

UDC Chapter Hears Program On Monuments

Shropshire-Upton Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy met Sept. 8 at the home of Mrs. George King with Mrs. W. M. Anderson as co-hostess. The new yearbooks were presented to the members present by Mrs. Jack Draper, historian. Mrs. Oscar Schade, president, opened the meeting and led the ritual. Mrs. W. Gunn, patroness-service chairman, led the pledges to the flags. Mrs. C. F. Hardy read the minutes of the previous meeting and Mrs. John Matters gave the yearly treasurer's report.

Mrs. Schade thanked the museum hostesses for their work during Homes Tour. Also Mrs. Draper, Mrs. King and Miss Nesbitt for their excellent yearbook.

Mrs. Jerry Hester reported that the C. of C. members decorated 21 graves of Confederate soldiers and veterans of all wars, with flowers and flags on Memorial Day. Four members attended the Texas Division C. of C. meeting in Dallas in June. Jane Crane, who was elected V.P. and received the Flinger award as outstanding girl. Joe Anderson won the Essay award. Jane and Joe attended the C. of C. General Convention in Biloxi, Miss. in July.

Mrs. Litzmann, corresponding secretary, reported she had sent notes of thanks to Mrs. Harris, Dr. James Wooten, Gus Oehausen and James Hopkins for gifts to the museum.

Miss Lee Nesbitt, museum curator, reported a new 25 year lease on the building, also of the opening of the museum on Sunday afternoons in July and August. She was assisted on Sundays by members Mesdames Draper, Roy Burt, Hardy and Schade.

Mrs. James Crane reported a picture of members at the Quilt Exhibit Tea had appeared in the U.D.C. Magazine.

Delegates elected to the

Texas Division Convention to be held in Austin, were Mesdames Schade, Draper, N. J. Mainer, Jerry Hester, Crane, Hardy and Misses Nesbitt and Gertrude Ingrit. Mrs. James Crane presented a program on "Confederate Monuments in Dallas." Jane Crane, V.P. of the Division, gave the highlights of the General Convention in Biloxi, Miss. She told of attending a memorial service at the Church of the Redeemer where Jefferson Davis worshipped. The visit to his former home, Beauvoir, was highlighted by a reception in the garden. A wreath was placed at the Beauvoir Cemetery for the Confederate veterans. The group made a boat trip to Ship Island, across the Mississippi Sound. The building here served as a Confederate prison during the war between the States. The national U.D.C. project is a Memorial Monument here. A delicious brunch was served to 29 members. A Real Daughter, Mrs. S. K. Seymour, Jr., and Jane Alice Crane.

Ambulance Corps To Hear Report On Helicopter Ser.

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Ambulance Corps will meet the Ambulance Hall Thursday, September 23 at 8:00 p.m. to hear John Self, of Houston, speak.

Mr. Self will explain the Helicopter service of Herman Hospital and show slides on this subject.

The public is cordially invited and urged to come but the Corps would very much like to have the Doctors and staff, the Fire Department, the Police Department and all members of the Ambulance Corps present for this important meeting, said Mrs. Carolyn Hooper, reporter.

VISIT IN MCALLEN

Mrs. Grace Towell accompanied Mr. and Mrs. E. Causey, Jr., of Houston to McAllen where they enjoyed the Labor Day week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Williams.

New ELMS Teacher

Raymond Sykowski is shown teaching one of his eighth grade American History classes at the Eagle Lake Middle School. Mr. Sykowski is new to the district this year. He previously taught Social Studies at the Sacred Heart School in Hallettsville for three years. He is a native of Rosenberg and graduated from Lamar High School. He attended Wharton County Junior College and San Houston State University. Mr. Sykowski currently resides at 304 Stevenson Street in Eagle Lake.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS

MRS. M. L. NCEWANDER

Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church Friday morning, Sept. 10 at 11 o'clock for Mrs. Mary Black who passed away in a convalescent home in Bay City on Wednesday, Sept. 8.

Rev. Thomas Hogan, former pastor here, conducted the services. Many relatives and friends from out of town were present and the floral tributes were beautiful.

Attends Family Reunion

Miss Lavonne Johnson of Austin was here last week-end with her mother, Mrs. H. A. Johnson, and the M. O. Spann family in Columbus.

She and her mother spent Sunday with the E. G. Goff family near El Campo.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Niewander returned to their home in Naples, Texas Sunday after a visit here with home folks and friends.

Mrs. Norman Hooper accompanied by Mrs. Florence McMan of Sealy attended the Hair Surgeon Seminar in Austin this past week.

Alex Sowa, Wallis Dies Here Sept. 5

Alex Sowa of Wallis passed away at Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, 1976. He was born in Frydek, Texas April 23, 1900, reaching the age of 76 years, 5 months and 13 days.

Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6 at the Knesek and Sons Funeral Home by Father Michael Krol and Jerry Silva. Requiem Mass was said by Father Krol, pastor of Guardian Angel Catholic Church in Wallis, at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Burial was in Guardian Angel Parish Cemetery. Pallbearers were George L. Sowa, Gilbert Sowa, Andrew Sowa, Willie Drey, Florian Anderilla, Willie Zez, Sr., Raymond Werba, Sr., Bonnie Stolarski, Paul Wathuber, Jr. and Jimmy Wathuber. Altar boys were Mark Sowa, Billy Joe Sowa and Stephen Sowa.

The organist, John Dujka, played favorite hymns of the deceased. Songs were sung.

Mrs. Mary Black Passes Away In Bay City

Mary Martin Black, 85, passed away in Matagorda General Hospital in Bay City on September 8, 1976. Funeral services were held Friday, September 10th at the Rock Island Methodist Church. Interment was in Baytown at the Cedar Crest Cemetery with the Rev. Thomas Hogan of Eagle Pass, former pastor at Rock Island, officiating. Taylor Bros. Funeral Home of Bay City was in charge of services.

Alpha Delta Phi Program On Natural Science

Alpha Delta Phi met Thursday night, Sept. 9 in the home of Michele Isenhour. President Diana Brunner called the meeting to order with the Opening Ritual followed by the Ritual of Welcome for Marilyn Sparks and Luanne Cack, new members.

Thank you notes were read from Bob Hudson for Alpha Delta Phi's contribution toward the purchase of his new van; and from Lavonne Johnson for a baby spoon she received from the sorority.

President Diana read the chapter a flyer concerning a Space Area Convention that will be held in Houston on November 6th. Standing committee reports were given. Program chairman Patricia Adkins announced that the next meeting will be held September 23 at Martha Laughlin's. Plans were made for a social that will be held Saturday, Sept. 18. Service chairman Michele announced that Linda Balas will read this Wednesday for the Story Hour to be held each Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the library for pre-school children.

The new chapter-by-laws were presented to the chapter for consideration.

The program, "Natural Science," was presented by Marsha Waddell. Marsha gave a book review on "The Bermuda Triangle," a book that concerns things that have not been explained. It was a very interesting and enjoyable program.

Refreshments were then served and members enjoyed visiting.

Hearings On IRA Program Tues.

U.S. Rep. J. J. "Jake" Pickle (D-Texas) announces that hearings have been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 21 on the Individual Retirement Account program.

The hearings by the Oversight Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee were originally scheduled for September 13. They will be held on the new date in the Main Committee room.

The hearings are part of a continuing oversight of the Individual Retirement Account (IRA) program. IRAs were established by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and provide a retirement plan for individuals who do not participate in any pension plan other than Social Security. Rep. Pickle, a member of the Subcommittee, will chair the meeting.

The Subcommittee has a continuing concern that IRAs be marketed fairly and that consumers have accurate information when trying to select an IRA program," said Rep. Pickle.

by Mrs. Placid Sowa. Knesek and Sons Funeral Home in Wallis is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Vlasta Sowa of Wallis; son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sowa of Wallis; son, Bonnie J. Sowa of Aurora, Colorado; daughters, Mrs. Lucille Drey of Houston, Mrs. Jenny Knott of Rosenberg, and Mrs. Ursula Peckhane of Frydek; 14 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sowa were married on November 7, 1918 in Sealy and they would have been married 58 years in November.

NEWS FROM HERITAGE HOUSE

Sunday services were held September 8th by the Rev. Rogelio Rodriguez. On Monday afternoon, we had a Labor Day get-together at Heritage House. The residents enjoyed having refreshments of popcorn and punch served in the dining and recreational area of our facility.

Cards On Sale

Friday afternoon, we held the monthly Residents Council Meeting. The minutes were read and three important topics were discussed. There were about 25 residents in all that attended the meeting.

Greeting cards are here! We received our order of greeting cards last week and they are for sale at the Heritage House. They sell for \$3.00 per package and there are 25 cards in each. There are four get well, birthday, friendship, anniversary, congratulations and thank you cards in each package.

Please remember, all proceeds go directly into the Activity Fund of Heritage House and it would be greatly appreciated if you would come out and purchase a package of the cards.

Martha Class Has Meeting

Mrs. Clara May Nash was hostess for the meeting of the Martha Class of the First Baptist Church Thursday evening, September 9th.

After Mrs. Lila Armstrong read the group in prayer, Mrs. Elizabeth Boothe, presided over a brief business session. Mrs. Nash then brought a devotional by reading a chapter from the book "Yes Is A Word" by Y. W. Angell. Mrs. Roberta Davidson closed the meeting with prayer.

The hostess served delicious cheese cake, salted nuts, coffee and tea during the social hour.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14 at

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Historical Group To Meet In Weimar Thurs.

The Colorado County Historical Commission will meet Thursday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Weimar Public Library (old depot building).

All members and interested citizens are invited to attend, said Mary E. Hopkins, chairman.

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County Asks Bids For Agri. Bldg.

Colorado County Commissioners Court, in regular session Monday, authorized advertisements for bids for the re-construction of the County Agriculture Building. The bids to be opened by the court at the next session on October 11th.

The commissioners voted to advertise for the re-construction of the building, which was destroyed by fire earlier this year, on the same plans as previously with the exception that the building will have a truss-type roof instead of a flat roof.

A delegation of women from the Home Demonstration Clubs met with the court last month and asked for the re-construction of the building. The assembly room of the building was destroyed by fire earlier this year, on the same plans as previously with the exception that the building will have a truss-type roof instead of a flat roof.

On Tuesday, Sept. 7th, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schillab of Sheridan were in El Campo to attend the funeral of Mr. Schillab's oldest brother, Anton Schillab. Mr. Schillab was 91 years old when he passed away. Services were held at 3 p.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 7th, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schillab and their daughter, Mrs. Jim Kutzer, all of Sheridan were in Sinton, Texas, for the 5 p.m. funeral services for Frank Oliver, Mr. Oliver was Mrs. Schillab's niece's husband.

Conventions

Mrs. Bartha Criswell returned to her home in Sheridan Wednesday after being in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Otte Botard entered the Memorial City Hospital in Houston Tuesday last week for surgery and according to reports from his family is doing well with prospects of returning to his home in Sheridan around the middle of this week.

Visits

Mrs. John Hoggart of Houston visited with her parents, the Joe Schillabs of Sheridan, this past weekend. Sunday was Mrs. Schillab's 74th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy and children of Victoria visited in Sheridan last weekend with L. E. Botard.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Roder visited in Sheridan with Mrs. W. H. Warburton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hollub, Jr. of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Case A. Hollub of Manchaca and Mr. and Mrs. George D. Evans of Lockhart were in Sheridan Saturday and Sunday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hollub.

On Sunday, they drove to Columbus and joined Blaine Hollub for lunch. The occasion was the 34th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hollub.

Sheridan Parents Teachers Meet Tuesday

The Parents and Teachers of Sheridan will hold their next monthly meeting Tuesday, Sept. 21st, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Gail Coble, P.T.S. president, will be in charge of the meeting and Ed Krivacka, superintendent of Rice School District, will be guest speaker. The meeting will be held at the Sheridan School. Please take special notice that the meeting will be one of the year's scheduled night meetings.

As for the women over 21, some 28.9 percent now smoke, compared with 30.5 percent in 1970 and 31.5 percent in 1964.

Quite different is the trend among younger people. The number of girls smokers in the 13 to 17 age bracket has increased by a half-million in the last five years. One-fourth of them smoke and, of these, 40 percent consume more than a pack a day.

In Colorado County, based upon a breakdown of the figures, approximately 1,937,000 packs of cigarettes were sold in the past year.

The findings are from data compiled by the Public Health Service, the American Cancer Society and others.

Related to Colorado County's population over age 18, the consumption was at the rate of 171 packs per person.

Elsewhere in the United States, by way of comparison, the average was 198 packs and, in the West South Central States, 181.

The attitude toward smoking, by those who indulge and those who do not, has changed considerably in the last few years, the Public Health Service finds.

Among the smokers themselves, there have been more determined attempts, some successful and some not, to stop or to cut back.

As for the non-smokers, concerned about the health hazards, they have been agitating to have more public places designated as non-smoking areas.

How many are Colorado County residents spending for their smoking pleasure? Their bill was close to \$1,032,000 last year. It is estimated, or about \$91 per smoker.

Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Griger III of Lockhart visited Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Fruka.

Sunday afternoon L. Don Fruka of Pensacola, Florida, arrived for a week's leave from work.

majoring in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Traylor attended classes through the summer and lived at home.

Gordon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hagendorf of Sheridan and is attending San Houston State University at Houston.

He is majoring in Criminology and is living off-campus, while he is attending classes there.

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