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Mrs. Frank Stephens Buried On Thursday

One of Eagle Lake's most beloved citizens, Mrs. Mary Josephine Stephens was laid to rest in Masonic Cemetery beside her late husband, Frank Stephens following services in the flower laden Presbyterian church at three o'clock on New Year's Day afternoon, January 1st. Rev. T. B. Anderson of Houston conducted the services, and paid tribute to the splendid character and loyal devotion of Mrs. Stephens, known to her many friends as "Aunt Jo."

Mrs. Stephens was called to eternal rest at 1:59 on Wednesday afternoon, December 31st. She had been in ill health for the past eighteen months and had been a hospital patient for the past six months.

The Presbyterian choir sang several favorite hymns with Mrs. T. P. Haley at the piano. Rev. Anderson gave several comforting Scripture readings.

Born November 23, 1862 in Greeneville, Tennessee, she was the daughter of Julius B. and Elizabeth Bird. She resided in Greeneville until the family moved to Texas to settle at Port Arthur.

After a short stay there they came to Eagle Lake fifty years ago last April in 1897.

Mrs. Stephens, her husband and her son, Hayes Stephens have been prominently identified with business, civic, religious and social affairs of this community and during the years of their residence here took a lead in the development of worthwhile affairs of the community.

She was a charter member of the Presbyterian church where she served faithfully, and was ever generous of her time and resources to her beloved faith. She was kind and tolerant of all and helpful to all.

She was married on January 10, 1887 in Greeneville, Tennessee to Frank Stephens who preceded her in death on August 15, 1923.

Survivors include her son, Hayes Stephens, a niece, Mrs. Addie Jo Taylor, a nephew, Clarence B. Stephens, four brothers, Dave S. Bird, Robert C. Bird, Grover C. Bird of Greenville, Tennessee and Chas. M. Bird of Seattle, Washington. Also by a number of nephews and nieces in Greenville and Seattle.

The pallbearers were A. L. Wahrmond, A. J. Struss, Ed Hanly, G. F. Stallman, W. N. Waddell, Robert Martin, Edgar Baring and Alvin Glueck, all Elders of the First Presbyterian Church.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to the family in their sadness.

Former Rock Island Citizen Dies In Alta Loma

Funeral services were held at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, December 24th in Rock Island for John R. Bryant who died on the previous Sunday at six o'clock in the evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. N. Foster at Alta Loma. The funeral was in charge of the Johnston-Young Funeral Home of Galveston, and burial was in the Rock Island Cemetery.

Mr. Bryant was born in Winsor, Canada on November 29, 1854, he had reached the age of 92 years and 22 days at the time of his death.

At one time Mr. Bryant was a prominent rancher of the Rock Island area.

He is survived by five daughters, Mrs. L. V. Skillen of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, Mrs. Perry Wright of Westphalia, Kansas, Mrs. E. N. Foster of Alta Loma, Mrs. Walter Usery of Luling and Mrs. Rufus Chaney of San Antonio; four sons, John Henry of Hockley, Howard M. of Hockley, Vernon W. of Alta Loma and Melvin L. of San Marcos; 14 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Albert Caston of Reserve, Kansas.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to the family in their sorrow.

Eagle Lake friends will be happy to learn of the arrival of a baby daughter, Glenda Joyce born to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mueser at the Columbus Hospital on Monday.

Frederich Hoeninghaus joined friends to attend the Sugar Bowl game in New Orleans on Thursday.

Funeral Rites For Chas. K. Brodhage Today

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock this (Friday) afternoon for Charles K. Brodhage from the Mill Funeral Home with Rev. O. E. Linstrum of the Colly Memorial Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery.

Mr. Brodhage died of pneumonia after an illness of one week at 5-12 Thursday morning, January 1st.

He was born in Richview, Illinois, but had made his home in this vicinity for many years, the last thirty of which were spent in Eagle Lake.

On December 29, 1905 he was married to Miss Mary Field of Columbus, and she survives him with two sisters, a brother and several nieces and nephews who live in Missouri and Illinois.

Mr. Brodhage is well known throughout this entire community, and the many friends of the family join in extending deepest sympathy to his family.

Thomas Family Arrived In Area Fifty Years Ago

On New Year's Day G. E. Thomas and his nine children together with their wives and husbands, gathered at the M. E. Isehower home in Lissie to celebrate an occasion for which the entire community is glad—their arrival in Chesterville New Year's Day fifty years ago.

Mr. Thomas, a native of Wales, was an Iowa coal miner. He decided to take his family away from the elements of a coal-mining district at that time and came to Texas.

At eight a.m. after an illness of ten months.

Funeral services were held at two p. m. on Monday from the Hubbard Funeral Home with the Lutheran pastor officiating. Burial was in the City Cemetery at Weimar with nephews Willis Oswald, T. J. Harris, Gilbert Gerstenberg, Oscar Gerstenberg, Leonard Gerstenberg and Oscar Koehn serving as pallbearers. The Lutheran choir sang several favorite hymns during the services.

Mr. Gerstenberg was born November 22, 1861 at New Bielau of the son of August and Minnie Gerstenberg, and lived in the Weimar community during his entire lifetime. Farming and ranching were his occupations.

On November 26, 1892 he was married to Miss Pauline Engles of Weimar.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Chas. Chambers, Galveston; Mrs. John Aisup, Fort Worth; Mrs. Arthur Beken, New Bielau and one son, G. D. Gerstenberg of Eagle Lake; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A twin-brother, August Gerstenberg of Belton celebrated their 80th birthday together last November. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. Adolph Engles of Schulenburg and Miss Ida Gerstenberg of Weimar, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to the family in their sorrow.

Services At St. Rock's For Mrs. Cecelia Kuhn

Funeral services were held Monday at 9:30 o'clock for Mrs. Cecelia Kuhn who died Friday morning, her seventy-third birthday. Burial was in Mentz Catholic cemetery with Rev. Henry Rolf, her nephew officiating.

Mrs. Kuhn was born near Mentz on December 27, 1864, a daughter of Leopold and Josephine Rolf.

She is survived by her husband, one son, Leo, of Bernardo, three daughters, Mrs. Leo Henneke Mrs. Raymond Braden and Mrs. Alex Jones, Jr. of Bernardo, one brother, Joe Rolf of Dallas, four sisters, Mrs. John Meisner of Bernardo, Sisters Mary Benedicta, Mary Leopoldine, and Thomas Aquino, C. D. P. of San Antonio, 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

Pallbearers were Edbert and Alois Henneke, Roy Jones, Sidney Fey, and Joe and Johnny Meisner.

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U-S-Co. Question Is Now Revealed

The answers to the question: U-S-Co. What is it? What was it? were announced yesterday when the Eagle Lake Grain Company announced that it was changing its name to the Universal Supply Company, Incorporated, effective January 1, 1948. The stock in the company is owned by Sam F. Bophe, Joe S. Reed, Jr., and Hargrove Smith. No change in ownership occurred.

The reason given for changing the name, as explained by the officers, was to operate under a name more descriptive of the products and services available in the store. The old name was adopted when the business was almost entirely feed and grain, but with the change in times, other items entirely foreign to the feed and grain business were added, and it was found that a more descriptive name would be advisable.

The company was originally started by the late G. E. Boothe, father of S. O. Boothe who was active in the business until last September when he sold his interests to his son, Sam Boothe and Hargrove Smith.

Changes in the store under consideration now include a rearrangement of the stock to enable (Continued on Page 3.)

C. G. Gerstenberg Buried In Weimar On Monday

Charles G. Gerstenberg, prominent farmer of the Weimar area, and father of Dewey Gerstenberg of Eagle Lake, passed away at his home on Monday, January 1st, at eight a.m. after an illness of ten months.

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John Deere Day Program Set For January 9th Here

Eagle Lake Implement Co. local John Deere Dealer is inviting all farmers and their families in this and neighboring communities to attend his big John Deere Day Program to be held in Eagle Lake on Friday, January 9th, 7:30 p. m. According to Chas. D. Stephens this year's John Deere Day Program will be of special interest to anyone who has anything to do with farming.

The main attraction is a new specially-produced Hollywood feature "Doctor Jim," which stars Stuart Erwin, a leading entertainer on the screen for many years. "Doctor Jim" is a friendly, war-hearted picture that pays a fine tribute to a small community's leading citizen—the country doctor. You'll like Doc and his wife, Sally—they're home folks who'll tug at your hearts and provide plenty of chuckles, too.

In the support cast are such other well-known artists as Barbara Woodell, Hobart Cavanaugh, William Wright, and Netta Packer.

In addition to "Doctor Jim," several other new, all-talking pictures will be shown. They include "Keep Your Eye on the Soil"—an educational picture that sounds a warning to no one in agriculture can afford to ignore—soil maintenance.

"Doubting Thomas"—an interesting story that will give you some new slants on John Deere Models "A" and "B" Tractors. "Short Cuts in Forage Harvest"—which demonstrates the way to shorter, easier, and more profitable harvesting of hay and forage crops. "Save More Corn at Lower Cost." and "What's New for '48."

According to Chas. D. Stephens, admission to the John Deere Day Program is by ticket only. Any tickets not received, can get them free at the Eagle Lake Implement Co. before the day of the show.

At the conclusion of the program cold drinks will be served. Attendance prizes will be awarded, and Mr. Stephens stated he hoped a very large crowd will be present for the evening's program.

Organizations To Start New Year's Meetings

The Eagle Lake Rotary Club, which has recessed during the holiday weeks, will take up their weekly luncheon and business meeting on next Wednesday at twelve noon at the Rotary Hall.

The Eagle Lake Garden Club will meet on Thursday, January 8th at the home of Mrs. Robert Martin with Mrs. T. P. Doole as program leader.

The Eagle Lake Study Club's next scheduled meeting is for January 21st at the home of Mrs. J. C. Lockwood when Mrs. Robert Simmons will lead a program on "Marriage Customs." Officers will be elected at that time.

The Eagle Lake Lions Club will hold their first meeting of 1948 in the Lions Hall on Thursday evening, January 8th.

The W. W. Cherry-M. Peery Post No. 108, American Legion will hold a business meeting in the Legion Hall on Lakeside Road at eight o'clock on next Tuesday evening, January 6th.

The Wm. Lee Stapleton Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold their first meeting of 1948 at the city Hall on Tuesday evening, January 27th.

The Eagle Lake Chapter, Order of Easter Star held their first meeting of the year on January 1st at the Masonic Hall and the next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, January 15th. Meetings are held on each first and third Thursday of the month.

The Masonic Lodge of Eagle Lake holds their regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday night of each month, the next meeting being scheduled for Monday, January 12th.

The Woman's Home Demonstration Club will start their activities of 1948 with a meeting on Thursday, January 8th at the home of Mrs. J. M. Tate.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Larmer are completing a new home near the site of their present home and expect to move in shortly. This is another of the attractive new homes of the city.

Proposal To Pay Officials On Salary Basis

A proposal that Colorado county officials be placed upon a salary basis and that they be given pay increases of approximately 12 per cent to help them meet the increased cost of living has been handed to Colorado County commissioners court by James F. Houlihan, county auditor.

Mr. Houlihan proposes proportionate raises for chief deputies, deputies and other employees. He would permit employment of additional workers in the offices of county and district clerks and tax assessor and collector during rush periods and would pay such extra workers at the rate of \$6 for an eight hour day.

The proposal is made by Auditor Houlihan after a study of salaries received by officials and deputies in 18 other counties adjacent to Colorado, many of them having like assessed valuations and populations, he points out. Results of this study, made over a period of 60 days, have been filed with County Clerk Edgar Litzmann, where they can be inspected by any interested person. Mr. Houlihan informs the court in his letter.

The auditor proposes that justices of the peace and constables continue to receive compensation from fees of office and declares he will oppose any change in the present system of paying officials unless this is done.

The 50th Texas legislature enacted a law which permits commissioners courts in counties having less than 20,000 population according to the 1931 census where officials are paid on the salary basis and where financial conditions warrant to increase salaries to a maximum of \$5400 annually for officials and to a maximum of \$2500 for deputies.

Mr. Houlihan calls this law to the attention of the court and points out that since May 1945 county officials have been allowed maximum salaries of \$3750 per year if earned in fees; except that compensation of the county treasurer was held at a maximum of \$2500; chief deputies at \$2250 and other deputies at \$1875 maximums.

Mr. Houlihan proposes that the county judge, county clerk, tax assessor and collector and sheriff receive \$4200 annually; the county attorney and district clerk \$3000 annually; the county treasurer (Continued on Last Page)

Mayor Calls Mass Meeting On Telephone Rates

Mayor Emanuel Roos on Tuesday of this week issued the following proclamation:

In order for the citizens of Eagle Lake to understand in a thorough manner the proposition submitted by the officials of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in their request for an increase of \$1.50 on the rental for a business phone and \$2.25 increase for a residence phone, it is my opinion that this matter should be discussed by our citizens so that the city council at its next meeting or thereafter, shall have had an expression of the patrons of the telephone company on this subject.

I am now issuing this proclamation for a mass meeting of our citizens to be held at the city auditorium on Wednesday evening, January 7, 1948, at eight o'clock. I am urging a full attendance at this meeting and hope the citizens will respond by their presence and expression on this subject so that the city council will know the reaction of the citizens before any definite action is taken by the city council on this subject.

Respectfully submitted by EMANUEL ROOS, Mayor.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has in the past weeks through their advertisements and story in the Headlight endeavored to bring to the attention of the people of Eagle Lake their need for advancement of rates here.

In order that every interested party may know the full facts of their petition it is hoped that a very large attendance of citizens will be at the meeting on next Wednesday evening.

State Approved Frelsburg And Bernardo Road

The State Highway Commission has approved 7.32 miles of road at Frelsburg and Bernardo for farm-to-market routes, which will cost Colorado County \$54,750 on the plan whereby the county pays 75 per cent of the original cost and the state 25 per cent, according to an announcement made by County Judge Henry Buescher in Columbus last week.

Asphalt topping for the roads running due north of Frelsburg to the Austin County line and from Gross store on Highway 90 to the Hill Store at Bernardo can be laid in the near future if contractor bids are asked soon.

Up for completion as farm-to-market roads in 1948, according to Judge Buescher, are the Weimar-New Bielau road and another from Eagle Lake to Wharton County Line.

The State Highway Commission approved the Bernardo and Frelsburg roads recently. Both are in Commissioner A. J. Aschenbeck's precinct and the county's part in building them probably would come from the \$200,000 allotted that precinct from the recent \$800,000 road bond issue.

The Commissioners Court probably will consider further whether or not to participate in that extent in the road program whereby the state is pledged to assume all maintenance costs.

Church Societies Schedule First Meetings Of Year

The church societies of the city have been in recess during the past several weeks because of the Christmas holidays. All expect to start the work of the year 1948 within the next week or two. The following meetings have been scheduled:

Methodist W. S. C. S. will meet at the parlor of the Colly Memorial Methodist Church on next Tuesday afternoon for their regular business meeting, and to begin a study program for the new year. Officers were recently elected and will be announced next week.

Catholic Altar Society will meet on Tuesday, January 13th at the home of Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky when officers will be elected, and plans made for the new year's work.

Christ Episcopal Auxiliary Guild will hold their first meeting of the year at the church on next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. H. C. Fitzgerald as program leader.

Lutheran Missionary Society will meet on next Thursday, January 8th at the home of Mrs. A. L. Marx, Sr. when the new officers will take charge of the meeting.

Sunshine Class of the Colly Memorial Methodist Church will meet on next Thursday afternoon, January 8th at the home of Mrs. Robert Thomas to map plans for 1948.

Presbyterian Evening Circle will hold their first meeting of 1948 at the church at 7:30 o'clock on next Tuesday evening.

Baptist Women's Missionary Society will hold their regular business meeting for the month of January at the church on next Tuesday afternoon.

Presbyterian Auxiliary will start their year's work with a business meeting at the church on next Tuesday afternoon.

Donald Pennington On Duty With Troops In Japan

With the Eighth Army in Tokyo, Japan—Private First Class Donald T. Pennington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Pennington of Eagle Lake, is now serving with the famed fighting First Cavalry Division which is on occupational duty in the ten prefectures of the Tokyo-Yokohama area of central Honshu Island, Japan.

Pfc. Pennington entered the army in March of 1947, and received his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington. Overseas since August of 1947, Pfc. Pennington is now serving with "D" Troop, 1st Squadron, 5th Cavalry Regiment, as a Squad Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Johnson were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Townsend and with other relatives in Runge.

School Band Is Invited To Fat Stock Show

The Band of Eagle Lake High School is one of the 48 Texas high school bands invited to participate in the grand Main Street Parade which will signal the opening of the 1948 Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition on January 31, W. Albert Lee, acting president, announces.

The invitation was extended to School Superintendent W. C. Reed by W. O. Cox, general manager of the Fat Stock Show.

Including approximately 3000 members, the 48 bands, as guests of the Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition for the day, will attend the Gene Autry World Championship Rodeo and enjoy other entertainment and educational features of the show.

Starting at 10 a. m. Saturday, January 31, the parade will be the longest and most elaborate ever staged in Houston, show officials believe. In addition to the high school bands in their smart, colorful uniforms, the line of march will include Governor Jester, other state and local dignitaries, and cowboys and cowgirls in brilliant western attire. It is expected that more than three hours will be required for the spectacular parade to pass the reviewing stand.

The school bands invited are as follows: Alvin, Anshauk, Angleton, Bastrop, Bay City, Brenham, the Bryan High School and Allen Academy in Bryan, Caldwell, Calvert, Cameron, Center, Crockett, Cypress Fairbanks School, Dayton, Dickinson, Eagle Lake, Edna, Freeport, Galena Park, Goose Creek, Groveton, Hallettsville, Hearne, Aldine, Humble, Huntsville, Katy, LaGrange, Liberty, Livingston, Missouri City, Nacogdoches, Navasota, New Braunfels, Normangee, Palacios, Pasadena, Richmond, Rosenberg, Rust, Sugar Land, Tarrant, Trinity, Victoria, West Columbia, Wharton and Yoakum.

Now an event of national and international interest, Houston's sixteenth annual exposition is expected to attract a throng of visitors exceeding the 350,000 who saw the show last year. Scheduled four days longer than the 1947 Show, it will continue through February 15.

A major entertainment feature will be the Gene Autry World Championship Rodeo which will stage 22 performances during the 16-day run of the show. A number of new specialty acts will be included with the popular rodeo events.

Rodeo tickets are on sale in Houston at the Milby Hotel daily, except Sunday, from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m. Another downtown ticket office will open January 1 at Sam Houston Coliseum.

Mail orders also are being accepted. They should be addressed to the Director of Ticket Sales, P. O. Box 2371, Houston 1. A 25-cent mailing charge should be added to the price of the tickets.

Wharton College Is Now College Of Science

An interesting announcement appeared in the press last week that Wharton County Junior College became the state junior college in Texas to be admitted to membership in the collegiate division of the Texas Academy of Science.

This action was taken at the annual meeting held recently in Austin, according to a statement by J. M. Hodges of Wharton, President of the School.

V. F. W. Post Has Christmas Party On Monday Night

The Wm. Lee Stapleton Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, celebrated their first holiday season with a fried chicken dinner at the Highway Inn on last Monday night. E. H. Rodgers, Jr. and M. A. Beard were co-chairmen of the party.

After the dinner had been enjoyed in the spacious dining room, the entire party enjoyed dancing during the evening.

Elmer Scher of Del Rio, former manager of the CPL office here, was an Eagle Lake visitor on Wednesday of last week. He was a luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hoeninghaus and Freiderich He and his family were spending the holidays in Sealy.