I am now a 100 years old...200...300 live oak tree. Now, I have lost some pieces over there and there.
- (Sericia) Dreaming. Whoa, wow! I just had a dream about a tree talking to me about history of Deaf Smith! He was a scout, soldier and spy but also a true hero in Texas history because he won Texas' independence 176 years ago! Now, we should be glad that he was born 225 years ago. Thankfully, I can appreciate history now. Wait! How?