

OBITUARIES

Norbert E. Britton

October 14, 1932-July 10, 1991

Norbert E. Britton, age 58 of Wharton died Wednesday July 10, 1991 in Wharton following a sudden illness. Mr. Britton was born on October 14, 1932 in Eldridge, Texas to Luther Benson and Ellen Pickett Britton.

Mr. Britton married Pauline Gilchrist on December 17, 1955, in Eagle Lake, Texas. He was a former resident of Eagle Lake before moving to Wharton in 1960. Mr. Britton was a self employed truck driver. He served his country in the U.S. Army.

Funeral services were held Saturday July 13, 1991, at 2 p.m. from the chapel of the Wharton Funeral Home with Dr. Ken Schroeder officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife Pauline Britton of Wharton; daughter and son-in-law Mary and Don Mac Shanks of Wharton; sons and daughters-in-law, Carl and Rowena Britton of Wharton and Earl and Tracy Britton of Baytown; sisters Clara Talafuse and Betty Briggs, both of Wharton; brothers Clayton Britton of Wharton and Lloyd Britton of Apple Valley, California; grandchildren Hillary Shanks, Wyatt Shanks, DeAnne Britton, Kimberly Britton, Steven Britton, Shana McDowell and Wendy McDowell. He was preceded in death by one sister, Lucille Tedder.

Pallbearers were Lenail Knox, Buddy Smith, Gilbert Talafuse, Donnie Tedder, Charles Briggs and Coleman Knox. Honorary pallbearers were Darrell Smith, Leo Wisniewski, Jr., Leo Wisniewski, Sr., Danny Moses, Joe Talafuse, Wayne Cook and Frank Beck.

If desiring, memorials may be made to the East Wharton County Heart Association, Box 226, Hungerford, Texas 77448.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Wharton Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

L.V. "Dave" Davison

March 25, 1923-July 14, 1991

L.V. "Dave" Davison, age 68, of Eagle Lake, passed away Sunday, July 14, 1991, in Chappell Hill, Texas, at the home of his daughter, following a lengthy illness.

He was born March 25, 1923 in El Campo to Lula Rutledge and William Van Davison. He attended local schools and graduated from El Campo High School in the Class of 1940. Dave attended Baylor University and later earned his law degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas.

Davison was a veteran of World War II, enlisted into the US Navy and served almost two years overseas with the 107th VCB and aboard the USS Egeria. Following the war, Dave met Joyce White of East Bernard and they were united in marriage on August 28, 1948, in East Bernard. They have been residents of Eagle Lake since 1958 where Dave served for over 30 years at Plant Operator for Tenneco before his retirement. He was also a member of El Campo Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his devoted wife of over 42 years, Mrs. Joyce Davison, Eagle Lake; daughters and sons-in-law: Pamela Davison-Rozyczki and Benedykt Rozyczki of Chappell Hill; Carol D'Ann and Jerry Williams of Pluerville, Texas; a son, Alan Scott Davison of Houston; sister, Mrs. Vanno Davison Ray, Austin; grandchildren, Kimberly, Kelly, Jason, Brett and Manisse; other relatives and a host of loved ones.

Graveside services and interment were held at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 16, 1991, at the Chappell Hill Masonic Cemetery, Chappell Hill, with Rev. Calvin Beckendorf, Pastor, Chappell Hill United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorial contributions be made either to the American Cancer Society or your favorite charity.

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Heritage House News

By Gladys Owens, Activity Director

Mary Minks celebrated her 100th birthday July 9. She had a huge party hosted by her family in Wallis Sunday. Many friends and relatives attended to wish Mary a happy birthday. A luncheon was held for Mary at the facility. Drs. Raymond and Russell Thomas and Eagle Lake Community Hospital sent beautiful flowers to their Century Lady. Mary is a sheer delight, and she still exercises almost every morning with us.

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Warfield, Wiese to wed August 31

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Warfield of Arlington announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily, to Scott Wiese.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Ricky A. Wiese of Morrisstown, New Jersey, and Laura Wiese of Arlington.

They have an August 31 wedding planned.

Kandi Leigh Gertson celebrates second birthday

Kandi Gertson celebrated her second birthday on June 6 with a family party given by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gertson and sisters Kristi and Sammi.

After the fun of blowing out the candles repeatedly on the cake she helped her Mom decorate, Kandi tore into her gifts.

On June 8, Kandi and her cousin Sunny Gertson were honored with a swimming party at the home of their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gertson.

My Friend's house recruiting staff

My Friend's House, a preschool learning experience for children ages three and four, is now making plans for the 1991-92 school year. Offered as a ministry to children by the United Methodist Church, My Friend's House is hoping to expand the preschool to two days a week.

The morning program is designed to meet the following early childhood needs: social, spiritual and educational in an atmosphere of acceptance, discovery and fun.

The Children's Ministries Committee of the United Methodist Church is now accepting applications for Director of the Program. Interested persons should call the church office at 234-3288 or contact members of the committee: Robbin Clippson, Laurel Milenz, Ann Pavliska, Edna Ruth Clark or Freda Johnson.

Chapter FB of the P.E.O. Sisterhood met at the home of Helen Craig in Eagle Lake on Saturday, July 13. The program was "The Art of the Legend" and included a brief recounting of the legend of Eagle Lake.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a philanthropic and educational organization interested in bringing to women increased opportunities for higher education.

P.E.O. maintains four educational philanthropies — the P.E.O. Educa-

WCJC Dental Hygiene Class of '71 reunion August 2, 3

Wharton County Junior College Dental Hygiene Instructor Anna Harrison will be hosting a 20 year class reunion for the 1971 graduates of the WCJC Dental Hygiene class. The 20 year reunion will be August 2 and 3, 1991 at the Drummers Inn and will begin with dinner catered at Caney Creek Lodge.

Dr. Harrison has been an inspiration to the entire college ever since she arrived in 1969 to found the first Texas junior college dental hygiene program. Dr. Harrison also successfully chaired the faculty/staff campaign of WCJC's "Investment In Excellence Campaign".

Dr. Harrison was born in Alexandria, Egypt. She holds professional memberships in the American Dental Hygiene Association of Dental Schools. She has also been active in the local chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Members of the first Dental Hygiene Class were Houstonians Lydia Cerrillo, Gene Dickson, Mary Anne Hamner, and Alice Faye Christopher. Also Sandy DeWitt of Wimberly, Dee Garza of Victoria, Alice Manning of Yoakum, Cynthia House of Comroe, Penny Amon of Austin, Jennifer Obenhaus of Eagle Lake, Gwen Williams of Lake Jackson, Karen Boattright of Austin, Bejo Gadeke of El Campo, Mary Ann Toss of Huntington Beach, California, Celinda Kotsogean of Redmond, Washington.

I received a note this past week from Dorothy Walters, president of Lavaca Historical Museum. She wrote that the museum will have its opening Saturday, August 31 at 10 a.m. and will remain open until 4 that afternoon. Ernest Mae Seaholm and I plan to attend, and I hope there will be many more from here to be there. The museum is located at 413 North Main Street in Hallettsville.

The Colorado County Historical Commission will meet at Prairie Edge this Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. Prior to the business meeting and program, there will be a covered dish supper. On Saturday of this week, July 20, members attending the E. H. Henry High School Reunion are to visit the museum between 2-4 p.m. The recent film which gives a composite picture of Prairie Edge will be shown while they are there. We are always happy for organizations to hold their meeting at the museum. Just call Bill Harrison or me if you wish to reserve a time. You can meet in air-conditioned comfort.

The Thrift Shop is being ready for the big re-opening Saturday, August 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can expect to find outstanding bargains in dishes, household appliances, furniture, including three recliners; linens and lots of clothes, many of which will be suitable for back-to-school buying. There are lots of jeans. Call Louise Brunner (234-2916) or Ethel Cone (234-3064) if you wish to get more information about your donations.

The museum is open from 2-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Call Bill Harrison at 234-2662 or Elizabeth Boothe at 234-3361 if you wish to arrange for a special tour.

"A smile is a curve that sets things straight." Anon.

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Announcing A New Arrival

Hunter Bengé Cooke

Dr. and Mrs. Shannon (Becky) E. Cooke of Jackson, Mississippi, announce the birth of their first child, a boy, born July 10, 1991 at the Woman's Hospital in Jackson. He was named Hunter Bengé Cooke.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Cooke of Kermit, Texas, and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Bengé of Eagle Lake. The mother is the former Becky Bengé.

Armstrong's book available locally at Gifts of Distinction

William Thomas Eldridge was one of the most significant men in the history of Eagle Lake. An entrepreneur involved with the cultivation of sugar cane and the building of the Cane Belt Railroad, he left town after a bitter disagreement with his business partner, William Dunovant. That disagreement eventually led to the deaths of Dunovant and his brother-in-law, Ed Calhoun, both at the hands of Eldridge. Eldridge abandoned his Eagle Lake area ventures and became president of the Imperial Sugar Company in Fort Bend County.

Now, the best yet account of Eldridge's often stormy life has been written by another former president of Imperial Sugar, Robert M. Armstrong. Armstrong's new book, *Sugar Land, Texas and The Imperial Sugar Company*, which draws on his personal knowledge of the city, the company, and of Eldridge himself, and on corporate records unavailable to others, tells not only Eldridge's story, but the complete history of the sugar company and the company town which grew around it.

Though one might say he had researched it all his life, Armstrong started writing the book, almost as a hobby, in 1985. After several publishers expressed interest in the work, his own ambitions for it were magnified. The resulting 189 page hardbound book is much better researched and written than most local or county history books. While they last, copies of Armstrong's book can be purchased at Gifts of Distinction in Eagle Lake for \$25.95.

The local Chapter FB was organized October 29, 1977 and includes members from La Grange, Smithville, Bastrop, Schulenburg, Columbus, Lexington, Brenham and Eagle Lake. The next meeting of Chapter FB will be in Columbus at the home of Elizabeth Anthony.

Unaffiliates are invited to call 234-2807 or 732-2087 for further information.

A special meeting with the sewer engineer and the consultant will be held Thursday, July 18 at 5 p.m. in the community center. If you have any complaints or questions concerning the sewer system please make plans to attend.

Miss Traci Klein, bride elect of Mr. Jeff Marquart, was honored with a wedding shower Saturday, July 13, in the Sheridan Community Center.

A variety of cakes, sandwiches, chips, nuts, mints and punch was served to a large group of friends. After opening the many gifts, Tracy very graciously thanked everyone for the gifts and most of all for the prayers and support everyone has shown her during her year-long rehabilitation. She and Jeff will be married August 3 in Eagle Lake.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Kenneth Mozak of Schulenburg who passed away in the early hours of Sunday, July 14. He attended school in Sheridan most of his life and had many friends here. Details of the services were not available at press time.

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High Blood Pressure and OTC Medicines

According to a recent report, 60% of the medicines Americans have at home are of the over-the-counter (OTC) variety. Anyone who also takes prescription medicines should be aware that some OTCs can affect other medicines and other health problems. In a recent issue of *Postgraduate Medicine*, Dr. John Bradley reviews the effect of four OTC ingredients on high blood pressure control:

Adrenergic Agents: Adrenaline-like ingredients such as phenylpropanolamine, ephedrine, and phenylephrine can increase blood pressure. Of these three, phenylpropanolamine is the most commonly used in OTC products. Single, immediate-release doses of phenylpropanolamine should be no greater than 37 mg; sustained-release no greater than 75 mg.

Thioprofen: In one study, daily doses of less than 1,200 mg of the pain reliever *ibuprofen* did not increase the blood pressure of patients who were taking a prescription blood pressure medicine. Higher doses for more than a few days may elevate blood pressure.

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