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Henry E. Frnka Inducted Into Greenville H.S. Hall Of Fame

(Editor's Note: Henry E. Frnka, a native of the Garwood community, was one of six men inducted into the Greenville, Texas High School Sports Hall of Fame recently. The following is a story about Frnka's coaching career from the Greenville Herald-Banner.)

(By David Claybourn
Greenville Herald-Banner)

As a renowned coach, Henry Frnka has received lots of honors. He's won Coach of the Year honors in high school and college football, was a state champion in high school football, directed his college football teams to six conference championships and five bowl games. He's even had a football play named after him. "The Henry Frnka play," a trick play that surfaced last year at Nebraska. And the list goes on.

But of all the honors Frnka says the one that means the most to him is the one received when he was inducted into the Greenville High School Sports Hall of Fame with five other men.

"I've had nothing that pleases me more than to be recognized in a city like Greenville," Frnka said. "Though he only spent five years here, each year was very special to the former Greenville High School coach."

"I'd say they were among the happiest days of my life," he said. "Delightful people. A wonderful community. We had an unusually delightful stay here."

Frnka may not be able to forget Greenville, but the city and GHS certainly can't forget him. The veteran football coach took the Lions into the state football playoffs all five years he coached there.

His 1931 Lions advanced to the state semifinals, tying Abilene, but Abilene advanced by forfeit to later win the state championship. His 1932 Lions tied Corsicana in the semifinals, but again did not advance as Corsicana scored more touchdowns. Corsicana also won state that year.

His 1933 Lions went undefeated in 14 games to win the state football championship. His 1934 Lions lost to Corpus Christi in the state semifinals.

His 1935 Lions lost to Amarillo in the state finals. But Frnka hardly takes credit for the success. "We just inherited a group of boys that were great people," he said. "We didn't bother with training rules, we didn't have to have any."

Frnka did have one rule. "When in town just keep walking, don't stop," he said. "That eliminated them from loitering at the drug stores or pool halls."

Frnka said there were three keys to the Lions' success: conditioning, execution and morale. For the conditioning, "We trained and worked hard and ran laps. We worked on the principal of conditioning that we would just wear the opposition out."

The execution part was taken care of in practice, which was always held an hour before school and an hour after school.

For morale Frnka said he got help from GHS' still famous girls drill team, "The Flaming Flashes."

"They created as much excitement as the team did," he said. "People wouldn't

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leave between halves they wanted to see the girls. Gusie Nell Davis did a super job."

Davis later went on to Kilgore Junior College where her Rangerettes have become world famous.

At Greenville teams are today the Lions under Frnka were not very big size with many players under 140 pounds, like 124 pound quarterback Bert Marshall.

But the Lions made up for the lack of size in other ways. "We'd run with you, pass with you, kick with you," he said.

The execution, one of Frnka's three keys, was so refined that his Lions completed 55 laterals in one game, and only fumbled the ball twice.

"I believe it was the next week they all wanted to lateral, they didn't block," he said.

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Fayette County Lake Still Hot Fishing Spot

The innovative 16-inch minimum size, three-fish per day limit for largemouth bass in Fayette County Project Lake continues to show signs of fulfilling its intent.

After one year, during which the 2,500-acre reservoir hosted thousands of anglers and gained popularity far beyond the state's borders, the little lake near LaGrange is still producing excellent bass action.

On a recent weekend, 172 anglers kept 90 legal-size bass weighing up to seven pounds while hooking and releasing 1,419 undersize largemouths, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department fisheries biologist Charles Menn.

At the same time, Nacogdoches City Lake in East Texas continues in its own way to prove the wisdom of restrictive bass limits for lakes where public access is denied for lengthy periods after impoundment.

Like Fayette, Nacogdoches

Two years later, the lake has yet to recover from the initial onslaught. Even though the experimental reduced bass limits are now in effect on Nacogdoches, the damage may already be done.

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Christmas Plants

The most prized Christmas decoration, until the middle of the 19th century, was the rosemary plant. Symbolizing remembrance, the rosemary was used to decorate and flavor the boar's head of old English custom. Ivy, laurel, yew and bay were also popular greens in years gone by. They have long been replaced by such modern favorites as holly, fir trees and poinsettias.

Let's Put Christ Into Christmas!

college as an executive vice-president.

He also served as vice president of Trinity University, and "became active in the oil business."

Married to Martha Hubbard Frnka, he has two sons, Edward R. Frnka and Del S. Frnka.

Christmas in Mexico

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