

Society

Class of 1945 gather for forty year reunion



Class members attending the reunion were: sitting, Lois Beane Alexander; first row, Mary K. Alley Spalinger, Sue Colly Kreidler, Eileen Renz Nelson; second row, Oia Mae Wiese Ashby, Jerri Blessington Fling, Billy Jean Gordy Collier, Jay Anderson; third row, Walter L. Bauer, Virginia Mill Bauer, Jean Barnett Witte; fourth row, Howard "Bud" Fitzgerald; fifth row, Raymond Jochetz, Gene Durbin; sixth row, Robert P. Wilcox, Maurice Willis.

Forty years after their graduation, the Eagle Lake High School Class of 1945 met recently for a reunion. The festivities began on Saturday, August 31 at the lovely home of Bob and Betty Wilcox. Sixteen class members, their spouses and guests were present to enjoy wine and cheese served from tables beautifully decorated with the class colors of blue and gold. Since this was the first reunion of the 1945 class, the time was spent getting reacquainted and reminiscing. Everyone had a delightful time.

After leaving the Wilcox home, some class members visited the Prairie Edge Museum. They had many good things to say about Eagle Lake's museum and the many remembrances it brought to mind.

The evening was spent at The Farris 1912. A special table was set up for scrap books, pictures, and memorabilia, among which were banners and a band uniform in the school colors of black and orange.

Walter Lee Bauer gave the welcome and invocation. After a delicious dinner, an introduction of special guests, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, Mrs. Willie Mill and Mrs. Winnie Wiese, was made. These mothers were always involved with the class, and two of them, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Mill, graduated together from the same high school 59 years ago.

A tribute was made to the deceased class members, Leona "Gibby" Arndt (Mrs. Ray) Estlinbaum, Glenn Duvy, Kenneth Crow, Melvin Hayden, and Douglas Tate. Scripture was read by Jay Anderson and he encouraged many comments from the group in memory of the missed classmates.

Senior profiles taken from the "Eaglet" were given by class members about each other. Many found they had changed in forty years. During World War II when some of the classmates went in to the military and did not get to stay and play football.

The "Perfect Senior Girl",

taken from the "Eaglet" was read by "Bud" Fitzgerald; the "Perfect Senior Boy", read by Billy Jean Gordy Collier.

"Do You Remember?" was given by Mae Ashby, Jerri Fling, Kate Spalinger, Virginia Bauer, and Bob Wilcox. Some of these memories included War Ration Books, one cent postage stamps, Cole's Theater and the Saturday afternoon movie serials, boys going into the military, the school's war efforts, the Drama Club, Senior Play, our first school lunchroom, and numerous other things brought to mind.

Awards were given out by Jerri Fling and Mae Ashby. The classmate who traveled the longest distance to the reunion was Gene Durbin, who came from Tulsa, Oklahoma. The award for having the youngest child was Bob Wilcox; having the oldest child was Sue Kreidler. The classmate with the grayest hair was Billy Jean Collier. Raymond Jochetz had changed the least in 40 years while Gene Durbin was voted to have changed the most. Classmate who has come closest to realizing her or her Senior Class Prophecy was Lois Beane Alexander.

The benediction was given by Jay Anderson, and a promise was made to have another reunion in five years. Everyone had such a nice time.

Class members present for this fortieth anniversary reunion were: Mary K. Alley (Mrs. Charles) Spalinger, Milton Jay Anderson, Jean Barnett Witte, Victor White, Walter Lee Bauer, Virginia Mill (Mrs. Walter) Bauer, Lois Beane (Mrs. R.D.) Alexander, Jerri Blessington (Mrs. Curtis) Fling, Sue Colly (Mrs. Maynard) Kreidler, Gene Durbin, Howard "Bud" Fitzgerald, Billy Jean Gordy Collier, Harold E. Grasshoff, Raymond Jochetz Jr., Eileen Ann Renz (Mrs. Morris) Nelson, Oia Mae Wiese (Mrs. Bob) Ashby, Robert P. Wilcox, and Maurice Willis.

Unable to be present were: Emmanuel "B.B." Braden, Walter Lee Kessler, Wilbert D. Kucharka, Marsha Mundt (Mrs. Ralph) Nicholson, Lillie Mae Schindler (Mrs. Marvin) Himer, Leonard Walker, and Leether Wright (Mrs. Woodrow) Glueck.



Elizabeth Berger, Richard Matzke announce engagement, wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Berger of Garwood are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann to Richard Don Matzke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Matzke of Wharton.

Miss Berger is a graduate of Rice High School of Altair and San Houston State University of Huntsville and is presently enrolled at Wharton County Junior College.

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Altar Society met at Didner Hall

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Altar Society met Thursday, September 5 at Didner Hall. Father Ray opened the meeting with prayer.

Under old business, serving refreshments at the Heritage House was discussed. Our next date for serving will be October 27. Father mentioned that on November 24, the Thanksgiving Community Service will be held and on December 8 the Christmas Contests will be at the Methodist church. President Kohleffel mentioned there is a new list of church members who are to bring flowers to church. She urged the members to read the list and make note of the changes.

Under new business, the Eagle Lake society will host the Altar Society District meeting on October 15 at 10 a.m. in Didner Hall. All members need to bring a salad and dessert.

With no further business to discuss, Father Ray gave a talk on the history and changes in Canon Law, and closed the meeting.

We would like to thank our hostesses, Mrs. Helen Supak and Mrs. Mary Theuman, for the delicious refreshments. Margaret Briscoe won the door prize.

Also, a warm welcome is extended to our new member, Mrs. Sandy Thomson. We are glad to have her in our society.

Heather Henske turns three

Heather Marie Henske, daughter of Mike and Penny Henske, was honored with a party and barbeque on Saturday, August 31 celebrating her third birthday. Her actual birthday was August 30.

Heather enjoyed opening her gifts and blowing out her three candles on her birthday cake. Afterwards, the honoree and her guests enjoyed playing and later that evening a barbeque supper was served.

Helping the honoree celebrate her birthday were her parents, sister, Kim; grandparents, Frank and Fred and Florence Henske; aunts, Sandy Schneider and Linda Swoboda; cousins, Grant, Justin and Stacy Schneider and Shannon, Shawn and Shea Swoboda, and friends, Gary Harris and son, Beau.



Sweeney announces Sealy airport grant

U. S. Congressman Mac Sweeney announced last week that a \$5 million funding package for the new Sealy Airport has been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.

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Elizabeth Dole, secretary of transportation, indicated to Sweeney in a personal phone call that the project will receive \$1.5 million in fiscal year 1986, and \$1 million early in fiscal 1988.

Sweeney said he was confident of gaining the balance of the grant in Fiscal Year 1988.

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project manager, said the money will be used to build the actual facility that will "possibly be in operation December, 1988." Sturges added he hoped to have "tractors in the dirt momentarily."

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project under the auspices of the FAA Airport Improvement program. It has been said the airport itself will create 800 new jobs during the construction phase, and once completed will provide 200 jobs for necessary mechanics and various ground personnel.

Initially, Sealy airport will be able to handle aircraft ranging in size from small private airplanes up to DC-9's and 737's handling freight.

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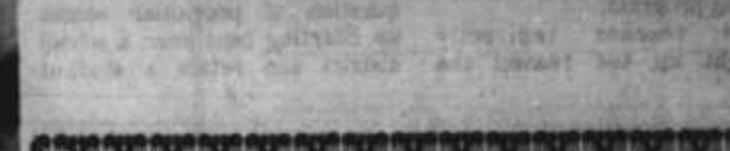
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Eagle Lake, Garwood girls are fair winners

Entrants from the Eagle Lake and Garwood areas were top winners last Saturday in the annual Colorado County Fair Queen contest, as well as the new Junior Fair Queen contest. Top left, Lezi Schilling, left, was first runner up to Junior Fair Queen Julie Frank of Columbus, center; second runner up was Tara Bartek; Below left, Kimberly Powers of Eagle Lake answers a question posed by Junior Fair Queen MC Bill Carpenter; Below right, Jennifer Fields answers a question asked by fair queen MC Clinton Voelkel, and in the photo at left, Miss Congeniality Valerie Benge, right, and Membership Queen Angela Warsheck, pose for a picture.



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