

OBITUARIES

Rosie Bell Johnson

April 10, 1933 - August 1, 1997

Rosie Bell Johnson, passed away August 1, 1997.

She was born April 10, 1933, to Arthur and Cloma Jackson Bryant.

She attended Columbus High School. She confessed religion at an early age and joined New Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church.

She leaves to mourn her memory her husband, John Lewis Johnson of Columbus; three sons, Charles Bryant of Ft. Worth and John Glenn and Kenneth Ray Johnson of Columbus; three stepsons, John Lewis Johnson Jr., Sterling Brown and Robert Smith, all of Houston; a daughter, Helen Bryant Mosby of Ft. Worth; a step-daughter, Barbara Jean Kirby of Weimar; two sisters, Vera Booker Courtney of Houston and Ethel Bell Smith of Ft. Worth; three brothers, A.C. Bryant of Sugarland, Herman Bryant of Houston and Robert Bryant of Columbus; 12 grandchildren; three great-grand-

children; her brother-in-law, Edward L. Johnson; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Johnson; a very special friend, Ruth Mosby; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 5, a 1 p.m. from New Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church, in Columbus with Rev. G.W. Clark officiating.

Interment followed in Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus.

Ben Davis Funeral Home, Columbus, was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Roy Cloat, Elmer Lee Ervin, Michael Coleman, James Washington, Lester Williams and Tommy Lee Evans.

Honorary pallbearers were Otis Jones, Robert and Cedrick Kirby, John Lewis Johnson Jr., Robert Corathers and Edward Lee Johnson Jr.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Heritage House News

By Linda Tillman, Activity Director

On July 3, the residents went on an outing to the Frito Lay Factory.

The residents had a council meeting July 7.

On July 9, the residents attended Bingo in Wallis at the Guardian Angel Catholic Church.

July 10, residents held their country store.

On July 11, residents went for a country ride and really enjoyed getting out.

July 16, the Heritage House sponsored a Senior Dance. Senior citizens from Wharton Manor, Avalon Place came. Everyone had a good time.

On July 17, J.C. Cooper and Patty Stephens provided musical entertainment for the residents.

July 22, residents were invited to Wharton Manor for a Hawaiian Luau with music provided by Tom Quirk.

On July 24, all of the Heritage House employees were honored with a cake and punch party by Tammy Valles for their birthdays.

On July 25 White Cloud Baptist Church hosted the residents' birthday party. The residents of Heritage House would like to thank White Cloud Baptist Church again for a beautiful party.



ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Anthony Nicholas Castaneda

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Castaneda of Garwood announce the birth of their second child, a son, born July 22, 1997, at 9:02 a.m., at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Anthony Nicholas weighed eight pounds, one ounce and measured 22 inches at birth.

The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

He was welcomed home by Johnny Joe Castaneda, 5 years old.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Leal Jr. of Garwood.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Castaneda of Garwood.

His great grandmother is Aurelia Leal.

Makayla Beth Stribling

Johnny and Linda Stribling of Kaufman proudly announce the birth of their daughter, born July 30, 1997, at the Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

Makayla Beth weighed in at seven pounds, two ounces at birth and measured 19-1/2 inches.

She was welcomed home by her brother, Garrett, and sister, Lacey.

Proud grandparents are John Lee and Virginia Korenek of Garwood and Sugar and Pete Stribling of Kaufman.

Her great-grandparents are Alice Bludau of Hallettsville and Mrs. Richard Korenek of Garwood.

Cook addresses TACC

Those citizens attending the July 29 meeting of the Taxpayers Association of Colorado County were given a most informative presentation by Robby Cook of Eagle Lake, Representative, 28th Congressional District.

Cook detailed the major legislation that occurred during the recent

legislative session, giving his reasons for his support or opposition to each issue.

The main issue for the session seemed to be property tax reform. Cook declared his support, in general, for Gov. Bush's property tax reform bill. He stated he felt the changes made by the House of Representatives were in keeping with the governors intent, but improved the overall bill.

However, there was considerable disagreement with the Senate version and consequently they were unable to get an agreeable compromise. However, Cook felt property tax reform will be a hot legislative issue for years ahead.

The next issue he discussed was an effort to get more accountability over central appraisal districts. While everyone seemed to agree that reform was necessary, there was less agreement over how to accomplish this. He said there was an effort to make appraisal board members elected, but this didn't receive enough support to pass.

However, a bill was passed to allow counties to make the elected tax assessor/collector serve as chairman of the central appraisal board, this giving the voters some degree of control. He acknowledged this issue, likewise, would remain at the forefront of legislative activity.

Because of his personal agricultural background and that of many citizens present, he gave considerable details on how they were able to justify and protect the agricultural exemptions in the present budget.

He discussed many of the pros and cons of the Home-Equity Bill and voiced his personal concerns on the issue. He felt that as the bill was finally drafted, it included many safe guards. In his opinion, citizens should have the right to vote on this issue.

He discussed many of the debates, of the Natural Resource Committee on

which he served, concerning water rights and the implications of inter basin transfers for citizens along the Colorado River. He indicated he would like to remain on this committee, because he felt this would have long range importance for all citizens.

While Cook provided much information for those attending the meeting, when the floor was open for questions and comments those attending provided much information to Cook.

He was greatly encouraged to do more homework on the 1% Texas Fair Tax Proposal. Many citizens let him know that they were not satisfied with the average \$150 reduction per household on property tax that would be generated by the \$10,000 increase in homestead exemption, when that could be easily eaten up by simply increasing the appraised value of property.

The most vocal discussion was over the appraisal district. One citizen commented that there were only 31 citizens that requested to go before the Appraisal Review Board this past year, as an indication that the Appraisal Office must be doing a pretty good job.

That idea was quickly rejected by many voices explaining that people have simply given up on going before the Appraisal Review Board. That the only recourse seems to be the courts and the taxpayer has to not only pay for his attorney, but he pays for the Appraisal Districts attorney also.

One citizen stated that the legislature, by the stroke of a pen through the Peveto Bill, created these appraisal districts and now is the time for the legislation to abolish them.

It was stated that taxpayers are charged nearly \$500,000 to run the Appraisal Office, yet no one there is accountable to the taxpayers.

One citizen stated his entire tax burden was over \$15,000 this past (See Cook, Page 6)

Jimmie 'Lewis' Lyons

December 9, 1918 - August 1, 1997

Jimmie "Lewis" Lyons, passed away August 1, 1997.

He was born December 9, 1918, to Eddie and Bell Salery Lyons.

Jimmie was raised in the Eagle Lake Community and attended E.H. Henry School.

He served his country in the U.S. Army.

After 35 years with the Lower

Colorado River Authority, he retired from working.

He was a member of the Greater Union Baptist Church, where he later became a deacon.

He leaves to mourn his memory a wife, Ophelia Lyons; step-children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and a host of friends.

Jimmie was devoted to his pastor,

Rev. A.J. Jones.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 6, a 11 a.m. from Greater Union Baptist Church with Rev. A.J. Jones officiating.

Burial followed in Eagle Lake Cemetery South.

Ben Davis Funeral Home, Columbus, was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were A.J. Williams, Anthony Thomas, Billy Pettus, Roney Carroll, Mario Arriola and James Irving.

Honorary pallbearers were Louis Matthews, Alex Wooldridge, Henry McGrew, Clyde Cunningham, Lawrence Irving and Creston Cleveland.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

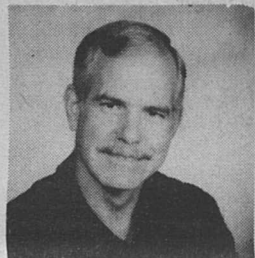
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40 shovel tests.

The field work was greatly facilitated by the data in "Alleyton, Texas: Back Door to the Confederacy", a detailed history of Alleyton published in 1993 by William H. Harrison Sr.

Artifacts of both ancient and semi-modern vintage were obtained and studied under State Antiquities Permit No. 1675 with the cooperation of the Colorado County Historical Commission and County Commissioner Jerome Wicke.

This preliminary field study suggests, according to Dr. Carlson, that the site of the 1859-vintage railroad right-of-way and remains of the train station and the locomotive turntable are undisturbed.

These features, in Dr. Carlson's opinion, should be the focus of future archaeological work.

Artifacts obtained as a result of this study, plus the formal report of the findings, are now on exhibit in a special case at Prairie Edge Museum.

The local sponsors are hopeful that further field work will help reveal more of Alleyton's spectacular role in Confederate history.

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