

## DON'T MESS WITH SHERLOCK "Texas, I think" [FIVE]

*While it's the largest of the 48 contiguous states on the USA, Texas warrants only one mention in the Sherlock Holmes stories.*

*The ship that carried the perpetrators of the Openshaw murders was named **Lone Star**, and Holmes recognized its significance:*

*"...the name is that which is given to one of the states of the Union."  
Watson replied, "Texas, I think."*

*Holmes clearly didn't care:*

*"I was not and am not sure which; but I knew that the ship must have an American origin."*

*Well!*

*Texas is having none of that.*

*The Crew of the Barque Lone Star was founded in 1970 as a Sherlockian society in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and after having revived itself in 1996, is a thriving group.*

*Their members are the very crew that bring us Baker Street Elementary every two weeks.*

*But Dallas is also the site of Bouchercon2019, the annual mystery conference named for Anthony Boucher, BSI ("The Valley of Fear"). Boucher was an eminent Sherlockian of his time, based in San Francisco.*

*Most famously he wrote scripts for the Basil Rathbone / Nigel Bruce radio series **The New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes**.*

*He received his investiture in the Baker Street Irregulars in 1949.*

**THE LATEST DISPATCH FROM SCOTT  
AND BURT INDICATE THERE WILL BE  
A MYSTERY WRITERS CONVENTION  
NEXT MONTH IN DALLAS...**



**WHERE'S  
DALLAS ?**

**IT'S A SMALL TOWN IN  
TEXAS, BUT THE SMART  
MONEY SAYS IT WILL  
BUILD INTO A  
THRIVING METROPOLIS\***



**\* Probably just editor's personal bias**

**WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE  
CONFERENCE, "MURDER ON  
THE CATTLE TRAIL"?**



**NO, IT'S NAMED FOR A  
FAMOUS MYSTERY WRITER...**

**"POE - CON"?**



IN TEXAS, I BELIEVE THEY  
CALL A MURDER MYSTERY,  
"MOO-DONE-IT"

WELL, WATSON, YOU  
JUST 'BUTCHERED'  
OUR TALK...

