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Luann Brown and Richard Meyer exchange vows

Surrounded by family and friends, Bonnie Luann Brown and Richard William Meyer exchanged vows on Saturday, June 21, 1986 at three thirty in the afternoon. The First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake was the setting for the double ring ceremony presided over by Reverend Melburn Sibley.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene F. Brown of Eagle Lake. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meyer of Columbus.

The nuptial area was a setting of soft candlelight with an impressive grouping of nine branch candelabras. The arched, spiral and globed candelabras held slim white tapers and were entwined with fern. A large arrangement of white gladiolas centered on a tall white column formed the focal point under the sanctuary cross. White satin bows marked the pews.

Preceding the ceremony, Carl Gene Brown, brother of the bride, and Daniel Elizondo lit the alter candles.

The bride was escorted to the alter and given in marriage by her father. For her wedding, Bonnie Luann chose a designer gown of white silk organza and Alencon lace. The gown featured a fitted basque bodice with a wide sweetheart neckline and large puff sleeves. The bodice and sleeves were generously detailed with bridal pearls and iridescents following the design of the Alencon lace. From the drop waistline, a beautiful skirt of silk organza featured lace appliques and was deeply bordered at the hemline with lace that swept into a circular cathedral train. Complementing her gown, the bride wore a tiered illusion veil held in place by a wreath of the same Alencon lace, flowers, seed pearls and iridescents. She carried a cascading bouquet of white pixie carnations and stephanotis with accents of baby's breath and small burgundy and pink roses.

ATTENDANTS

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Judy Bunge of Garwood and matron of honor was Michelle Brown, sister-in-law of the bride, of Waco. Bridesmaids were Misses Cheryl Frank and Renee Meyer, sister of the groom, both of Columbus; Elaine Clements of Texarkana; Keli Wise of Houston and Ashli Anderson, cousin of the bride, of Odessa.

They were gowned alike in formal dresses of fuschia moire taffeta featuring a sweetheart neckline and large puff sleeves. A wide cummerbund encircled the natural waistline. They each carried a bouquet of shaded pink carnations and azalia blossoms, burgundy and pink rosebuds and greenery adorned with lace and satin streamers. For their hair, they wore a clip of baby roses and seed pearls. The flower girl was Miss Leslie Neuendorff of Columbus. Her dress was of the same material and design as the bride's attendants. She carried a demi bouquet of the same silk flowers.

The groom's cousin, Clement Kubicek of Frelsburg, served as best man. Groomsmen were Rodney Meyer, brother of the groom, Tony Kubicek, cousin of the groom, Rusty Neuendorff and Ronnie Neuendorff, all of Columbus; Jack Cloat of Frelsburg, and Lynn Braden of Mentz. Ushering guests were Carl Brown, Daniel Elizondo, Carl Hilmer and Kenny Barton of Columbus.

The groom and his attendants wore heather gray tuxedos. Their white ruffled shirts and rosebud boutonnieres accented their attire.

Special guests were grandparents, Mrs. Edna Fouts, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Anderson of Haskell, Mrs. Victor Kulhanek of Ellinger and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meyer of Columbus.

Music was provided by organist Mrs. Clara May Nash. Soloist, Mrs. Vickie Powers, sang "The Wedding Sng," "That's the Way," "Surround Me With Love," and concluded the ceremony with "The Lord's Prayer."

Mr. and Mrs. Richard William Meyer

RECEPTION

Following the ceremony, the newlyweds were guests of honor at a reception, dinner and dance at the Veterans' Community Center in Columbus. Guests entered the reception through tall stands of globed candles. Guests were registered at a table draped with tiered white lace and fuschia cloth. The table held a large silk flower and dove arrangement. The bride's book, plume pen and a picture of the couple adorned the table. Mrs. Marcus Gunter tended the table.

The bride's table, beautifully draped with a tiered white lace cloth, held a four-columned wedding cake. Clusters of confection roses in shades of pink surrounded the layers and were placed between the columns. Candelabras with long white tapers and silk flowers added to the beauty of the table. The bride's cake was designed and created by Mrs. Leroy Lundquist of Garwood.

The groom's table, draped with white lace and a gray cloth, was centered with a two layered German chocolate cake which featured a softball player at bat. The inscription "Home Run - June 21, 1986" was written on the cake. The table also held a large candle arrangement and a silver wine chiller. The groom's cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Charlene Prazak of Eagle Lake.

Members of the house party included Mrs. Marian Frank, Mrs. Joyce Stancik, Miss Darlene Stancik, Mrs. Shirley Seaholm, Mrs. Eunice Gunter, Mrs. Ruby Darnell, Mrs. Lana Stein, Donna Schindler, Leanne Kubicek, Mrs. Martha Sibley and Mrs. Evelyn Kubicek. Decorating for the reception was Mrs. Floyd Neuendorff.

Following the wedding dinner, a dance was held with the grand march being led by Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Ripper, friends of the bride.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will make their home in Columbus.

REHEARSAL

On Friday evening, June 20, Mrs. Melburn Sibley assisted her husband, the Reverend Melburn Sibley, in coordinating the wedding plans. Following the rehearsal, the wedding party and other guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meyer with a delicious dinner catered by Mikeska in Columbus.

During the evening the engaged couple presented tokens of remembrance to their attendants and to each other.

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Stephens family reunion held in Nashville

Nine members of the Charles D. Stephens family flew to Nashville, Tennessee to attend the annual reunion of the George W. Stephens family. The kinfolks met at the Gene Stephens farm out of Antioch for long hours of reminiscing and much good food.

The Stephens home was of particular interest to Joe Mike Spanihel because he had helped dismantle the log cabin serving as a foundation and nucleus of the farm home when he was in service at Fort Knox in 1972.

Joe Mike and Leon "Sonny" Spanihel returned home on June 29. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, Diane, Stacey, Michelle, Lauren and Charlyne Spanihel, and Kurt Sonderman remained until July 1 so the younger ones could become better acquainted with their Tennessee cousins.

Cindy Rodriguez, Daniel Garza announce engagement, wedding

Ignacio Rodriguez of Garwood would like to announce the engagement of his daughter, Senaida "Cindy" Rodriguez to Daniel Garza of Missouri City, son of Mr. and Mrs. Heberto G. Garza of Eagle Lake.

Cindy is the daughter of the late Mary G. Rodriguez of Garwood and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garza Sr. of Sealy and the late Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Rodriguez of Waelder. She is presently attending Texas Woman's University in Houston where she seeks a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Daniel is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Isarro Gonzales of Phoenix, Arizona and Mr. and Mrs. Inocencio Garza of Monterrey, Mexico. He attends the University of Houston and seeks a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

Both Cindy and Daniel are graduates of Rice High School in Altair. They plan to exchange wedding vows on Saturday, August 16 at two o'clock in the afternoon at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Gary and Garett Cranek honored on birthdays

A country style back yard party honoring Gary and Garett Cranek, father and son, on their birthdays was held the evening of June 27 at their home in Garwood. Hosting the party was Gary's wife, Marla, and their daughter, Christie Michelle. Gary celebrated his 30th birthday and Garett his second birthday.

A delicious barbecue with all the trimmings was enjoyed by those attending. Swimming, swinging, riding, four-wheelers and playing dominoes highlighted the party. Garett received a battery powered three-wheeler from his parents and sister and many other gifts.

Special guests attending were Garett's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bures of El Campo and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cranek Jr. of Garwood; aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bram, Jason and Amy Bram of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cranek, Cari and Cody of Garwood, Gerald Cranek and Kenneth Bures.

Mishler in USA competition

Kathy Mishler, owner of the Eagle Lake Fitness Center, will enter national body building competition this weekend in Beaumont.

She qualified for the national competition on July 5th when she won second place in her weight category. That meet was called the Texas Cup and was held in Austin.

The USA Meet in Beaumont includes pre-judging competition on Friday, July 18, at 7 p.m., and additional competition the following night also at 7 p.m. Competition is in the Beaumont Civic Center.

In national competition several years ago in Las Vegas, Kathy won third place in the body building for her weight class.

Director Recognition

Pictured left to right are George R. Kainer of Schulenberg, Chairman of the Board of the LaGrange-Bellville Federal Land Bank Association of Bellville, as he presents Retiring Director Woodrow W. Brewer of Lexington, with a plaque in recognition of twenty-three years of service as an Association Director. The presentation was made at the recent stockholders meeting in LaGrange.

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Garwood Lions Club elect new officers

The Garwood Lions Club held their annual ladies' night and election of officers at 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 at Sportsman's Restaurant in Eagle Lake. A roast beef buffet with all the trimmings was enjoyed by the members, their wives and guests attending.

Mike Ramsey, outgoing president, welcomed everyone and introduced guests. Reggie Briscoe, deputy district governor, installed the new officers. The 1986-87 officers are: Frederick Leopold, president; Ralph Sienke, first vice president; Mark Waligura, second vice president; Brad Engstrom, third vice president; Mike Michalka, secretary-treasurer; Bill Carpenter, tail twister; John Mader and Kenneth Dankiefs, one year directors, and Billy Ray Krenek and Larry Smidovec, two year directors.

Ramsey presented the gavel to Frederick Leopold, new president, and the meeting was adjourned with a closing song.

Beth Raley, Andrew Dow honored with parties

Beth Raley and Andrew Dow were honored at a Mexican brunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Smith of Rosenberg. Invitations and menus for the occasion were printed in Spanish.

Sharing hostess duties were Kathy and Bill Raley, Shelly Robertson and Felita O'Brien.

The home was decorated with red and white gladiolas to carry out a festive theme. The menu for the fiesta consisted of a variety of delicious Mexican foods.

The honorees were presented with a glazed earthen-ware pitcher. Guests included the families of the couple and members of the bridal party.

Luncheon

Beth Raley, bride-elect of Andrew Dow, was honored with a luncheon at the Magnolia Room in Columbus. The hostesses were Mrs. Anthony Kallina and Mrs. Robert Schiurring.

Preceding the delicious salad lunch, mimosas and appetizers were served. Arrangements of yellow day lilies were used as table decorations.

Guests were the honoree's mother, Mrs. Bob Raley; maternal grandmother, Mrs. W.R. Frnka of Garwood, sister, Mrs. Jackie Smith, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Bill Raley both of Rosenberg.

The hostesses' gift to the bride was a lovely crystal bowl.

Bridal luncheon

Miss Elizabeth Theresa (Beth) Raley, bride-elect of Andrew Dow of Houston, was honored with a bridal luncheon on June 10 at the lovely home of Mrs. Frank Higgins in Eagle Lake. Miss Raley is employed as an elementary teacher at Lamar Consolidated School in Richmond and Mr. Dow is with the First State Bank in Magnolia. The evening wedding is calendared for August 9 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

As guests gathered informally in the spacious foyer, they were offered fruit punch from a large crystal punch bowl, with cheese wafers and tidbits as appetizers.

Guests were seated in the dining room and living room. The tables were set in tones of white, rose and green. The luncheon consisted of a gourmet chicken salad with green grapes, a garden fresh vegetable salad with a "house" dressing and a fresh fruit salad with a lemon dressing. Dessert was served in a sherbet dish which was filled with coconut ice cream and fresh sliced strawberries. Mrs. Anna Lee Higgins and her staff members, Misses Rita Garcia and Lisa Farris, served the guests graciously from Anna Lee's popular "kitchen."

Special guests for the luncheon were the bride's grandmother, Mrs. W.R. Frnka; her sister, Mrs. Jackie Smith of Rosenberg; her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bill Raley, also of Rosenberg; the groom's mother, Mrs. George Dow Jr.; his sister, Mrs. David Mangini, and niece, Miss Meagan Mangini, all of Houston.

Hostesses were Mrs. Walter Braden, Mrs. Fritz Cranek, Mrs. Harry Engstrom and Mrs. Arlin Miller.

Hospital News

Patients (July 14)

Eagle Lake: Clarence Grace, Mary Christal, Dorothy Sinclair, Dora Larson;

Columbus: Mary Henneke, Patricia Jenkins; from Wallis: L.J. Heiman, Brenda Hatton; from Sheridan: Jo Patrick; from Wharton: Irvin Janik.

Dismissals

Eagle Lake: Credell Brown, Rosemary Walsh, Juana Gonzales, Calvin Gertson, Roland Christal, Hortencia Cordova, Olivia Cardenas, Mamie White, Bernice Williams;

Columbus: Mary Alice Lipperdt, Geralia Jenkins and baby boy, Gussie Henderson; from Wallis: John McGraw, Alma Newsome, Jason Garcia; from East Bernard: Wanda Grimes; from Houston: Shawana Shorter, Tiffany Keeling; from Altair: Irene Axel; from Alleyton: Walter Walla; from Bellville: Kelly Roberts; from Cat Spring; Jeffrey Glueck; from Sheridan: Vickie Werner and baby girl.

News from Wintermann Library

Philip Nolan was a superb horse thief who stole horses from Spanish Texas in the late 1700s, when it was a capital offense even to be there without a special license from the king of Spain. But in going in to steal wild horses, Nolan also led the first American expedition into Texas, and was the first Anglo-American to map this land.

Nolan was an Irishman working for James Wilkinson, a supreme schemer who wanted to be king of the southwest for starters, and the devil take the hindmost. At one time Wilkinson was paid by the Spanish while he was governor of the Louisiana Territory and commander-in-chief of the U.S. Army, and "was a traitor to every cause he ever embraced," according to The Oxford History of the American People.

Wilkinson somehow got his friend Nolan into Spanish Texas legally. On July 17, 1797, Nolan received a passport. It was to be the start of a series of forays into and out of Texas that ended with Spain fearing Nolan was gathering Indians and Americans to build a force to expel the Spanish. In 1801 he was murdered. This was taken from Ron Stone's **Book of Texas Days.**

New books recently in at the library include: **The Great Alone** by Janet Dailey, **Last of the Breed** by Louis L'Amour, **Wanderlust** by Danielle Steel and **Taming a Sea-Horse** by Robert B. Parker.

The library gratefully acknowledges the following contributions to the Memorial Fund: Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Duncan, Laura Crim, the Class of 1990, Willie Mill, Tommy and Gail Guthman, Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann, Erline A. Listowski, J.M. Johnson Jr., Daisy Wagner Aull, the Charles Harbich family, American Rice Growers and Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Thomas.

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