

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Garden

Sandy Thomson; and Yard of the Month, Tanya Wiese.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m. A plant-swap was the program for the meeting during which members were able to choose plants and then

"steal" from each other when they so chose.

A good time was had by all and some lovely new plantings should be appearing in members' yards in the next few days.

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The Civic Garden Club of Eagle Lake looks forward to another busy year inviting anyone not a member to join, and everyone else to join us in making and keeping Eagle Lake a city we can all be proud of.

Colorado County Historical Commission

The Colorado County Historical Commission (CCHC) met March 20 at First Baptist Church in Columbus.

Randy Hoyer, principal of Columbus Jr. High, presented a program on the politics of Duval County, focusing on the election of Lyndon Johnson to the Senate in 1947 and the part that George and Archie Parr played in that. The Commission was entertained by Hoyer's engaging delivery of the interesting material. Hoyer shared several personal anecdotes connected to the Parr family and showed old photos.

In the business portion of the meeting, Commission Chairman Joe Fling

reported on progress being made on the excavation of La Salles' ship "Belle".

Larry Uhlig reported on the dedication ceremonies held for the Nada Post Office historic marker March 10.

Chairman Fling appointed members to various committees and urged efforts to cultivate interest in history in the county.

Committee chairpersons appointed for the next two years are: Joyce Loessin, Time & Place; Joyce Stancik, Finance & Budget; Elaine Luman, Historical Marker & Research; Publicity, Colleen Wilrod; and Historical Appreciation, W.H. Harrison.

Fling has not named a chairperson for the new Projects Committee.

Further discussion was held on the Zimmerscheidt school. Crockett Leyendecker has chaired an ad hoc committee to look into the feasibility of the CCHC undertaking a restoration project. Fling asked that Leyendecker report at the next meeting of CCHC with an action plan.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15 and will be held in Frelsburg.

Anyone interested in the programs and meeting of the CCHC is encouraged to call Chairman Joe Fling at the Courthouse, 409-732-8203.

Buckner, Ericksen plan to wed

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Buckner Jr. of Cuero, formerly of Eagle Lake, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jana Elizabeth, to Steven L. Ericksen of Manti, Utah.

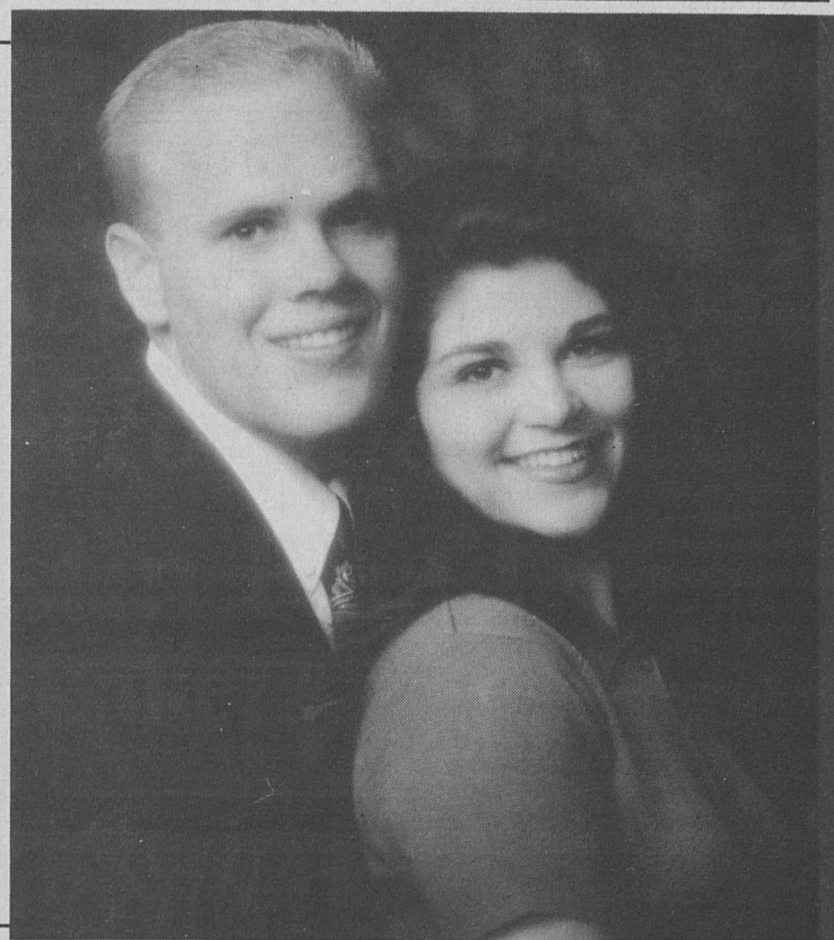
The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce G. Ericksen of Manti.

The couple will wed June 13 at Manti Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

An honor graduate of Rice High School, Elizabeth is currently a zoology major at Texas A&M University.

Steve was an honor graduate of Manti High School and is an engineering student at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Southworth and Judge James E. Buckner of Sante Fe and Shirley Buckner of Houston.



Native Plant Society

The May meeting of the Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society was to be a field trip to the farm of Kay and Doc Potter on Saturday, May 3, at 9 a.m.

The Potters are in the process of restoring their pastures with native grasses.

Of special interest are their magnificent stands of Eastern Gama Grass (*Tripsacum dactyloides*) which have been employed in low lying, unmowable areas. *T. dactyloides* can grow up

to 10 feet tall and is becoming more rare because cattle particularly like it and it's being killed out by repeated close grazing.

In an area set aside for woods, the Potters have planted native pecans (*Carya illinoensis*) and live oaks (*Quercus virginiana*).

They have extensively landscaped their yard with planting areas filled with native and unusual plants joined by meandering pathways and water gardens.

Pilot Club

Members of the Pilot Club Eagle Lake attended the Pilot International District convention in Galveston April 25 through 27.

The weather was very bad, but incoming-President Mary Ann Kaluza, President Nancy Grasshoff and Lifeline Coordinator Dorothy Kohlefel had ample protection from the storm at the San Luis Hotel where all convention activities were held.

The Pilot Club has taken on new life with the addition of members soon

to be initiated as full-working Pilots.

Our motto is "Friendship and Service" and we want to be of service to our community. As the President of the U.S. has come to realize, volunteers in action do more for the community than any other force.

If you want to be a member of a vital club that seeks friendship and wants to serve, come visit us any time. We meet the second and fourth Wednesday at noon at Taco Tony's Restaurant.

Texas Farm Bureau

Farm Bureau leaders from across Texas gathered in Austin April 9 for the 1997 TFB Leader Day.

Leader Day is a prime example of how the Texas Farm Bureau is truly the "voice of agriculture" according to Dean Venghaus, president of the Colorado County Farm Bureau.

"The major issues of the current legislative session are usually clear by

April," said Venghaus. "Leader Day allows Farm Bureau leaders to directly lobby elected officials about issues concerning farmers and ranchers."

The agenda primarily focuses on leader contacts with their respective legislators, Venghaus explained.

"It is important that your legislator hear from you, his/her constituents," said Venghaus.

Daughters of the Confederacy

The Shropshire Upton Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met at the Nesbitt Memorial Library May 8, 1997, at 2 p.m. A Cross of Military Service was held.

The Presentation of Colors was by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Vivian Galloway, Texas Division Cross of Military Service Chairman, was present and presented the crosses. These crosses were given to veterans who have a Confederate ancestor.

Those presented crosses were: WW II: Clemons L. Prause, Pvt. U.S. Army, Troop F, 7th Texas Cavalry; Confederate ancestor was Arnold Prause, 5th Sgt., Unattached Infantry, 22 Brigade, Texas State Troops.

WW II: Henry Odell Priest, Technician 4, U.S. Army Signal Corps; Confederate ancestor, Jonathan Williams, Pvt. Co. C, Infantry, Texas State Troops. The cross was accepted posthumously by his wife, Mrs. Helen Priest.

WW II: L.D. Schilling, Technician 4, U.S. Army Headquarters and Service Company, 1629th Engineering Construction Battalion; Confed-

erate ancestor was General Earl Van Dorn, Commander of Army of the West, Trans-Mississippi Theater.

WW II: Joe Wesley Wegenhoft, Pvt., 347 Bomb Squadron, U.S. Army Air Force; Confederate ancestor, John Wegenhoft, Pvt. Co. C, 13th Texas Infantry.

National Defense Medal: Vietnam Conflict: Robert Monroe Bloxom Jr, Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army Air Force; Confederate ancestor, Jasper Newton Bloxom, Co. A, 24th Battalion, Mississippi Cavalry.

National Defense Medal: Vietnam Conflict: Davis Ray Waddell, Pvt. U.S. Army, Co. D, 2C Battalion; Confederate ancestor, Lewis Gardener Davis, Pvt. Co. B, 28th Battalion, Georgia Artillery.

Certificate of Appreciation: Linda Louise Miekow Andrew, YNA, U.S. Navy, Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Confederate ancestor, Wm. Miekow, Co. H., Flourney's Regiment, 16th Texas Regiment.

After the service, guests and members were served refreshment by the hostesses, Evelyn Barrett, Lelia Wehner and Mae Brightwell.

Xi Pi Psi

Tax Day, April 15, was the date for a party held at the home of Lonnie and Ernie Sommerlatte.

Xi Pi Psi members and spouses were invited to dress according to the way taxes left them (rich or poor).

Members took a brief time to gather with President Connie Lange for a discussion and vote on the recipient of the scholarship award.

A buffet table held a tree branch centerpiece decorated with paper money and was set with flimsy paper plates and cheap napkins. The menu consisted of pinto beans and cornbread, seafood gumbo over rice, King Ranch chicken casserole, dips, chips and crackers. A delicious trifle topped off the meal.

After guests filled their plates, they sat at tables with newspaper place mats for the "poor"; one table was set with elegant cloth napkins and centerpieces for the "rich".

The social committee gave prizes to Evelyn Thomas and Butch Syzmani for best dressed. Evelyn wore a

faded blue denim suit covered with a clear plastic bag. (She had been taken to the cleaners). Butch was wearing his comfortable but tight t-shirt with a big hole in it.

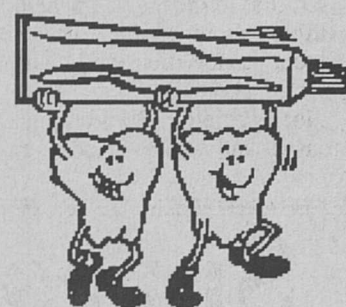
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