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24 YEARS AGO
Let's Look Back

(June 12, 1952)

Rice was planted by air for the first time in the Eagle Lake area this week on 180 acres of land farmed by Charles W. Causey. Cecil Bayetta seeded the 180 acres of rice with Century Patna seed on a field flooded with water. . . At a meeting of the Executive Board of the Texas Flying Farmers Association which was held at Mineral Wells on June 1st, W. M. Thomas, Sr. was elected as new director for District No. 4. . .Mrs. Eddie Hansen has joined the Headlight staff and will divide her time between the news and advertising department. Mrs. Louis Balas has returned to her position after several weeks of illness. . .The photograph of young Bob McLellan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. McLellan, was awarded first place in the local baby contest sponsored by Autrey Enterprises with the cooperation of Rice Theatre. Jane Katherine Booker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Booker, won second place and Kathy Sue Metz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Metz of Alleyton, was third. . .The daily papers have recently been featuring a big land deal in which the town of Sargent and all land around it, and down to the Gulf, had been bought by a group of men. What those stories did not tell was that the prompter behind the whole deal is a former Eagle Lake resident, J. W. "Bud" Anselin. . .A. L. Marx has purchased the Humble Station on East Main. . .Surrounding P-TA's attacked the county health program at the commissioners court meeting. Mrs. V. T. Matthews represented the local P-TA and was principal spokesman for the delegation. They presented a petition asking for shots for school children and a county nurse's assistance. . .Tommy and Virginia Starke, grandchildren of Mrs. R. H. Obenhaus, have left for a trip to Maracaibo, Venemela, South America to join their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Starke . . .Among those honored after confirmation at Grace Lutheran Sens and Jerry Tallas. . .Mrs. Johnnie Burns was honored with a Pink and Blue Shower by Mrs. A. P. Payne. . . New names on the directors' roster of the Eagle Lake Retail Merchants Association are Earl Rodgers, Sr., E. W. Estlinbaum, Ben McElhinney, Mrs. Gladys Gold, Lloyd Spaulinger, R. P. Wilcox, Jr., Joe L. McCreary and Albert Pustejovsky. . . Mary Ellen Davidson, Jerry Kay set wedding in Baptist Church.

Let's Look Back
48 YEARS AGO

(May 26, 1928)

Digging of the potato crop is in full swing now with the yields coming from good to bad and with the price declining. Up to this date 174 cars of potatoes had been shipped from Eagle lake at prices ranging from $1.50 to $1.75 per hundred pounds. . . Fritz Englehard announces his candidacy for the state legislature. . .The Eagle Lake School Board decided to build a separate school for the Mexican children. The children have been attending the white school but have increased in number to a point where the school board decided to build them a school of their own. . . Coach W. B. Hinton has reconsidered his resignation from the local school staff for another position and will return to Eagle Lake. . . Miss Nellie Huffington's 1926 model Chevrolet was stolen in broad open daylight from its parked place on Main Street Saturday afternoon and no trace of the car has been found to date. . . An old cannon ball, presumably used in the Mexican war was plowed up on the J. C. Townley farm near Chesterville this week. . . Miss Madeline Cearnal attended commencement exercises at Breckenridge High School in San Antonio of her niece, Miss Alice Esser. . . Mrs. C. D. Stephens and daughter arrived here to be with their husband and father, who is associated with the Eagle Lake Grain Co.. A new brick service station with T. B. Epps in charge is now open adjoining the Dallas Hotel. . . Crops are greatly improved with the recent rains-watermelons are predicted ripe by Juneteenth.

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Primary School Parent Workday

Several helpful parents were on hand at the Primary School Tues., Oct. 12 to make teaching aids for the Primary teachers to use. Pictured left to right are Mrs. Ludy Esparza, Mrs. Myrtle Hunter, Mrs. Inez Matura and Mrs. Patti Stephens as they trace posters from overhead projects. The ladies made word cards in addition to the many posters and charts produced.

Other ladies participating in the workshop were Mrs. Nancy Adkins, Mrs. Jane Clipson, Mrs. Annette Fajkus, Mrs. Francis Luna, Mrs. Marcy Salinas, Mrs. Carman Wiese, Mrs. Patsy Salinas, Mrs. Hortence Juarez, Mrs. Frances Cabellero and Mrs. Mary Christal.

Mrs. Harry Was Active Garwood Resident

This additional information on an obituary for Mrs. Jesse M. Harry (Martha Jane Ferguson) was received too late for last week and is printed for information of her friends in the area.

Mrs. Jesse M. Harry (Martha Jane Ferguson) was born November 24, 1889, in Colorado County, Texas to Mollie Brimage, native of Kentucky, and John Ferguson of Carlyle, England. She was a resident of Garwood but death occurred in Arlington, Texas October 6, 1976.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1966. He was a long-time Garwood Santa Fe Railroad Agent. Also, two sons preceded her in death, Walter Lee Harry in 1919 and Everett J. Harry in 1971.

Mrs. Harry grew up and attended schools in Yoakum and Wallis. She and Mr. Harry were married in Wallis in 1906. The family moved to Garwood in 1917. Through the years she was very active in the Garwood First United Methodist Church, having served on the official Board, taught Sunday School, and sang in the choir. She was president a number of times of the United Methodist Woman's Society and was given an honorary life membership in recognition of her many years of service.

She helped organize the first P. T. A. in the Garwood School and served as the first president. She had served on the Garwood Veteran's Memorial Library Board of Directors, and was a past member of the El Campo Garden Club, the Garwood Home Demonstration Club, and numerous social organizations. She was active in County Civil Defense work during World War II.

Back when all cotton, rice and produce were shipped by railroad, she worked as a clerk in the fall of the year in the Garwood Santa Fe depot. For a number of years, she was the manufacturer's representative of the Mutual Fabric Company. She was an expert needlewoman and flower gardening was her hobby.

Friends and relatives attended the services from Jacksonville, Fla., Houston, College Station, Waco, Freeport, Bay City, El Campo, Eagle Lake, Columbus, Arlington, Austin, Hempstead, Bryan, Dallas, Palacios and Corpus Christi, Texas.

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Dinner Fri. To Honor Gov. Briscoe

Texans from 60 counties in South and Central Texas have joined in sponsoring a supper in Austin, Friday, Oct. 22 honoring Governor and Mrs. Dolph Briscoe and helping the Governor retire old campaign debts.

H. C. "Dulie" Bell of Austin, chairman of the Briscoe 76 Committee, said the function represents the combined efforts of several hundred Briscoe friends and supporters who are handling ticket sales for the event.

Bell said the tickets in Colorado County are available from Ralph Meadows. The cost is $50 per ticket. The supper will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 in Austin Municipal Auditorium on the eve of the football game between the Texas Longhorns and SMU Mustangs.

Musical entertainment will be provided by bands and choral groups from Huston-Tillotson College, Southern Methodist University and Baylor University.

Mr. Meadows, who heads the ticket committee in Colorado County, said that he can be contacted at Box 727, Columbus, Texas 78934 and his telephone numbers are: office 713/732-2839 or farm 732-3507.

"Dolph Briscoe has brought nothing but honor to Texas," Mr. Meadows said. "This is an opportunity for us to show our appreciation for the honest, capable leadership he has given us and I hope a substantial number of people from our area will be in Austin to do that."

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Wharton Sheriff Cleared By Grand Jury Action

The Wharton County Grand Jury last week cleared Sheriff H. R. "Mike" Flournoy of any criminal wrongdoing following the panel's investigation of the Aug. 25 shooting death of Lee Frank Gentry, 27-year-old Wharton truck driver, outside a Wharton restaurant.

The jury, which returned 54 indictments in other cases in its report to District Judge O. G. Wellborn of Alvin, submitted an accompanying letter concerning its investigation of the shooting which occurred outside Pier 59, located off the U.S. Highway 59 business route near the Colorado River bridges.

"We wish to report that we thoroughly investigated the death of Lee Frank Gentry, who was shot to death Aug. 25, 1976 in Wharton. We examined all witnesses to the shooting, including two lawyers representing the Gentry family. In addition, to those witnesses, we had the benefit of a very thorough and well prepared investigation report submitted by David Boyd of the Wharton County Sheriff's Department," the report said.

"Additionally, we had the investigation report of Carl Weathers, Texas Ranger (of Bay City) who conducted an investigation of the Gentry case at the request of and for the district attorney's office. His report was factual, unbiased and complete.

"It's our belief that we conducted a thorough and complete investigation. We are not returning a true-bill. We are sorry that the incident occurred but, under the evidence presented, we are convinced that he had no alternative but to take the action he did.

"We also regret the wide dissemination of gossip, hearsay and rumors concerning this case in our community.

"We further wish to report that we find Wharton County to be a clean county, free of any organized crime and that the law enforcement efforts of various departments have been successful in keeping crime to a minimum in Wharton County," the letter concluded.

It was signed by the foreman of the panel, Bruce Marek of Pierce. It was also signed by Debbie Garrett of Louise, the vice-foreman and eight other members who were present Monday. They were Carl N. Reynolds, Jr., Gladys O. Coleman, Sylvan L. Mior, Coleman Locke and John A. Reed, all of Wharton; George A. Fucik of Louise, Arthur R. Hudgins of Hungerford and L. D. Obenhaus of Bonus.

Not present were Henry J. Hlavinka of East Bernard and Alfred R. Vallejo of El Campo.

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Six Finalists For Garwood Fairest of Fair

Here are the six finalists in the Garwood Lions Club Fairest of the Fair competition held last Saturday evening. They are left to right, Sandy Baumgart of Columbus; Debbie Brune of Eagle Lake; Julia Thomas, first runner-up; Nina Zbranek, of Garwood, Fairest of the Fair; Mary Ann Miller of Garwood, second runner-up; and Elisa Keeter of Eagle Lake.

Sororities Have Circus Carnival Party Oct. 9

Alpha Delta Phi entertained Xi Pi Psi and several guests with a Circus Carnival Party on October 9th at Didner Hall.

The hall was cleverly decorated in a circus carnival theme. The members and guests were asked to come dressed as a favorite circus character. There were many humorous costumes but judges ruled Marilyn Thomas as the upside-down man and Jim Wiese as the human cannon ball as the best-dressed. They were awarded one of the white elephant gifts that everyone was asked to bring to the party.

Food booths were located throughout the hall with popcorn, peanuts, hot dogs, sloppy joes and drinks offered "for sale".

Bingo was played throughout the evening and there were several contests held, such as dart throwing and a bubble gum blowing contest.

MARKET REPORT

COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK MARKET

The market was stronger on all classes of cattle again last week at the Columbus Livestock Market with cattle $2 to $3 higher across the board. The firm handled 1622 head of cattle.

Good to choice butcher calves sold 30 to 34; heiferett packer cows sold 25 to 27; commercial packer bulls 28 to 32. Heavy Hereford and Angus steer calves brought 34 to 42 and heifer calves 28 to 32 while crossbred steer calves sold 34 to 42 and Heifer calves 28 to 32. Good stock cows and heifers brought $260 to $175 per head. Butcher hogs went 32 to 34 and lambs 30 to 50.

HOSPITAL NEWS NOTES

Patients this week (Oct. 18)
Russell Cooper, city
Mrs. Luella Hodde, city
Robt. J. Marsalla, city
Roy Addicks, city
Mrs. Elizabeth Cardenas, city
Mrs. Maude Miculka, city
Miss Lizeta Walker, Altair
Tom Jones, Sealy
Ernest Haynes, Halletsville
Mary Ann Seidler, Giddings

Dismissals:
Guerro Corral, city
Mrs. Rosa Wortham, city
Mrs. Ada Carter, city
Miss Pearlie Hurd, city
Mrs. Lettie Richardson, city
Mrs. Elisa Baring, city
Billy Wolfe, city
Jesus Ebarra, city
Mrs. Mary Simpson, city
Mrs. Glia Cruz, city
Mrs. Pauline Parker, city
Edric Cox, city
David Tomchesson, city
Michael Faightinger, city
George Williams, Garwood
Mrs. Cecelia Dworaczyk, Garwood
James Knight, Garwood
Andrew Till, Garwood
Mary Gonzales and son, Columbus
James Hausner II, Wharton
Jerral Johnson, Bellville
Gary Chumchal, Rosenberg
Anglen Slovak, El Campo
Mrs. Jewel Starke, Houston
Richard Gluerck, Cat Spring
Hazel Lynch, Glidden

3 Winners In Garwood Lunch Poster Contest

The sixth grade class of Garwood Elementary School participated in the poster contest for National School Lunch Week, October 10-16.

Principal John Mader announced three winners in the competition. They are: third place, Olga Vasquez; second place, Darrell Brown; and first place, Sheryl Smidovec.

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Alpha Delta Phi Meets With Kay Clipson

Alpha Delta Phi met Thursday, October 14th at the home of Kay Clipson. President Diana Brunner called the meeting to order and welcomed two guests, Jean Wiese and Linda Wiese.

After reciting the opening ritual, committee chairmen gave their reports which included an explanation of the duties of each chairman for the benefit of the guests.

Kay Clipson and Glenda Blair reported on what each of them did for story hour. Glenda presented a puppet show and a flannel graph play.

Rush chairman Charlotte Reed announced that a "Come As You Are" party will be this Thursday and members and guests will be called during the week and must come to the party dressed as they were when called.

LaVerne Adkins presented Glenda Blair, last year's president, with the scrapbook and read a special dedication page to Glenda.

The chapter voted to approve the new chapter traditions and by-laws that were presented last month.

The program was presented on the topic of prose. Glenda Blair was program leader and presented a very humorous puppet show that cleverly pointed out the different classes of prose literature: educational, promotional, commercial and recreational.

Refreshments and a social hour followed the closing ritual.

NEWS FROM HERITAGE HOUSE

By Patricia Foster

Services

The Rev. Geo. Welsch held Sunday services for the Heritage House on Sunday afternoon.

Parties

The Heritage House sponsored a Ladies Tea for the residents this past Friday. Everyone gathered in the dining room for an hour of visitation with friends and enjoyed refreshments of sugar cookies, oatmeal cookies and coffee.

On Saturday evening, a Hot Chocolate Party was held at the Heritage House after supper. Residents enjoyed the refreshments of hot chocolate topped with a dip of vanilla ice cream, also Coke floats were served.

Thanks

We would like to thank the V.O.E. class of Rice High School for folding Reader's Digest magazines for the Heritage House Arts and Crafts Shop and also Mrs. Marjorie Crabb, the V.O.E. instructor, for making it possible for us to continue further in making Santa Claus sets for this Christmas. Also, we thank Mrs. Ada Cook for donating Reader's Digest magazines to the Heritage House.

DAR Hears Program On Conservation

The October meeting of the John Everett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held in the home of Mrs. Clay Walker in Oakland. The meeting was opened with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer, the Pledge to the Flag, and American Creed. Mrs. W. M. Wilbeck read the President General's message. The president, Miss Kathryn McKee, proceeded with the order of business which included a message by Mrs. D. C. Swanson on National Defense, urging members to be sure and vote in the November 2nd election, assuring our Nation that we feel a right to vote is of the utmost importance.

Mrs. James G. Hopkins announced, after the ballots had been cast and counted, that three had been unanimously accepted as prospective new members: Mrs. Henry K. Gunn, Mrs. Michael Cooper and Mrs. William Barr. Mrs. Hopkins announced that in November the meeting, which will be at the home of Mrs. J. H. Parks in Columbus, would begin with the dedication of the D.A.R. Memorial Marker on the grave of Mrs. Hattie May Everett Dick, who organized the John Everett Chapter in April of 1932. Members are to meet at Mrs. Parks' home and immediately proceed to the cemetery. The meeting will be resumed after the service.

Mrs. Hopkins introduced the speaker, Mrs. W. F. Albert, a charter member of the Samuel Sorrell Chapter D.A.R. in Houston, and who was born and raised in Colorado County. Using conservation as her theme, Mrs. Albert stressed how important it is for all of us to plant and save as many trees as we are able. The cultivation and maintenance of our land will be our salvation in the future. She pointed out that in the Holy Lands, that which Moses had called the fertile promised land, had become barren rock and sand because of misuse.

After the meeting was adjourned refreshments were served in the upstairs living area by the hostess and her acting co-hostess, Mrs. P. A. Preyman. -Reporter, Mrs. Clay Walker.

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Pink Ladies Order More Cook Books

Seventeen Pink Ladies met Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital for the general meeting.

Copies of the "Cook's Tour of Eagle Lake" were reordered and should be here before Christmas for those needing a special gift.

Mrs. E. E. Vogelsang donated a beautiful quilt to the Auxiliary. This quilt will be awarded December 15th. Pink Ladies not at the meeting should contact Mrs. George Causey for more information. The quilt will be displayed in the downtown area until Dec. 14th.

The president, Mrs. Viola Eboril, presided at the meeting.

SHERIDAN NEWS

MRS. G. H. HOLLUB

Mrs. Reggie Pope Shower Honoree

Mrs. Reggie Pope, the former Bonita Brisco of Sheridan, was honored with a Baby Shower Saturday, Oct. 2nd at 7:30 p.m. The Popes reside in Houston and this will be their first child. The affair was held in the Sheridan Community Center.

Guests registered as they entered at a table covered in white damask. The table held the honoree's baby book and was highlighted by a pink and blue floral arrangement.

Mrs. Pope was seated at a table, covered in white damask and centered by a stork, with her mother, Mrs. Harry Brisco of Sheridan; her husband's mother, Mrs. Melvin Sims, also of Sheridan; Mrs. Harry Brisco, Jr. of College Station; and Mrs. Danny Zavesky of Halletsville. Mrs. H. Brisco, Jr., the honoree's sister-in-law, and Mrs. Zavesky, a friend, helped in registering the many lovely gifts and placing the bows in a large bag made of blue net.

The hostesses presented Mrs. Pope and the mothers with pink and blue carnation corsages. Their gift to Mrs. Hope was the centerpiece from the refreshment table and a stroller. When she had completed opening the gifts, Mrs. Pope expressed her appreciation to those attending for their presence at the shower and for the lovely gifts.

Refreshments were served from a table covered identically to the other tables and centered by a beautiful autumn arrangement, a part of the hostesses' gift to the honoree. Pink fruit punch was served from a crystal punch service by Mrs. C. C. Cole. Mrs. Leola Kloss served cake to the guests. The confection was decorated in pink and blue and the top featured a miniature stork and baby, plus a pair of pink booties. Mrs. Zavesky poured coffee from a silver service.

Hostesses were Mesdames Lloyd Criswell, G. A. Loner, C. C. Cole, Leola Kloss, R. B. Criswell, Norman Hooper, Harvey Laake, Danny Zavesky and David Allgayer.

Visits

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Persons of Alvin visited in Sheridan this past weekend with the Joe Schilhabs.

Blaine Hollub of Columbus visited in Sheridan Saturday with his parents, the G. H. Hollubs.

Visitors with Mrs. S. M. Fuller of Sheridan for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cody; their son Cordelle; and granddaughter Leigh Ann Cody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Cody, all of Houston.

Recent visitors in Sheridan and with the G. H. Hollubs were the Rev. and Mrs. Wade Graves and daughter Diana. The Rev. Mr. Graves is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sheridan and is now pastoring the Second Baptist Church of Pearland.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hollub were in Houston Sunday afternoon visiting with Mrs. Hollub's sister who is a patient at the M. D. Anderson Hospital in Texas Medical Center. They left Houston late in the afternoon to return to their home in Sheridan, via Cuero, to take Mrs. R. H. Myers to her home there. Mrs. Myers had been in Beaumont and is Mrs. Hollub's mother.

Recent visitors in Sheridan with Mrs. W. H. Warthan were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rhoder and daughters of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ashley, Vicki and John and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ashley, all of Sheridan, were in Huntsville Sunday to attend the Prison Rodeo. The occasion was a treat to Dewey Ashley who celebrated his 78th birthday anniversary on Wed., Oct. 20.

Convalescents

Duwayne Dopslauf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dopslauf of Sheridan, entered the hospital in Wharton on Tuesday of last week for tests. He returned to his home in Sheridan late Wednesday.

Mrs. W. C. Benner is in the Spring Branch Memorial Hospital in Houston. Mrs. Benner fell at her home and had surgery in Houston to repair injuries sustained in the fall. According to reports from her family, she will be transferred to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital as soon as she is well enough.

Mrs. Lillian Sevier has been visiting with the Ray Creeks of San Antonio. While there she was taken ill, but according to recent reports is on the mend and soon will be able to return to her home in Sheridan.

Williamsons Entertain

A number of friends were at the Leon Williamsons' home north of Sheridan to attend a barbecue and covered dish supper Saturday evening, Oct. 9th. The Williamsons have recently purchased a mobile home and entertained their friends with a home welcoming and supper.

Church Activities

The Rev. Bernard Helge, who recently assumed the responsibility of the older Sunday School youth of the First Baptist Church of Sheridan, launched the new year of the church with a wiener roast honoring the members and prospects of the class on Oct. 16th. A good group of the young people were on hand to initiate progressive work and to enjoy fun and fellowship along with some good eats. The young people wound up their Saturday night's activities by playing volleyball.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kane and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hollub, members of the First Baptist Church of Sheridan, attended the Annual Colorado Baptist Association Meeting held at the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake. They went as representatives of their church along with their pastor, Rev. Bernard Helge of Houston, who joined them at the meeting which began at 3 p.m. Oct. 14th.

There will be a church-wide fellowship hosted by the Otte Botards at their deer camp, southwest of Sheridan, beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23rd. A special invitation is issued. Contact Mrs. Botard to find out what is needed in the line of refreshments.

Sheridan PTS Halloween Carnival Oct. 30

Plans are going forward with great progress on the Sheridan PTS Halloween Carnival-Coronation scheduled to begin during the early evening of Saturday, Oct. 30th. This is the major fund-raising project for the organization.

Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Queen's Coronation, honoring the 1976 Queen and her court. Following the coronation, a grade school costume judging will be held in the auditorium, also the site of the coronation. Next will be "Modern Jazz Dance" presented by the youth of Sheridan. Then Jacque Smith's Inflatable Dancing Dolls will perform. The next part of the program will be a women's apparel style show (male models), followed by a "Raggedy Ann Dance" by the ladies of Sheridan. The concluding part of the program will be acrobatic solos by Becky Kutzer and Adrian Garza.

Booths at the tennis courts and in the Community Center will be open at 7:00. There will be booths to provide fun and food for the entire family, located next to the Sheridan School and in the nearby Sheridan Community Center. A special invitation is extended by the Sheridan Parents and Teachers to the residents of Sheridan and surrounding communities to attend. Come enjoy yourself and show your appreciation of this organization by your support through your attendance of this special event.

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Amtrak Schedule To Be Increased

U.S. Rep. J. J. "Jake" Pickle announced Saturday that the Austin Amtrak train will change to a daily schedule from Chicago to Laredo beginning April 26, 1977. The Inter-American train from Fort Worth to Laredo presently operates three times a week.

"I am somewhat disappointed that the daily service to Austin cannot begin sooner," Pickle said. "And I intend to ask Amtrak to reconsider their plans and start the daily service sooner."

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