

# OBITUARIES

## Waldeen 'Dee' Townley Danforth

August 23, 1938 - February 14, 1993

Mrs. Waldeen "Dee" Townley Danforth, age 54, of Houston passed away Sunday, February 14, 1993 in Houston.

"Dee" was born August 23, 1938, in Yorkum to Waldo Townley and Grace M. Morrow Townley. She graduated from Reagan High School in 1955. She had been associated with Theater Suburbia for several years and she retired from Riseden Services Inc., where she served as Comptroller. She was preceded by death by her mother, Mrs. Grace Morrow Townley, in 1991.

Survivors include her husband, Lester Danforth of Houston; father, Waldo Townley of Houston; children, Laura Grabber and Brenda Meyers, both of Houston, Wendy Danforth of Tulsa, OK, D.J. Phillips of Lufkin; brother, James Townley of Atlanta, GA.; six grandchildren, and other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 17, at 10 a.m., from the Chapel of Pat H. Foley Funeral Home in Houston with Rev. Dow Harleston, pastor of Westberry Methodist Church, officiating.

Graveside services and interment followed at 2 p.m., Wednesday, at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake with Rev. Larry Bailey, pastor of the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Rick Riseden, Mac Thompson, L.J. Petrovic, Pete Phillip, Lalo Porro and Dan Linnet.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Richard James 'Rip' Williams

April 27, 1968 - January 30, 1993

Richard James Williams, age 25, died January 30, 1993.

He was born April 27, 1968, to Ernestine and James Carroll in Eagle Lake, and named for his uncle Rev. Richard Williams. He was known to his friends as Rip.

He graduated from Rice High School in 1987 and enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served and received an honorable discharge.

He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his mother; a son, Rodney Jerome; four brothers, Rodney, Adrian, Michael and Cleve; two sisters, Jayennele and Bridgett; grandparents, A.J. and Marlene Williams, Ophelia Lyons and Ida Mae Velez; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and other relatives and friends.



Funeral services were held Thursday, February 4, at 1 p.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. A.J. Jones officiating. Interment followed in Eagle Lake Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Rodney, Alex III and Eric Williams, Joe and Joely Thompson, Marham Norris, John Morales, George Hemphill IV, Lloyd Middleton II, Arthur Jr. and Jimmy Foster, and Williams Scott Jr. Honorary pallbearers were Roney and Adrian Carroll, Rodney Rodriguez, Cleve Scott, Roland II and Brandon Hemphill, Michael Spitzer, Alex Jr. and Ricky Williams, Reggie Davis, Willie Johnson and Mario Ariola.

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## North Lake Baptist Church Missionary Lessons

Lessons for December were on the theme: the characteristics of a true believer as light.

First week: a true believer walks in the Light. Ephesians 5:8.

Second week: a true believer is warring in the Light. John 1:5.

Third week: a true believer is a witness of the Light. Matthew 5:14.

Fourth week: a true believer worships the Light. John 4:24.

Lessons for January were on the theme: the church and her work.

First week: preaching the Word. II Corinthians 4:5.

Preaching means to proclaim, to tell it as it is written. Teaching means to explain, to make it plain and give the history. That comes only by the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

Second week: teaching the Word. II Timothy 4:2,3.

The disciples were commanded to not only preach but teach the word.

Preaching is inspiration while teaching is instruction. Christ is the center of a true believer's life. Christians should adopt teaching habits to gain more spiritual knowledge. Hosea said, "My people perish for the lack of knowledge." We must make full proof of our ministry.

False doctrines are arising among Christians that are causing contention, strife and struggle in the visible church. Christ is warning us, through the apostle Paul's writing, about this very action. The Word brings unity of fellowship and the church would take on new life and grow by leaps and bounds if we would take heed to the Word of God.

Third week: studying the Word. II Timothy 2:15.

The apostle Paul said, "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Apply yourself until you understand. God's Word is not the work of human ability. He breathed on the minds of men and they wrote by the inspiration of God.

Fourth week: sharing the Word. Matthew 28:19-20.

It is utterly impossible for any individual to share or teach what they do not understand themselves. The Holy Ghost must anoint our minds with His supernatural power so we will be able to act and interact our faith. The world is not listening to what we say. It is looking at how we live. Actions speak louder than words.

Jesus called them, then sent them forth. In the Great Commission, the disciples were commanded to "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Go is a command not a personal choice. Believers should be ready always to witness and testify of the miraculous works of our Maker. Keep in remem-

brance, if we do not make the Holy Spirit the most important person in our midst, then our laboring is in vain. For He empowered us for our mission and unites us for the task we face.

Fifth week: living the Word. James 1:22.

James, one of the inner circle disciples, is giving us to know to be effective in our living, we must mature in the Spirit of Christ. If our talk does not match our walk, then our witnessing loses its power. We talk cream but we live skim milk. Our actions should support our claim. We have spiritual standards we must meet.

True believers live radiant lives. We are the example of that city that is set on a hill. James said, "be doers of the Word and not hearers only." Let's not fool ourselves. Jesus is on his way back. So let us edify Christ in daily activities if we want to meet Him in midair.

Pastor R. J.H. James; General Teacher Sis. Inola Johnson; teachers Sis. B. Johnson, A. Hearn, B. McTear and V. Fields.

## Heritage House News — By Gladys Owens, Activity Director

The residents and staff at Heritage House send a special thank you to Steve and Linda Balas for the beautiful flowers we received this week. They never fail to remember us for holidays and other special occasions.

Our Heritage House Sweethearts for this Valentine's Day are Edith Duty and William Noska. These two residents were voted on by peers and staff this week and won hands down.

The Nada Christian Mothers hosted a Queen and King Party on Friday evening to honor our sweetheart couple.

Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by everyone. The sweethearts were seated at a special table with a centerpiece of a dozen roses. They really received the royal treatment for the day.

Worship service this week was conducted by Rev. Eddie Winkler of the Catholic Church on Sunday evening.

Also Sunday, residents received Valentine cards and candy. Erna Clout delivered each and every one of these special treats.

We are happy to welcome Gretchen Lewis back to Heritage House after a long hospital stay.

To beautify life is to give it an object. — José Martí

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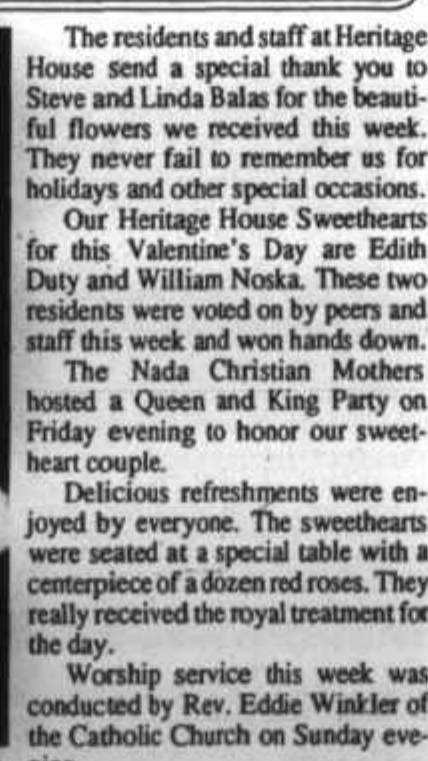
Despite the adverse publicity associated with the abuse of anabolic steroids by body builders and those who want to improve athletic performance, use of such steroids continues. According to a recent report in U.S. Pharmacist, up to 12 percent of high school athletes use anabolic steroids. Even higher usage has been reported among college and professional athletes. The most common use is in the area of the "strength sports" such as football, wrestling, and weight lifting to enhance muscle mass, speed, and aggressiveness.

Anabolic steroids, which include *oxymetholone, stanozolol, and nandrolone*, have legitimate medical uses such as for the treatment of androgen deficiency in breast cancer. The use of these agents by athletes may involve doses that are 100 or more times the medically recommended doses. Adverse effects from high doses may include:

**Psychological:** Depression, paranoia, and overly aggressive behavior may be experienced.

**Cardiovascular:** Heart attacks and sudden cardiac death may result with chronic use of high doses.

**Reproductive System:** In men there may be breast enlargement as well as a decrease in testosterone levels and sperm count. Females may experience breast shrinkage, deepening of the voice, and absence of menstrual periods.



Heritage House Sweethearts for this Valentine's Day are Edith Duty and William Noska.

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## PRAIRIE EDGE MUSEUM NOTES

By Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter



Students at Eagle Lake Primary School were recently given free Cokes by Mr. Felton Borak for perfect attendance. Coca-Cola of El Campo has sponsored this event for the past several years.

For the week of Feb. 18, 1993 If you would like to read the interesting book entitled *A History of the Thomas and Clifton Rodeo Company, 1945-1955*, please contact one of the curators or board members; and we shall be glad for you to bring the book and read it. Reading it will bring back many memories for you who were living in this community during the period given above.

The Prairie Edge Players plan to present the drama *Deafly Deafened* at their next theatrical offering. The tentative time will be this coming June. Watch for announcements concerning the production in this column.

The PIs experienced an excellent rehearsal Sunday afternoon Feb. 14. There were about 50 children taking part. The play adapted from *Ala Bala*

and the *Forty Thieves* is due to be presented the latter part of March. Definite dates will be announced soon.

There will be much outstanding music and dancing. Help is needed in the making of many costumes. Call Virginia Reed at 234-3187 if you can assist in this part of the production.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 1 at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome to attend. This will be the final meeting before the beginning of Wildflower Fields on Tour. Remember our museum will be the headquarters. Call Vic Scott at 234-2792 if you wish to volunteer as a helper. The board welcomes Roy Tuttle as an associate member. He has already been

helping quite a lot at the museum. Gisela Trojan of Columbus has donated an old fashioned hair dryer to Prairie Edge. The dryer belonged to the late Mrs. Georgia B. McCane Harbert of Columbus.

If you read the comics as I do, you probably saw in yesterday's *The Houston Post* an array of comic characters that had appeared during the lifetime of Skeeze. Among these were the Katzenjammer Kids, and Mutt and Jeff. I wonder how many of you readers remember these characters along with others such as Maggie and Jiggs. Through the courtesy of Maxine Griffith, among the odds at Prairie Edge are two old comic books; one featuring Maggie and

Jiggs and the other, the Gumps. These are in a case which also displays a number of old toys and games. One of the toys seems to continue to be somewhat popular and that is Tinkertoys.

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

"Progress always means change, but change doesn't always mean progress." Sam Ewing

Editor's Note: Last week, Elizabeth noted that the Eagle yearbook editor for 1956 was Evangeline Loosin Whorton. We apologize for our mistake in the name, Elizabeth.

## CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

### Eagle Lake Study Club

The Eagle Lake Study Club held its monthly meeting at the Winterman Library Feb. 10. After a short business meeting, Tom and Deborah Reed gave a very interesting travelog, with slides on their recent trip to Spain and a visit to Expo '92.

The Expo '92 had 112 pavilions which covered a whole island. The Reeds felt the Morocco pavilion was the most beautiful. It was later presented to Spain as a gift. One of the pavilions had a glass floor with treasures under it which had been brought up from the ocean floor.

Among their travels from one town to the next, they would pass through many whitewashed villages surrounded by olive orchards. While in Seville, Tom and a friend who went with them, attended a bull fight. They also visited the country of Morocco. Tom told everyone that having a conversation with the local people was a very meaningful part of their trip.

### Eagle Lake Pilot Club

The Pilot Club held its monthly meeting at Sportsman's Catering. Guest speaker was Marian Balke. She works for the Lower Colorado River Authority in the community affairs division and resides in La Grange.

Balke showed a video of the Colorado River Trails which was interesting. She also told of proposed plans for a recreation park at Beason's Crossing in Columbus, by the old river bridge. A park has also been built in downtown Wharton on the river.

The charter members, Diana Wunderlich, Carol Bluntson and Lenny Delgado, are organizing the child care program. As Wunderlich explained, the name of the organization, AISHA, come from the name of Mohammed's favorite wife and means "filled with spirit."

Plans now are to find a location in Eagle Lake to begin a cooperative day care in which parents, grandparents and caring citizens can care for the infants and children.

The child care program will be open to infants and young children without regard to race, ethnic background, religion, social or economic classification.

### Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer

We received the news during the weekend that Scotty Helge is a patient in Breckenridge Hospital in Austin. He was involved in an accident Saturday night, receiving a severe concussion. As of Monday night, he remains in a coma. His dad, Bernie Helge, former pastor here, called asking for prayers from our community.

Get well wishes are extended to Janelle Klein who is in Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston where she is undergoing treatment for cancer. And also to Frances Coody who will be receiving treatment in Victoria this week.

A workday to clean the new city park will be held Sunday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. The last time a workday was held, a large number of people showed up and accomplished a lot. The Student Council is asking for volunteers to help out again to get the park ready for little league and t-ball.

Mr. and Mrs. T.A. George enjoyed having their daughter and son-in-law spend a few days here with them, they live near Austin.

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### St. Bernard Council #2500

The regular meeting was held Monday, Feb. 8, and officer meeting was held Monday, Feb. 15.

The Council Fundraiser will be Feb. 20, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. featuring Johnny Doe & the Rocket '88s at Riverside Hall. Contact James Kainer, Mark Vacek, or Chris King concerning date information and tickets. We also need volunteers to help put out signs and flyers in other towns to help get the word out.

A drawing will be held during intermission and there are 1,000 tickets available at \$20 each. 36 premium prizes will be awarded and only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Anyone needing additional tickets contact Dr. James Jalowy (335-4825).

There will be a K.C. Free-Throw Contest Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Jr. High Gym, from 9 a.m. to 12. All children, ages 10 to 14, are welcomed to participate. Free-throw coordinator is James Murrell.

Our council has renewed its commitment to a safe and enjoyable event for our graduating seniors by contributing \$100 to help the young people celebrate graduation - alcohol/drug free.

Our prayers and best wishes for Brother Raymond Smaistris who is not in the best of health at this time and to all sick brothers and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish.

### EMS testing sites announced

The Texas Dept. of Health has released the list of regional test sites for Public Health Region 6 EMS.

Sites are the PHR 4 Headquarters, College of the Mainland, Beaumont, Brazosport College, Kingwood College, San Jacinto College Central and North and HCC Eastside Campus.

Appointments for testing may be made by the student, the EMS coordinator, or coordinator's specific designee. All course paperwork must be on file in the regional office before test appointments can be scheduled. The minimum time for submission of the paperwork is three days prior to testing. One week is strongly suggested.

### Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

IT'S (MOSTLY) OUR FAULT

If you are an average American, chances are you know more about heart transplants than you do about corns or ingrown toenails. Still, while about 95 out of 100 people have perfect feet at birth, some 80 percent of us have significant foot defects or damage by adulthood. Most discouraging of all, we have only ourselves to blame for the handful of common ailments that account for almost all foot suffering. What can you do to avoid being one of the aching-foot crowd? For starters, wear properly fitted, comfortable shoes that allow for ventilation. Then, if a problem develops, get professional help. Fortunately, most foot problems are curable or controllable with the right guidance and a little TLC.

Unfortunately, too many of us are slaves to fashion trends which often emphasize the wrong kind of shoes for our feet. Please call my office 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. I can provide for your entire family's podiatric needs, with quality medical care, gained from years of experience and attention to my patient's particular needs. Happy President's Day!

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## Engstrom chosen 1993 Beta Sigma Valentine Sweetheart

La Nelle Engstrom was chosen 1993 Beta Sigma Phi Valentine Sweetheart. She has been a member for five years and has previously been second vice president. "I enjoy being a member of Beta Sigma Phi because through fellowship and by working together to serve the community, I have gained a greater understanding of my fellow 'sisters'," said La Nelle.

La Nelle and her husband, Truman, live in Garwood. They have four children, Lana, 8, Laura, 6, Jacob, 4, and her stepson, Brent, 17 years old.

La Nelle is a homemaker and secretary. Her hobbies include bridge, gardening, photography and reading.



La Nelle Engstrom

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Dwayne Lopez

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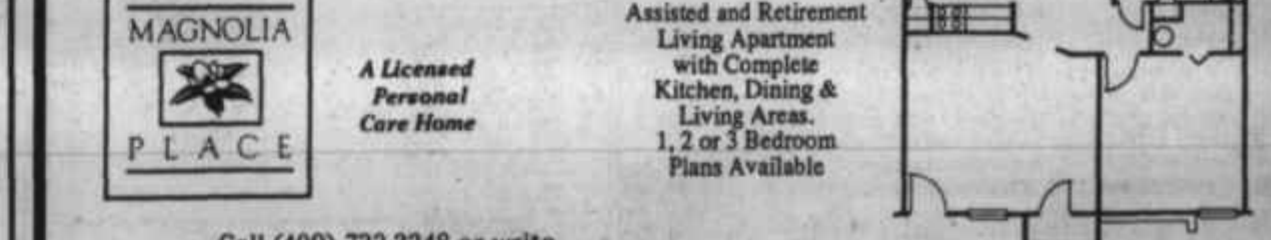
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