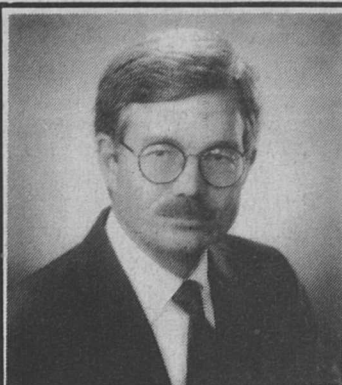


OBITUARIES

Helen B. McCormick

March 2, 1913 - September 19, 1998

Helen B. McCormick, 85, of Bay City, died Saturday, September 19, 1998, at Matagorda General Hospital. She was born March 2, 1913, in Olmita, Texas, to Robert Luther and Ethel Eugene Holleman Bennett. McCormick was a school teacher, teaching in Brownsville many years. She was a member of the Brownsville Retired Teachers Association and the First Baptist Church in Bay City. She was preceded in death by parents; her husband; and son, Bill McCormick. Survivors include a daughter, June McCormick of Bay City; sisters, Alene McGolrick of Hampton, Virginia, and Doris Franklin of Poteet;



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Unusual Head Lice Treatments Reported

Each year 10 to 12 million Americans experience head lice infestations. Lice are tiny insects that live on the head, in the hair, and other parts of the body. Lice eggs (nits) look like tiny white grains that cling to hair follicles. If left untreated lice infestation can lead to severe itching, scratching, local infection of the skin, and weeping or crusting of the scalp.

Standard treatment involves removal of the nits (special combs are available) and use of medicated shampoos and other topical products that are toxic to the lice. Over-the-counter products include permethrin (Nix) and pyrethrin/piperonyl butoxide (RID, A-200). Because many of the standard medicines used to treat head lice are not working as well as they once did, reports of unusual treatments are occurring. Non-standard treatments include topical application of kerosene, gasoline, vinegar, olive oil, mayonnaise, margarine, and Vaseline. Kerosene and gasoline should not be applied in the area of the head or face. However, there is one report of a clinic that recommends a vinegar rinse to help loosen nits from the hair. There is no proof that the other alternative treatments are helpful in killing lice. In fact, mayonnaise should not be used since it can promote the growth of bacteria. 8/98

grandchildren, Christi and Kelley Davis of Houston, and Will, Mary Ann and David McCormick of Bay City.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 21, at 11 a.m. from the First Baptist Church in Bay City, with Dr. Michael Zimmerman, officiating. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake at 3 p.m.

Bay City Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Andres Rios

April 23, 1913 - September 17, 1998

Andres Rios, 85, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 1998, at his daughter's residence in La Grange following a lengthy illness.

He was born April 23, 1913, in Cameron to Abraham and Abrana Gandara Rios.

Andres and Juanita Montana were married in Luling in 1932. He resided in Eagle Lake most all his life, working on area farms. He was a member of Eagle Lake's Parish of the Nativity.

Rios was preceded in death by parents; his wife, Juanita (Sept. 28, 1988); daughter, Annie Coronado; sisters, Dolores Balderas and Sarah Godino; and recently by his great-grandchildren, Jimmy Tavera and Justin Hernandez.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Yanez and husband, Lupe, of La Grange; sons, Abraham Rios and wife, Susie, of Weimar and Ben and George Rios of Eagle Lake; 23 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

A vigil services was held at 7 p.m. Friday, September 18, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 19, at 10 a.m. from the Parish of the Nativity, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary, Eagle

"To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life."

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Mary Frances Pryor Struss

October 31, 1932 - September 17, 1998

Mary Frances Pryor Struss, 65, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 1998, at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake. She had been battling cancer since July 1, 1998.

She was born October 31, 1932, in Duncan Flat, Texas, to Charles and Emma Norville Pryor.

Frances had been a successful business woman in Eagle Lake with the family business of A.J. Struss Auto Supply, established in 1936.

After graduation from Benton-

ville, Arkansas, in 1951, Frances moved to Houston where she worked for 15 years.

She and Elmer Struss were married in the Woodlands Baptist Church August 21, 1965.

Frances moved to Eagle Lake after the marriage and joined Elmer in the family business.

In her last few months, she was determined to beat the deadly cancer that had struck so hard, but lost the battle.

Her ability to put up a fighting spirit began the morning of October 31, 1932, when she was born in her parents' home prematurely, weighing only two pounds.

The doctor instructed her family to pad a small shoebox with towels and place it on the opened-down door of a wood burning stove. There she remained warm.

The doctor told her family he did not expect Frances to live more than two or three days. Her supplement was her brothers and sisters taking turns feeding her with an eyedropper full of sugar water with three drops of whiskey.

Frances Pryor Struss began life with a fight and ended it with a fight.

She was preceded in death by parents; and brothers, Charley Pryor Jr., Dallas; Byron Pryor, Houston; and Ray Pryor, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Survivors include her devoted husband of 33 years, Elmer Struss of Eagle Lake; sons, Darrell Struss and wife, Monique, of Houston, Sidney Struss and wife, Barbara Jean, of Warren Struss and wife, Colleen, of Austin, and John Moore of Washing-



ton, D.C.; sisters, Maida Faye Hardwick of Novato, Calif., Joe Ella Pryor of Kinney and Pat Lyons of Cleburne; brothers, Bobby Pryor of Fresno, Calif., and Jimmy Pryor of Houston; six grandchildren, Vanessa Struss of Eagle Lake, Stephanie, Heather and Brandon Struss of Austin, Tommy Hogge of Houston and Mark Hogge of Washington, D.C.; three great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loves ones.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 20, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake, with Rev. Emmit Adair, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake and Dr. W.D. Baker, retired pastor of Woodlands Baptist Church of Houston and First Baptist Church of Bay City, officiating.

Congregation hymns consisted of "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace". "One Day At A Time" was sung by the duet of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Presley of El Campo.

Carol Joyce Ripper served as organist.

Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Isidoro Ramirez, M.G. Lanier, Bruce Waddell, Ted Brunner, Billy Lyons, David Pryor, Johnny Prazak and Billy Hefner.

The family requests memorials be given to the Rice Medical Center Auxiliary or the American Cancer Society.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Veterans should be aware of law change

According to information verified by the Regional Veterans' Administration office, "if you are a veteran, have a family member(s) who is a veteran or know somebody who is, the news may be of interest to you or them."

"The President of the U.S. has signed into law a bill that affects all veterans. This law states, in effect, that 'if a veteran has not registered at a Veterans' Affairs Hospital since Oct. 1, 1996, then on Oct. 1, 1998, he or she will lose all medical benefits for life.'"

A V.A. office suggests all veterans eligible for benefits (whether they have received treatment at a V.A. Hospital since Oct. 1, 1996, or not) should sign up prior to the Oct. 1, 1998, deadline.

This way, no one will "slip through the cracks".

You will need to take your DD-214 to the local V.A. office. It will take about five minutes to complete the necessary form to maintain your benefits. If you cannot locate your DD-214, go to the V.A. office and they can help you get a copy.

Regional V.A. Hospitals can also send you an eligibility packet if you so request from the eligibility clerk.

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Mariah Marie Alvarado

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Alvarado Jr. of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born September 15, 1998, at 4:16 p.m. at Rice Medical Center.

Mariah Marie weighed eight pounds, seven ounces, and measured 20 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by Gilbert Alvarado III, six years old, and Miranda Marie Alvarado, 15 months.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Castillo of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Gilbert Alvarado Sr. of Houston and Janie Alvarado of Katy.

Great-grandparents are Lena Alvarado of Eagle Lake, Pauline Gutierrez of Wallis and Mr. and Mrs. Jose Castillo.

Cameron Lee Guthman

Craig and Stephanie Guthman of Lissie, are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, a daughter, born September 3, 1998, at 8:29 a.m. at Polly Ryon Hospital in Richmond. Cameron Lee weighed six pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches at birth. The attending physician was Dr. Daniel Calderon.

Maternal grandmother is Diane Causey of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are David Guthman of Lissie and Debbie Guthman of Wharton.

Maternal great-grandparents are Doris Lee Clipson and the late John Clipson, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Waldrop and Mr. and Mrs. George Causey, all of Eagle Lake.

Paternal great-grandparents are Lee Roy Guthman of Lissie and the late Inez Guthman and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Vacek of East Bernard.

The new mom is the former Stephanie Causey.



Foot Facts



By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
THE DIABETIC FOOT

Many diabetics suffer a combination of symptoms which, collectively, bode poorly for feet: decreased circulation in the extremities, neuropathy (decreased sensitivity), and elevated blood sugar (which creates an inviting environment for bacterial infection). Without the warning of pain, a seemingly innocent blister, small cut, or even irritation from a shoe may be overlooked until it is badly infected. Diabetics should perform meticulous daily foot care, part of which should include a careful examination for early signs of trouble. If you have difficulty seeing the entire foot for any reason, use a mirror to check out any blind spots. At the first sign of minor wounds or irritation, promptly consult with your podiatrist.

Foot problems are a leading cause of hospitalization for the seven million Americans with diabetes. It is estimated that 15% of all diabetics will develop a serious foot condition at some point, including infection, ulceration, or gangrene. As most of these conditions are preventable through regular visits to the podiatrist, we urge all diabetics to consider podiatric care as a very important component in managing the diabetic condition. We are now accepting new patients on Tuesdays for a full range of foot care at Rice Medical Center. Phone 234-5571.

P.S. Trimming toenails on the diabetic foot requires extra care. Consult with your podiatrist about proper nail care.

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