OBITUARIES

Dora Dervin

July 10, 1894 - November 3, 1995

Dora Dervin, 101, of Garwood passed away November 3, 1995.

On July 10, 1894, a baby girl was born to Sylvester and Matilda Pike, and she was given the name "Dora".

She grew up in a Christian home and gave her life to Christ at an early age. She worked dlligently and faithfully; her dedication was exemplified in an arduous manner. She received and gave love in the home, church and community in which she lived.

After making her home in Garwood, she immediately united with the St. Paul United Methodist Church where she fellowshipped into doctrine and remained a faithful member until her untimely death.

Survivors include one sister, Valerie Anilla Greely of Pen Oak; and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Funeral service were held on Wednesday, November 8, 1995, at 11 a.m. from St. Paul United Methodist Church in Garwood with Rev. Tony Kirkendall officiating.

Interment followed in the Pen Oak Community Cemetery in Pen Oak. Arrangements were under the direction of Peaceful Rest Mortuary of Cleveland.

Serving as pallbearers were Rex and Grady Williams, Olyen Brown, Allie Richardson, Billy and Jerold Taylor.

Honorary pallbearers were Hubert Thomas, David Palmer, Joe Richardson, Thelton Perkins, Calvin Greely Jr., Cleo, Leo and Clifton McGrew, Wayne Brown, Robert D. Williams.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Charles Semora

February 21, 1908 - November 23, 1995

Charles Semora, 87, of Chesterville passed away at 11:52 a.m. November 23, 1995, at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

He was born on February 21, 1908, in Chesterville to Joe and Cecelia Brown Semora.

A native and lifelong resident of Chesterville with a career in agriculture, he was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army.

Semora was a member of the Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity, Eagle Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Mamie Tom, Louella Schmittou, Stella Lenard, Leda Lawson; and brothers, Tom, Joe, Bill, John L. "Buster" and James E. "Buddy" Semora.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Wilma Rabius Semora of Chesterville; daughter and son-in-law, Cecelia Semora Schertz and Anton of Frelsburg; sons and daughter-in-law, Bobby Charles and Faye Semora of Eagle Lake and Joseph Elton Semora of Needville; sister, Mrs. Viola Marsalia of Eagle Lake; and grandchildren, Michael Wayne and Carrie Lynn Semora.

Vigil service was held on Saturday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 26, at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Father Eddie Winkler officiating.

Interment followed in the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Pallbearers were Harold Andell, Marvin Semora, James Brune, Carl Backhus, Anton Jalowy Jr., Howard Wilkerson and Floyd Marsalia.

Dulany Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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Methodist 'circuit riders' successful

The "circuit riders" of The United Methodist Church have successfully completed their saddlebag relay campaign to underwrite the proposed program and budget.

"We were confident that our members would act in mature and faithful manner, and they did," Rev. Larry Bailey said. "In these uncertain economic times, the people showed they are willing to make their church a priority where money is concerned."

The pastor said the Circuit Ride theme for the stewardship program sparked excitement and enthusiasm among the members and resulted in them working together for a common purpose.

It was a joyous event for adults and young people alike.

Rev. Bailey and Vic Corman, general superintendent of the campaign, praised the many circuit riders, leaders and supervisors who saw that the circuit ride saddlebags containing the "estimate of giving" cards were passed from home to home.

"Everybody worked together," Corman said. "It was the same kind of teamwork the original Methodists circuit riders, with their connectional system, displayed."

Corman said a popular feature of the campaign was that each family was permitted to decide on a giving estimate in the privacy of their home, without any over-the-shoulder 'supervision' of a financial canvasser."

United Methodist Church Pastor Larry Bailey and Stewardship Education Coordinator Anna Gertson were pleased at the results of the recent "Circuit Ride" by church members. *Photo Courtesy of Methodist Church*

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Anna Kathryn Cathcart

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cathcart announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born October 30, 1995, at Tomball Regional Hospital.

Anna Kathryn weighed eight pounds, seven ounces, and measured 20 inches at birth.

She is welcomed home by her big brother, Andrew, age two.

Maternal grandparents are Butch and Mary Lou Szymanski of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Joe and Wanna Finch of Houston.

Maternal great grandmother is Lena Bailey of Richmond.

The mother is the former Penny Szymanski.

Ashley Christine Hutchison

Mr. and Mrs. Lonny J. Hutchison of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born on November 16, 1995, at 8:49 p.m. at Rice District Community Hospital in Eagle Lake.

Ashley Christine weighed seven pounds, one ounce, and measured 17-3/4 inches at birth. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

Maternal grandparents are Leroy and Carol Botts of Brenham.

Paternal grandparents are Daniel and Lena Hutchison of Eagle Lake.

Great grandparents are Virgil and Edna Kennedy of Meedville, Mo., and Milton and Gladys Fritz of Brenham.

Mallory Renee Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Blaine Thomas of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their fourth child, a daughter, born November 22, 1995, at 11:36 p.m. at Rice District Community Hospital.

Mallory Renee weighed seven pounds, eight ounces, and measured 21 inches at birth. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

She is welcomed home by her big sisters, Jessica, age 11; Lindsey, age eight; and Katlyn, age five.

Maternal grandparents are Lucille and Tom Frevola of Akron, Oh.

Paternal grandparents are Phyllis and Gayle Thomas of Eagle Lake.

Great grandparents are Margaret D'Amico of Akron, Oh., and Freda Johnson of Eagle Lake.

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—Balatasar Gracian

Diabetes-related eye disease needs early identification

People with diabetes need to give special attention to their eyes and vision because diabetes can cause loss of vision, says Diane Prather, O.D., M.P.H. of Sugar Land.

"Nearly half of all people with diabetes will develop some degree of diabetic eye disease," Prather said. "The most common is diabetic retinopathy, caused by changes in the blood vessels in the retina, the nerve-rich lining at the back of the eye that is essential for seeing. But, diabetes can also contribute to glaucoma and cataracts."

Each year, approximately 25,000 people lose their sight to diabetic eye disease, making diabetes a leading cause of new cases of blindness in adults 25 to 74 years old, according to the American Diabetes Association, National Eye Institute and American Optometric Association. The three have joined with other organizations to alert people to diabetic eye disease.

"Diabetes-related eye diseases often have no symptoms but, early signs can be detected during a dilated eye exam", Dr. Prather said. "People with diabetes should see an optometrist or ophthalmologist at least once a year for a dilated eye exam. Early diagnosis and treatment can help in preventing loss of vision.

Free information about diabetes and diabetes-related eye disease is available from Dr. Diane Prather, 14859 Southwest Freeway, Sugar

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Miss Rosalee Krenek of Schulenburg is visiting here with the family of her aunt, **Mr. & Mrs. Joe Koudelka**. She is assisting at the Royal Cleaners during the absence of **Mrs. Johnnie Floyd Burns** who is on her wedding trip...

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Gordy are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter at the Columbus Hospital on Saturday morning... **Dr. & Mrs. J.C. Laughlin** have been visiting in Mexico City and other sites in that country...

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Caylor, Mrs. Grace McElmurry, Miss Betty Joe McElmurry, Miss Joan Davis, Miss Grace Miculka and **Jack McElmurry** enjoyed a picnic at the Felipe Park on Sunday...

Mrs. Cal Gertson and **Arlene** accompanied their mother and grandmother, **Mrs. F. Heitman,** to her home in Ganado on Wednesday after a short visit here... **Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Nispel** returned Thursday from a vacation spent in the New Braunfels area...

Gordon Causey who is with the engineering firm in Nassau, in the Bahamas, flew to Florida where he had his appendix removed last week. His friends will be glad to know he recuperated satisfactorily and was able to return to his work. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Causey of Lissie.

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Dancy, Jones wed in double-ring ceremony

Anita Ann Dancy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie N. Dancy Sr., was united in marriage with Melvin Lee Jones III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams and the late Melvin (Baby) Jones Jr., in a double-ring ceremony on Saturday, September 23, 1995, at 6 o'clock in the evening at White Cloud Baptist Church in Eagle Lake.

Brother Davie McAfee officiated and Rev. Obie Rhodes lead the prayer.

Mrs. Teresa Fitzgerald provided the wedding music and Mrs. Sandra Cain sang several solos.

The church pews were decorated with off white satin bows with greenery. Each window was decorated with hunter green bells. A set of gold candelabrums graced each side of the gold lattice arch, all entwined with greenery. The church was decorated with greenery and live plants.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a straight ankle-length off-white Baroque satin gown with a "queen's collar" with pleated princess seams, an original gown designed especially for her by Mrs. Annie M. Schmidt. The cathedral-length, detachable train was made of lace.

The bride wore off-white satin shoes with iridescent appliques on each side. She also wore a triple-strand of pearls with matching diamond and pearl earrings and a bracelet given to her by her aunt, which contained diamonds and pearls.

The off-white headpiece was made of pearls, sequins and small flowers.

The two-tiered veil fell from shoulder-length to waist-length with a ruffled pouf to which the veil was attached. The headpiece and veil were designed by the bride.

The bride held a bouquet of white and ivory satin flowers sprayed with golden flakes of glitter. The flowers consisted of roses, tulips, stargazer lilies and many others.

The bride and groom each made a special dedication as a way of expressing their love for each other. As a tribute to the groom, the bride recited the poem "Today I Will Marry My Best Friend".

As a tribute to the bride, the groom played "So Amazing" on his synthesizer keyboard and Mrs. Cain sang solo.

Serving as Matron of Honor was Cassandra Solomon, a friend of the bride. Maid of Honor was Kaysha Green, cousin of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Leslie Glover, Aletra Johnson, Sherry Stovall and Evelyn Thomas, all friends of the bride; and Anjanette Mitchell, sister of the groom.

The junior bride was Jameka White, cousin of the bride. Flower girls were Briana Mitchell, niece of the groom, Courtney Stovall, cousin of the groom, and Marina and Sabrina White, cousins of the bride. The junior hostesses were Sheena Dancy, Alexis Marshall, Termika Shropshire and Reneisha Thibodeaux.

Serving as best man was Anthony Stovall, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were Patrick Bonner, Gary Scott, and Truman Scott Jr., all friends of the groom; Horace Mitchell, brother-in-law of the groom. Honorary groomsman was the late Michael Twitty, friend to the groom.

The junior groomsman was Edward Thomas Jr., cousin of the bride.

Ring bearers were Brandon and Jordan Williams, cousins of the groom. The train bearer was Ernest Cain Jr., cousin of the bride.

Performing usher duties were Willie Dancy Jr., brother of the bride; Bryant Hurd, Randy Stovall and Willie Stovall Jr., all cousins of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The couple, arriving in a white Lincoln Continental limousine, were greeted by all of the members of the wedding party.

Guests registered at a table covered in white with tulle draped around the sides and hunter green trimming. The table held the guest register book and a hunter green plume pen, a large white basket trimmed in lace with a gold bow on top which held bird seed bags.

Also on the table were white satin bags filled with white candy-covered almonds and miniature saucers wrapped in assorted colors of hunter green, gold or off-white tulle, with the couple's names and wedding date attached.

The bride's table was covered in white lace with hunter green trim. Along with the bride's cake, the table also held a white marble cake knife and server, a silver champagne bucket with a bottle of champagne on ice and the couple's hunter green champagne goblets.

Surrounding the cake were white napkins with the couple's names and wedding date, hunter green napkins and the bride's bouquet as the centerpiece.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lee Jones III

The bride's cake was a three-tiered cake, the bottom tier was a white confection with white icing. The top two tiers were made of strawberry confection with white icing.

The cake was edged with white scallops and each tier was decorated with hunter green ribbon that formed into a bow. The two bottom tiers were topped with small white roses and greenery. The cake was topped with three clear hearts with white lace trimming.

A lighted fountain of hunter green water flowed under the cake and was surrounded with greenery.

The groom's table was covered in white with hunter green skirting. Surrounding the groom's cake were white napkins with the couple's names and wedding date, hunter green and gold napkins and curls of gold ribbon as accents.

The groom's cake was German chocolate with chocolate icing. It was decorated with black and white keys of a piano with the words "Keep On Playin' Melvin" around the keys.

Special assistance at the church and reception was furnished by: Alice Williams (wedding coordinator), Lee Anna Ashton, Ruth Carter, Chris Cotton, Rosie Cotton, Mary Nell Dancy, Leonard Hemphill, Maggie Henderson, Mina Henderson, Andrew Howard, Mervie Howard, Roy Lee, Hermione Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, Hazel Mason, Patsy Coats Mathis, Jerome McAfee, Leslie Mitchell, Edward Thomas, Malcom Thomas, Raymond Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Tillman Sr., Cotoya Williams and Roshette Williams.

Our thanks to all of them.

Showers

The bride had several showers held in her honor.

On Aug. 19, a miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. Mervie Howard.

Hostesses were Sandra Cain, Maggie Henderson, Mervie Howard, Robbie Johnson, Hazel Mason and Ada Tillman.

On Sept. 2, miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. Helen Hurd, hosted by Helen Hurd, Jacqueline Williams and Shirley Williams.

Sept. 6 brought a surprise shower at the Eye Care Clinics of Texas in Sugar Land. Hostesses were all of the bride's co-workers at the Eye Care Clinics of Texas and Ft. Bend Medical Management.

In remembrance of our groomsman and friend, Michael Twitty; we would like to dedicate... "We cannot say and will not say that he is not gone... "he is just away". With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand, he has wandered into an unknown land, and left us dreaming how very fair it needs must be since he lingers there. And you, O you, who the wildest yearn for the old-time step and glad return, think of him as faring on, as dear in the love of there as the love of here. Think of him still as the same, we say; Michael is not gone... he is just away."

CP&L files petition for increase in rates

Central Power and Light Company recently filed a petition with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and cities of original jurisdiction to increase its base rates for the first time in over four years.

CPL is requesting an overall net increase of $54 million, which is an appropriate 4.6% increase in customer bills.

The request is made up of a $71 million base rate increase that is partially offset by a fuel factor reduction of approximately $17 million.

Even with the proposed increase, the average residential customer's bill is expected to be comparable to the average residential bill in 1991.

A CP&L residential customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity currently pays about $78 a month for electricity. With the proposed increase, the same customer will pay an average of $80 a month, or about 3% more on an annual basis.

The amount of the rate increase will vary between different customer groups which include residential, commercial, industrial and other retail customers.

The increase also will vary based on usage patterns and the types of electrical equipment the customer uses.

CP&L announced in early Oct. its intent to seek permission to increase rates. If the requested rate increase and regulatory treatments are approved, CP&L has committed not to implement any other base rate increases prior to Jan. 1, 2001.

The rate increase is based on operating results for the test year ending June 1995.

The request is not an effort to recover any of the amounts refunded to customers in July 1995 as a result of the 1993-94 outage at the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station.

If the review progresses forward on schedule, the earliest any increase would go into effect would be May of 1996.

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Stallman re-elected to CS&WCD

Approximately 50 landowners were in attendance at the Nada Hall on Friday, Oct. 13, for the election of a Director of Zone III of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

Roy Stallman Sr. of Columbus, with farming and ranching activities in the Zone III area, was re-elected to a four year term.

Melvin Albright served as chairman for the election and appointed Clara Horndt as secretary.

In conjunction with the directors election, the Colorado County Hay Show was held prior to the election.

A reorganization of the board of directors was to be held during the next meeting of the board on Oct. 26.

The district directors sponsored a chili-rice-cornbread meal for all in attendance.

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