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Elizabeth Boothe continues writing about visit to Washington, D.C.

After leaving the National Archives, Sandra and I went to our hotel the J.W. Marriott, which is located on Pennsylvania Avenue and is only a few blocks from the White House. We spoke often of the beauty of the lobby with its beautiful carpets, chandeliers and fresh flowers. I want to write now about the pretty flowers and trees. The cherry trees were in bloom and what a gorgeous sight to behold! Also blooming were the tulip trees, some of which we have in Eagle Lake. The tulips, daffodils and hyacinths seemed to be in their full glory. The annual Cherry Blossom Festival had been scheduled for the Saturday that we were there but because of the weather was postponed until the next week. I'll be delighted to share the lovely album of pictures that Sandra so thoughtfully arranged and sent me.

After dining at the Marriott with a friend who Sandra had known at Meredith College and who now lives in Washington, we three went in the friend's car to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The center has five theatres, one of which is named the Eisenhower Theatre, where we saw the drama **Tom Paine**. This particular play seemed quite appropriate to see, since Sandra and I had viewed a great part of our United States history only a short time before at the National Archives. The character of Tom Paine was played by Richard Thomas, who is better known to many of us as John Boy in **The Waltons**. You can well know that the action and characterization in these two presentations was quite different.

Next week I want to tell you about our visits to the Air and Space Museum, the Museum of Natural History and the National Museum of American History, all of which belong to the Smithsonian Institution. The original Smithsonian building is now known as the "castle".

Elizabeth Boothe

Luncheon honors high school seniors

On Saturday, April 18, a luncheon honoring Rice High School seniors Kelli Lanier and Lesley Matthews and Columbus High School seniors Melissa Engstrom and Camille Hunt was given by Mrs. Dale Hunt and her daughters, Renee and Rachelle, at the Hunt home in Garwood.

At tables decorated in a spring and Easter motif, the honorees and their guests enjoyed chicken noodle supreme, spinach delight and cherry fluff salad, followed by chocolate fudge torte for dessert.

Also present to share the occasion with their daughters and their guests were Mrs. M.G. Lanier, Mrs. John Matthews, Mrs. John Engstrom and Mrs. Robert Hunt.

Catholic Church notes

The following are notes from the bulletins of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Churches (OLG):

Friday, April 24: lector training session from 5-6 p.m. and usher training session from 6-6:45 p.m. in the church.

Sunday, April 26: teacher appreciation dinner at 5 p.m. in Andrew Hall.

Wednesday, April 29: Knights of Columbus fried chicken dinner. Plates to go will be sold from the fire station from 5-6:30 p.m. for a price of $4 each.

Sunday, May 3: First Communion for both OLPH and OLG at the morning Children's Masses.

Saturday, May 16: Blood drive at OLG. Senior Mass and reception.

Sunday, May 24: Supper for Father Jesse in honor of his 22nd year of ordination into priesthood.

Rice CISD school menu

Thursday, April 23: beef and rice, black eye peas, ambrosia, peanut cookies, whole wheat rolls.

Friday, April 24: taco salad, pinto beans, dill pickles, lunchroom doughnuts.

Monday, April 27: meat and spaghetti, cheese squares, sliced peaches, chocolate brownies, cornbread, butter.

Tuesday, April 28: pigs in blanket, parsley noodles, sauerkraut, apple cobbler.

Wednesday, April 29: hamburgers, French fries, catsup, hamburger salad, oatmeal cookies.

Thursday, April 30: lasagna, buttered corn, green beans in mushroom soup, chocolate pudding, hot rolls.

Friday, May 1: tuna fish sandwiches, tater tots, catsup, combination salad, doughnuts.

Couple plan June wedding

Mr. and Mrs. James Spann, of Mount Pleasant, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melissa Gaye to John Franklin Wegenhoft IV, Second Lieutenant United States Army. He is the son of Travis Wegenhoft of Eagle Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Simmons of Columbus.

Melissa graduated from Texas A&M in December, 1986 with a bachelor of science degree in journalism. She is employed by the Student Affairs Department of Texas A&M. John will receive his bachelor of science degree in economics from Texas A&M in May. He plans to enter the Army in November, being stationed in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

The couple's wedding date is set for June 6 in Mount Pleasant.

Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer

Guy and Dollie Botard hosted their annual Easter barbecue at their camp in Sheridan. Those present enjoyed a meal of brisket and chicken cooked by Dollie, who was helped by Jackie. The trimmings consisted of beans, potato salad, chips, dips, homemade bread, tea, soft drinks, and a variety of cakes. After the meal, some guests went swimming in the creek while others hunted Easter eggs. Some even tried fishing, but they didn't catch anything.

Friends and relatives enjoying the day were: Johnny Botard, Billy Jo High, Guyla, Robert, Lori and Kim Cowan, Ethel, Felicia and Elizia Cantu, Lucas and Mikey Poole, Danette Alaniz, Clara and L.A. Botard Jr. and Roscoe and Rhonda Botard, all of Sheridan; Annie and Carl Backhus of East Bernard; Beverly, Mandy and Chris High and Frank Woytek and Debbie Akins, all of Hallettsville; Jackie, Sandra and Elizabeth Show of Katy; Bryan and Steven Show of Schulenburg; Ricky High of Eagle Lake, and Claud, Bea and Silva Lee Barrlett, all of Bellville. Of those present, seven out of 12 grandchildren attended.

The SEA wishes to remind everyone that cakes are needed for the cake walk at the Bene-Fair which is Saturday, May 3.

The Ben Smith family enjoyed spending Easter Sunday in Hallettsville with Mr. and Mrs. Everette Spittler and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sanders and children spent their Easter holidays visiting relatives in Mississippi.

Ricky Heinold and son, Heath, spent several days in Bandera hunting wild turkeys.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Hadac and children spent Thursday through Sunday visiting relatives in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Mrs. Billy High spent her Easter holidays in Athens visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gates.

Phelan, Tucker and Trevor Scott of Hallettsville visited with their grandmother, Eunice New, during the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Ross enjoyed having their grandchildren from Houston spend their Easter vacation in Sheridan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Emmett Botard and children of Del Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Botard of Edna spent Sunday visiting relatives in Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lloyd and children of Minden, Louisiana spent last weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lloyd and other family members.

Stephanie Botard, infant daughter of Warren and Kathy Botard, was christened early Easter morning in the Sublime Lutheran Church. Rev. Albert Flathmann officiated at the ceremony. Sponsors were uncle Michael Lloyd and aunt Carol Drozd. Stephanie received her first Bible from Aunt Carol and a new Easter outfit from Uncle Michael and Mrs. Jerry Lloyd. A family dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Botard at noon.

Preserve the past and ensure the future! That is what the carpenters are doing to the First Baptist Church. Progress is continuing as work has begun on the front and the steeple has been completed. In two years the building will be eligible for the historical marker placed on or near all preserved buildings by the state of Texas.

Over 50 people attended the Easter sunrise services Sunday morning. The services were beautiful and so was the weather.

Funeral services were held last Friday from Kubena Funeral Home in Hallettsville for Mrs. Elnora McKinnon. She had lived most of her married life in Sheridan, but had moved several years ago to Hallettsville to be near her daughter. Survivors are her children, Kenette Woytek and Pat McKinnon, and a sister and several brothers. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Jimmie McCourt, of San Antonio, formerly of Sheridan, was found dead near his home in Sheridan last weekend. Dulany Funeral Home transported the body to San Antonio for burial there. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Grethan.

Free spring concert April 26

The Wharton County Junior College music department will present a free spring concert by the Brass and Percussion Guild on Sunday, April 26 at 3 p.m. in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 207 Bob O'Link Lane, Wharton.

The 22-piece ensemble directed by Phil Hart features entertaining chamber music for brass from the Renaissance Era to contemporary interpretations of today.

A trumpet trio opens the program with an Army Brass Journal composition by G.W.E. Friederich entitled "Ellen Bayne." The brass choir follows with the German Lutheran Hymn "Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten" by J.S. Bach.

Also on the program are G.F. Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" arranged by Schamber and "Golden Harps are Sounding," an old hymn by Frances R. Havergal but in a modern arrangement by Carmichael.

"Three Modes for Percussion" by Roger Whittlesey are performed by WCJC percussionists.

Other selections include "Echo Song" by Orlando di Lasso, "Funeral March" by Edvard Grieg, "Slavic March" by Vaclav Nelhybel and a spiritual song, "Were You There?"; an enjoyable ragtime composition Scott Joplin named "The Strenuous Life"; the traditional "Just a Closer Walk with Thee", interpreted by the WCJC brass and percussion sections in a modern jazz. French horn player Brandon Cope of Eagle Lake is among other brass guild musicians.

East Bernard school menu

April 27: breakfast, cereal or cinnamon roll, fruit, milk; lunch, hot dog with chili and cheese, French fries, baked beans, fruit, spice bar, milk.

April 28: breakfast, cereal or pancakes, syrup, juice, milk; lunch, burrito with chili and cheese, corn, salad, fruit, cinnamon rolls, milk.

April 29: breakfast, cereal or scrambled eggs, breakfast sausage, jelly, juice, milk; lunch, chicken fried steak, whole potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit, homemade bread, milk.

April 30: breakfast, cereal or French toast, breakfast sausage, syrup, juice milk; lunch, hamburger, French fries, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles, milk.

May 1: breakfast, cereal or doughnut, fruit, milk; lunch, chicken nuggets, buttered rice and gravy, broccoli or peas, fruit, hot roll, milk.

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Charter Number 7534 Comptroller of the Currency Eleventh District

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

		Thousands of dollars
ASSETS		
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:		
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		1,447
Interest-bearing balances		2,160
Securities		17,861
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs		825
Loans and lease financing receivables:		
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	34,989	
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	673	
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve		34,316
Assets held in trading accounts		105
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		1,227
Other real estate owned		1,368
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		0
Intangible assets		0
Other assets		1,215
Total assets		60,504
LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
In domestic offices		53,424
Noninterest-bearing	5,750	
Interest-bearing (State Time + 200)	47,674	
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs		0
Noninterest-bearing	0	
Interest-bearing	0	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs		0
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		58
Other borrowed money		0
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases		48
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		0
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits		0
Other liabilities		349
Total liabilities		53,879
Limited-life preferred stock		0
EQUITY CAPITAL		
Perpetual preferred stock		0
Common stock		166
Surplus		1,711
Undivided profits and capital reserves		4,748
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments		0
Total equity capital		6,625
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital		60,504

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

Directors

I, Carol M. Mitchell, Asst. Cashier of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Carol M. Mitchell

April 14, 1987

Come AprilFest

Pictured, from left, are Lynda Appelt, first runner-up Amy Obenhaus, Little Miss Kristi Gertson, 1986 Little Miss Sunny Gertson, first runner-up Jonathon Burrow, Little Mr. Lance Grigar and 1986 Little Mr. Blake Canaris.

Gertson, Grigar named Little Miss, Mr. AprilFest

Kristi Gertson, nine-year-old daughter of Darrell and Gail Gertson, was named Little Miss AprilFest, and Lance Grigar, eight-year-old son of Michael and Melody Grigar, was chosen as Little Mr. AprilFest Saturday, April 11 during AprilFest activities at Eagle Lake Middle School.

The Little Mr. & Miss AprilFest contest was held in the school cafetorium starting at 1:30 p.m. Nine girls and four boys participated, providing some interesting information for interviewer Lynda Appelt.

Following an onstage interview, the judges chose Amy Obenhaus, seven-year-old daughter of Ray and Janice Obenhaus, as first runner-up with Kristi Gertson as Little Miss. After Lance Grigar was named Little Mr., Jonathon Burrow, seven-year-old son of Randy and Carolyn Burrow, was designated first runner-up.

Others participating in the contest were Stacie Marie Mueller, seven-year-old daughter of Stacy and Marilyn Mueller; Vanessa Rodgers, six-year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Rodgers; Shara Lynn Glaiser, eight-year-old daughter of Gary and Betsy Glaiser; Robyn Rucka, seven- year-old daughter of Michael and Sylvia Rucka; Sammi Lynn Gertson, seven-year-old daughter of Darrell and Gail Gertson; Jackie Schmitt, seven-year-old daughter of Melvin and Debra Schmitt; Trey Kucherka, eight-year-old son of Melinda and Dave Kucherka; and Kyle Fink, seven-year-old son of Jerry and Cindy Fink.

Sunny Gertson and Blake Canaris, 1986 winners, presented a ribbon to each participant and trophies to the winners.

Judges for the contest were Patsy Tydlack of Wharton, Becky Mills of Sealy, and precinct two commissioner Butch Strunk of Oakland.

Suzanne Corman crowned AprilFest queen

Suzanne Corman, daughter of Cherry and Vic Corman was named AprilFest Queen last Saturday in the 2nd annual contest held at 5 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Middle School Cafetorium. Joe Herbert McCreary acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The contestants had a personal interview with judges at 4 p.m. and then the girls performed their talent on stage for the public. Following the talent competition, the contestants competed in formal wear.

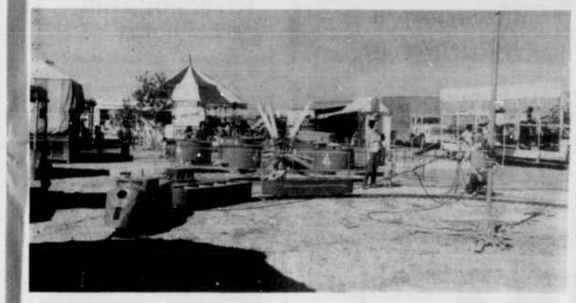
Tess Taylor, sponsered by Alpha Delta Phi, performed a toe dance to "For Just a Moment;" Lisa Mendiola, representing Mercy Fling's Matters of the Heart, did a pompom routine; Lesley Matthews, Lions Club representative, performed a tap dance; Sharon Harborth, representing The Pilot Club, played a clarinet solo.

Miss Corman, representing Truly Properties, performed a pantomine to "Pink Shoelaces." Dominique Isenhower, sponsored by The Custom Shoppe, played a piano solo. Jennifer Matthews, representing Gifts of Distinction, performed a tap dance to Opus I and was named first runner-up. Prisca Cantu, sponsored by Dan's Minute Stop, performed a twirling routine, and Sherri Cheatham, representing Xi Pi Psi, sang her rendition of "He Was There All the Time."

Judges were Sealy mayor Betty Reinbeck; Andy Wendel of Wendel Construction of El Campo; Patsy Tydlacka, chairman of the Junior Mr. and Miss contest in Wharton, and Barbara Shaver, director of curriculum and instruction at Columbus Independent School District.

Assisting with the contest and crowning the 1987 queen was Renee Balas, 1986 Aprilfest Queen.

Pictured, from left, are first runner-up Jennifer Matthews and Miss AprilFest Suzanne Corman.



Carnival fun

The little ones enjoyed the rides at the carnival during AprilFest weekend. Riding the carousel in the picture at the right were Amy and Cathy Fearing.

Congratulations to all the winners of AprilFest 1987

Placing first in the barbecue cookoff held in conjunction with AprilFest were the team of Marion Hunt (left) which consisted of himself, Marilyn Sunderman, Rita Sunderman, Gayle Baker and Bobby Wakefield. Offering assistance were Lane Baker and Mark Wakefield (front row).

Barbecue cookoff

Hunt team captures first place trophy

The second annual AprilFest barbecue cookoff was held April 11 with six teams participating. They barbecued with high winds and full coolers with everyone appearing to enjoy the event.

After braving the elements of early spring weather, the teams presented the judges with samples of their efforts. Results of the competition gave first place to The Hydrotexans: Marion Hunt, Bobby Wakefield, Marilyn Sunderman, and Rita Sunderman; 2nd, The Old Timers: Bud, Jeanette and Mark Walger; 3rd, Misfit Outfit: Gary Harbes, Mary Ann Powell, and Lisa Goller; and 4th, Danny Ishee, Sheryl, Jason and Bill.

Judging this event were Southwestern Bell's Paul Johnson and printing company owner David Lyles of Bay City, and Sportsman's Restaurant owner Doug Schwemm of Eagle Lake. The judges noted that it was a very close competition. Trophies were awarded to first, second, third, and fourth places. The other participants were awarded one ticket each for a free drink at the Duckblind, donated by Louis Cranek III.

Close behind the Hunt team were Bud and Jeannette Walgers of Columbus who wrapped up second place. Bud and Jeannette had just returned from the Travis County invitational cookoff where they placed first among 40 participants.

Third place winners were Mary Ann Powell of Sugar Land, Gary Harbes of Rosenberg and Lisa Goller of Houston. Assisting in their third place victory was the Meatburners team who helped keep the fire going.

The Ishee family wrapped up fourth place. Holding the trophy is Jason Ishee, one of Danny and Sheryl's sons. Not pictured is assistant Bill since he refused to come out of the car.