'The Gift of Life'

Pastor's Study

A man named George was accustomed to driving his wife, Rosie, to church every Sunday. George and Rosie had been married for forty years and they loved each other deeply. They did everything together. They were inseparable in practically every area of their life — except one.

When George drove his wife to church on Sunday, Rosie went in and George remained in the car reading his newspaper. Rosie died, and for many Sundays thereafter, church members looked wistfully at the parking lot because George's car was no longer seen there.

Several months later, on Easter Sunday, George's car again appeared, and George went into church. The preacher delivered a stirring resurrection sermon and then, as was his custom, invited the members of the congregation to respond. Whereupon, George stood up and, with deep emotion said firmly, "Rosie lives!" Then he began to sing: "My wild Irish Rose, the sweetest flower that grows..." One person joined in, then another and another. Finally everyone present was joyfully singing what someone later described as "the most beautiful Easter hymn ever sung in our church."

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Tait chapter hears program

Col. C.W. Tait chapter No. 669, Children of the Confederacy, met February 23 in the James R. Cranek home at 2 p.m. In absence of the president, Stephanie Imbornone, treasurer David Steck conducted the business meeting.

Mrs. Myra Jane Draper presented a wonderful program on the "Art in the Confederacy." She showed many examples of the different types of art used in the confederacy such as lithographys, paper money.

The children's chapter is planning a trip to Washington on the Brazos.

Stoddard initiated into fraternity

Michelle Stoddard, daughter of Mary Nash Stoddard, of Dallas, formerly of Eagle Lake, and the late Michael P. Stoddard, was initiated into Epsilon Delta chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority at the University of Texas on February 8. Alpha Gamma Delta, an international women's fraternity, has installed its chapter at the Univesity of Texas at Austin with 99 new initiates.

Ms. Stoddard was a member of the first pledge class of Epsilon Delta chapter. She is the granddaughter of Clara May Nash of Eagle Lake and is a sophomore at UT Austin majoring in fashion merchandising.

Historical commission reports on historical marker sites

The Colorado County Historical Commission held its regular meeting on March 20 at 7 p.m. in the Colorado County Agricultural Building in Columbus.

Welcoming the members and guests were the gracious hosts for the evening, Mrs. Florence Zajicek, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Loessin. William H. Harrison Sr. said the invocation. A delicious covered dish meal was enjoyed by all.

Chairman Edward Woolery-Price presided over the business meeting. Mrs. Randa Simmons reported progress on eight or nine historical markers, and brought members up to date on the Ranger marker. The site chosen for this marker is on the south side of the courthouse, and the dedication ceremonies are to take place in cooperation with the homes tour events the afternoon of Saturday, May 17, 1986. Judge Lester Cranek is to speak along with Mrs. James Hopkins and notables from the Department of Public Safety and the Rangers.

Mrs. Patti Woolery-Price reported that typesetting has begun on the county history book. In about four or four and one-half months, the book will be ready for proof-reading after which the final printing will be made. Patti and all those who have helped in this project are due a vote of thanks for their patience and perseverance. Also to be commended are those who have ordered the book and are patiently waiting. We expect it to be a treasure well worth waiting for.

Dr. James H. Wooten reported that, pursuant to this commission's instructions, the library material in the archives are being donated to the Nesbitt Library. The library's conditions for acceptance of this material were agreed to by vote of the commission.

Program chairman Henry Potter led in a discussion which set the next meeting for May 22 in Columbus.

Crockett Leyendecker was introduced as speaker for the evening. He delighted the audience with his presentation of the history of the German settlers and settlements of Colorado County complete with names, dates, letters, anecdotes, a palmetto hat and numerous pictures.

Thanks to Crockett and wife, Dorothy, who assisted, for a history lesson that will be remembered.

A history of Frelsburg and surrounding areas is expected to be ready for purchase June 8, 1986. The price is $4 per book. For further information, contact Mildred Schultz, Rt. 2, Box 242, Fayetteville, Texas 78940.

Pink Ladies meet, order baby shirts

A meeting of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) was held in the conference room of the hospital on March 18 at 9:30 a.m. Twenty members were present.

Annual reports were given by the officers and commitee chairpersons. It was voted to order shirts to be given to babies born in the hospital, compliments of the Pink Ladies.

Ura Miller recommended that the Pink Ladies continue the Christmas stockings for the babies born in December. It also was voted that the auxiliary purchase a Solid State Ultrasound machine for the physical therapy department.

The members were reminded of the annual spring meeting - a salad luncheon at the First Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m. on April 7.

Eagle Lake Study Club members hear program on landscaping

The Eagle Lake Study Club met the afternoon of March 12, in the library conference room with Bunny Frazar presiding. In the absence of the secretary Betty Wilcox, minutes of the previous meeting were read by Elizabeth Boothe. The treasurer's report was given by Betty Wegenhoft. A letter from the library board written by Beth Waddell thanked the study club for the generous donation of $15,850. This gift to the library was made possible because of the successful auctions and bake sale held in November. Another letter written by Janet Schorlemmer, secretary of the board of directors of the Winermann Library, thanked the club for the generous donation of $500, which will be used to purchase additional books for our Texas Collection. As previously noted, the donation is the club's sesquicentennial project.

Kathryn McRee gave a very informative library report including information about a video tape made possible for use by Mr. and Mrs. C. Gus Glasscock Jr., Columbus, Texas. This interesting tape has both sesquicentennial events and interviews. She also told of 45 video tapes that use VCR. These tapes are from the Greater Houston Area Library System and are free; however, $1.00 will be charged if they are over-due. See Mrs. Mills about these tapes. She also reported that the second grade pupils saw films and checked out books. The Cub Scouts saw a film and received instructions on how to use the library and to check out books. These activities gave the boys credit toward their book badge.

Dr. Robert L. Strathman has graciously loaned the library a plate display which commemorates **Gone With the Wind**. Kathryn reported that in February, memorials totaled $250. The copy machine added $99.25 to our library's treasury and fines, $25.82. Circulation in February of adult, juvenile and easy-reading books was up over the January report, the figures being 452, 127 and 472 respectively.

The next meeting will be at Prairie Edge Museum April 9 at 2 p.m. There will be a brief business session, and then a treat will be in store for all present. About 2:30 p.m. a style show to which the public is invited will be presented. Adult fashions courtesy of NoNam Boutique of Wharton and JoAnn's of Eagle Lake and children's fashions courtesy of Kid's Korner, Eagle Lake, will be presented. Mary Ann Wood and Candy McCreary will coordinate the style show.

Tickets for our annual President's Luncheon will be available the first week in April. The luncheon is calendared for May 9 with Ron Franklin, sportscaster for Channel 2, our speaker.

Our speaker for the day was Scott Wingfield, landscape designer, who is owner of Wingfield Nursery and Landscaping located at 122 West Boling in Wharton. Scott gave us so many wonderful ideas, and I shall enumerate a number of these as follows:

1. Analyze the site before purchasing plants.
2. Take into consideration your house in relation to other parts of the site.
3. The slope of the land can make results more pleasing.
4. Plan for a living area which probably will include a deck and your most interesting plants.
5. Take the service area such as the garden area and the clothes-drying area into special consideration.
6. Items to consider in deciding which plants to use are hardiness, resistance to disease, tolerance of soil, growth habit and maintenance.
7. Let your trees be like a frame for your house.
8. Stagger growth of plants so that you will enjoy beautiful flowers over a longer period of time.
9. Learn proper pruning procedure.

Scott encouraged us to ask questions, and we who are not the timid variety plied him with quite a few.

Elizabeth Boothe, reporter

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Wildflower seminar in Yoakum April 5

A wildflower seminar, sponsored by the Yoakum Garden Gate Club, has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5 at the Yoakum Community Center.

The seminar will focus on the conservation of water through the propagation of natural plants and wildflowers.

This program is open to all interested persons. A $10 registration fee will be charged to cover the cost of the lucheon. Reservation deadline is this March 28.

Additional information may be obtained by calling LaWonna Quartaro 293-5196, Inez Meyer 293-7607 or Aileen Boening 293-5224.

Sheridan students relive Old West with cookoff

These 8th graders were the chili victors last Friday at Sheridan School in a student council sponsored cookoff. In the other photos, Mrs. Charlene Lawson a 3rd grade teacher, dps up chili for the judges; Mr. Deshazo seems to be enjoying the role of judge.

Students in every grade of the Sheridan School brought their history books alive last Friday with what you may think is a modern day event. As a local Sesquicentennial activity, each classroom started early in the morning making their own pot of chili, ending with a cookoff created and sponsored by the student council.

The historical significance, as related by several of the 8th graders in Coach Bennie Mahac's class, was that in the old west, the cowboys often had only a chili-like meal and beans for nourishment.

Whether any of the pots cooked at the school Friday resembled what the old cowboys might have eaten probably is open for discussion, but the school called in three judges to pick the best. Mrs. Thelma Walker, assistant superintendent Charles DeShazo and Headlight editor John Fearing took on the task. They traveled from class to class bearing their official "Judges" badge, which included a Pepto Bismal tablet glued to each badge.

Machac's 8th graders won the grand prize, with three other classes winning: Mrs. Carolyn Pavlu's third graders won first; Annie Ondrusek's kindergarten class won second, and Mrs. Fran Hajovsky's 4th grade class won third.

In many of the classes, the students said their recipes were secret. In others they started out with a recipe someone brought in, and then "adjusted" it depending on what their mother's added at home. Some chili was just spices and meat, while others included lima beans, corn and potatoes.

None of the judges reported having to use the tablet on their badges.

County Fair catalog ad deadline April 15

Volunteers who organize and stage the Colorado County Fair each year have been hard at work on the 1986 version of the county-wide event, meeting monthly in Columbus.

The current active project includes printing the two major catalogs of the fair that detail competition in the home ec, fine arts and livestock areas.

In addition to the fact that both catalogs will be available the first of May, two other notes about the catalogs are newsworthy this year. The first is that most of them already have been revised to include 1986 event and rule changes, and the other is that chairmen of various events are selling advertisements in them. Advertising deadline is April 15.

Two years ago the fair received complaints that too many people were selling advertising in too many fair publications, so the fair sold ads only in the main fair program in the fall. That revenue barely covered publication of the three books, so this year ads are available in all three.

However, it is unlikely that businesses will be solicited for all three books. First, livestock chairman Harrison Walker of Eagle Lake is selling ads only from livestock businesses while chairmen selling the catalog for home ec and fine arts will be knocking on doors of businesses through out the county.

If there is any confusion or complaints, contact John Fearing at The Headlight, 234-5521, who is coordinating the catalogs.

Ad sales for the main fair program will begin in August. That will be an excellent advertising buy for merchants in Colorado County, since about 20,000 copies of the tabloid feature will be printed, and mailed to every address in the county. Merchants will be able to reach more households with that issue than they would by advertising in all county newspapers combined.

At various meetings this year the board has vetoed the suggestion that another rodeo be held in the Livestock area. The board is looking at holding other events in that area, like barrel racing or wild cow milking contests, as entertainment for the livestock area.

The next fair board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. April 10 in the county agriculture building, next to the jail, in Columbus.

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