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Museum Notes

VISIT MUSEUM: Seeing is believing

The old adage "Seeing is believing" certainly proves true in regards to those of you who have visited our museum. If you haven't seen the many interesting and historical items that are on display, why not join the list of those who have?

Recently I wrote about pupils of the fourth and fifth grades and their teachers making tours. Charles Abel, the principal of Eagle Lake Middle School, also visited with a group of students. The museum is so proud of the many letters received from the displays that interested them the most. They were very appreciative of the opportunity to be there. Having been a teacher of English grammar for many years I was so grateful to observe the good penmanship, writing style, grammar, and spelling. These letters will be kept on

file. Our curator Bill Harrison Sr. took many pictures of the children; and since he received an extra copy of each, he gave them to the school for the pupils to enjoy. Duplicates of these pictures may be seen at the museum in our picture album. We hope the school children, along with many more of you, will visit the museum during the summer months.

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A number of books, including many children's books have been donated since the report given recently. Remember that books may be brought to the museum from 2-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Of course, they may also be purchased during those hours.

Elizabeth Boothe, reporter

Henry High alumni hold 1st reunion

Unique may best describe May 11, when an historic first reunion of the Alumni of E.H. Henry High School was held. This event had a touch of magic, a dream come true. Today's activities proved that memories of a vanished institution could never be lost. Echoes from nearly all classes, 1932-1966, were shared.

The reunion was officially opened by a welcome and commendations from the Mayor of the City, E.H. Henry High historical episodes were

given by one of its first graduates, Mrs. Lillian Redus Dixon, alumni from as far away as Philadelphia came. Communications of love and concern came from others unable to attend at the time. Reflections of the past honored some of the former teachers, Mrs. Iris E. Clarke, Mrs. Amie Belle Mayo, Mrs. Ethel Ward and Mr. Berry. Others teachers and alumni were silently memorialized. This magnificent event was the brain child of alumni C.L.

Polk and Ruth "Doll Jones" Ferguson. They spearheaded the project and were assisted by others. Rev. O.B. Rhodes offered grace for lunch. Food, fun and fellowship began at 10 a.m. and lasted into the afternoon. A lofty level of friendship and fellowship culminated the day's activities and left all looking forward to next year's reunion. We now know the reality of a first reunion is a creation that stands alone.

Olympics, other activities enjoyed at Heritage House

During National Nursing Home Week, we have to say it turned out to be a blast! On Monday, May 13, Heritage House had a weiner roast supper. The residents enjoyed a delicious meal of hot dogs cooked on a grill, strawberry shortcake, beans, chips, a variety of vegetables and punch. Everyone had a wonderful time.

We started Wednesday off with a tour of the unique Prairie Edge Museum located here in Eagle Lake. Three of our residents, Dora Bowen, Emma Randolph and Raymond Harper, were given the complete tour by Wm. Harrison Sr., who provided very interesting information on all objects in the museum. We want

to thank Mr. Harrison and the Prairie Edge Museum for letting us have the privilege of touring the wonderful and informative center. Our residents were given a special luncheon on Wednesday and what a luncheon! The dietary department, headed by Helen Perry, provided a nice meal that will not be forgotten. They prepared a delicious variety of tuna, chicken salad and pimiento cheese sandwiches, a large assortment of vegetables, chips and punch. For dessert, watermelon was served especially for all our watermelon lovers, which was everyone!

The Junior Senior Olympics was our day for winning and having a lot of fun. Heritage House entered six residents in

the olympics, Herbert Hoffman, Dee Sopchak, Ronnie Ingram, Evelyn Redmond, Georgia Franks and Raymond Harper. We left the facility around 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning heading for Le Tulle Park in Bay City. Once we arrived, we registered our entrants in all four events, set up our picnic table under the beautiful tall oaks, and then proceeded to be involved in the activities.

The events were bean bag toss, basketball throw, horseshoe pitching and baseball throw. Our honored resident, Mr. George Franks, walked off with a gold medal in the horseshoe pitching contest and boy, was he honored. Everyone had a great time, the weather and scenery was beautiful and no rain!

After the olympic games were over, we all decided to wander down to Matagorda beach and had a great time enjoying the warm water, picking shells and talking a lot. We finally arrived back home around 6:30 p.m. with many memories for all of us.

Friday was our last day of National Nursing Home Week and we ended it with an old fashioned barbecue chicken dinner, with all the trimmings. The dining area was festively decorated with checkered table cloths to give the outdoor look and then came the delicious meal.

Employees and some of the residents enjoyed the old but still stylish outfits that were worn too. For entertainment, Louis Vacek, arrived in the evening and played the piano and accordion with lively tunes of polka music. Our residents truly enjoyed the day.

Heritage House would like to thank all volunteers who contributed their time and items to make Nursing Home Week very useful for us. Special thanks to the dietary department of Heritage House for all the great cooking; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walker for the use of their barbecue pit; Prairie Edge Museum for the wonderful tour; Ma. Rowena Watkins for providing transportation to the olympics and for cheering the residents on. Also special thanks to Louis Vacek for the "peppy" entertainment on the piano, to F&W Food Store in Garwood for the case of chickens, and Michael Horndt, for barbecuing for everyone at Heritage House. We thank all of you so much!



Heritage House participants enjoy the outdoors and picnic area of LaTulle Park located in Bay City. Everyone had a very memorable day.

Pigeon children achieve in church

Frank and Barbara Pidgeon have recently received exciting news from Houston and Ft. Worth.

Jack R. Pidgeon was recently officially appointed full time minister to Singles, at the Braeswood Assembly of God Church, in Houston. Jack and his wife, Mary Jean have served the Singles Dept. as volunteers in teaching and counseling for the past five years and have been members of the Braeswood congregation for the past eight years. Prior to his appointment in the ministry, Jack owned his own insurance agency in Houston. Jack and Mary have three children.

Frankie Adams, the former Frankie J. Pidgeon, has recently become a deacon minister at Arlington Heights United Methodist Church. She plans on returning to college in the fall toward completing her degree and plans to attend Bible Divinity School. She also will continue her work as director of Christian Education at Arlington. She and her husband, Jan Adams, live in Fort Worth and have three children.

Jack and Frankie are the children of Frank C. Pidgeon and the late Gladys R. Pidgeon.

Xi Pi Psi sorority welcomes Sue Causey

The last meeting of Xi Pi Psi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was held at the Pappy Seaholm house on May 25. The new president, Glenda Blair, presided as business was conducted to close out the year. The museum quilt block has been designed by Lynn Holden, lettered by JoAnn Mahalic and embroidered by Mary Lou Szymanski. A Lifetime Unit will be donated to the Pilot Club. Sandy Bandy, program chairman, passed out next year's schedule of meetings for members to sign up for hostess duties and to choose program assignments.

Glenda conducted an Exemplar Ritual for Sue Causey that was very impressive. She progressed from the Ritual of Jewels chapter, Alpha Delta Phi and is very welcome. Two more guests also were welcomed with yellow roses as Cindy Chestnut, formerly of El Campo and Sandra Boyette attended the meeting.

JoAnn Mahalic gave a program on "The Dance." She showed film of two different dances and gave prizes to several who had guessed all the dances right. Members enjoyed seeing more films she had taken from as long as thirteen years ago at meetings and parties. It was nice seeing friends who have moved away, what long hair-dos all were wearing and somehow everyone was much slimmer.

Garden Club holds covered dish luncheon

The Eagle Lake Garden Club met in the home of Sophie Zoeller for a covered dish luncheon on May 14 with eight members present.

Mrs. Esther Sunderman gave the opening prayer. After lunch, Mrs. George Longmire opened meeting. Treasurer gave report of \$121.15, paid out \$2.54 for stamps and \$3 for cards leaving balance of \$115.51. Cards and flowers are sent to anyone in the hospital for three days or more; and memorials are sent for a death of immediate family.

Mrs. Longmire suggested changing the name of the Garden Club. After discussion, it was decided to table the suggestion.

The slate of officers were presented and elected by acclamation. They are: Mrs. Henry Rutledge, president; Mrs. George Longmire, vice president and horticulture; Mrs. Sophie Zoeller, secretary and reporter; Mrs. Louise Phillips, treasurer and telephone chairman; Mrs. C.E. Marshall, Token of Love chairman; members of the nominating committee, Mrs. H.T. Nelswander, chairman, Mrs. E.L. Mooney, co-chairman and Mrs. Tule Anderson.

Obituaries

Mrs. Wyvon F. Baker

Mrs. Wyvon F. (Bonnie) Baker, 73, of Rock Island, died on May 29 at 2:40 p.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The funeral was conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 1 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating. Burial was in Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island.

She was born on September 12, 1911 in Braymer, Missouri, a daughter of Alfred and Daisy Lane Moss. She resided in the Rio Grande Valley most of her life before moving to Rock Island six years ago. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Norman; and her sister, Ethel Box of Missouri.

Survivors include, two sisters, Bertha Christian of Rock Island and Nellie Van Ouderkerke of Boerne; a brother, Ernest Moss of Rock Island; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and a host of loved ones.

Palbearers were Benny and Larry Moss, Joe Keith and Rodney Van Ouderkerke, and Norman and Jerry Hooper. Honorary pallbearers were Dan Hooper Jr., Bob Moss, Bob Buster, Steve Frahm.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of their loved one.

Aaron Ray Zahradnick

Infant Aaron Ray Zahradnick, newborn son of Alicia and Lloyd Zahradnick, died soon after birth in a Houston hospital.

Gravestone services and burial was held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 31 from the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake with Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home.

Survivors include his parents, and two brothers, Anthony and Col. Lee Zahradnick; grandparents, Geraldine Janus of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zahradnick of Eagle Lake; great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Zahradnick of Eagle Lake, other relatives and loved ones.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Elizabeth Gonzales

Elizabeth Gonzales, 73, of Eagle Lake, died on Sunday, May 26 at 9:30 a.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 27 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake led by Eusebio Salazar. The funeral was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28 from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Rev. Ray Widenick officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery.

She was born on January 15, 1912 in Karnes City, a daughter of Pedro and Delina Deojado Hernandez. She was a resident of Eagle Lake for over 30 years and a faithful member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church of Eagle Lake.

Survivors include her widower, Paul Gonzales of Eagle Lake; four daughters,

Rose Ramirez and Mary Helen Vasquez, both of Eagle Lake, and Virginia Martinez and Elizabeth Fernandez, both of Wallace, five sons, Julian Gonzales and Johnny Gonzales, both of Eagle Lake, and Raymond Hernandez, George Ramirez and Paul Gonzales, all of Houston; three brothers, Manuel Hernandez of Eagle Lake, Manuel Hernandez of Houston and Paul Hernandez of Houston; many loving grandchildren, nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Palbearers were George Ramirez Jr., Reynaldo Muniz Jr., Jose Aguilar, Gary Muniz, Pedro Gonzales, Julian Gonzales Jr., Manuel Fernandez and Dennis Stanley.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Creasie Watson Williams

Services for Creasie Watson Williams, of Eagle Lake, was held May 25 at 2:30 p.m. from Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Obie Rhodes officiating.

She was born in Colorado County, a daughter to Rebecca and Tom Watson. A member of Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church, she was baptized by Rev. S.A. Tillman. She attended Eagle Lake public school with S.O. Jordan as the principal. She married Frank Williams.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Willie Woods and Ollie Watson.

Survivors include: two daughters, Mrs. Helen Stewart of Houston and Mrs. Lillian Dockery of Eagle Lake; one

brother, Otha Hawkins of Houston; eight grandchildren, Frank Sloan, Dorcia Pope, Joan Davis, Alvin Milligan, Linda Lester, Barbara Jean, Melvia and Ricky; 25 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of relatives.

Palbearers were Leo Miller, Stanley Joe Smith, Gene Smith, John Pope, Melvin Gordon, Charles Davis. Honorary pallbearers Sammie Flowers, Henry Flowers, Greg Pope, Lonnie Flowers, Kerwin Davis, Ladd Davis.

Arrangements were under the direction of Penn-Thompson Funeral Home of Eagle Lake.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Louis D. Konviska

Louis D. Konviska, 60, died on May 23 in Houston.

Services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 27 from the Brookside Funeral Chapel in Houston with Rev. Richard Irvin officiating. Burial was in Brookside Memorial Park.

He was born on August 4, 1924 and raised in Eagle Lake. Survivors include his widow, Doris Dell Konviska of Crosby;

a daughter, Cynthia Russell of Houston; two sons, Larry and Johnny, both of Houston; a sister, Tillie Moore of Bay City; a brother, Albert Konviska of Eagle Lake; six grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of their loved one.

Willie Schroeder

Willie Schroeder, 73, of Wharton, died on May 24 at 11:44 a.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 26 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake with W.T. Broome of Wharton officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery.

He was born in Brenham on February 27, 1912, a son of the late Fred and Emma Steimann Schroeder. He lived in Lissie for almost 30 years and worked for Bob Strunk House Moving

Service before moving to Wharton five years ago. He was a member of the Wharton Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses.

Survivors include, three sisters, Esther Schroeder, Ola Reagan and Lillie Reese, all of Wharton; a brother, Charlie Reese of East Bernard; and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Palbearers were Chester, Clifford, Charlie Jr. and Marvin Schroeder, Jesse Rodriguez and David Broome.

Mrs. A.H. (Jose) Brisco

Mrs. A.H. "Jose" Brisco, of Sheridan, was born in Floresville, Texas on March 14, 1899 to Young and Sarah Flemmings Williams.

Mary Josephine Williams was united in marriage to A.H. "Bud" Brisco on February 18, 1917 in Sheridan. The family with their three oldest children moved to the Lissie community in 1922, later moving to Eagle Lake and raising their family there. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Brisco moved to New Summerfield, Texas, living in her trailer next door to her youngest daughter, Barbara. The last few months were spent with another daughter, Gertrude, in Berwick, Louisiana, where she died May 31 at 10 a.m. in a Louisiana hospital.

Mrs. Brisco dearly loved doing hand-work; to which despite her age, her eyesight permitted her to do many lovely pieces of hand-work which included many beautiful quilt tops. Another pleasurable pastime was her many photo albums of her family and all their activities. The three "chippers" little sisters thoroughly enjoyed being together, sharing their many family experiences and visiting their families.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, in 1972; a sister, Mrs. Alice Williams Cloud; one son, Billy Brisco; two daughters, Verna Brisco and Mrs. W.A. (Margie) Rooks; three grandchildren, Michael Wayne Brisco, Rusty Hall and Bertice Lee Dittich.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Everett (Clara Bell) Hubbard of Alvin, Mrs. Minnie Melton of Edna; four daughters, Mrs. Frank (Eva Lee) Dittich of Lissie, Mrs. Lee J. (Eve Lois) Neimeyer of Hockley, Mrs. Wayne (Gertrude) Sizemore of Berwick, Louisiana and Mrs. Billy H. (Barbara) Hall of New Summerfield; two sons, Louis Lanzo and Jesse Monroe Brisco.

Lalla Beatrice New

Lalla Beatrice New of Alvin died on Wednesday, May 29 in the Alvin Convalescent Home at the age of 88. She had been in failing health for some time.

Mrs. New and her husband had resided in the Bonus Community since 1931, where they were engaged in the farming business. In 1978 they moved to Alvin. Mrs. New was a member of the Bonus Baptist Church and the Wharton County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Alton and Lillian New of Lissie, Loden and Esther New of Eagle Lake, Travis and Mildred New of Wimberly, daughters and sons-in-law, Lola and Coy Dixon, Melba and Joe Craft of Alvin, one sister-in-law, Mrs. Nora Franks; 15 grandchildren; 36 great grandchildren and seven host of nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Johnny Joshua, three children, nine brothers, three sisters preceded her in death.

Serving the family was the Oak Park Funeral Home in Alvin.

Gravestone services were held at 4:00 p.m. in the Wharton Cemetery in Wharton with Rev. Kenneth Tomlin of Katy and former pastor of Bonus Baptist Church.

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