

OBITUARIES

George L. Hoppe Sr.

March 10, 1927 - February 8, 1996

Family and friends mourn the loss of George L. Hoppe Sr., 68, of the Freiburg area. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and son. To those who knew him over the years, a loyal and trusted friend.

He left this world at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 8, 1996 after a three year struggle with cancer.

George was born to Herman and Mary Hoppe on March 10, 1927 in New Ulm. He graduated from high school in 1945 and went on to serve his country as a Marine in World War II and the Korean War.

George was lucky to find a career he loved, when in 1950 he became a Department of Public Safety State Trooper. Being a peace officer was his proudest accomplishment, and he faithfully served Texas for 30 years until retiring in 1980. He then became a cattle rancher and spent his days babying his cows on the M1 Ranches.

George was a supportive member of the Columbus Community, and FFA Alumni, an Honorary Chapter farmer, Veterans of Foreign Wars #383, the Masonic Lodge, Colorado Valley Shrine, Director of the Columbus Shrine Club, and a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

He was also a member of the Department of Public Safety Officers Association, Texas and SW Cattle-

man's Association and his pride and joy, the Marine Corps Fifth Fielders. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, George Mieh.

George will be missed by a loving family; his wife, Dessie Machemeh Hoppe; his mother, Mary Mieh; son and daughter-in-law, George (Buchi) and Lillian (Sam) Hoppe and Jennifer and Zachary; his daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Zach Sayre and Zach Jr.; his daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Curtis Mangum and Ashley; his daughter and her significant other, Pat Hoppe and J.B. Morein; and "Dawg", his Australian Shepherd.

Funeral services were held at Henke Funeral Home in Columbus on Saturday, February 10, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Robert Schlorff officiating.

An Honor Guard of Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers, military honors by Columbus V.F.W. Post and American Legion Post, Masonic burial rites were given by Columbus Caladonia Lodge #68 A.F.&A.M. Henneke Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

George was a soldier in life and now, a soldier for Christ.

"Thank you George/Dad/Grandpa, for the 68 years you gave us. We love you and miss that you are out of our lives, but not our hearts, minds and souls. Now that you are gone from this earth, there's only one thing left to say: Semper Fi, In God We Trust."

Memorials may be made to Stehlin Cancer Research, 1315 Calhoun, Suite 1800, Houston, Texas 77002 or the American Cancer Society.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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New Medicines for Seizures

It is estimated that one in 10 persons experiences at least one epileptic seizure during his or her lifetime. Epilepsy is a neurological condition that causes sudden surges of disorganized electrical impulses in the brain. Seizures can be mild (*petit mal*) to severe (*grand mal*). The extent of involvement in the brain is the basis for classifying electrical surges into one or more seizure types. Prescription medicines are the primary method of treating seizures.

According to a report in *Pharmacy Today*, recent advances in the understanding of seizures have been responsible for the development of new seizure medicines. Lamotrigine (*Lamictal*) is one of the newest. Researchers believe it works by limiting the high-frequency electrical surges. Gabapentin (*Neurontin*) is another effective new agent for partial seizures (those confined to small areas of the brain). It is the first seizure medicine that is not metabolized in the body, and it does not bind to protein. This is an advantage for persons who take a lot of medicines which could interact.

According to the report, there are about 20 new drugs being evaluated world-wide for seizure control. The focus of much research is how brain injuries cause seizures and the specific role of medicines.

Sarah Frances Eisel

September 30, 1947 - February 12, 1996

Sarah Frances Eisel, 48, of Wharton, died Monday, February 12, 1996, at her home.

She was born on September 30, 1947, in Wharton to Grady and Audrey Gaylor Mathis.

She married Leland Edward Eisel on November 20, 1965, in Wharton. She was a graduate of East Bernard High School and attended Wharton County Junior College, San Houston State and Lamar University. She received a bachelor of science in art, health and physical education from Lamar in 1972.

After graduation, she was a coach for El Campo and Boling School Districts until transferring to Wharton ISD where she taught fourth, fifth and sixth grade art at Canton Street School for the last 14 years.

In 1991, she received her masters degree in elementary education from the University of Houston at Victoria.

Eisel was a member of the College Heights Baptist Church and the Wharton County Quarter Horse Association.

Preceded in death by a son, Terry Lee Eisel, on October 20, 1992, she is survived by her husband and son, Leland and Cory Dean Eisel, both of Wharton County; her mother, Audrey Mathis of Wharton; and two sisters, Sue Canaris of Eagle Lake and Marlene Gouskos of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Following cremation, a memorial service is scheduled for Friday, February 16, at 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Don Hurley and the Rev. Joe McCammon officiating.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Wharton Funeral Home in Wharton.

For those desiring, memorials may be made to the College Heights Baptist Church, 1515 Briar Lane, Wharton, Texas 77488.

Shaw entertains Chamber

Ted Shaw, owner and general manager of KULM Radio in Columbus, was the guest speaker at the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce 45th Annual Banquet.

Ted and Lanelle Shaw assumed management of KULM in Feb. 1995, following Ted's retirement from KPRC Channel 2 news, weather and sports, after 30 years.

Shaw thanked the community for making his family feel very welcome. He gave verbal illustration of persons who under adverse circumstances made an impact on people they shared life with, "on the globe."

Shaw told approximately 165 in attendance "a hawk and a dove can occupy the same space and still work together just as the citizens of any community must do."

Faith, strength, action and togetherness offer a beacon of hope for any community. For each high there will probably be a low, but determination, persistence, and perseverance will overcome the lows. Share the pride of your community and keep plugging on."

Dr. Russell Thomas served as Master of Ceremony.

Following the pledge of allegiance led by Becky Anderson and the invocation by Rev. Obie Rhodes, those in attendance enjoyed a dinner catered by Austin's Barbecue & Catering of Eagle Lake.

Past President's plaques were presented to Doug Schwemm and Becky Anderson.

Anderson told the group of 93 chamber members continue to be an

active force in Eagle Lake.

The Chamber is funded primarily by membership dues, hotel-motel tax monies and its annual barbecue.

"We are working conservatively as possible to promote Eagle Lake and its economy and we are making a difference" stated Anderson.

The contributions of a computer by LCR and Marion Bahlke, printer by John Matthews, and programming of the computer by City Manager Ron Holland were recognized by Anderson.

"If we are dedicated to excellence and each of us works a little harder every day for our community, together we will continue to make a difference. We must take the obstacles of life and run with them. No one can do it by himself," stated Anderson.

Anderson introduced incoming President Gerald Retzlaff.

Retzlaff told the group "it is a pleasure, honor and a fantastic privilege to serve as Chamber President."

Retzlaff announced his goal for 1996 will be to unite the business community and to enjoy the things the chamber represents.

1996 Officers in addition to Retzlaff are: vice-president, Kenneth Abel; treasurer, Brenda Besch; and secretary, Lana Dulany.

Dulany was recognized for an outstanding job as Chamber secretary.

Newly-elected directors are Kenneth Abel, Donald Bendy, Mary Ann Kaluza and Jean Wiese.

Retiring directors are Sandy Bendy, John Canaris, Glen Leopold and John Myers.



Photo Courtesy of Ron & Denise Janow

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS



Zackary James New

Ronny and Charles New of East Bernard announce the birth of their second child, a son, born January 31, 1996, at 5:51 p.m. at Rice District Community Hospital.

Zackary James weighed nine pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 20-1/2 inches at birth.

Dr. Russell Thomas was the attending physician.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Kayla Jane, age four.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. Jack Hernandez of East Bernard.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.C. New of Sagerton.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Baird of East Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. New of Sagerton, and Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Jones of Rule.

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He is welcomed home by his sister, Amber Dinae, age four.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Draper Stephens of Eagle Lake, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Schatz of Dallas.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin of Garwood.

Jareth Austin Stephens

Mr. and Mrs. John Draper Stephens of Garland announce the birth of their son on February 8, 1996.

Jareth Austin weighed six pounds,

and measured 19 inches.

He is welcomed home by his sister, Amber Dinae, age four.

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RAIDER REVIEW

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Financial aid workshop

By Carrie Engstrom

A financial aid workshop for students and parents will be held Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Commons of Rice High School. George Lehner Jr. of Wharton County Junior College will present the workshop and then answer individual questions for students or parents.

He will cover the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and aid individuals no matter what school, college or university the student wishes to attend.

This form must be filled out correctly and fully to qualify for Pell Grants, Work Study Programs, Stanford Loans, Texas Hazelwood Program or any of the other programs available for financial aid.

Some schools require that anyone receiving a scholarship must complete the form.

Why is it important for parents to be involved?

Information is used from income tax returns. Many individuals believe that they do not qualify—Not So! There are a great number of assets which are not included in the computations.

Mr. Lehner will be available after the formal workshop to answer individual questions. He will return to the seniors during economic classes on Feb. 26 and 27.

On Friday, March 22, and Wednesday, April 10, he will be available to meet with parents and students on an individual basis in private meetings. Parents may schedule these private appointments with Mr. Lehner by calling Mr. Wendel at the high school office at 234-3535 as soon as possible.

Balfour visits RHS

By Nikki Fuller

On Thursday, Feb. 1, Tommy Smith of Balfour was at Rice High School to take graduation invitation and cap and gown orders from the seniors.

Any seniors who did not order at that time can send their orders in the mail to Balfour, or give it to Mrs. Machac in the office.

Tommy Smith will be back on Feb. 22 when he will deliver junior rings and pick up any cap and gown orders.

Hey seniors, remember, there are only 72 days left (counting weekends)!!!

FTA holds flower sale

By Rachelle Kallina

FTA members have been busy during the past week selling carnations and roses.

Every year the Future Teachers of America hold this sale during the week of Valentines.

The FTA sells carnations for \$1.50 and roses for \$2. Profits from this fundraiser will go toward the annual scholarship given by the FTA to a graduating senior as well as for expenses the FTA incurs.

Many of the students are enjoying expressing their love for one another by purchasing flowers for their loved ones.

Good luck, we hope you reach your goal!

Clint is the son of Don and Suzy Leopold of Nada.

Who's Zat?

By Marcie Till

Just look at this little cowboy! Isn't he adorable wearing those cowboy boots? I wonder who this blue-eyed cutie is? This question puzzled very few people. The only clue given was that this blonde-haired toddler is a junior at Rice High School.

Robyn Rucka mistakenly thought it was Kris Gertson. Michelle Spaniel and Shara Glaiser incorrectly guessed Justin Rodgers.

However, Bryan Reese, Stephanie Thompson, Cody Cerny, Rachelle Kallina, Stephanie Labay, Amy Obenhaus, George Weller, Frances Mkr-wa, Kris Gertson and Jennifer Krenk all knew that sweet, innocent face had to belong to Clint Leopold.

Clint is an active member of the Rodeo Club and FFA. He likes to party and go out with his friends.

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under way near Nada, where she is a member of the Sheridan 4-H Club. Congratulations, Dana!

Photo contest winner

By Robyn Rucka

The Texas Corn Producers Board sponsored the 1996 4-H/FFA Photo Contest, searching for some of Texas' best young photographers.

All Texas 4-H or FFA members were encouraged to submit a color photo which depicts Texas corn production.

Rice High School's Annual Staff Photographer, Dana Leopold, received first place.

Her snapshot appeared in the state published magazine "The Kernel".

As an added bonus, she also received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

Dana's photo captured harvest

1932 St. Mary's graduate recognized nationally

St. Mary's Catholic School announced recently that the National Catholic Educational Association has named Bishop Bernard F. Popp, D.D., a 1995-96 NCEA Catholic Elementary School Distinguished Graduate.

He graduated from St. Mary's in 1932 and is currently serving as Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio and Titular Bishop of Caprus. Popp is assigned to St. Benedict's Parish in San Antonio. He is a graduate of Nada High School and St. John's Seminary in San Antonio. He was ordained Feb. 24, 1943.

Sponsored by the NCEA's Department of Elementary Schools in cooperation with St. Mary's School, the award goes to Bishop Bernard F. Popp for outstanding personal and professional achievement.

Throughout his vocation, he consistently has pursued the highest possible professional and personal stan-

dards. He is an example of how Catholic schools educate people to take leadership roles in their community and beyond.

Bishop Popp, through personal support of education, expresses his desire to bring the people under his care to God, in an active way, in love.

He established St. Mary's School endowment fund in 1985 and is the author of the Old and New Testament: Biblical Themes Lived Today.

He donates the proceeds of his book sales to St. Mary's School Endowment Fund. The income from the fund's investments provides a significant contribution to the school's annual budget.

St. Mary's School is a small rural school, grades 1-8, with a faculty of five and a student enrollment of 73.

The school is grateful for being able to send out graduates like Bishop Popp.

Small dish makes a big hit!

1996, another banner year for digital satellite service

With over 18 months having passed since the introduction of the nation's first all-digital satellite service (DSS®), the effect of this new technology has been felt in central Texas and all across the United States.

CVTV of La Grange, with franchised territory of Austin, Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette, Lavaca and Lee Counties, announced the activation of their 2000th subscriber in mid-Dec. 1995.

"We're booking installations days in advance," said Mark Rutherford, Vice President/Project Manager for CVTV. "The technology is beginning to snowball and, with more manufacturers producing the equipment in 1996, we anticipate another banner year."

DSS® equipment, initially manufactured by Thomson Consumer Electronics brand RCA, out sold VCRs in its first year by three to one.

"Consumers have shown a great amount of interest in the DSS® equipment. Three digital satellites in orbit 22,300 miles in space allows DIRECTV® to be the premier high powered cable programming provider offering 150 plus channels, which makes it difficult for our competitors including conventional cable providers," said Rutherford.

Central Texas customers include both rural residents who do not have access to cable and urban residents who want a better quality picture and

sound than that provided by standard cable television.

By the end of 1995, 1.5 million subscribers were activated to the DSS® technology. The equipment is available at electronic dealers such as Circuit City and Best Buy, and at department stores including Sears, Roebuck and Dillard's.

Due to increased manufacturing, the number of equipment providers is expected to double in 1996.

For more information, contact Clara Smith, CVTV's Business Office Supervisor, at 409-242-5919 or 1-800-242-5919.

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