

OBITUARIES

Benjamin F. 'Benny' Blair

February 8, 1907 - August 2, 1997

Benjamin F. "Benny" Blair, 90, of Eagle Lake, passed away Saturday, August 2, 1997, at 5:45 a.m. at River Oaks Convalescent Center in Columbus.

He was born February 8, 1907, in Houston, the youngest of 10 children. Mr. Blair grew up in Houston, attended local schools, worked for Southern Pacific Railroad early in his life and distinguished himself in semi-professional football and baseball.

He served his country honorably during World War II in the Army Air Corps. He served in Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno Campaigns and was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal.

Mr. Blair and Alice Belle Seaholm were married June 12, 1945, in Eagle Lake where he began his career in rice farming in 1946.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake; V.F.W. Post #8783 of Eagle Lake; Life Member of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and National Rifle Association.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, he will long be remembered and missed by family and community alike.

Preceded in death by his parents, six sisters, three brothers and a great-granddaughter, Karissa Danielle Blair, he is survived by his wife; a son, Bill Blair of Eagle Lake; grandsons, Brian Blair of Saginaw and Greg and wife, Melissa Blair, of Eagle Lake; great grandchildren, Kyle and Anessa; a host of nieces, nephews and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 4, at 10 a.m. from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake, with Rev. David Mann, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating.

Carol Joyce Ripper served as organist and Vicki and Clark Powers served as soloists.

Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery under the auspices of V.F.W. Post #8783.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake.

Serving as pallbearers were Walter Lee Bauer, Pete Canaris, Earl H. Rodgers Jr., Bruce Waddell and his grandsons, Brian and Greg.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Martha Helen Clay

September 21, 1902 - July 29, 1997

Martha Helen Clay, 94, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at the Heritage House Nursing Home in Eagle Lake.

She was born September 21, 1902, in El Campo to August and Ida Caroline Johnson Brown.

Before moving to Eagle Lake, Mrs. Clay resided most of her life in El Campo. She finished high school and attended business college.

Mrs. Clay worked as a secretary for Central Power and Light in El

Hubert Girndt

Hubert Girndt, 87, of Columbus, passed away Wednesday, July 30, 1997, at River Oaks Nursing Home in Columbus.

Born January 2, 1910, in Ellinger, he was the son of Henry and Anna Loeve Girndt.

A life-long resident of Colorado County, he was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and a self-employed liquor merchant.

Louise Meyer became his bride July 25, 1935.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, a sister and one grandson, Matthew Jude Frnka.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years; daughters, Carol Rankin of Trinidad, Colorado, and Peggy Castillo of Columbus; a son, John Henry Girndt of Bellville; two brothers, Gilbert and Alfred Girndt of Columbus; four grandchildren; and other relatives, friends and loved ones.

A Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Thursday evening, July 31, at Hen-

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Funeral services were held Friday, August 1, at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church with Father Dan Kahlich officiating.

Interment followed at St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Jarius Zickuhr, Mickey Girndt, Joe Hanak, Gerard Bruton, Robert Moeckel and Pudd Hayek.

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ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Seth Nathanael Ray Navarro

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Navarro Jr. of El Campo announce the birth of their second child, a son, born July 22, 1997, at 12:08 a.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Seth Nathanael Ray weighed seven pounds, eight ounces, and measured 20-1/2 inches at birth.

The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

He was welcomed home by his

sister, Aubree Kaylyn Navarro, 18 months old.

Maternal grandparents are Jesslyn and Daryl C. Jacobs of El Campo.

Paternal grandparents are Martha Navarro of Bay City and Raymond Navarro Sr. of El Campo.

Great grandparents are Minerva Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin H. Jacobs of El Campo and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Jarrel of Bay City.

Kadin Joseph Schmitt

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schmitt of Fayetteville announce the birth of their first child, a son, born July 22, 1997, at 11:25 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Kadin Joseph weighed eight pounds and nine ounces, measuring 21-1/2 inches at birth.

The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas Jr., D.O.

Maternal grandparents are the late Larnette and Emil "Bobby" Guthmann.

Paternal grandparents are Jimmie

and Gladys Schmitt of Fayetteville.

Great grandparents are Alma and Leon Barton of Clute, the late Eva and Marcus Guthmann, Adolphine Krennek of Fayetteville and the late Joseph B. Krennek and Alma and Sylvester Schmitt Sr.

The new mom is the former Sheri Lynn Guthmann.

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Mrs. J.K. Davidson...

Simon White Jr. and Carl Seaholm were home from San Marcos for the weekend...

Griff Thomas Jr., David Wintermann and J.R. Reed reported a catch of 80 speckled trout on a fishing trip Tuesday at Mill's Wharf near Rockport...

Summer Assembly is in session at Round Rock and attending from the Evangelical United Brethren Church are Rev. & Mrs. R. Tupper, Faye and Gaye Dodd, Jeanette Causey, Janice Selph, Jo Carolyn Corman, Mrs. Clara Anderson and Donna Raie, Mrs. Joe Anderson and daughters, Billy Reed, Wayne Thomas, Jimmy Adkins, Frank Higgins, Arthur, Dexter and Jay Anderson and Miss Lillian Bayless of Dallas...

Mrs. H.E. Tate was surprised on her birthday Tuesday when a group of her friends arrived at her home for games of 42, bringing birthday refreshments with them...

Mr. & Mrs. Joe S. Reed Jr. spent the weekend with Mr. & Mrs. George Burke Jr. at the Kerrville summer home of Mr. & Mrs. George Burke...

Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Broyles, Mary Ann and Walter returned yesterday from a vacation trip to Greenville, Tenn. ...

Mr. & Mrs. Joe N. Frazier Sr. had as guests this week their daughter, Mrs. R.R. Wells Jr., and granddaughters, Julia Fair and Carol Beth, of Richmond...

Judy Ware, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Ware, is spending a few weeks with her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Ware, in Arcadia, La.

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About Town...

•Catherine Berger and daughter, Liz Grissom of Wharton, spent quality time with a cousin, Evelyn Greep of Lubbock.

They flew out Saturday morning (July 26th) and returned Sunday afternoon. They also enjoyed sight seeing and even visited a few antique malls.

The most hectic part of the trip was bringing back a large painting, painted by Ms. Greep, artist and teacher.

•It gets earlier every year... or so it seems... professional football is already being televised.

When my daughter asked, "We don't have a professional football team in Houston anymore?", I told her there never was a team. At one time, until recent months, there was an NFL franchise located in Houston, just no team!

But, the good thing about football starting, even though there's no local team, is that means basketball and the Rockets won't be far behind.

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SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 1140 Meyer St., Sealy; Warren Richardson, Pastor.

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.

FIRST BAPTIST: N. Lake at E. Prairie, Eagle Lake. Rev. David Mann.

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

IGLESIA BAUTISTA GETSEMANI: 901 B Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Mario Vasquez.

GREATER MT. OLIVE BAPTIST: Rev. R. Kiser, Pastor, 705 Lake, Eagle Lake, 234-3545.

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST: 1207 E. State, Eagle Lake. Rev. Coby Shorter; 234-3735.

ROCK ISLAND BAPTIST: Bob Allison, Pastor.

SHERIDAN FIRST BAPTIST

WHITE CLOUD BAPTIST CHURCH: 200 Old Altair Rd., Eagle Lake; Rev. Obie Rhodes; 234-3800.

CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sheridan, Texas.

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

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER — Charismatic: 478-7534, 478-6512, Jerry C. McKinney, Pastor.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Guadalupe Sanctuary: Guadalupe Terrace Addition; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary: 310 N. Stevenson; 7 a.m. (Español), 9 a.m., 11 a.m., Father Eddie Winkler.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada, 758-3218. Rev. Joseph Koebel, 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.

VINE OF THE LORD: Paul Aguilar, Interim.

FRIENDSHIP A-G: 501 Wallace, East Bernard. Fred Chambers, Pastor.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus. Roy V. Palmer, Minister.

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