

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Colorado County 4-H

The Colorado County 4-H Council met April 20 at the Colorado County Agricultural Building.

Clubs represented and delegates were: Sheridan 4-H Club, Jenny Hajovsky; Freisburg 4-H, Lora Weishuhn and Stacy Markwardt; and Live Oak 4-H, Garrett Poncik and Brandy Tuck; and 4-H Challengers, Matt Ross.

In the absence of Chairman Ryan Brandt, First Chairman Weishuhn called the meeting to order. Ross led the motto and pledges.

Secretary Tuck called roll and presented the minutes of the previous meeting. Hajovsky presented the treasurer's report.

Markwardt reported on the District Round Up competition held in Moulton April 4.

Tuck reported on the County Fashion Show hosted by the Live Oak 4-H Club in the County Agricultural Building on April 8 and reported on the District Consumer Decision Making Contest held in Victoria on April 18.

4-H Program Assistant, Sharon Grahmann announced the Leadership Lab will be held on June 23-25 at Texas A&M at Kingsville. Eight delegates (ages 13-17 as of June 1) may attend. Deadline to submit applications to the County Extension Office was May 1.

Grahmann announced 4-H Congress will be held on July 12-15. Participants must be 15 years of ages and over.

The 4-H Day Camp planning committee announced that Day Camp will be held on July 9 at the Sheridan Water Park.

Delegates voted to hold a Back-to-School Dance in Aug. Tuck, Hajovsky, Weishuhn, Ross and Markwardt will meet on July 9 to finalize plans.

Election of officers will be held on June 1, at the council meeting to be held at the 6G Ranch.

Daughters of the American Revolution

Monday, May 11, at 2 p.m. John Everett Chapter National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Nesbitt Memorial Library.

Regent Randa Simmons presided. Barry Greenlaw gave the program entitled, "On the Trail with Lewis and Clark."

Katie Alyse Stein was recommended as a new member and was accepted. Joan Matthews of Eagle Lake was welcomed as a member.

The Regent announced that the chapter received 16 awards at the State Conference this spring in Houston.

Current officers were presented pins and flowers by Regent Simmons. New officers were installed. The new Regent is Laura Ann Rau who is a descendant of John Everett for who the local chapter is named.

R.F. "Buddy" Rau was a special guest at the meeting. After refreshments, the group went to Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery to have a special ceremony to mark the grave of his mother, Hope Heller Rau, a deceased NSDAR member.

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

The Monument Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas met at the home of Imogene Williams in San Antonio on April 25.


DEATH NOTICE

Mrs. Laura Crim

Mrs. Laura Crim of Pasadena, a former longtime resident of Eagle Lake, passed away at 2:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 1998, at Pasadena Memorial Hospital in Pasadena.

Funeral services were pending as of press time.

A full obituary will follow in next week's Headlight.

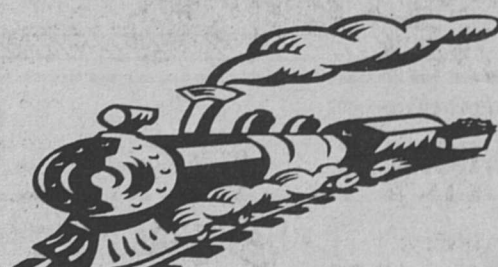


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President Marilyn Miller called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m. Roll called showed seven members present—Dorothy Albrecht and Miller of La Grange, Betty Hill of East Bernard, Carolyn Marble of Lincoln, and Lillian Stuesser of Lytle and Elizabeth "Bessie" Bean and Williams of San Antonio. We were honored to have with us one guest — Jo Ann Null of Lytle.

The invocation was by Chaplain Stuesser, and CRT Sponsor Hill led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March meeting be accepted as mailed. Treasurer Albrecht had no report, but will have an exact report at the forthcoming July meeting.

Secretary Williams reported that she has mailed registration forms for the Children of the Republic of Texas Convention to each household of MH CRT members, hoping that many would be able to participate. Miller reported having received a brochure on Bastrop tourism. Second VP General Marble informed those present that Dorothy Black, shrine hostess at the Alamo has resigned and that the position is available. Applicants must be well versed in Texas history.

Miller reported that she has reserved a Pictorial History of Fayette County at the Fayette County Journal and that she has placed an order for the two-volume Fayette County Heritage books with Mary Hall of Curtis Media, but that it will be a while before they have enough orders to warrant a reprinting.

Bylaws and MOP changes were discussed. These changes will be voted on at Convention.

More plans were made for the District VII Workshop that we are hosting in La Grange on Sept. 26. A salad buffet supper is planned for Friday night for the board of management and for out-of-town members who attend the workshop the next day and a catered meal of roast beef, vegetables and peach cobbler on Saturday. We have reserved the high school cafeteria for the events. Saturday morning registration will include coffee, kolache and sweet rolls. Table decorations were also discussed.

Regarding the Monument Hill celebration, the MH DRT chapter will participate by having a sales table offering tee shirts. MH DRT members in the area who are able to help are asked to make their willingness known.

A copy of Founder and Patriots has been received and will be presented to the library in La Grange soon.

Speaking as registrar for the MH chapter, Marble noted that some of our CRT members are "aging out" and that they need to prepare papers to transfer to the DRT.

Miller reported that our annual report and our awards report have been prepared, signed and mailed. Albrecht noted that we have had a net loss of three members during the past year: one to death, one for non-payment, three due to resignation, but we gained two new members.

Williams and Albrecht reported that together they had submitted about 2,400 inches of publicity for the MH chapter.

Our historical scrap books were discussed. It is intended that they be given to the La Grange Library, and we will attempt to accumulate them so that this may be accomplished.

CRT Chair Hill reported that our members are busily preparing reports for the CRT State Convention — most reports being due on May 1. MH CRT will have three pages serving the convention — Susan Hill and Jim Thornton will serve all three days and Neal Kocurek will page on Friday and Saturday. Several members participated in the grave-marking ceremony of Grace Kocurek held at the Weimar Masonic Cemetery in March. The chapter has taped "Texas Our Texas" for the Song Contest.

Chair Hill reported further that our CRT chapter has "suddenly exploded with growth. We have received 28 transfer members from the Noah Smithwick Chapter, and we will receive two additional members from that chapter following the CRT State Convention. We are planning a welcome party for the new members at the home of Marble prior to the date of the CRT State Convention, probably June 14."

Marble stated that if anyone wants to be nominated for District Representative, our chapter needs to be notified so it can endorse the nomination.

President Miller thanked hostesses Stuesser and Williams and closed the meeting asking Chaplain Stuesser for a table prayer. Luncheon consisted of King Ranch chicken, tossed salad, hard rolls, and cherry-pineapple dump cake with whipped topping.

The program for the meeting was to be a visit to the Alamo and the Wall of History, but because of the Fiesta Week crowds, the group decided they could do this at another time.

The next meeting will be July 11 in Schulenburg.

Ducks Unlimited

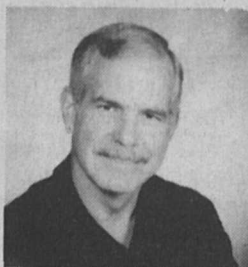
Texas Ducks Unlimited (DU) was recognized as a winner of four first place awards at this year's national convention in Quebec, May 28-31.

These were largest dollar increase in grassroots income (\$385,771) and largest total increase in number of sponsors (583). They also earned first place awards for largest percentage increase in number of sponsors (41%) and largest total increase in number of contributors (5,211). A sponsor member gives over \$200 or more a year in membership dues.

Texas DU has a current membership of 39,880 and generated \$3,900,000 in income in 1997. It ranks seventh in the nation for total number of members and last year held 169 fund-raising events. DU national raised \$103 million in 1997 and had over 668,000 members.

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

GREATER NEW FAITH CHURCH: 6406 Guylar, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears. 409-478-2169.

EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST: Rev. Clifford Roser.

FIRST BAPTIST: N. Lake at E. Prairie, Eagle Lake.

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.

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WHITE CLOUD BAPTIST CHURCH: 202 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.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL: 306 E. Stockbridge.

EAGLE LAKE GOSPEL MISSION: Rev. Emil Burger.

GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, 234-3381; Rev. Robert E. Schlott.

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

LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: Thomas A. Jax, Pastor; 234-2112; Lissie, Texas.

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 Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368.

VINE OF THE LORD: Rev. Paul Aguilar, 1300 E. State, Eagle Lake; 234-7543.

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

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 West St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.

CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus. Lynn Wilson, Minister.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 200 N. Lake, Eagle Lake, 234-5805; Miguel H. Arellano, Branch President.

THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Non-denominational Christian Fellowship; 217 Main, Sealy. Frank Lucas, Pastor. 885-7873.

Pilot Club

The Texas District Pilot International Convention was held May 1-3 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Fort Worth. Delegates from Eagle Lake were President Mary Ann Kaluza; President-elect Karen Teichman; and Treasurer Barbara Pidgeon.

The Texas District Gov. JoAnna Horton presided at the 61st Annual Convention.

The delegates attended meetings stressing Pilot friendship and service. Region IV Lt.-Gov. Glennette Willman presented certificates to Barbara, Karen and Mary Ann during the morning regional meeting.

They attended workshops on fund raising, community service projects and outreach to prospective new members.

Brenda Rainosek of the Pilot Club of La Grange was installed as Gov. during the Saturday night installation banquet.

Pilot International is a service organization in local communities and around the world.



Pictured from left to right are Eagle Lake Pilot Club members Mary Ann Kaluza, Barbara Pidgeon, Karen Teichman along with Region Lt.-Gov. Glennette Willman at the District Pilot International Convention held in Fort Worth recently.

Pilot Club Photo

Retired Teachers

The Colorado County Retired Teachers met April 6 at Schobels' Restaurant. After the invocation, a buffet luncheon was enjoyed.

The meeting was opened by Don Montier, president. After the usual proceedings, John Saul introduced the speaker, Linda Hartley, who is the coordinator for the Columbus Food Pantry.

She told the group the Pantry is sponsored by the United Ministerial Alliance and open two days a month. The third Tuesday is for Senior Citizens and the third Wednesday is for all others. She said the food can be obtained for 12¢ a pound from the Food Bank. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Betty Anthony reviewed the Cuddle Care Program. Montier and his wife Mary Frances donated six books.

Joyce Loessin read a "thank-you" poem that was sent to the Columbus Elementary School for the delightful luncheon and program they presented to the retired teachers.

The State Convention - April 22-25 - was held in Lubbock. The District Workshop was conducted in Victoria on May 13.

Other matters pertaining to TRS and TRTA were discussed before adjournment.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 1, at Schobels' with Garwood-Eagle Lake as host. All retired (and retiring) teachers and school personnel are invited to attend.

Taxpayers' Association

It is the pleasure of the Taxpayers' Association of Colorado County (TACC) to announce their guest speaker for the May 26 meeting will be Colorado County Attorney Mr. John Julian Moore.

Mr. Moore will explain the procedure that changed his position from that of County Attorney alone, to that of County Attorney with felony jurisdiction and the reasoning behind the decision to make such a change.

He will explain what his responsibilities are to the citizens of the county, as well as to the Commissioners' Court, in his new position and how these differ from previous responsibilities. He will also address the benefits this new position provides the county. Following his formal presentation, Moore will answer questions from the audience.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. at the Nesbitt Memorial Library, 529 Washington, Columbus. All interested citizens are invited to attend. For more information about the TACC or this meeting in particular, please call Crockett Leyendecker, 409-732-3302; or Bob Raborn, 732-6483.

Daughters of the Confederacy

The Shropshire Upton Chapter #361 of United Daughters of the Confederacy met May 14 at 2 p.m. at the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus. The meeting was called to order by the President Jennie Sue Muggli. She led the chapter in the ritual. The salutes to the flags were given.

A surprise Jefferson Davis Historical Medal was presented to Ernest Mae Seaholm of Eagle Lake. Seaholm was awarded this medal for her dedication to the preservation of Confederate history through her research, writings and lectures concerning Texas and the War Between the States. The Jefferson Davis Historical Medal was adopted at the General Convention in Los Angeles, California, in 1941 as presented by Mrs. John L. Heiss, Historian General and her committee composed of Division Historians. The concept of this award was presented by Mrs. Robert P. Sweeney of Atlanta, Georgia. The medal has the phrase, "Our Heritage" encircled with a hero's wreath of laurel leaves in gold. This is one of the most honored awards given by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The program was given by Mrs. Dorothy Albrecht of La Grange. She told the story of Ben and Ann Neal. Ben Neal emigrated to Galveston from England and was expected to see sights in Texas as they were in England. While he wore a top hat with silk tie on his fancy suit, he was surprised to see the Texans wore pioneer clothes very unlike his clothing. He became acquainted with Sam Houston and many other prominent Texans. He practiced medicine until the War Between the States. He served in the war. His wife, Ann, also served as nurse in the hospital. They had 12 children, with nine of them living to adulthood. Ben Neal died in 1923. Ann Neal died in 1920.

Following the program the business session was held. The secretary and treasurer gave their reports.

The historian's report was given by Millicent Cranek on Women in the Media in the Civil War. The war encouraged women to do anything they could do in the war.

A donation to the Confederate Memorial Museum by Katherine Holcomb was given by Sarah Uzzi. The bow and arrows given the museum were in the collection of Katherine's mother, Olive Hightower Shinner. This was a Filipino bow and arrow brought to Columbus by an unknown Colorado County soldier.

The battles fought in the Philippines in 1898 with the Spanish Fleet in Manila Bay helped end the war. By the terms of the peace treaty in Paris on (See Clubs, Page 6)

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