

OBITUARIES

Alice H. Brown

March 19, 1905 - May 28, 1994

Alice H. Brown, 89, of Eagle Lake, died Saturday, May 28, 1994.

She was born on March 19, 1905, to Rev. Fletcher and Olivia Young Hardison in Colorado County.

She joined Mount Carmel Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Ditto. She married Fritz Brown; there were no children born to their union.

She moved to Houston where she was a member of the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church and served as an usher. She later returned to Colorado County and was again a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Charles; her parents and nine brothers and sisters.

Survivors include two sisters and brother-in-law, Eunice Matthews of Eagle Lake, Florence and Tommie Sut-

ton of San Diego, Ca.; devoted niece Loreta Moore of Eagle Lake; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m. in White Cloud Baptist Church with Rev. Obie Rhodes, pastor, and Rev. A.J. Jones officiating. Interment followed in Rising Star Cemetery at Eagle Lake.

Arrangements were directed by Ben Davis Funeral Home of Columbus.

Palbearers were Odis Scott, Walter Foster, Edward Glen, Wilbur and Oliver Matthews, Robert Davis and Clodis Christal. Honorary pallbearers were Fletcher and Oscar Hardison, Lewis Roche, Claude L. Matthews, Margwyn Parker and Tommie L. Sutton.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Marie Arnold Richardson

October 4, 1916 - June 1, 1994

Marie Arnold Richardson, 77, of Rosenberg, died June 1, 1994.

She was born October 4, 1916, in El Campo.

She was a housewife, avid fisherman and gardener. She was a member of Guardian Angel Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wallis.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Henry Neal and William Richardson; and two brothers, Raymond and Neal Arnold.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Richardson of Rosenberg; daughters, Loreta Vance, Beverly Heath, Elaine Blinks, all of Rosenberg, Geneva Smith of Eagle Lake and Dorothy Alexander of Brookshire; sister, Dorothy Bignault of Savannah.

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Frank H. Skutca Jr.

February 15, 1917 - May 30, 1994

Frank H. Skutca Jr., 77, of Alton, died Monday, May 30, 1994, in the River Oaks Nursing Home in Columbus.

He was born February 15, 1917, in Borden, Colorado County. He was the son of Frank H. and Anna Hudec Skutca.

He was married to Barbara Jean Braden on June 3, 1972, and was employed at Pioneer Concrete, Ideal Gravel Mining, as an office clerk. He was a member of Woodmen of the World and St. Anthony Catholic Church.

During World War II he served in the Army Air Corps.

Survivors include his wife; his parents; two daughters, Ann Marie and Laurie Kay Machinsky of Columbus; two sisters, Betty Gast of Columbus and Carolyn Weishuhn of Frelsburg; other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 6, at 3 p.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church with Rev. Tim Koser officiating. Interment followed in St. Anthony Cemetery under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home.

Palbearers were Bennie Holesovsky, Stephen Borski, Craig Gast, Rick Mikulenko, David Schmidt and Richard McCabe.

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Alton E. Machinsky

September 26, 1939 - June 3, 1994

Alton E. Machinsky, 54, of Columbus, died Friday, June 3, 1994, at Columbus Community Hospital.

He was born September 26, 1939, in New Ulm to Eddie and Berdina Moeller Machinsky. He was lifetime member of Columbus County.

He was married to Barbara Jean Braden on June 3, 1972, and was employed at Pioneer Concrete, Ideal Gravel Mining, as an office clerk. He was a member of Woodmen of the World and St. Anthony Catholic Church.

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Gun used by outlaw Henry Moore donated to Prairie Edge Museum

The Prairie Edge Museum recently was given a Colt .45 used by gunman and outlaw Henry H. Moore, 100 years after his death.

Lyle T. Phillips Jr. and Ross Phillips, sons of former Eagle Lake banker Lyle T. Phillips, presented the historic revolver to the museum. Their father had passed down the gun to them from his own father, T.H. Phillips, a saloon owner.

The single action revolver is over 100 years old and at one time had several notches on its bone handles. The handles were burned in a fire in the Phillips home during the early 1900s and have been replaced with wood ones.

According to information passed down through the Phillips family, the gun was kept at the saloon to be used as evidence after Moore shot a man named Joe Mungeria. The gun was never called for and remained in the family until last month when it was presented to the museum.

Henry Moore, H.H., as his buddies called him, was a woodcutter who seemed more at home rustling cattle and shooting people. He was small in stature, weighing about 110 pounds and standing about five feet four inches tall. He was "real handy with a gun."

It was reported Moore could lope by a tree and hit it four times out of five with his revolver while riding. He was a friend, Dee Braddock, would hang out in the bottom south of Eagle Lake near the Frazar Store and Northington Saloon.

After a number of skirmishes with the law, he was beaten to the draw by Colorado County Sheriff Light Townsend and killed in 1894. During the episode, Braddock was also killed and the outlaws' bullet riddled bodies (See Outlaw, Page 6)

Palbearers were her grandsons, Kenneth and Larry Witte, Richard Hennessey, Duwayne and Darin Hedi and Brandon Blinks. Rodney Witte and Aaron Blinks were honorary pallbearers.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 1, at 10 a.m. in St. Roch's Catholic Church under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home. Father Dan Morales officiated.

A parish rosary was held Tuesday, May 31, and one by the Catholic Daughters. Interment was in St. Roch's Cemetery at Mentz.

Palbearers were Michael Maertz, David Pilsner, Edwin Gundlach, Woodrow Sebasta, Charles Kucherka Jr., Frank Kainer, Bennie Joe and Robert Skutca.

Honorary pallbearers were the granddaughters, Darrell and Keith Grafe; Sgt. Kevin, SPC Terry, Jason, Amy and John Zweschper; Garrett, Blake, Jennifer and Tara Skutca.

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Alpha Delta Phi installs officers for new year

A new year for Alpha Delta Phi began May 2 with a meeting at the home of Connie Gertson.

Outgoing president Jeri Lou Shindler conducted the installation ceremony.

The new officers are President Robin Thomas, Vice President Denise Cook, Recording Secretary Silvia

Brune, Corresponding Secretary Sheila Mathis, Treasurer Ann Braden and Penny Henske, extension officer.

Robin led the opening and business meeting. Minutes and reports were given.

She read a note from Jeri Lou thanking the group for her president's gift and telling how much she would miss all of them. The Shindlers are moving to Columbia, Mo.

A new budget was reviewed and adopted.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 16.

The social committee is planning a Bunko party for sometime during the summer.

Members enjoyed a program by Katrina on stress management prior to the meeting.

A social time with refreshments served by the hostess followed the meeting.

Garden Club establishes Memorial Fund

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club met at noon May 2 for their annual luncheon and business meeting.

Twenty members gathered at the home of Linda Balas.

President Becky Anderson

opened the meeting and told about the establishment of the Memorial Fund to be used for beautification of the city. She explained that the club will encourage and appreciate any gifts and donations from the community to help fund this ongoing effort.

Sandy Thompson reported the results of the Springtime Celebration and thanked members for their participation. She outlined the plans for the 1995 celebration.

Town square representative Sandy Bandy discussed plans for adding more permanent plants to the landscaping to help maintain the flowered areas.

The members of the Garden Club expressed their appreciation for The Headlight publicity of their sponsorship program.

The Garden Club hopes to create greater interest in the community to help maintain the plantings around the city and keep the park areas mowed.

Harrison-Hastedt house gets historical marker

Merril and Elaine Luman hosted the Colorado County Historical Commission at their home "Merline" which is the Harrison-Hastedt House. It is located at 236 Preston in Columbus and was included in the recent Magnolia Homes Tour.

The commission was there to dedicate a historical marker for the house on May 26.

Mrs. Luman told members the property alone was first owned by Robert Carter in 1857, transferred to George W. Smith in 1858 and then to Exum P. Whitfield in 1880.

The property and structure was owned by T.W. Fols in 1861 and later by five other Columbus citizens.

In 1877, Jesse J. Harrison purchased the property and hired the prominent local builder Andrew Wirtz and Sons in the 1880s to change the structure into a larger, two-story frame residence with a central hall.

In 1911, the house was acquired by

John and Emma Hastedt and remained in the Hastedt family until 1989. The Lumans purchased the home in 1990.

Participating in the dedication ceremony were historical commission chairman Doris Albright, Rev. John Hunsicker, Columbus Boy Scout color guard from Troop 312, State Rep. Robert Saunders, Helen Payne, Columbus Mayor Dwain Dungen and County Judge H.O. Stunk; also the W. Sean Lumans and owners Merrill and Elaine Luman.

Among the special guests were Texas Historical Commission representatives Cynthia J. Beaman and Donal Brice from Austin as well as numerous friends and relatives of the Hastedt and Luman families.

Jean Ellis announced the historical marker dedication for Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Frelsburg will be held soon. The exact date will be announced.

Prior to the dedication of Merline, a covered dish supper was enjoyed at First Baptist Church fellowship hall in Columbus. Hosts for the supper were the Lumans and Myra Jane Draper, Thelma Moore, Alice Tait, Paul and Sarah Uzzi and Sarah Wiebold.

Winners of the drawing held June 5 were Earl Dutcher who won a television; Larry Melchor, an iron; Jody Rowe, a blanket; and Arline Saucedo, a \$20 gift certificate.

Youth to benefit from drawing

The Youth Department of White Cloud Baptist Church recently held a ticket drawing to raise funds for their projects this summer.

Winners of the drawing held June 5 were Earl Dutcher who won a television; Larry Melchor, an iron; Jody Rowe, a blanket; and Arline Saucedo, a \$20 gift certificate.

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Renz, Booker engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan L. Renz of Cat Spring and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Booker of Columbus announce the engagement of their children, Kristi Diane Renz and Michael Anthony Booker.

The bride elect is a graduate of Bradford School of Business in Houston. She is employed in the accounting department of American General in Houston.

Booker received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He is employed with the 25th Judicial District in Columbus. Both are graduates of Columbus High School.

The couple plans to exchange vows Aug. 27 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus.

Job market good for computer savvy grads with strong academic skills

The future of the Texas marketplace is apparent at an Austin auto service center where a mechanic stops tinkering under the hood of a car and goes to a nearby computer. The mechanic taps out information on the keyboard and the computer responds with a list of parts required to fix the car.

Texas Comptroller John Sharp notes that many blue collar jobs already require computer knowledge along with reading, writing and math skills. The trend is expected to continue.

With graduations of high schools and colleges all over the state, many young Texans are discovering that a high school education no longer guarantees them a job. Even jobs that do not require a college degree do require specialized and technical training beyond high school.

Sharp noted the best paying jobs will be held by college graduates but only one in four high school graduates will go on to earn a college degree.

There is a widening gap between the training Texas students are receiving and the skills they will need in tomorrow's job market according to a report in the May issue of the Fiscal Notes, published by the comptrollers office.

The report says that 43% of the businesses surveyed by the Texas Research League reported difficulty hiring entry level workers with basic reading, writing, communication and math skills. At the same time, it notes, the unemployment rate for workers, ages 16 to 19, is three times the overall unemployment rate in the state.

Robert Clark, chairman and chief executive of Cooper Industries in Houston, reported that manufacturers need workers who can use a computer, read instructions and solve problems.

The new chairman will be elected June 10-11 at the state GOP convention in Fort Worth.