

Prairie Edge Museum Notes

By Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter

For the week of Sept. 16, 1993, giving visitors to Prairie Edge a tour of our museum is always such a privilege. This past week I had the joy of showing our museum to Dr. Hedley Hitchens and his wife, Arlene, of Houston.

Hedley was Herman's and my dentist for many years, both while we were living in Houston and after moving to Eagle Lake in 1953. Hedley is now retired and he and Arlene are enjoying extensive traveling. They were very impressed with Prairie Edge and other places in Eagle Lake.

We are beginning to think about celebrating the 10th anniversary of our museum in Nov. 1994. We shall want the entire community to have a share in this happy occasion.

I again invite you to attend our board meetings at which times you will learn about the activities in progress and plans for the future. The next meeting is scheduled on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. We soon shall be electing officers for the next year.

Debbie Reed gave a very comprehensive report concerning PJ's activities.

At our board meeting Sept. 6, there are to be presentations of *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* on Dec. 3, 4 and 5. The PJ's will take part in the annual Christmas parade Dec. 4. Parts for the play will be assigned very soon. Debbie distributed a brochure including the following work groups with the chairman and duties of these leaders.

The groups are as follows: membership, publicity, treasurer, fund raising, field trip, sets, props, lighting, sound, costumes, programs, front of house, make-up, seating and clean up, and Christmas parade.

Debbie wants citizens of the community to volunteer for something, for the more help there is, the less strain it will be on individuals.

Thursday, Sept. 23, the Tri-City mayors and council members will meet at Prairie Edge. This group has met here previously.

I am happy to write that I celebrated my 85th birthday Sept. 12. I can hardly realize that I have been living four score and five years. I relish each second that God gives me on this earth and look forward to living eternally in hope.

I've written before about being able to appreciate so many artifacts in our museum. One reason for this is that I have had experience with many like them, such as the old telephone on the wall. In near future write-ups I plan to ask ten questions in each of these. The answers will be "yes" or "no" but I hope the reading of these will cause you to realize that you possess some of the artifacts pertaining to the questions.

In speaking to an Eagle Lake citizen recently, I might have found someone who has an old wooden toilet like many of us used to spin. Perhaps he will be willing to donate or lend this popular toy of many years ago to our museum.

Following are the first ten questions I shall ask:

1. Did you ever make butter by churning with a wooden dasher?
2. Did you ever roll a metal hoop by guiding it with a stick?
3. Did you ride a stick horse made from a stick and some string or light rope?

4. Did you make a Valentine box and place it on your garters?

5. Did you ever write schoolwork with a cedar pencil that cost a penny?

6. Did you ever play a French harp or harmonica?

7. Did you ever jump double rope?

8. Did you ever construct a kite? Would it fly?

9. Did you ever blow soap bubbles with the aid of an empty wooden thread spool?

10. Did you ever run in a potato race?

Our museum is open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Call Bill Harrison Sr. at 234-2662 if you wish to arrange for a special tour.

The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many good bargains will be there for you.

In closing, the impressive meeting concerning the signing of the peace treaty between the Israelis and the Palestinians, President Clinton spoke these words: Go in peace; go as a peacemaker."

Center opens for sports medicine

A new Sports Medicine Center is now open at South Texas Medical Clinic for coaches, trainers and injured athletes. Pictured from the left are physicians and staff at the center: back row, Dr. Tom Sears, Dr. Jeffrey Whelan, Terry Davis, PA; front row, Carolyn Starr, MA PTOTR; Sheryl Fellers, MA; Isabel Rodriguez, LVN; and Donna Stavino, appointment secretary.

Dr. Whelan, the new director of the center in Wharton, is an orthopedic surgeon. He graduated from the Southern California Center for Sports Medicine, one of the top facilities for sports medicine in the country. He is available at the clinic full time Monday through Friday and 8-12 on Saturday. He will also be available on call nights and weekends through the football season. Also on the staff are Dr. Mike Farrell, Dr. Vincent Huerta, Dr. Larry Fane and Dr. Gregg Dimmick.

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provements that are to be used only for student housing, intercollegiate athletics, or auxiliary enterprises.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to the amount and expenditure of certain constitutionally dedicated funding for public institutions of higher education."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment that adds a new section 49-b to article III, section 49-b, of the Texas Constitution. The new subsection provides that, in addition to the amounts authorized by subsections (a) (\$500 million), (c) (\$400 million), and (d) (\$1 billion) of section 49-b, the legislature may authorize the issuance of up to \$1 billion in general obligation bonds and may use the proceeds of the bonds for acquiring, constructing, or equipping new correctional institutions, including youth corrections institutions, and mental health and mental retardation institutions and for major repair or renovation of existing facilities of those corrections and mental health and mental retardation institutions. The amendment also provides that the provisions of subsection (a) of section 49-b, relating to the review and approval of bonds, and the provisions of subsection (b) of section 49-b, relating to the status of the bonds as a general obligation of the state and to the manner in which the principal and interest on the bonds are paid, apply to bonds authorized by this amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in general obligation bonds for the general revenues of the state for projects relating to facilities of corrections and mental health and mental retardation institutions."

PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 37 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the county commissioners court of a county to call an election to abolish the office of county surveyor. The office of county surveyor is abolished, and the county surveyor is transferred to the county officer or employee designated by the commissioners court.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to permit the voters of a county to designate the county surveyor as a county officer or employee designated by the commissioners court."

PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 44 proposes an amendment to article III, section 49-b(5) of the Texas Constitution, which currently limits the principal amount of bonds outstanding at one time for the Texas agricultural fund to \$25 million and for the rural microenterprise development fund to \$5 million. The amendment would raise the principal amount limit for the Texas agricultural fund to \$100 million and the rural microenterprise development fund to \$25 million. The amendment would also raise the principal amount limit for each fund to the total principal amounts of both bonds and notes issued or sold rather than just the principal amounts of bonds outstanding at one time.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing up to a total of \$100 million in bonds and notes to be issued or sold to finance the Texas agricultural fund for providing financial assistance to develop, improve, or expand the production, processing, marketing, or export of crops or products grown or produced primarily in this state by agricultural businesses domiciled in the state."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 2 de noviembre de 1993. Si usted se ha registrado para votar, puede solicitar una copia de este informe al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 18060, Austin, Texas 78711.

Published by Secretary of State John Hanah, Jr.

HERITAGE HOUSE NEWS

By Patricia Bubela, Activity Director

Staff and residents of Heritage House had reason for their big smiles Saturday, Sept. 11. Our facility entered a float in the Colorado County Fair Parade in Columbus in the historical division. We came out with a first place blue ribbon. Everyone at Heritage House is ecstatic by winning.

The residents were dressed as pioneers with bonnets made by Blanca Lara, nurses aide. She made all the bonnets for the residents and staff to wear on the float. We commend her for her dedication and participation. Blanca has unique sewing abilities and we sincerely thank her for sewing the bonnets for us.

Our Heritage House Pioneers on the float were Frances Kelley, Emma Randolph, Emma Raul, Agnes Brast, Lester Brast, Dorothy Peoples, Clea Harbert, Mary Dunn, Billie Holloway and Roosevelt Carson. They were adorable as pioneers complete with bonnets for the ladies and cowboy hats for the men.

Children on the float were Blanca Lara, daughter of Blanca and Raul; Robert Hernandez, son of Maria and Lupe Hernandez; Dustin Hornet and Shauna Vise, children of the Bubelas. Staff members who assisted with the float decorations were Administrator Wendy Gerner, Assistant Carolyn Ferrill, Patricia Bubela, Blanca Lara, and Tanglyn Solomon, medication aide. A very special thank you goes to my husband, Patrick Bubela, and Rick Ferrill for assisting in preparing and decorating the float using their special, much appreciated, mechanical talents and hard work.

We also appreciate the businesses who let us use their vehicles. Thank you to Lake Motors for the use of their 1993 Chevy Diesel turbo truck to pull the float. Special thanks to John, Marilyn and Tricia Thomas of Wildseed Farms, for letting Heritage House use their canopied tour trailer for the float. The canopy provided appreciated shade from the sun. Columbus Welding provided us with a container of helium to blow up our decorative balloons. We appreciate them.

Carolyn and Rick Ferrill also let us use their bull horns for decorations on the winning float.

The county fair parade appeared to be a huge success this year and we all had a great time participating. Can't wait until next year.

Sunday, Sept. 12, residents and visitors enjoyed a coffee and doughnut afternoon celebrating National Grandparent Day. Heritage House residents Willie Castle, going on age 104, was the oldest grandparent.

The 250 participants were chosen from the United States, Canada, Germany, Spain and several other European countries. Once a year, the educators are invited to share their knowledge, as well as receive new information from the inventor of Sun-

gilt — Faruk Shami.

This is the fifth conference Dornak attended.

After six years of training and hard work, she was upgraded to International Educator status at the Sunlight Awards presentation. This is the highest status possible within the Sunlight company.

These educators are chosen by the Educational Committee for their outstanding performances and achievements while maintaining a very high national educator status. Only very dedicated and talented educators ever reach the international status.

Presently, Dornak is one of only 21 educators worldwide on the Sunlight International Team. She will now have the opportunity to be the senior guest artist at international trade shows in the United States as well as other countries throughout the world.

This is certainly a big honor, but the excitement for Dornak did not stop there. She was called up on stage once more to receive the Sunlight Educator Award. This is presented to the educator who portrays such an unselfish dedication to the company that exceeds any other.

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She is a 1985 graduate of the Rice High School Cosmetology Program.

Tickets for the Opera House's third season will go on sale in September for \$80 which include the three dinner theaters. Student and children's season tickets will be \$39.50 and will include two dinner theater performances.

For information about the season or tickets, contact the Stafford Opera House, P.O. Box 817, Columbus, TX 78934 or call 409-732-5135.



Frances Kelley proudly displays one of the pioneer bonnets that Blanca Lara, nurses aide at Heritage House, made for residents and staff to wear on their float in the Colorado County Fair parade. Heritage House Photo

Bessie Williams won for having the most grandchildren, 30. Gladys Jones won the youngest grandparent award. Congratulations to all these wonderful grandparents and to all grandparents on their day.

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Clarks celebrate 60th anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. George M. Clark of Eagle Lake were honored with a reception Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Farris 1912 to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. The reception was hosted by their children and spouses, Pat and Mike Walters and Jim and Grace Clark. An anniversary cake, punch and other refreshments completed the candlelight reception.

George Clark and Pauline Austin were married in Columbus Sept. 11, 1933. They have lived most of their married life in Houston, returning to Eagle Lake in 1976.

The Clarks have two children, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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