

OBITUARIES

Oscar A. "Buster" Bunge

December 6, 1904 - August 21, 1991

Oscar A. "Buster" Bunge, age 86 of Eagle Lake, passed away Wednesday, August 21, 1991, at his home following a sudden illness.

He was born to one of the pioneer families of our area on December 6, 1904, the son of Louis P. and Ida Heller Bunge.

He grew up in Altair, attended local schools and later went to work for Sun Oil Co. in petroleum exploration.

On September 22, 1935, he and Margie Parker were united in marriage in Seely, Texas. Margie and Buster returned to Eagle Lake in 1942 and began a distinguished career in agriculture until retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Margie, who passed away September 9, 1986; a sister, Louisa Bunge; and a brother, Lester P.W. Bunge, Sr. Survivors include a sister, Geneva Bunge of Garwood; a brother and sisters-in-law, James L.

and Loris Bunge of Columbus and Mrs. Lester (Margaret) Bunge of Garwood; a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 24, 1991, from the Dulaney Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. Larry Bailey, Pastor, Eagle Lake United Methodist Church officiating.

Graveside services and interment followed in the Lakeside Cemetery, Eagle Lake.

Palbearers were Arlin Miller, Earl Braden, Fritz, Leon and Judge Lester Cranek and Bill Carpenter. Honorary Palbearers named were W.H. Harrison Sr., Bill Harrison Jr., Travis Wenghoff, Leroy Stein and the employees of First National Bank of Eagle Lake and Columbus State Bank of Columbus.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Ralph D. McCormick

May 1, 1913 - August 13, 1991

Ralph D. McCormick, age 78 of Bryan, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 1991, at his home. He was born in Bryan and had lived in Bryan since 1947.

He was a retired sign manufacturer and was co-owner of McCoAd in Bryan. He was a member of the Twin City Mission Board and A.A.R.P.; was very active in Boy Scout work and was a Scout Master for eight years. He was district chairman for the Arrowmoor District and was trustee of the Arrowmoor Camp.

Mr. McCormick received the Silver Beaver award in 1960, the highest award given to an adult in the Boy Scouts.

He was author of "A Prairie Kid Grows Up", "A Prairie Kid Never Grows Up" and "The History of St. Paul's United Methodist Church". He was chairman of the Bryan Centennial and was a member of the Brazos Genealogy Association.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth Cobb. Survivors include his wife, Naomi McCormick of Bryan; two sons, David D. McCormick of Thibodeaux, Louisiana, and Kenneth R. McCormick of College Station; a brother, Charles H. McCormick of Harker Heights; two sisters, Pearl Mayes of East Bernard and Edith Mills of Beaverville; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday August 15, 1991, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Bryan with the Rev. Bruce M. Wood, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Rest-Ever Memorial Park.

Palbearers were Calvin Coffey, Mike Greer, Casey Jones, Harold O'Neal, Jimmy Orr, Britt Vincent and Holly Rees.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 2506 Cavitt Ave., Bryan, or the Hospice of Brazos County, 1403 Memorial Drive, Bryan.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Jeff Lipperdt awarded Coast Guard commendation, citation

The Coast Guard Commendation Medal and Citation were awarded to Jeffery S. Lipperdt, Machinery Technician, third class, of the United States Coast Guard for outstanding achievement on Jan. 11, 1991, while serving as a member of a rescue and assistance team aboard the disabled 75-foot fishing vessel, SEA KING, taking on water 4 miles northeast of the Columbia River entrance with 4 people on board.

With visibility of less than two miles, winds 35-40 knots and combined swells and sea conditions of 15-18 feet, SEA KING was in danger of sinking, her decks were awash and compartments and the engine room were filling with water. Petty Officer Lipperdt unselfishly volunteered to be flown into the gale force winds and lowered by Coast Guard helicopter onto the deck of the foundering fish-

ing vessel to assist with the dewatering of the flooded compartments.

Once aboard SEA KING, Lipperdt consulted with the vessel's Master to determine how best to dewater the vessel's compartments. Lipperdt and several Coast Guardsmen operated the pumps for over 6 hours improving the vessel's stability and getting it out of harms way. Regardless of the sea condition, they successfully kept the compartments pumped out, although the suction pump hoses were frequently clogged by debris from the engine room bilge.

While crossing the bar in twelve foot swells, the SEA KING developed a slight port list, within minutes the vessel started to roll and never recovered. Shortly thereafter the SEA KING went down, awashing people into the sea and trapping several crewmembers on the vessel. Lipperdt, en-

dangered his life attempting to rescue the trapped crewmembers. He was washed from the vessel at the last moment and managed to escape the suction from the sinking vessel, and was quickly rescued by the Coast Guard motor life boat. Lipperdt's devotion and dedication to duty are most highly commended and are in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Coast Guard.

One Coast Guardsman and two of the SEA KING crew members drowned.

Petty Officer Jeffery S. Lipperdt is married to the former Sandra Francis, daughter of Virginia Ward, and they have one son, Michael.

Jeff is the son of Linda and Wayne Lipperdt of Eagle Lake and the grandson of Sadie Sillavan and Alice Lipperdt of Columbus. Jeff is stationed in Cape Disappointment, Washington.

Heritage House News

By Gladys Owens, Activity Director

The Heritage House employees held their inservice program on August 22, 1991 with Dr. Diane Walters, O.D., M.P.H. Dr. Walters received her degree from the University of Houston College of Optometry in 1981. She gave a very informative talk on "Mature Vision and the Nursing Home Resident".

Refreshments were served after the inservice. This week included Beauty Shop with volunteer Elaine Harrison; Ring Toss with Bob Chapman; and Bingo Toss with Jean Cranford. Residents also enjoyed a movie and snacks, live music and singing, along with other activities such as daily exercise.

Worship service was conducted by Rev. John Anderson of Grace Lutheran Church.

Thank you to Jean McInteer for her donation to our bingo fund.

Administrator's News

What constitutes mental health? Studies have revealed that life satisfaction and morale among the aged are determined by three variables: health, income and activity; which in turn influence mental health.

"Mental health at any age surely implies more than the mere absence of mental disturbance." Although society sometimes overlooks the positive characteristics in the aged person, there are many positive factors associated with mental health. (e.g., quali-

ties of zest, confidence, the ability to learn, to communicate, to share with others, various skills and competencies.)

Two important mental health problems of the aged person are anxiety and loneliness. These problems can occur in any setting and frequently in the nursing home setting nurses must intervene in the anxiety and lonely states of the aged person.

At Heritage House, we have trained professionals who perform their duties with "caring from the heart" showing through to the residents living here. Not only are we here to care for the residents' needs, we are here for the residents' well-being.

Registration at UH-V is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 27. For more information on registration, consult the course schedule or contact the office of Admissions and Records, 512-576-3151 ext. 222.

Libraries have UH-V schedules

Copies of the fall semester course schedule for the University of Houston-Victoria have been supplied to the Nesbitt Memorial Library, Columbus, and the Weimar Public Library. These schedules are available free while supplies last.

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Landfill Questions, Answers

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remain in the waste — along with a leak-detection system and monitoring wells.

Removing the moisture from the waste takes away the source material for a potential leak. In effect, the waste is sealed into a dry vault and then monitored constantly.

Q. Do you have any other operations like this one?

A. Yes. For example, a similar Laidlaw landfill in Pinewood, South Carolina, is located just a quarter-mile from one of the largest recreational lakes in the state. In 13 years, no contamination from the landfill has ever been detected.

Q. What government agencies will be monitoring the operation?

A. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets the basic standards. The Texas Department of Health will continue to oversee the existing household waste facility, and the Texas Water Commission (TWC) will monitor the industrial facility. We have received permission from the TWC to construct the new facility and continue to accept wastes we have traditionally accepted, pending the final hearing process for the final permit. Under new state legislation, the new facility will have an independent inspector for the TWC on site at all times.

Q. Will there be any benefit to the county from this project?

A. Definitely. In addition to guaranteeing secure disposal of household trash at a reasonable cost, the expanded facility will provide 100 permanent new jobs, with an annual payroll of \$4 million. Operation of the facility will require the purchase of many goods and services, from gravel to office supplies to heavy equipment repair to landscaping. Increased taxes to the county should amount to about \$150,000 a year initially and grow to at least \$300,000 annually.

Tricil also has established the Tricil Colorado County Community Service Foundation for the betterment of life in the county.

Q. What is the Tricil Colorado County Community Service Foundation?

A. In July 1991, Tricil established the Tricil Colorado County Community Service Foundation, with an initial donation of \$250,000. Additional donations will follow. The foundation's board of community leaders directs the distribution of funds to promote the betterment of the county through projects that advance education and address juvenile delinquency and substance abuse. Other worthy projects also will be considered.

Q. How can I apply for a foundation grant for my organization?

A. You may request an application by writing to: Tricil Colorado County Community Service Foundation, Box 425, Columbus, Texas 78934.

Q. How can I get more information about the landfill expansion?

A. For more information, please call Don Pouch, general manager of field services for Tricil, in Houston at 800-283-3433. We are happy to answer questions and set up meetings with any interested individuals or groups. If you would like to visit the landfill or are interested in employment, please call Jerome Hayek, the landfill manager, at 234-5749.

For information on regulations, you might also want to contact the Texas Department of Health or the Texas Water Commission in Austin.

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Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

NIGHT CRAMPS

Cramps which occur in the muscles of the feet or legs at night often cause the sleeper to wake in a hurry, grasping his leg and cursing. These cramps aren't symptoms of a circulatory disorder as daytime cramping may be. Daytime cramps are generally caused by exercise and will disappear after a period of rest. Night cramps, on the other hand, occur only during rest, and generally while one is in bed. Normally, when a muscle stretches, it is pulled against others which contract at the same time. These cramps are generally brought on by stretching one muscle against little or no resistance from the opposing muscles. They most commonly occur in the calf muscle, but can also affect the arch of the foot or even a toe. For immediate relief, grasp the affected area and pull it gently in the opposite direction from the way the cramp has distorted it.

Some might also experience a short period of numbness and/or cramping in those first steps after getting out of bed. Please call my phone for further information or for an appointment, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 409-234-5571. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month. As a family practice, I offer comprehensive diagnosis and treatment of foot problems, as well as preventative foot care direction. We would like to wish you a safe and happy Labor Day! P.S. See your podiatrist for stretching exercises that, when done on a daily basis, will help bring long-term relief.

LCRA announces purchase of park land at Colorado County Commissioners meeting

Special to the Headlight

By Rhonda Lattimore

Banner Press Staff

The Lower Colorado River Authority officially announced its decision to purchase some 25 acres of land east of Columbus near the area known as Beason's Crossing for use as a public park facility during the regular meeting of the Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday morning.

Kirk Cowan addressed the court, quickly recapping the avenues traveled by LCRA in seeking land to purchase for a public park facility along the Colorado River. Having

already obtained land along the river in other counties, Cowan also related LCRA's plans to develop a "River Trail" along the Colorado River from Bastrop to Matagorda Bay.

The new land will be used by the county as a park and plans are being discussed as to leasing the land to the County Fair Association for an official fairgrounds. LCRA hopes to have students from the Texas A&M landscape architecture classes to advise the company and Colorado County how to best use the land in the area.

County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk addressed the problem of the land being located in the flood plain

and said that any structures or land changes which will be made on the land will be made in a manner to alleviate flood plain problems. "Since we know about the problem now, anything we do in the future will be based on that knowledge. Studies will continue to be made concerning the problem," said Strunk.

The court adopted a resolution agreeing to maintain the site for LCRA and documents sealing the 25 acre purchase were signed Monday afternoon.

The court held a public hearing to discuss the final adoption of the Redistricting Committee's plans for the county. After discussing several potential problems concerning voting boxes, the court agreed to hold another hearing on Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. during which a final agreement will hopefully be reached.

After agreeing to assist the County Fair Association with the setting up and taking down of fair materials on Sept. 9, 10 and 16, the court discussed the possibility of using county prisoners to aid with the work.

Strunk also briefly discussed the problem of overcrowding in the county's jail. With a maximum holding capacity of 19, he told the court that the jail averages some 25 prisoners most of the time. He stressed that many of the prisoners are held for the state, and did not "count against" the county for being over its limit, but the men took up valuable space and cost the county money.

"(One day) last week there were 30

people in the jail with 17 of them being state prisoners waiting to go to TDC. The sheriff told me that only three can be transferred each month. "The overcrowding problems are not just happening in other counties, they are here too," said Strunk.

In other business, the court: "Learned of the employment of Thaine Busby as a deputy sheriff and Susan F. Scott as a dispatcher."

"Discussed a request by the Colorado County Opportunity Center to pave the center's parking lot, but took no official action."

"Agreed to have Precinct 4 Commissioner Leon J. "Sonny" Spaniel as a trustee on the Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority board of trustees."

"Adopted an interlocal agreement between the county and Garwood Irrigation Company regarding placing signs at irrigation canal bridges. The company agreed to purchase the materials needed for the signs with the county placing them in appropriate locations."

"Appointed Dwain Smith, Colorado County economic development coordinator, to the Gulf Coast Economic Development District board of directors."

"Discussed appointments to the County Safety Committee and slated a safety meeting for Sept. 26 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the county courtroom for all appointees."

"Adopted a resolution approving

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Rice Raider Booster Club gets going again

The Rice Raider Booster Club met Aug. 19 in the new PAC Center to discuss their plans for the 1991-92 year. First order of business was to elect a new slate of officers.

Those elected were: John & Karen Popp, President; Vicki & Clark Powers, Vice President; Kathy Stenke, Secretary; Betsy Glasier, Treasurer. Membership committee members are Jean & Jim Wiese, Chairmen; Robin Clippson, Olivia Maxey, Jane Wied, Beverly Machac, Carmen Jackson and Grace Kereck.

There will be a membership booth at the East Bernard scrimmage Aug. 30. John and Karen Popp will be handling the Volleyball Tournament on Sept. 7. Bill and Julie Adkins will handle baseball season.

Another fund raiser the club will be sponsoring is a drawing for the game ball at Homecoming.

The next Booster Club meeting will be Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Center. All those interested are urged to come out and show your support for our athletes.

Remember the hamburger supper and membership drive on Aug. 30.

The Booster Club discussed the matter of yard signs for the varsity

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