

Prairie Edge Museum News

By Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter

One of the joys of the annual Wildflower Activities is meeting so many wonderful people from a wide range of towns, cities, states and countries. The maps will be ready so that visitors can pinpoint their homelands. Many people visited Prairie Edge this past week and learned many facts about the activities scheduled from April 1 through April 26. Several of us had the pleasure of showing them around our museum and, of course, were grateful for their many compliments. There are six new display cases which feature the following exhibits: Westmoreland ("Miss Lizzy"), Cameras, Railroads, Tools and Trinkets, Sunday Best, and Promotion.

One of the most popular items is the beautiful quilt which was fashioned to celebrate Eagle Lake's part in the sesquicentennial of Texas. Now you can enjoy seeing another quilt which features fifty squares of our states. Many artistic friends embroi-

dered the outline, bird and flower and, of course, the name of each state on these squares. The final touches were the piecing and quilting, done by several workers. Next week I hope to list the names of all who had a part in creating this attractive quilt. Tickets may be purchased at the museum. They are \$1.00 each and 6 for \$5.00. The drawing for the quilt will be April 26, the final day of this year's Wildflower Activities. (See photograph below.)

The Prairie Edge Players again proved their theatrical talents in their presentation of *The Foreigner*, a comedy in two acts by Larry Shue. Much credit is due the director Dr. Raymond Thomas and producer Helen Craig; the cast, vignettes of whom were given in a recent issue of the *Eagle Lake Headlight*; the ones in charge of lighting; and sound effects, stage properties, and stage construction; concession workers; ticket sellers;

publicity; costumes; the prompter; curtain girls; those who hauled, placed and returned borrowed chairs; the firms who contributed money for the printing of tickets and programs; and to anyone else who had any part at all in making this theatrical venture a success. You who attended certainly showed your support. Can you name a museum in a town our size that has its own stage and auditorium? How grateful we are that our museum building is being used for so many community functions.

Another use for our auditorium is being the location for the many booths which will be offering a variety of wares during Wildflower Activities.

Some of the most beautiful flowers in Eagle Lake can be seen on the old S.A. & A.P. railroad bed between Lake and McCarty. Directly across the street from Prairie Edge there are many flowers including bluebonnets, pink primroses, toadflax, and phlox. The 1992 Wildflower publication lists

the two varieties to be seen on the wagon tours at Wildseed Farms. Not only is there a description of each variety but also much more information concerning height, blooming period and sowing depth. Be sure to get a copy of this valuable magazine when you visit the museum which is the official headquarters for the Wildflower Activities.

If you wish to serve as a host or hostess at Prairie Edge between April 1 and 26, call Vic Scott. There will be three shifts between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Vic's number is 234-2792.

The Thrift Shop will be open this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and shop for some good bargains.

How about mailing some of our many brochures concerning Prairie Edge and the wildflower activities to relatives and friends?

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Southern Pacific Railroad reunion set in Columbus

The Southern Pacific Railroad employees, retirees, families and friends are planning their sixth annual Glidden SP Railroad Reunion Saturday, May 2, in Columbus. The reunion will be held at the Veterans Community Center about eight blocks west of downtown Columbus on old Hwy. 90. There will be a catered barbecue of

sausage and beef with all the extras at noon. Doors will open at 8 a.m. for refreshments, picture taking and visiting with old friends. There will also be about 15 door prizes given away during the drawing following the barbecue lunch. Everyone is encouraged to register for the drawing. There will be a country and west-

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Milk is served with all meals. Thursday, April 2: Breakfast: cheese toast, fruit or juice; Lunch: Frito pie, baked beans, lettuce wedge with dressing, pineapple tidbits, cornbread. Friday, April 3: Biscuit and sausage, juice; Lunch: fish squares, catsup, macaroni and cheese sauce, vegetable blend, brownies, loaf bread. Monday, April 6: Breakfast: toast, sausage link, juice; Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, parmesan cheese, combination salad, peach halves, devil's food cake, garlic bread. Tuesday, April 7: Breakfast: pig-in-a-blanket, fruit; Lunch: chicken fried cutlets, whipped potatoes, light gravy, seasoned green peas, peach cobbler, hot rolls. Wednesday, April 8: Breakfast: pancake, syrup, juice; Lunch: cheeseburgers, oven fries, catsup, burger salad, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookie. Thursday, April 9: Breakfast: waffle, syrup, juice; Lunch: beef and cheese tacos, pinto beans, taco salad, ambrosia, doughnuts. Friday, April 10: Combo bar, one toast, juice; Lunch: fish nuggets, tartar sauce, seasoned rotini, seasoned corn, Waldorf fruit salad, cornbread sticks.

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TWC collects almost 200 tons of waste pesticides

Farmers and ranchers from 60 counties traveled long lines and rainy days in February and March to turn in more than 197 tons of agricultural waste pesticides during Texas' second

waste pesticide collection program. The Texas Water Commission, Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas Agricultural Extension Service sponsored the collection days in Edna, Elsa, Munday and O'Donnell. More than 270 private pesticide applicators representing approximately 800 Texas farms and ranches participated in the free, no-questions-asked collection program.

About 10,000 clean, properly rinsed metal and plastic pesticide containers also were turned in. The containers, collected by the state's contractor SCT Environmental, Inc., will be used exclusively for the manufacture of recycled containers.

According to Diane Wilcox, TWC project manager, a variety of obsolete and unusable waste pesticides were collected, including 23 tons of arsenic chemicals, many which were banned from use during the 1980s. Farmers and ranchers also turned in approximately eight tons of parathions, including ethyl parathion, a chemical banned from use in 1991; three and a half tons of DDT, cancelled from use in 1972; and two and a half tons of chlordane, banned from use in 1990.

The waste chemicals were examined at the sites by the state's contractor, Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Baytown Technical Services, before being packaged for transport to the company's permitted hazardous waste disposal facilities.

Three other Texas industries will also provide disposal services. Texas Ecologists, Inc., a subsidiary of US Ecology Inc., will provide free disposal until May 8 at their hazardous waste landfill at Robstown. Dow Chemical Texas Operations has agreed to destroy 350 drums or 85,000 pounds of the waste in its incinerator unit in Freeport. Products bearing the DuPont label will be disposed of at the DuPont's Sabine River Works facility in Orange. Representatives of DuPont collected 122 20-gallon drums of its own products during the collections.

"The tremendous response by our state's farmers and ranchers indicates there is a great need for this program. The commission will continue to provide this service not only to farmers and ranchers but for all citizens of Texas by sponsoring 50 agricultural and household hazardous waste collection programs by 1995."

Local JP is certified

Judge Mary Lou Szymanski was certified at a 20 hour Justice of the Peace seminar in Austin, March 10-13. The seminar was sponsored by the Justice of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas and conducted by the Texas Justice Court Training Center headquartered at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

The seminar is held to allow Justices of the Peace to meet their continuing judicial education requirements as set forth in Supreme Court Rule and Statute (Art. 27.005) Texas Government Code.

Topics covered in the seminar included new legislation, Texas Rule of Evidence, advanced civil law, family violence, forcible entry and detainer, a mock civil trial, probable cause and financial management of court costs and fees.

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Wilcox, Trigg married in candlelight ceremony

Melissa Lu Wilcox and William Lee Trigg IV exchanged their wedding vows, March 28, in a candlelight ceremony at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake. Rev. Larry Bailey performed the wedding ceremony and music was provided by Mrs. Michael Henry, sister of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson Wilcox of Eagle Lake. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Trigg III of Humble and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Newsome of Avon Park, Fl.

For the wedding, the altar of the church was decorated with an arrangement of roses, anapardons, bridal roses and lily of the valley. Both spiral and fan candelabra enhanced with mixed greenery flanked the altar. The family pews were marked with mixed greenery and mauve bows. Votive candles nestled in mixed greenery accented the chancel rail.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father and given a marriage by her parents. She chose a formal cream brocade gown for the ceremony. The fitted bodice of the gown featured a sweetheart neckline with puffed sleeves gathered into bands and bows at the shoulders. Her skirt fell from a basque waist extending into a chapel length balloon train. The back of the gown was accented with a row of covered buttons extending to a large

bow. To complement her gown, Melissa wore a coronet of pearls enhanced by ribbon edged veiling of illusion designed for her by her mother. The illusion veil fell from the back of her headpiece, cascading in tiers to softly frame her face and shoulders.

The bride carried a cascade of lily-of-the-valley, pink roses, pink double daisies, white clematis, white freesia and English ivy.

Mrs. Scott Freeman of Beaumont attended the bride as her matron of honor. Mrs. David Mapp of Spring and Tina Trigg of Avon Park, Florida, served as bridesmaids. Amanda Henry, niece of the bride, was junior bridesmaid and Theresa Henry, niece of the bride, was her flower girl.

The bride attendants wore floral dresses of mauve, fuchsia and lavender. The bridesmaids carried bouquets of pink Gerber daisies, white freesia and pink pixie carnations. The junior bridesmaid and flower girl carried grapevine wreaths featuring clusters of mixed flowers and ribbons.

Dale Richardson of Carrollton served as best man. William L. Trigg III, the groom's father, and David Mapp of Spring were the groomsmen. Ushers were Scott Freeman of Beaumont, William J. Watson of Arlington, Darrin Schlegel of Temple and Michael M. Henry of Eagle Lake.

At the close of the wedding ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox introduced the new Mr. and Mrs. Trigg to those in attendance prior to their departure for the reception at the Farris 1912 Hotel.

Guests were greeted at the reception by Rene Balas at a registry in the lobby. The registry was covered in an ivory cloth and antique crocheted coverlet reaching to the floor. French brass candelabra stood to the left with a Victorian floor easel on the right displaying the bride's wedding portrait.

The bridal bouquet graced the stand beside the guest book. Silver service of punch and coffee were placed at each end of a table skirted in ivory with lace coverlet. A silver compote of spring flowers flanked by five branch hurricane candelabra completed the decorations.

The wedding cake, flanked by tall brass candelabra, sat on the bride's table with magnolia and spengerie garlanded around the table top. The groom's table, skirted in pink with white lace, held an Italian cream cake encircled by spengerie and strawber-

ries. The buffet table, also draped in pink, had garlands of spengerie and magnolia around the fresh fruit, assorted cheeses and cocktail sandwiches on silver appointments.

Birdseed bags were distributed to guests by Jennifer and Jamie Christ.

friends of the bride. The seed was thrown at the departing bride and groom.

Special guests of the bride attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Kermit E. Voelkel, great aunt and uncle, and Mrs. Robert G. Mickey, all of Austin; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Gillespie, aunt and uncle, and Jean Gillespie, all from Temple; and Claire Gillespie of Charlottesville, Virginia.

The special guests of the groom included Mr. and Mrs. William Trigg Jr. of Livingston, paternal grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Ezell of Humble, maternal grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barker, his aunt and uncle, and their daughter, Jennifer, of Conroe.

The evening before the wedding, following a wedding rehearsal, the families of the bride couple and the wedding party enjoyed dinner at the Lavaca Bay Restaurant in Houston. The dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Trigg III.

Gifts of appreciation were presented to the wedding attendants by the bride and groom at the dinner.

The couple will be living in Washington D.C. through the summer.



Mrs. William Lee Trigg IV

Melissa Wilcox, Lee Trigg honored with parties

On Tuesday, March 24, Melissa Wilcox, bride elect of Lee Trigg, was guest of honor for a shower at Anna Lee's Colonial Kitchen. The event, hosted by Mrs. Charles Spalinger, Mrs. Lloyd Spalinger and Mrs. B.B. Wegenhoff, was also the date of the bride's birthday. She was honored with a birthday cake in addition to other tasty treats.

The bride received many lovely gifts for her new home. She was presented with a Texas magnet and a Texas tile to keep her in touch with home while serving with the State Department in Washington, D.C.

Melissa Wilcox and Lee Trigg were honored with an elegant dinner party by Dr. and Mrs. R.R. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waddell and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin F. Wiese, March

25. Guests at the Thomas home enjoyed a hospitable hour prior to the seated dinner. The hosts presented the bridal couple with a silver tray.

The John Matthews home was the setting Thursday morning, March 26, for a shower honoring Melissa Wilcox. Hostesses for the event were Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Mrs. Victor R. Cornan and Mrs. Matthews. Lesley Matthews assisted the hostesses.

Lovely refreshments were served with punch and coffee. The many friends presented the bride with favorite recipes and something for her pantry. The hostesses gave her a hand decorated recipe box and the beautiful fern which had graced the serving table.

On her wedding day, Melissa Wilcox was guest of honor for a noon luncheon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Balas. Mrs. Balas and Mrs. J.R. Thomas were hostesses for the luncheon for the bride and her attendants.

The hostesses presented the bride with a personal gift. Special guests included Mrs. W.L. Trigg Jr., Mrs. W.L. Trigg III, Mrs.

Robert P. Wilcox, Mrs. Michael M. Henry, Mrs. Charles H. Gillespie, Claire Gillespie and Jean Gillespie.

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Prairie Edge Players captivate audience

This past weekend's performances of "The Foreigner" brought to light the amount of talent here in our city. Jeff Frnka, on the couch in the photo below, played a part spanning a wide range of personalities... from a whining "wimp" to the raging, fierce side of Charlie Baker seen here.

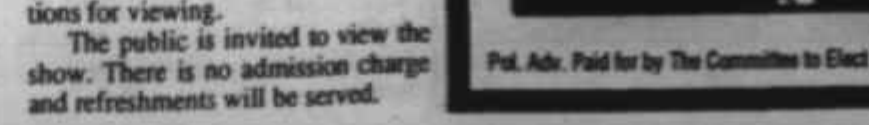
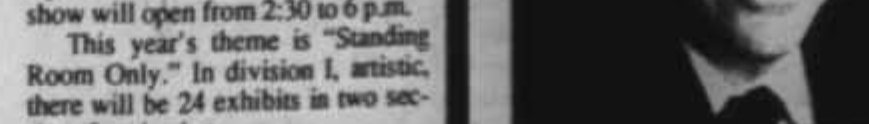
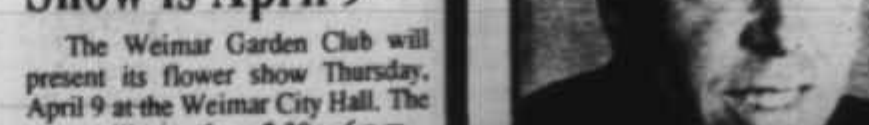
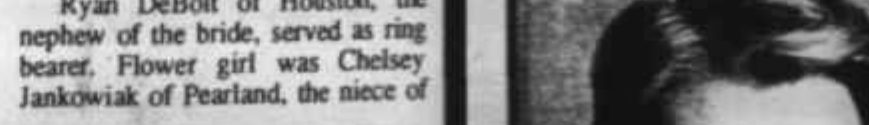
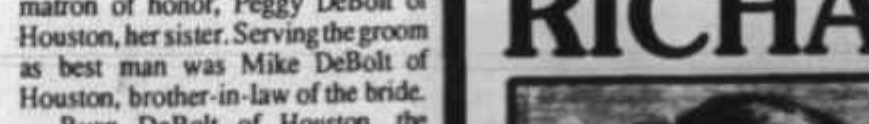
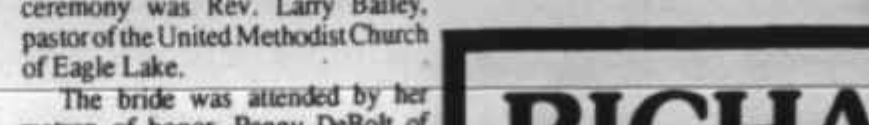
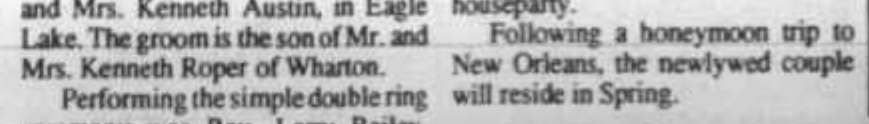
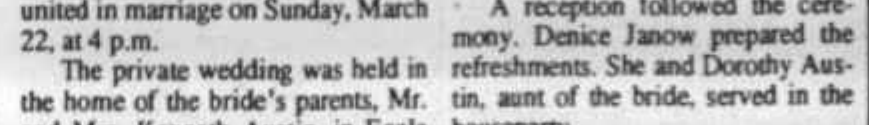
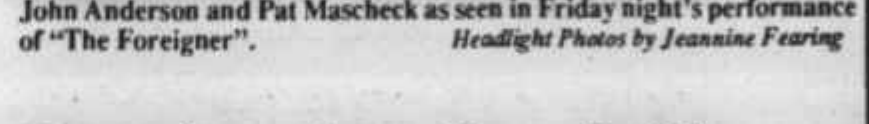
First time Players John Anderson and Janet Dupre turned in performances well above expectations, considering their novice status, as they played the parts of Sgt. "Froggy" LeSueur and Catherine Simms respectively.

Returning Players Marsha Pries-meyer, Vic Scott and Glen Sunderman were well cast for their roles. Marsha's portrayal of the elderly Betty Meeks was very believable while Vic made a terrific bad guy as Owen Musser.

And, of course, if you didn't see Pat Mascheck's performance as the adle-brained brother of the rich Catherine Simms, you really missed a comedic presentation. Are any of you still saying, "Yea-ya!"?

Although Ralph Truly and Mary Lou Szymanski were not on stage for very long, they carried off their parts with style.

Congratulations to the Prairie Edge Players, Dr. Raymond and Helen Craig for a job well done! Bravo!



Baby shower given for Zickuhrs

Lori Zickuhr was honored with a baby shower Sunday, March 1, in the home of Donna Gertson. Greenery, pink and blue streamers, balloons and stuffed animals decorated the home for the occasion. A rocking horse amid pastel flowers graced the table.

Thirteen hostesses presented the mother-to-be with a similar bed. She received many useful gifts for the baby.

The guests enjoyed games, and the reading of a poem "God's Most Precious Gift."

Refreshments of decorated cake, lime punch, chips and dips, ham and cheese tray and mints were served from a table displaying baby pictures of the expectant parents, Lori and James.

In the Primary Election there were nearly 2900 voters who voted for a change as Sheriff of Colorado County. There were four candidates.

Now, in the Runoff Election on Tuesday, April 14th, there are only two candidates. The desire for a change still exists.

I ask all you voters who voted for that change in the Primary to go vote on April 14th for Ed Michalke for Sheriff.

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Patrice Austin and Jeff Roper exchange vows

Patrice Austin and Jeff Roper were united in marriage on Sunday, March 22, at 4 p.m.

The private wedding was held in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Austin, in Eagle Lake. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roper of Wharton.

Performing the simple double ring ceremony was Rev. Larry Bailey, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake.

The bride was attended by her matron of honor, Peggy DeBolt of Houston, her sister. Serving the groom as best man was Mike DeBolt of Houston, brother-in-law of the bride.

Ryan DeBolt of Houston, the nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer. Flower girl was Chelsea Jankowiak of Pearland, the niece of the bride.

A reception followed the ceremony. Denise Janow prepared the refreshments. She and Dorothy Austin, aunt of the bride, served in the houseparty.

Following a honeymoon trip to New Orleans, the newlywed couple will reside in Spring.

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