

OBITUARIES

Lillie Balusek

September 17, 1906 - July 13, 1996

Lillie Balusek, 89, passed away July 13, 1996, at Schlenburg Regency. She was born September 17, 1906, in Colorado County to Henry and Annie Schmeck Nitschmann. She lived in Columbus, Eagle Lake and Schlenburg. Balusek attended Oakland College and married Ted Balusek in 1948 in Weimar. She was a cook and housewife. Lillie was preceded in death by her husband, Ted, on March 8, 1991; one sister, Erna Rose; brothers, Walter, Johnnie, Hugo, Henry Jr. and August Nitschmann.

Survivors include her sister, Selma McCoskey of Weimar. Funeral services were held Monday, July 15, 1996, from Hubbard Funeral Home with Pastor Vernon Rabel officiating. Interment followed in Masonic Cemetery.

Ethel Y. Lacourse

September 10, 1918 - July 10, 1996

Ethel Y. Lacourse, 77, of Columbus passed away July 10, 1996, at Columbus Community Hospital. She was born September 10, 1918,

Hubbard Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Charlie Huopers, David McCoskey, Hilbert Nitschmann, Lawrence Rose, Ervin Brandt and Harvey Lee. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Montgomery-Thatchers hold annual reunion

Eagle Lake members attending the Montgomery-Thatcher Historical Cemetery Association annual meeting and reunion voted to erect a monument to honor those family members and servants, including slaves, whose graves can't be found but are believed to be in the family cemetery.

The cemetery is located south of Eagle Lake near Matthews on FM 950.

The first burial was in 1836 and this site was used by the family for 90

years. There are 35 known graves, but it is believed many others were interred during that period.

A lack of records or other evidence has hampered identification. Dedication of the memorial will be held next year.

About 35 family members from several states gathered for the meeting held in the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church.

There was a visit to the cemetery before enjoying the covered dish luncheon, a program presented by Ms. Ernest Mose Seidman of Eagle Lake, and business meeting.

Funds for maintenance and improvement projects come from exempt donations and an endowment.

In other action, Dorothy Elkins Cox of Sugar Land was honored for 17 years of continuous service as secretary and president. Mrs. Cox is a founding member and continues to serve the association as immediate past-president.

Alleyton

By Rollin Baker - Chapter 26 - Seth Makes A Discovery

Last time, we left Seth as he was heading down the river to scout for illegal crossings.

Seth followed a riverside trail leading down the river. The oaks and hickories, at least those yet uncut, were massive with holly berry understorey often blocking his view of the park-like stands.

A scattered array of stumps showed that the clearing had been actively cutting away at the old growth. Unlike the meandering course of the river upstream from Alleyton, the water followed a rather straight course almost due south. Occasionally Seth saw old wagon tracks leading down to the river bank. He also passed a deserted cabin or two and small fallow fields along the way. Once in a while he thought he heard cattle.

After about an hour of picking his way along, he came to the edge of a clearing. This, he thought, was the site of then-abandoned Beason's Ferry and crossing.

Having stopped merely to enjoy the scenery, he noticed a road leading from the woods down to the river. Then he noted fresh wagon tracks. Suddenly he heard voices on the other side of the clearing and in the direction taken by the wagon tracks.

He decided to investigate, tied his horse, crossed the opening by going along its edge, and started sneaking

quietly in the direction of the voices. Keeping partly hidden by holly berry cover, he approached what looked like an open shed near where a small creek's channel joined that of the Colorado River.

Peering through the foliage, Seth could see evidence of stored cotton bales in the structure and exposed where large canvas coverings did not shed down that way.

"I'll give you," ordered Alford, "ten minutes to get in place, then I will fire one round and yell for you to surrender. We can then throw close in and make the capture. Is that clear?"

Everyone nodded and pussy-footed off to position themselves. Meanwhile, the people, unaware of the presence of the soldiers, continued their talk in front of the shed.

It seemed as if forever before Seth and Jerry heard the gun shot. Both had crouched behind a dense holly berry thicket. Jerry with his rifle ready and Seth having his heavy Colt in hand with his Derringer in a coat pocket.

When the gun fired, the men at the shed panicked briefly then drew their hands from the sergeant called for them to surrender. Three rushed toward the river only to be surrounded by the corporal and his men. The sergeant and his men captured two more. Two hurriedly mounted horses and spurred them into a gallop down the old wagon road toward town. Seth and Jerry faced their charge returning fire.

It was like Herndon revisited for the two defenders. Seth and Jerry dodged behind the trunks of huge live oaks and fired as the horses fled, one from a wounded horse and the other with a slug in the shoulder. Seth and Jerry approached the downed men cautiously. Seeing no movement, Jerry turned first one then the other over.

"Not on your life," was Seth's retort. "In fact, if the truth were known, I'm as much interested in protecting Confederate cotton and armament as you are."

"Fine," said Alford. "Your horse is too spent to take one of our mounts yonder." Seth tied his horse and quickly was in the saddle of an army

of loved one? Think about it folks. The monument really meant a lot to this family and they do plan to put it up again.

Hope you're not on candid camera the next time you plan to move it. I leave you with this... even though the family was really upset I reminded them as I remind you, "Vengeance becometh unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord."

I know by putting it in God's hands, He will take care of it. Carol Cardenas (With the permission of the Lopez family)



Pscenk, Black to wed

Mr. and Mrs. John Pscenk of Eagle Lake announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tamra, to Harold Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kinney of Goodwill, Louisiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Black of Monroe, Louisiana.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Pscenk of Cistern and Pauline Dudley of Missouri and the late Stanley Murrain. The prospective groom is the grandson of Alma McCall and the late Robert McCall and the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Black, all of Louisiana. The wedding has been set for April 19, 1997.

Alleyton

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Seth identified them as Jason Reddick and Herman Adley. The kinnings had been nabbed red-handed, since the cotton bales could be identified as ones stolen from army stores. It was all over in short order.

Chapter 27 Back In Uniform Again Seth, Jerry, and Sergeant Alford sat comfortably in the office of Major Henry Beason. Jerry was doing the most smiling as he looked down at his newly-acquired corporal stripes.

"I am sorry," began Major Beason, "that it has taken us so long to have you three heroes into the office together. To bring you up to date, we have Reddick and Adley under arrest along with their associates who turned out to be cotton buyers from the Rio Grande area."

"You might also be interested to know," he continued, "that each of four of our own privates face a court-martial for being in Reddick's pay. We have also rounded up six of Reddick's other helpers."

"Thanks," he emphasized, smiling, "to each of you for quick action. I think that we have busted this local ring of thieves. In addition, the confes-

sions obtained also revealed the names of other stolen-cotton receivers in the Valley. This information is being forwarded to our partners at the Mexican border. We firmly believe that our trade with the British for needed armament will now go along without incident."

"And by the way," he said glowingly, "each of you will be awarded a commendation and medal just as soon as the ceremonial arrangements are made. In addition, Alford as of now you are promoted to staff sergeant, and Tomlin," he added with a smile, "I see that you are already sporting your new corporal stripes."

The three guests squirmed around in their chairs at all of this good news.

"Finally, I am authorized by Major Terry in Richmond," Major Beason said, turning directly to Seth, "that you, John Hyde or Henry Grant, may now assume your rightful name and a new rank of Captain Seth Randolph."

This announcement came as a complete surprise to Jerry and Alford. In fact, they both looked at Seth, whom they had thought all along was a civilian, with their mouths open wide.

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Happy Birthday Cecilia
We Love You, Mom & Dad

Guess Who's 15 on July 19!
How time flies. Now you're a teenager, but in Mommy's heart you're still my baby boy. Sorry you couldn't be with me and Priscilla for your birthday. Have a great and wonderful birthday in California. Boy, we sure do miss you; two months seems like forever!
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A NEW ARRIVAL
Andres Garcia
Mr. and Mrs. Garcia of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their second child, a son, born July 11, 1996, at 6:40 p.m. at Rice District Community Hospital.
Andres weighed seven pounds, one ounce, and measured 19-3/4 inches at birth. He is healthy.
The attending physician was Dr. Charles Bornstein.
He is welcomed home by his brother, Alexis Martin, age four; aunts, Rita, Adela, Janeth and Lisa; and uncle, Cenobio Jr.
Maternal grandparents are Adelaide and Cenobio Morales of Eagle Lake.
Paternal grandparents are Teresa and Pedro Garcia of Zacatecas, Mexico.
Great grandparents are Conzuelo Lopez, Reyes Marquez, and Maria and Plutarco Garcia, all of Mexico.
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Desecrated
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they find fitting, to be put in the place where their loved one lost their life.
The family is offering a reward for any information leading to the person or persons involved in the desecration of this monument. Call the police department at 234-2727 if you have any information.
I was always told, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." And I'm telling whoever had the nerve to do this, "If it ain't yours, don't mess with it." How would you like for some stranger to do this to something you had put up in memory

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard, Parish of THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Guadalupe Sanctuary: Guadalupe Terrace Addition, 7 a.m. (Español); 11 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary: 310 N. Stevenson; 9 a.m. Father Eddie Winkler.
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