

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Allen H. (Sylvia) Frnka

October 11, 1914 - March 11, 1994

Sylvia Mary Frances Dietrich Frnka, 79, of Eagle Lake, died Friday, March 11, 1994, at her home in Eagle Lake.

She was born to Frank Joe and Mary Ellen Miculka Dietrich on October 11, 1914, in Eagle Lake.

She was baptized at St. Roch's Catholic Church in Menz and lived all her life in the area. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nade.

She was employed at Cattleman's Restaurant in Columbus for 17 years before she retired.

Sylvia Dietrich and Allen H. Frnka were married March 31, 1932, in Nade. They resided in the Eagle Lake area for over 60 years where he was a

farmer prior to his death. She loved the outdoors and spent her time with her flower garden and pets.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers, Richard and Frank Dietrich Jr.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Eva Dietrich of Eagle Lake and Lovda Dietrich of San Antonio; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A vigil service was held at 8 p.m. Saturday at the chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake.

Funeral service was at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 13, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Eddie Winkler officiating. Interment followed in St.

W.T. Bill Richardson

September 18, 1910 - March 7, 1994

W.T. Bill Richardson, 83, of Columbus, died Monday, March 7, 1994, in River Oaks Nursing Home.

He was born September 28, 1910, in Garwood. He was the son of Lee Turner and Emma Frances Braden Richardson.

He lived all his life in the Columbus area and was a rancher until he

retired. On June 7, 1931, he married Eleanor Thowser.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Charles Richardson of Lake Jackson and Bob Richardson of Columbus; sister, Myrtle Schindler of Weimar; three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Walter Ennis Watson

July 27, 1912 - Mar. 9, 1994

Walter Ennis Watson, 81, of Wharton, died Wednesday, March 9, 1994 in Wharton following an extended illness.

He was born July 27, 1912, in Watson to George and Bertha Lee Smith Watson.

On September 15, 1932, he married Claudia Marie Frankum. She preceded him in death March 2, 1992.

Watson was a 50-year resident of Wharton and was employed as a truck driver for the Sorel and Heyne Cotton Co. until his retirement in 1974.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Wharton and served in the Army Air Force in World War II.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Emmitt, Tod, Charlie and Red Watson; and a sister, Edith Yawn.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Billie and John Hieneman of Rosenberg; sons and

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daughters-in-law, T.L. and Dolores Watson and Charles (Buck) and Barbara Watson all of Eagle Lake, Bobby Watson, Richard and Elizabeth Watson of Wharton; sister Blanche Archer of Sweeny; 23 grandchildren; and 45 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 11, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Wharton Funeral Home with Dr. Ken Schroeder officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery in Wharton.

Palbearers were Jason, Tommy Lee, Bobby Wayne and Jimmy Ray Watson, Terry Wayne and Andy Kemp, Bubba, Billy Ray and Brandon Matula and Rusty Ortiz.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 245, Hungerford, TX 77448.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Augustine R. Ramirez

September 12, 1940 - March 9, 1994

Augustine R. Ramirez, 53, of Eagle Lake, died Wednesday, March 9, 1994, in John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

He was born to Nicolas and Dolores Romero Ramirez in Eagle Lake on September 12, 1940.

He lived in Eagle Lake all his life and attended local schools. He was affiliated with the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his mother; sisters and brothers-in-law; Helen and Charles Hodde, Dora and Narciso Godino all of Eagle Lake, Erminia and Vincint Sheppard of Levenworth, Kansas, Margaret and Robert Tatum of Houston; brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Janie Ramirez of La Porte, Alex and Alvina Ramirez, Ray and Mary Ramirez all of Eagle Lake, Nicholas Ramirez of Pasadena, Edward and Kathy Ramirez of Houston, John and Trenise Ramirez of Wichita Falls and Aristio Solis of Houston;

many other relatives and loved ones.

Following visitation Thursday evening, March 10, at Dulany Funeral Home, a prayer service was held Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in Iglesia Bautista Getsemani in Eagle Lake.

Funeral service was Saturday, March 12, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Mario Vasquez officiating. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Named as pallbearers were Isaac

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due to end by Nov. 1...

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert E. Evans of Houston announce the arrival of a baby girl, Oct. 16. Her mother is the former Miss Virginia Kelly of Eagle Lake.

Curtis E. Reidel and Richard Boeger, both formerly with the Roeglein Pro. Co. of San Antonio, have formed a partnership, Oak Crest Pro. Co. and purchased the Eagle Lake Packing Company located at Lakeside from Mr. & Mrs. V.A. Wilborne.

Pfc. Richard Jochet of East Bernard, cousin of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Jochet of Eagle Lake, has been awarded the bronze star for gallant action on Okinawa. He is stationed at Mindoro Island, Philippines.

About 13 acres of land belonging to Mrs. Bruce W. McCarty and J.H. McCarty along Hwy 200 beyond the Joe Lee McCreary home are being surveyed and plans are being completed for a residential section to be known as Lakeway Acres.

Capt. Mont Calvert Jr. is on leave from the First Cavalry and is to receive his final discharge papers in about four months... Delno Forbes, S-1-c, son of J.P. Forbes of Bryan and formerly of Eagle Lake, was discharged last week at Camp Wallace after 42 months of service in the Navy.

The sale of Adams Implement Company to George W. Baker, T.W. Culpepper and J.W. Brisbois was announced this week... Pfc. Earl

Braden was discharged in San Antonio after three and a half years of service in the infantry...

The Headlight welcomed a new staff member this week when Fred R. Frnka joined the force as assistant to his father. Shop foreman Fred G. Frnka has been with The Headlight for the past 20 years.

J.D. Alley, son of Mrs. J.D. Alley of Ramsey, received his discharge from the Army Saturday at Camp Swift... S-Sgt. Melvin Neuenhorff, son of Mr. & Mrs. Anton Neuenhorff of Bernardo, was discharged from the Army Oct. 19 at Dodd Field.

It was with regret friends learned of the death of Walter Abel of El Campo on Wednesday... Mr. & Mrs. Luther E. Cornelius announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Dawn, to Tech Sgt. Willard A. Bresler, U.S. Army Air Forces, on Sunday, Oct. 21.

Mrs. Ann Cordz left Tuesday to make her home in Corpus Christi where she will serve as residence director of the Y.W.C.A.

Pfc. Bill Torres, son of Mrs. Virginia Torres of Eagle Lake, is listed among personnel discharged from Fort Sill Oct. 15.

William B. Terrell, former principal at Glen Flora School and known

Did You Know...

Eagle Lake's first rice mill was one of the prominent industries on Lakeside Drive.

Find out more about the mill on the Rotary City Tour April 8-17.

Afraid You're Going Deaf?

Chicago, Ill.—A free offer of special interest to those who hear but do not understand words has been announced by Beltone. A non-operating model of the most popular canal hearing aid in America today will be given absolutely free to anyone requesting it.

It's yours for the asking, so send for it now. It is not a real hearing aid, but it will show you how tiny hearing help can be.

These models are free, so call or write for yours now. Benefits of hearing aids vary by type and degree of hearing loss, noise environment, accuracy of hearing evaluation and proper fit. Phone 1-800-453-7200 or send your name, date of birth, address and phone number today to Dept. 15530, Beltone Electronics, 4201 West Victoria Street, Chicago, Illinois 60646-6772.

The court will award a scholarship to a local high school senior who is the child of a member. Applications are available at Rice High School. Members will be selling sweets at

the KC fish fry each Friday evening during Lent. They will also hold a Mother's Day ticket drawing. A handmade quilt, an afghan and a beautiful figurine are among the prizes donated to be given away.

Clara Lohrries asked members to turn in their hours of charitable works of the Heart Speaks to Heart reports can be filled out.

The Nada Court will host the March 13 District meeting beginning with a mass at 10 a.m.

Margaret Bunge reported the library board will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt March 26 at 10 a.m. at the Garwood library. She also encouraged members to come to the sing along at the Easter Party at Garden Villa Nursing Home March 24 at 2 p.m.

The fifth annual Rosary Novena for Life will begin April 2 for nine consecutive Saturdays through May 23 for the welfare of unborn babies.

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Sheridan News

By Janet Dupré

The library is asking you to show your support by joining the Friends of the Library. Membership is \$5 per person annually. Your interest and support is appreciated.

Beginning April 1, the library will fine overdue books at \$5 a unit until the book is brought back and the fine is paid. There will be a book drop outside the library for books returned.

The library hours are 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. On Thursday afternoon, the library is open from 2 to 6 p.m.

A new shipment of books has arrived. A few of the titles are: *Hank the Cowdog*; *My Daddy Was A Pilot* and *I'm A Son of A Gun*; *Don't Bend Over In the Garden*; *Granny, You Know Them Tators Got Eyes*; *When My Love Returns From The Ladies Room*; *Will Be To Old To Care*; *Honor Bound*; *Accident*; *Bad Love*; *Disclosure*; *Slow Waltz In Cedar Bend*; *Family Blessings*; *Your Income Tax*; *GED*; *What To Expect When You're Expecting*; *Plan Your Estate With a Living Trust*.

And three Caldecott Medal award books added are: *The Little Island*, *Ashanti To Zulu* and *The Sinky-Sink*.

Using state and federal funds through the Texas Department on Aging, STEP provides enrollment opportunities to 871 older Texans in 131 counties.

The community of Sheridan recognizes Jean Peterson for her years of service to the Sheridan Memorial Library. Her employment has provided 20 more hours a week of library service to the public. Thank you, Jean!

There was a workday at the new park on the 12th. Volunteers poured

concrete for the behind the backstops, dugouts, and around the flagpole. Special thanks to the Sheridan Lumber Company for donating the concrete. Those participating in the effort were: Leah Ross, Ginger Stiehler, Damell Varley, Darrell Hinze, Billy Warren, Franklin Walker, Allen Kloss, Danny & Manuel Munoz, George Kazmir, Bruce Tesch, Warren & Wayne Dupré, and Louis Board.

Some dirt leveling was also done. Again our thanks go to Vince Stominski for providing us with probation workers.

The Sheridan Park and Recreation Center (S.P.A.R.C.) poured concrete for picnic slabs and barbecue pit areas. They also worked on installing the waterlines. Special thanks to Dupré Lease Service for the use of the backhoe.

There will be another workday scheduled March 19 at 9 a.m. to finish preparations on the field. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Time is running out, please come out and help.

Also, March 6, Ginger and Leah were working on the field when a good person brought each of them good

drinks. A special thank you goes to this good Samaritan.

The Grand Opening and dedication of the field is scheduled March 26 at 3 p.m. There will be a T-ball game, followed by a coed softball game between S.P.A.R.C. and Little League. There will be a hamburger supper to follow! The concession stand will also be open. Donations of desserts are needed. People interested in helping in concession stand can contact Ginger Stiehler at 234-2489 for times.

Little League practice has begun. If anyone still has uniforms from last year, please turn in at the school or to one of the coaches.

An Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled April 2 at 11 a.m. A sack lunch picnic will follow with drinks provided by S.P.A.R.C. It is said that Peter Cottontail is to make an appearance in Sheridan that day.

Every one of us in the community should be proud of all the hard work that has gone into the preparation of this park. Those faithful people who give their time, energy and resources, that should never be forgotten. Thank you to all our hard workers!



Sorority sweethearts

Two sororities presented their sweethearts during the Western Dance Feb. 5 at the Eagle Lake K.C. Hall. Alpha Delta Phi sorority sweetheart Jeri Lou Shindler, left, stands with Xi Psi sweetheart Connie Lange on stage. Past sweetheart Sheila Mathis presented Shindler and last year's sweetheart Kay Thomas presented Lange.

Photo Courtesy of Ernie Sommerlatte

Sign up for Spring Festival pageant

The Eagle Lake Spring Festival will have a pageant for the Little Mr. and Miss Eagle Lake as well as for Junior Mr. and Miss Eagle Lake and the Miss Eagle Lake.

The Little Mr. and Miss pageant will be for children in kindergarten through third grade. Junior pageant will be for students in fourth through eighth grade.

The Miss Eagle Lake contest is for unmarried girls in ninth through 12th grades. All contestants must be in the Rice School District.

The pageant is to be held Sunday, April 10, at 3 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Center. The Miss Eagle Lake contestants will have personal interviews with the judges beginning at April 6 to the library.

Winners of the contests will receive trophies and represent Eagle Lake in parades and other events throughout the year.

Gail Gertson and Mary Kay Cook are co-chairing the contest this year. It is sponsored by the Spring Festival Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Sandra Thomas is new president of Converse College

A former Eagle Lake resident has been elected president of Converse College in South Carolina.

Converse College Board of Trustees unanimously elected Dr. Sandra C. Thomas as the college's seventh president on Feb. 25.

Thomas graduated from Eagle Lake High School in 1959. She is the daughter of Ralph Thomas of Eagle Lake and Mary Thomas of California.

She has been the vice president for student development at Meredith College located in Raleigh, N.C.

Dr. Thomas will officially assume her new office July 1.

Founded in 1889, Converse College is an independent, four year, liberal arts college for women. It has a professional school of music and a graduate program in education.

In accepting the president's position, Dr. Thomas stated, "I'm honored to become a part of Converse College's exciting future. Everything in my professional life has led me to this moment. I believe strongly in women's colleges and have been deeply impressed by Converse's commitment to academic excellence. I look forward to our future together."

Her career is characterized by her commitment to a strong academic program and developing leadership talents of women. A skilled fundraiser with experience in government, corporate and foundation relations, Dr. Thomas' achievements are notable in international education, leadership development and enrollment management.

During her tenure at Meredith College, its enrollment has grown from 300 to over 2,000 undergraduates. That makes it the largest private, four year college for women in the Southeast.

Prior to her work at Meredith, Dr. Thomas held academic posts at Lindenwood College in Missouri and SMU in Dallas.

She received her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Texas in Austin; her master's in higher education administration at Indiana University and her doctorate in college and university administration from St. Louis University. She has also studied at North Carolina State University and Harvard University.

A native of Eagle Lake, she has received two major international research awards; produced international film documentaries; is a noted lecturer; and has published numerous articles.

She is a consultant to the national Institute for Leadership Development and has worked with the National Board of the Girl Scouts of the USA. She is also an accomplished musician and international traveler.

The National League of Junior Cotillions has announced plans to expand its program in Texas to include Colorado County and surrounding areas. The Cotillion is a program of etiquette and social dance training for middle and junior high school children.

Anne C. Winters, the Cotillion executive director said the group will select a director for training to present the program on an exclusive basis in the area.

The Junior Cotillion includes six monthly classes plus a Holly Ball and Spring Ball. For additional information about the group call 1-800-633-7947.

Colorado County's potholed pig program had six 4-H members showing; Heather Hudson, Brandy Tuck, Melanie Green, Nathan Green, Kristi Wick and Crystal Truchard.

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Richter yard chosen as March best

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club has selected the C.L. Richter home as their March Yard of the Month.

This month's honoree is the first to use the club's new sign which was painted by Cherry Corman.

The charming yellow frame house at 300 N. Lake Avenue is shaded by two huge magnolias in the front yard and a large, old oak on the side.

The flowerbed to the left of the front door has plumbago to give lovely blue color to the scene.

Colorful azaleas bloom along the front flowerbeds to the right of the entry. They are complimented by the red camellia and dwarf nandina which add rich greenery to the scene with promise of more flowers later in the season.

Along the side of the house are variegated Eumyrtus and red tipped photinia.

The fenced back yard is a lovely setting for spring with huge oaks to offer inviting shade over the grass and patio. One oak by the patio is surrounded with iron plants and the fenced is bordered with azaleas, holly fern, amaryllis and day lilies. The variety of plants give pretty blooms all spring and summer.

At the rear of the yard are pecan and pear trees as well as a very productive vegetable garden. The pear trees have lovely blooms and the pecans are just beginning to show spring leaves.

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