

Frazars donate building to Museum

Christmas came early this year for the Prairie Edge Museum when Brig. Gen. Joe N. Frazar Jr., Retired, presented the deed to the Frazar building to Helen Craig, President of the Museum's Board of Trustees.

Frazar was acting on behalf of his sons, Joe N. III and Richard D. Frazar. General and Mrs. Frazar were instrumental in the establishment of the museum and now have made a most generous and admirable gesture of support to help ensure the Museum's future.

Ancestors of Gen. Frazar were among the first settlers in this area.

"Education is the best provision for old age."

— Aristotle

having established the Montgomery and Thatcher plantations just south of Eagle Lake near Matthews in 1935.

The original Frazar building at 101 Main Street (corner of Main and McCarty) was built in 1886 and was known as the Frazar Opera House. The all-brick, two-story structure was owned by the Frazar sisters, Julia and Elizabeth.

Downstairs, the building housed the Vineyard and Walker Bank as well as the Welford and Beckman Saloon and Domino Parlor.

The upstairs auditorium was used for dances, plays, row shows and even boxing and wrestling matches.

After a dance in 1925, the entire building was destroyed by fire.

Following the fire, Mr. Joe N. Frazar hired young high school boys to

clean the old brick that was originally made down on the Colorado River.

These young men cleaned and salvaged enough brick to build the present building. They were paid 15 per cent for their labor at the building site. One of the original hand axes used in this work is in the Prairie Edge Museum.

Since then, the building has been occupied by the Balas Meat Market, South Union Gas Company, the Uley Jewelry Store and Lack's Auto Store. In 1936 A.J. Struss bought Lack's Auto Store and still occupies it today.

One stipulation in making the transfer was that the present lessees, Elmer and Frances Struss, be permitted to continue their lease of the premises as long as they desired.

Rent from the building will help the Museum meet its monthly expenses of maintaining the facility and sponsoring the many community and youth activities offered by the museum.

"We are deeply grateful to Gen. Frazar and his sons for this gift and would like to encourage other families to consider enhancing the endowment of the Museum," said Craig.

Another piece of real estate was deeded to the Museum earlier this year by Mrs. Carolyn Yeti Wilson of Houston.



Gathered to note the deed-passing on the Frazar building last week were Brig. Gen. Joe N. Frazar Jr. (Retired), Bunny Frazar, Helen Craig, Louise and Ted Brunner, Elmer and Frances Struss, Rollin Baker, Suzanne Sykowski and Susan Hadley.

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Scopolamine is a prescription anticholinergic medicine that may be applied in the form of a skin patch to prevent motion sickness. Research indicates that this medicine also may be effective for drooling in adults and children. In the mid-1980s researchers noted a 50 percent reduction in saliva flow 12 to 18 hours after applying scopolamine patches to 12 healthy volunteers. Several years later a case report indicated a significant reduction in drooling in a man with a history of traumatic brain injuries. The skin patch is not recommended in persons with glaucoma.

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The poinsettia is one of the most popular gifts of the yuletide season. Its showy bracts or modified leaves give it a distinctive appearance which has become a traditional Christmas symbol. The poinsettia can provide long lasting beauty in the home or office if you follow some basics in selection and care.

When purchasing a poinsettia, examine the plant carefully. Avoid one which has dropped the yellow flowers at the end of each branch. Select plants which have only three to five fully opened flowers in a tight cluster. Also, avoid plants which have brown or moldy bracts. Look for strong upright plants that are well rounded.

Once in its new environment a poinsettia can easily last for more than a month if given proper care. Remove or punch holes through any decorative foil or wrapping on the pot. Although attractive, it impedes drainage and holds water resulting in root rot and plant deterioration. Keep the plants out of hot or cold drafts. Poinsettias cannot tolerate cold or rapidly changing temperatures. Keep at temperatures above 60° F, preferably between 65 and 70°. Place in good light but not direct sunlight. Poinsettias use a moderate amount of water. Check daily and keep soil moist but don't overwater. When adding water, allow some to drain through the root mass and out of the pot bottom.

If you received a poinsettia as a Christmas gift and enjoying work with plants, attempting to produce your

own poinsettia for next Christmas can be rewarding.

Once the colorful bracts are no longer attractive, watering should be

Alleyton

westward to Goliah and then southward to the mouth of the Rio Grande. This river, as you know, marks the boundary between our two countries. The cotton is ultimately delivered to awaiting British ships at Baghdad, a port just east of the Mexican city of Matamoros. Regular packet lines have been established between there and Havana and London.

Seth, a true Colonial Virginian, tried to look impressed.

"Let me show you our proposed plan of action," the major remarked. "First," he explained, "we transport our baled cotton from plantations directly to the Galveston Bay area. Second, we ship the bales on the railroad to Alleyton. Third, we ferry them across the Colorado River. Fourth, we load the bales on to waiting ox carts. Fifth, we drive the carts on the long, slow trip directly to the buyers at the Mexican border."

"Fine sir," noted Seth, "but why are you telling me all of this?" "If you will be patient and not interrupt a senior officer, I'll tell you," said Major Terry impatiently.

"Yes sir," was Seth's quick and polite retort.

"This is not a fool-proof scheme

gradually reduced until the soil is dry. Supply just enough water to prevent the stems from shriveling. Then store the dormant plant in a cool, well ven-

ilated place at 60° F. or above.

About mid-April, cut the stems back to six inches above the ground (See Poinsettias, Page 7)

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thological major. "To continue, first, you are authorized to draw expense money in advance including a sizeable amount of Yankee gold coins. Second, you are to travel secretly by coach, horse, or other available non-military transportation post haste to Alleyton. Third, if asked, you can say that you deal in metals and are on your way to consult with the officials at the iron smelters in the vicinity of Naacogoches."

Major Terry pointed to papers on his desk. "Here are some spurious letterhead documents as proof of your alleged business intentions."

"Fourth," he continued, "you will wear only civilian clothes and possess no on-person evidence that you are a member of the military establishment. Among those documents is a paper showing that you are on this special assignment and have draft-exempt status. Outside of Virginia, however, an aggressive recruiter might not honor this Army-duty release. So be careful to avoid press gangs."

"And finally fifth," he added, touching his kerchief to his over-moist lips, "you must report surreptitiously for duty to the Confederate Quartermaster in charge at Alleyton. He is Major Henry Beacon and is in command at Camp Webb, located on the outskirts of Alleyton. He will be notified of your coming and will be expecting you. You will work on assignment under his direction."

Major Terry stood up to indicate that the lengthy session was over. He reached across his desk to shake hands with Seth and to hand him the papers on his desk plus a folder containing his orders.

"You are now dismissed Lieutenant Randolph," he concluded as they saluted. "May I say to you that this is a most important assignment on which the future of the Confederacy greatly depends."

"Oh, by the way," he added, "the orderly will take you to supply for your needs, including a fair sum of Yankee gold and Confederate paper. Get by with the paper as much as you can, since the gold will be of greater use in buying information and probing the Alleyton rot. Major Beacon will be authorized to allow you more expense money when you get to Camp Webb."

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ANNOUNCING A NEW ARRIAL

Hanna Grace Wiese
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Howard Wiese of Vista, Calif., announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born November 21, 1995, at 4:47 p.m. at the Tri City Medical Center in Vista, Ca.

Hanna Grace weighed four pounds, one ounce and measured 16 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Don and Becky Snow of Dover, Ohio. Paternal grandparents are Donnie and Anna Mae Wiese of Eagle Lake.

Maternal great grandparents are Russ and Leona Schetke and Wayne and Joyce McVicker, all of Seville, Ohio.

Paternal great grandparents are Marie Cooper of Eagle Lake and Howard and Carol Wiese of Lisse.

Barrett, Kubes take Club Championships

The Eagle Lake Recreation Center held their annual Club Championship on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14 and 15.

The Championship started with 18 holes of golf on Saturday followed by a meal and dance Saturday night at the KC Hall in Eagle Lake. Music was provided by Vermillion.

On Sunday afternoon, the final 18 holes of golf were played and the annual meeting was held before the winners of the tournament were announced.

The winners were: Championship flight: first place, Brent Barrett; second, Rusty Spalinger; third, Brock Ashby.

First flight: first, Bobby Jancik; second, Ray Binch; third, John Girdt.

Second flight: first, Calvin

Petrusek; second, Todd Mascheck; third, J.R. Thomas.

Third flight: first, Sam Castro; second, Charles Sosa; third, Billy Sosa.

Fourth flight: first, Mike Morales; second, Paul Marsalia; third, Alex Ramirez.

Women: first gross, Anita Kubes; second gross, Penny Henske; first net, Karen Epps; second net, Karen Teichmann.

Water the plant thoroughly and place it in a sunny window where the temperature ranges between 70 and 75° F. When the new growth begins, fertilize the poinsettia every two weeks with a water soluble, complete fertilizer. Use the rate recommended for pot plants as shown on the fertilizer label.

After danger of frost is past, move the plant outdoors where it will receive moderate shade in mid-afternoon. As the growth develops, cut or pinch back the top, leaving three or four leaves on each shoot. Repeat the pinching each time the plants send out new shoots until mid-August.

Bring the plant indoors before any danger of frost and once again place it near a sunny window where the temperature will remain 65 to 70° F. Continue watering and fertilizing but take care not to overwater. As the plant puts on new growth, it will require additional water.

To have the plant in full bloom by Christmas, it must be kept in complete darkness from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. starting the first week in Oct. and continuing until Thanksgiving. Flowering will be delayed if the plant receives any light during these hours. This is because the poinsettia will set flower buds about 10 weeks after daylight time drops to 11 hours or less per day. However, in the daytime, the plant must be near a sunny window for maximum growth and development of bracts and flowers. Fertilizer applications should continue until mid-Dec., then the amount should be reduced by half.

The greatest mistake people make in caring for poinsettias is not providing enough sunlight at the right time, watering incorrectly and not cutting back the stems at the proper time.

Out with a thank you

Helen Craig, outgoing and first president of the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club, was presented a plaque of appreciation by incoming president, Blair Hickey, during the club's annual membership meeting and Christmas party Monday night, Dec. 11, at Cafe on Main.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Highlights

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forming. "Although in many ways, he system remains unchanged for the past years, some performance standards will be substantially increased by the turn of the century. The system expects high performance from all groups of students," said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses.

In 1995, for example, a district or campus was rated academically unacceptable/low performing if less than 25% of its total students or student groups (African American, Hispanic, white or economically disadvantaged) passed the reading, writing and math sections of the TAAS exam.

Now the bar is being raised. In 1996, districts and campuses will be rated academically unacceptable/low performing if the TAAS passing rate for all students or any of the four student groups is below 30%. And, by the year 2000, any district or campus that has less than a 50% TAAS passing rate will receive the lowest rating.

National Forum Set in Austin

Organizers of the national Issues Convention, Jan. 18-21 in Austin, are calling the event "an unprecedented experiment in the American Democratic process."

It is hoped the convention will draw many of the 1996 presidential candidates. Only U.S. Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., has said he would not attend.

Creator of the convention is James Fishkin, chairman of the government department at the University of Texas at Austin. Fishkin said he is confident most of the candidates would come, and if they do not, they would be replaced by other political figures.

About 75% of the 600 people asked to be delegates have accepted invitations, Fishkin said.

Bell to Refund Customers

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. is to share \$19.4 million with customers as a final payment under a four-year regulatory plan that governed its rates and earnings before the state's

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The drawing will be held on Saturday morning, Dec. 23.

The store is also urging those who can purchase a pre-packaged bag of groceries which will go to the Community Food Bank to help families in the area who would otherwise have to go without a special Christmas dinner.

A Happy Holidays wish from Jerry and Nancy Retzlaff and the staff at Wilcox Foods IGA.

7th grade A outshot by Sealy

The 7th grade A team lost out to the Sealy Tigers on Dec. 4 by the score of 27-13.

The team had a total of 22 rebounds and nine steals.

The young men shot 22% from the field.

Andrew Powers had one rebound; Anthony Salinas had two points, five rebounds and three steals; Adrian Flores, one rebound; Danny Buitrago, eight points, eight rebounds, two steals and two blocks; Kurt Coldeway, three points, two rebounds and one steal; Gus Seasholtz, two rebounds, one steal; and Mark Contreras, three rebounds, two steals and one block.

The 7th grade A team season record is 0-4 and district record is 0-4.

Sheridan boys slip past St. A

The Sheridan boys slipped past St. Anthony of Columbus by the score of 27-26 on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Sheridan led in the first two quarters.

St. Anthony took the lead in the third quarter by three points, but the Sheridan boys pulled out the stops to win at the buzzer.

Scoring for Sheridan were Dustin Brisco, 10 points; Joel Baggett, eight; Adrian Garcia, four; Cody Thompson, three; and Matthew Ray, two points.

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