

# OBITUARIES

## Georgia Vales Adams

June 20, 1920 - December 12, 1995

Georgia Vales Adams died peacefully on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, after a short illness in Rice District Community Hospital.

Mrs. Adams was born June 20, 1920, in Toone, Tennessee, to Rufus Benjamin Vales and Beulah Mae Firtle Vales.

Georgia married James A. Adams in 1941 and moved to Eagle Lake with her family in 1956.

She was employed by Epps Dry Goods Store and J&D Furniture Co. and was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake.

Georgia is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jerry L. and Lynda Adams of Galveston; grandchildren, James Christopher Adams and Dana Suzanne Pagano and her husband Tony, all of Nacogdoches; sisters, Mrs. Jack Lewis (Billie) of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Lorell Dye (Nell) and her husband of Houston, and Mrs. Howell Tull (Stella) and her husband of Kansas City, Miss.

Among other survivors are four special nieces, Mrs. Carol Claassen of

Thousand Oaks, Calif., Mrs. Chris Johnson (Linda) of Katy, Mrs. Stan Higgins (Deborah) of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Mike Crow (Nita) of Rosenberg.

Mrs. Adams also leaves other nieces, nephews and a host of friends including Mrs. Willie Lee (Dorothy) Woodard and Mrs. Ervin (Ruby) Williams, both of Eagle Lake, whose gentle and devoted care brightened her last years.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 14, at 2 p.m. from the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. David Mann officiating. Graveside services and interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Charles Spalinger, Chris Adams, Tony Pagano, Lorell Dye and Orville and Jerry Powers.

Memorial gifts may be made to First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake or to the charity of your choice.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Marie Frnka

October 1, 1907 - November 19, 1995

Mrs. W.R. (Marie) Frnka, 88, of Garwood died Sunday, November 19, 1995.

She was born October 1, 1907, in Victoria to Otto and Sophie Schubert Kohl.

She was a homemaker with an interest in flowers and nature who helped organize the Garwood Garden Club of which she was a past president.

Mrs. Frnka attended the Nazareth Academy in Victoria and later Southwest Texas University and taught school for four years.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in El Campo and the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Columbus.

Mrs. Frnka was preceded in death by her husband, William Roy Frnka, in 1978; and one grandson, Robert Shawn Raley.

She is survived by a daughter, Hope Raley and husband Bob of Garwood; sisters, Mrs. Alfred Baecker of Houston and Mrs. Joe Roell of Victoria.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Otto Miller

Otto Miller, of Eagle Lake, passed away December 16, 1995, in Houston. Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday, December 21, at 11:30 a.m. from Providence Baptist Church, 1207 East State, Eagle Lake.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, at the church.

Rev. Coby Shorter is scheduled to officiate.

Burial is scheduled to follow in Willow Creek Cemetery in (Vienna), Subline.

Memorial Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Call Memorial Chapel at 234-5700 for more information.

A full obituary will follow in the Dec. 28 issue of *The Headlight*.

## Etta Maude Pickell

January 27, 1905 - December 15, 1995

Etta Maude Pickell, 90, mother of Anna Laura Finney and Edna Faye Street, slipped through to her eternal reward at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 15, 1995.

She was born January 27, 1905. Pickell had spent 20 of her last 22 years donating her time to a thrift shop in Norco, Louisiana, that did many charitable works with their profits.

She is survived by her daughters and their husbands, Anna Laura and Robert Finney of Eagle Lake and Edna Faye and Gene Street of La Place, Louisiana; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 15, 1995, at the church.

Rev. Coby Shorter is scheduled to officiate.

Burial is scheduled to follow in Willow Creek Cemetery in (Vienna), Subline.

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## Henry Rutledge

October 1, 1907 - December 17, 1995

Henry Rutledge, 88, of Bonus passed away on Sunday, December 17, 1995 at 9:36 a.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center Hospital in Wharton.

He was born on October 1, 1907, near Weimar, one of five sons, to Charles and Sophie Berthold Rutledge.

He grew up south of Weimar, attending local schools.

On September 26, 1934, he and Elenora Thumann were united in marriage in New Bielau. He resided in Bonus for most all his life, with a career in farming and ranching.

Rutledge was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Tom, Walter, Delno and Alson.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 61 years; daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Ken Wright of Conroe, Evelyn and Don Rossow of Pearland and Linda and Frank Baca of Richmond; son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Fay Rutledge of Eagle

Lake; eight grandchildren, Jeffrey Wright and his wife Claudine of Houston, Stacey Wright of Houston, Jason Wright of Conroe, Roger Rutledge of Eagle Lake, Lynette Rossow of Pearland, Travis Rossow of Stephenville and Brandon and Brooke Baca of Richmond.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 19, at 2 p.m. from the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. David Mann officiating.

Claudia Mann served as soloist and Carol Ripper as organist.

Interment followed in the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Dulany Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Bill Harrison Jr., Travis Wegenhoft, Roy Sanders, Jack Obenhaus, Carl Reynolds Jr., Charlie Hattermann and Milton German.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 339, Eagle Lake, 77434-0339.

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## Avery to serve as interim pastor

The session of the First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake has announced that the Rev. Richard Avery will serve as their interim pastor.

Rev. Avery will oversee the pastoral duties of the church until a full time minister is located.

Rev. Avery has served 42 years in active ministry. He served in the Kaufman-Van Zandt Larger Parish, as Minister of Education in Abilene, the Cumby-Miller Grove Larger Parish, and the First Presbyterian Church of Memphis, Texas.

For the past 28 years, he has been the pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Needville. He is now the Pastor Emeritus of that church.

Rev. Avery lives in Needville with his wife, Sue. He will be in Eagle Lake on Sundays and Thursdays as well as any other days when pastoral duties may call.

He may be reached by calling 409-793-4788.

The church is a part of the Eagle Lake Sunday School Alliance which meets at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are conducted at 10:30 a.m.



Rev. Richard Avery



## STMC recognizes employees

Michael St. Angelo, STMC Executive Administrator, presented awards to long-time employees with 25 or more years of service. Pictured, from left, are St. Angelo; Mary Fink, LVN, 28 years; David Samuelson, MD, 28 years; Lillian Kohlefeld, Transcription Supervisor, 27 years; Marie Mata, LVN, 26 years; and Herman Wolff, MD, 27 years.

The clinic Christmas party, service awards dinner and dance was an outstanding success in every way.

STMC Photo

## Runaway hotline calls reported double in '95

Telephone calls to the Texas Runaway Hotline have doubled this year, according to hotline director Jay Smith.

"The calls are coming from youth and worried parents," Smith said. "The numbers don't necessarily indicate an increase in runaways as much as they reflect the fact that youth and families are learning about our services."

The number of call in Nov. was 1,950, compared to 900 for the same month a year ago. In July, the number of calls peaked at 2,407, and the monthly average for 1995 has been nearly 1,900 calls, compared to an average of 994 calls per month in 1994.

"More than 120,000 children from seven to 17 run away in Texas every year, while thousands more contemplate running," Smith said. "Most children run away due to family difficulties that can range from disagreements to physical and sexual abuse."

Smith said although the predominant age of runaway callers is 14 to 16, the hotline has received calls from children as young as eight who are thinking about running away.

Month	1994	1995
Jan.	869	1,830
Feb.	810	1,591
March	1,009	1,946
April	909	1,597
May	965	1,668
June	1,176	1,789
July	2,407	2,407
Aug.	873	2,041
Sept.	958	2,039
Oct.	1,077	1,977
Nov.	900	1,950
Dec.	1,416	N/A
Average	944	1,894

# RAIDER REVIEW

The Raider Review is published by the Journalism Department of Rice High School. The opinions reflected are those of the students and not the administration or *The Eagle Lake Headlight* unless otherwise stated.

## Meet the Raider

By Robyn Rucka

The spotlight this week is on Varsity starting point guard, Brandon Mathis. Wearing jersey #23, Brandon feels that the team has talent.

He mentioned that the problem the team has is, "trying to get all the talent combined to play together." Brandon believes that the team is progressing and will be ready for district after some tough competition during the holidays.

Mathis stated, "I think the team will play well and come in first or second in district."

When asked what his feelings were towards Coach Barnes, he replied, "He's really excited for us to be playing basketball anytime that we can. I think that is a great attitude to have."

Other than basketball, Brandon participates in football, baseball, golf and tennis. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing and playing sports.

Brandon is the son of Jim and Shelia Mathis of Eagle Lake.



Members of the cast and crew of "Gift of the Magi" take time out to pose for a picture.

## Drama Club performs

By Nikki Fuller

Mrs. Robbin Clipson's drama class and volunteers from the Raider Players entertained benefactors of theatre who attended the drama club's fundraiser candlelight dinner on Friday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m.

The workshop theatre presented O'Henry's "Gift of the Magi" to parents and friends who came to dinner. The annual winter event promotes the appreciation of theatre at Rice High School.

Cast members included: narrator, Courtney Parker; Jim, Ben Turner; Della, Nerissa Brisco; Ms. Boyd, Paula Burrow; Mdm. Sonfrone, Sara Mann; Felice, Valerie Galvan; Mr. Hartman, Tim Galvan; hair salon, Vanessa

Goode, Kim Axel, Shonda Black, Kristen Stienke, Crystal Frenzel and Laurel Sublett; jewelry boutique, Lailita DeVille, Maria Hernandez and Rachel Matthy; Christmas shoppers, Mary Blount, Jenny Hajovsky and Lainece Labay.

The crew included: properties manager, Doug Volkmer, stage manager, Dana Leopold; lighting technician, Sarah Buckner; dinner music, Kristen Stienke; costumes, Jenny Hajovsky; make-up, Jill Sanky; tickets, Leah Brisco; lighting, Jon Pope; audio, Dustin Hruzek; student director, Kate Weller; dinner decorations, Rachel Matthy.

Raider Player's President Kate Weller welcomed guests and thanked them for contributing to the development of theatre at Rice High School. The club also wishes to thank the parents and friends for their valuable support.

A special thank you goes to Rev. David Mann for taping the event and helping with lighting.

Did You Know...  
-Historians believe the Maltese was the world's first lap dog, developed more than 2,000 years ago.

## PALS making the difference

By Carrie Engstrom

The PALS have been staying quite busy since the opening of school. They prepared and distributed welcome bags for the new freshmen and gave them tours of the school, helping them find their classes.

They have completed two community service projects. At Thanksgiving, they brought canned goods and prepared three baskets for families in the Rice district.

More recently, they fixed individual Christmas baskets for the residents at the Heritage House nursing home. Besides their community work, the PALS visit frequently with the

students on each of the other campuses in our district. They work individually with students who have been referred for various reasons, and they work with larger groups, teaching them teamwork and cooperation.

## High school student Christmas wish list

By Rachelle Kallina

Even though every one is so busy with final exams they took the time to mention a few things they hope to get for Christmas.

Many students said they wanted a television or a radio. Valerie Johnson is hoping to get some clothes and jewelry. Marcie Till would like some new hub caps for her green Nova. Byron Black would like a radar detector and an answering machine.

Heath Heinhold would like for Santa to bring him some new shoes. Rochelle Teague wants a basketball. Nina Salazar and Courtney Parker would like to get some silk pajamas.

We hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas and will get what they want.

## Meet the Lady Raider

By Rebecca Burrow

This week's feature Lady Raider is starting point guard, #22, Rachelle Kallina. Although Rachelle is only a 4'11" junior, she plays with the excitement and determination of a 6'2" post.

When interviewed Rachelle commented on the team's first district win against Sealy, "a team they had not beaten in years. I am very pleased that we won. We have been working extremely hard and it is beginning to show. We have a very strong-hearted team and we all stick together in good times and bad."

Rachelle also had this to say about the fighting Lady Raiders' season, "I look forward to many more district wins that I know we're capable of getting."

When she is not on the basketball court Rachelle enjoys sleeping, if she gets the chance, and having a good time with her friends.

Rachelle also plays volleyball, runs track, participates in powerlifting and is a varsity cheerleader.

She is the Student Council secretary and a member of the annual staff.

Rachelle is the daughter of Marsha and Boxie Kallina of Garwood.

## Sharp receives award

The Texas Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture (AgFund) has given State Comptroller John Sharp its prestigious "Special Friend of Texas Agriculture" award.

Bob Stallman, President of Farm Bureau and AgFund, presented Sharp with the award Monday, Nov. 27, at the TFB Convention in Corpus Christi.

During the presentation, Stallman said, "John Sharp has played an active role in moving Texas toward more agriculturally oriented businesses, value added agricultural products and job training in all areas of the economy."

AgFund has supported Sharp in several of his races, including the Comptroller's race in 1990.

Stallman praised Sharp for his initiatives as Comptroller, including the "Texas Performance Review" that has helped save \$8 billion in state funds.

"John's electronic benefits transfer program has been hailed as innovative and effective," Stallman said. "Replacing food stamps with computerized bank type cards will dramatically reduce fraud and abuse in the food stamp program."

The "Special Friend of Agriculture" award is given to elected officials who have made significant contributions to the Texas agricultural industry.

"Smokers and non-smokers cannot be equally free in the same railway carriage."

—George Bernard Shaw

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## Give... The United Way!

Be the Difference... See the Difference!!

Below are some of our citizens who have made a difference by giving the United Way!

Georgia Marsalia	Lake Motors, Inc. cont.	Dr. Raymond Thomas
Don Bondy	Ralph Martinez	Dr. Russell Thomas
Betty Kana	Edward Laitkep	Liz Jackson
Fred R. Frnka	Ana Espinosa	U.S. Postal Service
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Spalinger	Virginia Varley	Robert McClelland
Jerry & Virginia McNeely	Andrew Hewitt	Jim Mathis
Robert S. Martin	Elaine Mailloux	Tommy Herman
Mrs. Mary McClanahan	Albert Delgado	Tim Austin
Valero Management Co.	Debbie Vawter	Ben Castillo
Jack Vawter	Lupe Rodriguez	Melvin Schmitt
Lake Motors, Inc.	Lawrence Ruetter	John Young
Tom Reed		