

OBITUARIES

Rev. Richard Day Avery

October 21, 1928 - March 11, 1997

Rev. Richard Day Avery, 68, formerly of Eagle Lake, passed away Tuesday, March 11, 1997. He was born October 21, 1928, in the Dial Community to R.T. "Theo" and Grace Avery. He graduated from Honey Grove High School, received a B.S. degree from East Texas State University and a Master of Theology degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Rev. Avery was Pastor Emeritus of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Needville where he served as pastor from 1966 to 1994. He also served churches in Canton, Cumby, Miller Grove, Memphis and Eagle Lake. Rev. Avery was a longtime member of the Rosenberg Rotary Club and served two terms as its president (July

1975-June 1976 and July 1994-June 1995). He served on the Fort Bend County Library Board of Trustees for 17 years. Preceded in death by his father, he is survived by his wife, Sue, of Needville; mother, Grace Avery of Honey Grove; sons and daughters-in-law, David and Lori Avery of Missouri City, and Richard and Marcie Avery of Bryan; brothers and sisters-in-law, John Thomas and Nell Avery of Commerce, Clifton and Doris Avery of Paris, and Charles and Jerry Avery of Greeneville, Tennessee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 15, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Needville with Rev. Dan Walker and Rev. George Kuebler officiating. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery in Rosenberg.

Services were under the direction of Garmany & Carden Funeral Home in Needville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Needville.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Ellen Marie Fite

January 11, 1936 — April 3, 1997

Ellen Marie Fite, age 61, a two and one-half year resident of Sheridan, died Thursday, April 3, 1997, at Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Born January 11, 1936, in Lansing, Michigan, she was the daughter of Oliver and Flossie Brendahl Smith. A retired housekeeper, she married Lonnie Fite on August 24, 1990. He preceded her in death in 1993.

She was preceded in death by her father; a daughter, Kimberly Tierce in 1993; and a grandson, Jeremy Gay.

She is survived by her mother of Lansing, Michigan; daughters and sons-in-laws, Sharon and Gary Hollmann and Rhonda Olin of Columbus and Jeri and James Austin of Michigan; sons and daughter-in-law Michael and Karen Olin of Eagle, Michigan, and Eric Olin of Bastrop; sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara Joyce-ridge of Riverside, California, Joyce and Gary Powers of Lansing, Michigan, Carol Mae and Bob Kellogg of South Haven, Michigan, and Erma Ash of Sacramento, California.

Also surviving, brothers and sister-law, Charles and Sue Smith and James Smith of Charlotte, Michigan, and Gerald Smith of Lansing; grandchildren, Tiffany Olin; Monica, Brit-

tany, Jordan and Hannah Hollmann; Selena, Joey and Krista Tierce; Shane and Ashley Saxton; Thomas Van Valkenburgh; Jason, Jessica and Savannah Austin; and Michael, Jeremy, Christopher and Stephanie Olin; special friend, Junior "Mac" McCabe of Sheridan, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 7, with Rev. Sammy Carr officiating.

Burial followed at the Fayetteville City Cemetery in Fayetteville.

Serving as pallbearers were Michael Olin, Charles Smith, Brad Tierce, Eric Olin, Gary Hollmann and Scott Saxton.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Memorial 55+ takes flight in Eagle Lake

Citizens of Eagle Lake will soon be able to take advantage of health and educational benefits offered by the Memorial 55+ program.

This free membership program is specially designed to fit the lifestyle and health care needs of people who are 55 years of age and older.

A special kickoff celebration, Wednesday, April 30, is planned to introduce the Memorial 55+ program to Eagle Lake residents. The celebration will be from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center, 100 N. Walnut Avenue.

During the festivities, visitors can enjoy music provided by Vic's Radio & TV of Nada.

In addition to refreshments and giveaways, visitors can also meet with Houston representatives of the Memorial 55+ program, local hospital staff and Rice Medical Center Administrator David Keith.

Eagle Lake residents will be able to take part in Memorial 55+ program

through an affiliation agreement between Rice Medical Center (RMC) in Eagle Lake and Memorial Healthcare System in Houston.

The program has been a highly successful program in the Houston area for nearly a decade. It provides 100,000 Houstonians with services like free room upgrades at all memorial Hospitals, parking and cafeteria discounts at Memorial facilities, free educational and informational programs designed just for 55+ members, travel discounts and other special rates on leisure activities. Similar benefits will be available here at RMC.

The Memorial 55+ program is free and the application process is simple.

To qualify, applicants must be 55 years of age or older and have private medical insurance or Medicare and a supplemental policy.

For more information on the Memorial 55+ program, call 1-800-544-3399, toll free.

Bible Verse of the Week

"To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not to him it is sin."

—James 4:17

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Two New Medicines for Multiple Sclerosis

Approximately eight thousand new case of multiple sclerosis (MS) are diagnosed in the U.S. each year. MS is a neurological disorder in which myelin, the covering or insulation for nerve fibers, is destroyed. Myelin is necessary to facilitate the movement of nerve signals or messages along nerve pathways. Damage or destruction of the myelin can lead to disruption of nerve messages to the point that there is partial or permanent paralysis, muscle weakness, balance and coordination problems, sexual dysfunction, fatigue, blurred vision, and bowel and bladder problems. There are several different types of MS. *Chronic progressive* is the most devastating form. With relapsing forms of MS, symptoms come and go.

The two injectable medicines already in use for MS symptoms include *interferon beta-1b* (Beta-seron) and *interferon beta-1a* (Avonex). Both of these interferons, which have been available for the last few years, reduce the frequency of relapsing MS symptoms. Recently, the Food and Drug Administration approved two new medicines for MS. *Glatiramer* (Copaxone) is thought to work by blocking the body's immune response that destroys nerve myelin. The other medicine, *tizanidine* (Zanaflex), will be prescribed for muscle stiffness and spasticity.

Hazel D. Spradley

September 19, 1916

— April 2, 1997

Hazel D. Spradley, 80, of Kingsville, formerly of Eagle Lake, passed away April 2, 1997, at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Kingsville.

She was born September 19, 1916, in Beeville to Ray and Iva Hunt McCammon.

Hazel was a longtime resident of Eagle Lake until moving to Kingsville recently. She had been a member and faithful servant of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake.

Survivors include her husband, Grady Alton Spradley of Kingsville; a daughter, Evelyn Argo of Kingsville; sisters, Edith Schmalstieg of Sinton, and Ruby Arnold of Bryan; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 4, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Turcotte-Piper Funeral Home, Kingsville, with Rev. David Mann of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake officiating.

Interment followed in the Chamberlain Cemetery in Kingsville. Turcotte-Piper Funeral Home, Kingsville, was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

HERITAGE HOUSE NEWS

By Tammie Morton, Activity Director

green hat. Irish music played as everyone enjoyed their refreshments.

March 26 was a busy day. The Headstart children came from both morning and afternoon classes for an Easter Egg Hunt.

The eggs were hidden all through the dining room and residents also had eggs to give away.

The children entertained the residents by singing an Easter song, then the hunt was on. They searched high and low for Easter eggs. After all were found, the children cooled down with refreshments. The residents enjoyed watching the children running around looking for eggs. Everyone had a wonderful time.

March 31 was our monthly birthday party. Christ Episcopal Church was on hand for the party. They brought ice cream cups, homemade angel food cakes and a brightly decorated birthday cake.

Our special birthday was Audrey Owens. Everyone enjoyed visiting and dining on the sweets.

Thank you to the Christ Episcopal Church for a wonderful time.

If you are interested in volunteer-

ing, we need you. We are looking for a volunteer to call bingo on Saturday mornings or afternoons for one hour.

If you or your group is interested in calling bingo, please contact Tammie Morton, Activity Director at Heritage House, Monday through Friday, at 234-3591.

REHAB NEWS

By Sue Crandall

Director of Rehab.

Heritage House Rehabilitation Department asks: "Is Your Home Hazardous To Your Health?"

Did you know that your home could be hazardous to your health? It's true!

Homes are where many harmful (and sometimes fatal) injuries occur. In fact, older Americans are twice as likely as people of other age groups to die from home injuries.

Take the following quiz to determine how safe your home is. If you answer "no" to any of the questions, take steps to injury-proof your home.

1. Are your electrical, extension and telephone cords securely out of (See HH News, Page 7)

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purposes of collecting maintenance and operation fees.

House Bill 2690 removes Smithville Independent School District from the Austin Community College Service District so that SISD may be incorporated into another junior college district service area due to a decrease in the number of academic courses offered per term.

House Bill 3037 allows electric cooperative corporations who have chosen to exempt themselves from rate regulation to be exempt from the cost of service study at the discretion of the Public Utility Commission.

In addition, Cook has co-sponsored several bills including:

House Bill 11. The Hawaii Supreme Court is expected to uphold a circuit court ruling that the state cannot refuse marriage licenses to same-sex couples. House Bill 11, as proposed, would provide a Texas law which would refuse to legally recognize gay marriages. Sixteen other states have already passed similar legislation. Texas, Ark. and Calif. will be among those attempting to do so this year. Several other bills being co-sponsored by Cook are:

House Bill 1144 consolidates herbicide, pesticide and agricultural workplace chemical laws under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture. This would simplify the reporting for farmers and ranchers.

House Bill 255 permits county

law enforcement authorities to receive reduced airline fares while engaged in certain official duties.

House Bill 680 deals with used fire control or fire rescue equipment donated to or made available by the Texas Forest Service. This bill is especially important for volunteer firefighters in our area, because it allows volunteer firefighters to accept donations of equipment from the Texas Forest Service.

House Bill 1190 relates to the monitoring of water quality in watersheds and river basins.

House Bill 2669 deals with the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of land that does not have any use because of a restriction imposed by a governmental agency.

Cook will also file two local bills in April. The first deals with the county attorney of Colorado County.

The bill would place the county attorney under the Professional Prosecutors Act while giving him the additional powers of a district attorney with felony jurisdiction.

The second bill deals with the duties of the district attorney and county attorney in Wharton County.

This legislation would allow the county attorney to perform his duties representing the state, Wharton County and county officials in civil matters, as well as jurisdiction in cases involving protective orders and the protection of children. The county attorney

can also assist in criminal prosecutions at the request of the district attorney.

Other legislation includes House Bill 4 which is the property tax plan proposed by Gov. George W. Bush. The plan has been referred to the Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding.

The committee is currently hearing testimony from the public and will write its own version of a property tax plan. This plan is expected to be drastically different in form by the time it reaches the House floor for a vote, most likely next month.

Senate Bill 1, dealing with state water management, has been introduced into the Texas House of Representatives as House Bill 5 and has been referred to the House Natural Resources Committee where members of the committee, including Cook, await the final Senate version before officially discussing the proposed bill.

The 159-page bill attempts to address concerns raised by the recent drought and would be one of the first preventive measures taken by the State of Texas.

In addition to water planning provisions, the committee substitute for Senate Bill 1 has provisions dealing with water management, marketing and transfers; surface and groundwater supplies; financial assistance to local governments; small communities assistance and water data collection and dissemination.

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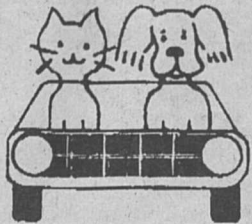
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THE DAY of PENTECOST APOSTOLIC REVIVAL: FM 102 S, Matthews, 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion). Rev. R.L. Carter.

EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST: Rev. Clifford Roser.

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FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST: 405 S. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. Earl Shorter, Jr., Pastor, 234-5795.

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CHURCH of CHRIST: Sheridan, Texas.

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Hwy. 90A, Sheridan; Del Sanford, Pastor; 234-3276.

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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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LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood, Texas. Rev. Barry Bauerschlag, Pastor.

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ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Sellers Jr., Lay-Pastor.

UNITED METHODIST: Barry Bauerschlag, Pastor. 200 W. Prairie; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State St., Eagle Lake. Richard Avery, Pastor.

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