Faichtinger, Ripper united in formal wedding ceremony

St Anthony's Catholic Church in Columbus was the setting for the wedding ceremony uniting Becky Renee Faichtinger and Scott David Ripper on Sept. 17, 1994.

The bride is the daughter of Alvin and Mary Faichtinger of Altair. She graduated from Rice High School in 1991 and earned an associate degree in medical records from Wharton County Junior College. She is employed by Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The groom is the son of Monroe and Carol Ripper of Eagle Lake. He is a 1989 graduate of Rice High School and is employed with Eagle Concrete Products in Eagle Lake.

For the ceremony, the church's main altar was decorated with a large fan arrangement of pink and white gladioli, dark pink lilies, pink carnations, baby's breath and fern. On each side of the communion rail, large ferns and candelabra were placed. Large butterfly plants adorned the side altars.

Rev. Dan Kahlich officiated at the wedding. The St. Anthony's Children's Choir performed "If Forever There Is Love" as a prelude. "Trumpet Voluntary" and "The Bridal Chorus" served as processional. They sang "One Hand, One Heart" during the unity candle lighting and "Only a Shadow" for the offering of gifts.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father. For her wedding the bride chose a formal gown of white Italian silk by Mori Lee with leg-o-mutton sleeves ending in points at the wrists. Hand rolled rosettes adorned the shoulders of the fitted, beaded bodice with its sweetheart neckline.

The full ballroom skirt cascaded from the basque waist below a double satin bow into a cathedral train. French lace cutaways were accented by hand pearled and sequined designs in a swirled beading pattern. The gown was enhanced by pearl earrings and necklace.

Her bridal veil was held by a band of hand rolled rosettes. She carried a bouquet of pink and ivory roses, dark pink lilies and baby's breath. Her late grandmother's rosary was entwined in the bouquet.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Tammie Hinze. Bridesmaids were Marsha Faichtinger of San Antonio, Anne Faichtinger of Columbus, Tricia Thomas of Lubbock, Chantelle Chalbreck of Hallettsville, Roxanne Schindler of Eagle Lake and Stephanie Thompson of Altair.

The bridesmaids wore tea length dresses of teal satin with sweetheart necklines and puffed sleeves. The vee back ended with a bow at the waistline. Each carried an arm bouquet of magnolias with gold beads and tied with sheer gold ribbon.

Priscilla Faichtinger, cousin of the bride, as flowergirl, wore a white satin gown with rosettes on the shoulders and a full tulle skirt. She carried a basket filled with potpourri.

The groom's attendants were Dean Faichtinger of San Antonio, Michael Faichtinger of Columbus, Joe Lee Perez of Eagle Lake, Brian Rucka of Richmond, Al Schindler of Eagle Lake and Ryan Thomas of Fredericksburg.

Vance Corman of Eagle Lake served as best man and Garrett Schindler, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. Joe Wendel, Bobby Meyer, Matt McGaughey and Peter Canaris were ushers.

Maynard and Adeline Ripper carried the offertory gifts.

A reception followed the wedding at the Veterans Community Center in Columbus. The newlywed couple rode to the reception in a horse-drawn carriage.

The center was decorated with magnolia leaves, ribbons and candles in alternating teal and dusty rose. An arrangement of magnolia leaves, candles and ribbon adorned the registration table which also held the couple's engagement picture.

On the cake table was an arrangement of green foliage, dusty rose lilies, pink carnations and baby's breath in a white urn.

The bridal cake was a white confection shaped like a church with a "Precious Moments" bride and groom in the doorway. It was created by Willie Mae Prazak. The groom's cake was a yellow cake with chocolate frosting. It featured a golfing scene.

Serving in the house party were Tillie Neubauer, Melissa Neubauer, Mary Kay Cook, Kim Gold, Brenda Beisel, Shannon Pustejovsky, Glenda Blair, Rhonda Prazak, Scharlene Prazak and Lareina Pence.

Following a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the newlyweds are at home in Eagle Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott David Ripper

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Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon opens practice at local clinic

Linda Da Ponte, D.D.S.

Linda Da Ponte, DDS, an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon recently opened her practice at The Dental Clinic, 1506 N. Alabama Rd. Her hours are Tuesday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

She is a graduate of the University of Texas Dental Branch at the Houston Medical Center. Dr. Da Ponte spent four years in residency training at the University of Texas Dental Branch. She is presently in private practice in the Anderson Dental Group in Sugar Land as well as teaching oral surgery at the University of Texas Dental Branch as an associate professor. Her husband is an oral surgeon — they have twins, a boy and girl, two years old.

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Stansel named CSSA Fellow

Dr. James W. Stansel

James W. (Jim) Stansel, professor and resident director of the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Beaumont, has been named a Fellow of the Crop Science Society of America (CSSA). The award was presented at the 1994 annual meeting of the Society, Nov. 13-18 in Seattle, Wash.

Dr. Stansel. who earned degrees from Texas A&M University and Purdue University, is recognized internationally as an authority on rice production. He is serving as the USAID science liaison officer to the International Rice Research Institute, Philippines.

Through Dr. Stansel's leadership, a comprehensive and goal-oriented research program called Econo-Rice was developed to focus on economical rice production. The Econo-Rice program is used as a model for integrating federal, state, producer, and industry resources into a goal-oriented coordinated program for research and technology transfer.

The Fellows program was initiated in 1985. Colleagues within the Society nominate worthy members. The CSSA Executive Committee ratifies the election.

Prairie Chicken mates get blood tests

A marriage license isn't required, but blood tests must be done before Attwater's prairie chickens in Texas research programs mate this year.

"We are doing DNA fingerprinting on blood samples to determine sex and whether the birds are related," Said Dr. Nova Silvy, upland game management researcher at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and leader of the federal Attwater's Prairie Chicken Recovery Team.

Silvy and researchers from Houston Zoo collected 49 eggs from Refugio and Galveston Counties last year hoping to hatch and raise the chicks in a captive breeding program. Twenty-six birds from that group reached adult size and are ready for breeding next spring. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center near Glen Rose also has a breeding program with seven young raised from Galveston County eggs.

"By Dec. 1, birds will be transferred between the three programs, if necessary, to avoid matching related birds, and then paired for breeding," Silvy said. Prairie Chickens usually mate during the first two weeks of March and lay a clutch of 10-14 eggs that hatch in late April.

The goal of the captive breeding program is to help rebuild populations for the wild. Attwater's Prairie Chickens once numbered in the billions along the Texas coast and throughout Louisiana. This year, the recovery team counted only 79 males, meaning that if each male had a mate, there were only 158 Attwater's prairie chickens in the world.

Silvy said the 1994 census, which found birds in only four Texas counties, represents a startling 65% drop from 1993 figures.

Though researchers haven't determined the exact cause of the dramatic decrease, Silvy said, the recent blood work on wild birds may have produced a possible explanation.

"Blood tests on the wild birds indicate that Attwater's Prairie Chickens have been exposed to avian cholera," Silvy said. "We don't know if this is what is killing the prairie chicken population, but it is possible that they have gotten the disease from geese that have died from the disease."

He said researchers will continue to probe that possibility and others while raising chicks for eventual release in the wild. They will also search next spring for eggs in Austin and Colorado counties.

"We want to diversify the genetic pool as much as possible, so it is important to find birds that aren't related to the ones we got in Refugio and Galveston counties," Silvy said.

If all seven females at the Texas A&M facility produce a normal clutch, that would mean almost 100 chicks by next April, Silvy noted, "and a lot more grasshoppers."

He estimated that 5,000 commercially produced crickets cost $56 and will feed 20 birds for one week. "It could easily cost up to $400 a week to feed them," Silvy said.

The prairie chickens require insects for the first few weeks of life before switching to a diet of grass and seed in the wild.

"We have the potential to turn out 600 birds a year among the three facilities," said David Drake, a graduate

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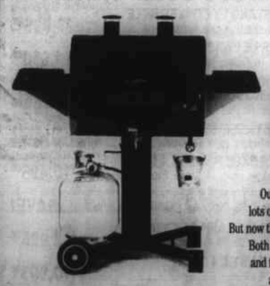
Montes retires from STMC

South Texas Medical Clinics P.A. honored Fred Montes, who has served at the clinic for 14 years, with an appreciation lunch last month with over 100 employees attending. He has been battling health problems for the past two years and has now taken an early retirement. Montes was x-ray manager. Montes, seated, is given a plaque by Dr. William Yankowsky, at left, and a gift from his coworkers. *STMC Photo*



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Club & Organization News

County 4-H Council meets

The Colorado County 4-H Council met Oct. 26 at the county Ag Building in Columbus, according to a report from Brandy Tuck, council reporter.

Council delegates attended as representatives of their clubs.

Present from Sheridan 4-H Club were Jodi Heard, Dana Leopold, Leigh Jackson, Shari Grahmann and Jenny Hajovsky;

Also, Courtney Parker of the Eagle Lake club, Frances Mrkwa of the Rice club, Jordan Rutta of the Pioneer club, Lora Weishuhn of the Frelsburg club and Dana Coreather of the Riverside club were also present.

Other club delegates were Matt Ross and Brandy Tuck of the Live Oak Club, Ryan Brandt of the Wild Clover club and Emily Schneider of the Horse club.

Shari Grahmann, council chairman, called the meeting to order. Brandt led the pledge and motto.

Secretary Jodi Heard read the minutes from Sept.

The group was reminded that fruit orders are due in to the club managers by Nov. 7.

Winner of the club enrollment contest was the Wild Clover Club of Weimar with nine new members. The winners get a choice of movies or a trip to Galaxy Pizza as their prize, courtesy of the council.

The group made plans for a Dec. community service project.

Marty Graves, CEA, presented the Gold Star winners, Grahmann and Leopold, with belt buckles.

The next meeting will be Nov. 30 at the SCS office in Columbus at 7 p.m.

UDC Chapter meets in Weimar

Shropshire-Upton Chapter #361 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met Nov. 10 at the Weimar Public Library.

Hostesses were Elvera Kahlich, Frances Seifert, Ernestine Roeder, Cecelia Berger and Jennie Sue Muggli.

Millycent Cranek reported on the Children of Confederacy board meeting at Liendo Plantation near Hempstead. She accompanied Tara Hagendorff and Laura Tait, state officers.

Two prospective members, Evelyn Barrett of Columbus and Lillie Mae Brightwell of Fayetteville, were introduced.

A new brochure for the Confederate Museum is being prepared for the Nov. 19 press party and "Christmas on the Colorado". Docents were asked to sign up for both occasions.

Jack Muggli gave a very interesting review of the book "Southern by the Grace of God". He pointed out many of the facts of history that are not generally known today.

The "Lee, Jackson and Maury" luncheon will be Friday, Dec. 9, at Schobels' Restaurant with guest speaker Bill Seay. Reservations should be sent by Dec. 1 to Joyce Gordy, 732-2976.

Xi Pi Psi plans for Christmas

Xi Pi Psi members met at JoAnn Gertson's home the evening of Nov. 1.

President Ernie Sommerlatte conducted the business meeting as she read letters from the Dept. of Houston Services and Children in Foster Homes. Donations will be sent to each as community projects.

Plans were made to go to the Heritage House on the afternoon of Dec. 1 to decorate Christmas trees and place stockings on all the doors.

The Christmas parade entry was planned with much enthusiasm. Connie Lange will work out details and decorating the float will begin Dec. 1.

Christmas ornaments were exchanged by Secret Sisters, unique and lovely as always.

Mary Lou Szymanski was elected Rosebud girl. She will officiate at the Christmas party when members will draw for next year's Secret Sister.

The program on "Friendship" was presented by Dot Kingsley. The inspiring thought ended with a poem. "Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold."

Nada Catholic Daughters #1595 meet

The Nada Catholic Daughter of America #1595 held their monthly meeting Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the parish hall.

Regent Ernestine Schneider presided.

Prior to the meeting, a memorial mass was held to honor the deceased members of the court. The church was beautifully lit with a candle representing each deceased member.

A Senior Citizens Domino Party will be held Nov. 16 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

St. Mary's PTC Fall Festival will be held Nov. 20 from 4 to 8 p.m. Chili and hamburgers will be served. Bingo, cake walk, raffle and craft booths will provide entertainment for the afternoon.

Christmas poinsettias, to be placed in the church, may be purchased from Emma Waligura.

Regent Schneider thanked the members who participated in the National CDA Day Mass. Through our unity and charity we can make our community a better place to live.

Christmas cheer baskets will be assembled at the Dec.13 meeting. Please bring your homemade cookies and candy.

Door prizes were won by Annie Schneider, Doris Priesmeyer, and Marilyn Popp.

Future for business, agriculture on Dec. rice conference agenda

One of America's foremost small-business authorities is on the program for the National Rice Industry Outlook Conference, scheduled for Dec. 4-6 in Reno, Nev.

Dr. Geoffrey Kessler is founder and director of The Kessler Exchange, an organization dedicated to researching the experiences of successful small-business operations and sharing that information among the small-business community.

The author of numerous articles and guest on national news programs, Kessler is known for his strong views on the importance of small business.

His topic at the conference will be "Preparing for the Future: Keys to Successful Agriculture and Business for the Next Year and Next Century".

The conference will address a number of topics including the domestic and international rice situation and outlook, rice quality and marketing issues, legislative and regulatory updates, and rice research.

The Rice Grower Achievement Awards also will be presented.

For more, call the USA Rice Federation's Houston office at 1-800-888-7423.

Farmers reminded no Propazine use

Ag. Commissioner Rick Perry reminds farmers that all sales, use and distribution of propazine (Griffin Milo-Pro 4L Herbicide, Not EPA registered) were stopped Aug. 1, 1994.

The chemical, which controls weeds, was approved for use on grain sorghum by the Environmental Protection Agency from Jan. 27 to Aug. 1, 1994, after the Texas Dept. of Agriculture received approval from EPA to allow the herbicide's emergency use to combat weeds that were not being controlled by registered products. Since no other uses are registered in Texas, all of the herbicide now must be returned to Griffin . Contact Vern White at 1-800-237-1854 to arrange for pickup of leftover Milo-Pro 4L Herbicide.

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SPORTS

Men on Base

By Paul H. Yarbrough

Enos (Country) Slaughter, 4-27-16

Enos "Country" Slaughter was a lifetime .300 hitter while playing almost 20 years in the major leagues, 13 with the St. Louis Cardinals. He played on two Cardinal World Championship teams, 1942 and 1946, some believing the 1942 team to be one of the greatest ever fielded.

He would later play for two Yankee World Champions (1956 and 1958) where mostly he saw action as a prolific and clutch pinch hitter.

His nickname was acquired via his Andy (Mayberry) Taylor background and demeanor, but the repute by which many old timers remember him is the "old hustler".

Slaughter never let up and will always be remembered for going from first to home on a single in the seventh game of the 1946 series against the Red Sox.

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1985.

	G	AVG	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	
1938	112	.276	395	59	109	8	58	1	SL (N)
1939	149	.320	604	95	193	12	86	2	SL (N)
1940	140	.306	516	96	158	17	73	8	SL (N)
1941	113	.311	425	71	132	13	76	4	SL (N)
1942	152	.318	591	100	188	13	98	9	SL (N)**
1943-1945: Military service									
1946	156	.300	609	100	183	18	130	9	SL (N)**
1947	147	.294	551	100	162	10	86	4	SL (N)
1948	146	.321	549	91	176	11	90	4	SL (N)
1949	151	.336	568	92	191	13	96	3	SL (N)
1950	148	.290	556	82	161	10	101	3	SL (N)
1951	123	.281	409	48	115	4	64	7	SL (N)
1952	140	.300	510	73	153	11	101	6	SL (N)
1953	69	.291	492	64	143	6	89	4	SL (N)
1954	118	.248	125	19	31	1	19	0	NY (A)
1955	115	.315	276	50	87	5	35	2	NY (A) KC (A)
1956	115	.281	306	52	86	2	27	2	KC (A) NY (A)**
1957	96	.254	209	24	53	5	34	0	NY (A)*
1958	77	.304	138	21	42	4	19	2	NY (A)**
1959	85	.171	117	10	20	6	22	1	NY (A) MIL (N)
TOTALS 19 Years	2380	.300	7946	1247	2383	169	1304	71	

*Won Pennant, **Won World Series

Note: Paul Yarbrough is a fledgling free-lance sports writer who has loved baseball all his life.

We will be running a few of his articles in upcoming issues of The Headlight.

So, it would really be helpful if you would let us know what you think.

This Week's Action!

Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 17-19 ..... Lady Raiders at Stroman Tournament Victoria, TBA
Tues., Nov. 22 ..... Lady Raiders vs. Ganado, Here, 5 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 29 ..... Lady Raiders at Giddings, 5 p.m.

Winter volleyball league forming

The Wharton Recreation Department is accepting team rosters for a 1994-95 winter volleyball league. Families, churches, businesses, schools and college student groups are encouraged to form a team and join the action.

Registration will be held until 5 p.m., Nov. 23 at the recreation office.

To register or for information call Ed Vander Stucken at 409-532-4811 ext. 608.

The season begins Nov. 29 and ends Jan. 21. It will be a round robin with double elimination tournament to cap the league. Teams should have a maximum of 12 players and the fee is $100 per team.

Good goose hunting expected

Prospects look good for the 1994-95 goose hunting season in Texas. Brian Sullivan, waterfowl program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said initial flights have arrived and goose numbers should increase steadily through the coming weeks.

"Goose populations that migrate to Texas are at or near record levels; nesting conditions this year were average," he said. "A lot of geese will migrate to Texas again this year and there should be enough young birds to produce good hunting success. The recent heavy rainfall in the rice prairies and coastal regions have improved habitat conditions for geese and the extra water should hold the geese in the area."

"White-fronted geese have been

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