

OBITUARIES

Fern Brock Jones

November 11, 1912 - December 5, 1998

Fern Brock Jones, 86, of Rock Island, passed away Saturday, December 5, 1998, at River Oaks Health Center in Columbus. She was born November 11, 1912, in Yoakum to David B. and Minnie

Davis Brock.

Fern was a self-employed taxidermist, a citizen of Rock Island for 53 years and a member of Rock Island Baptist Church.

She was active in all activities in Rock Island for many years.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Warren E. Jones (March 19, 1972); two sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include her sons, Richard D. Jones of Missouri City, Donald W. Jones of Stockdale and Robert L. Jones of Jackson, Mississippi; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 8, at 2 p.m. from Rock Island Baptist Church with Rev. Bob Allison officiating.

Burial followed in Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island.

Arrangements were under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were grandsons and friends of the family.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Grace Mary Lange

August 15, 1908 - December 13, 1998

Grace Mary Lange, 90, of Oldenburg, Texas, passed away Sunday, December 13, 1998, in Oldenburg.

Born August 15, 1908, in Houston, she was the daughter of Edward Charles and Alene Blair Jahn.

She married William (Bill) Henry Lange December 4, 1927, in House. She worked as a secretary for a dairy feed company.

Mrs. Lange was a member of First United Methodist Church in La

Grange, La Grange Senior Citizens' Activity Center, Fayette Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, AARP, Ruttersville Circle of First United Methodist Church, a Lifetime Member of United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church and Lifetime Member of Stephen F. Austin H.S. PTA in Houston and various civic organizations.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband (September 16,

1979); granddaughter, Jerri Lou Lange; and three brothers.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Willard and Connie Lange of Eagle Lake, Homer C. and Maureen Lange of Oldenburg; stepson, Tillman Lange of Oldenburg; nephew, Homer A. Jahn Jr. of Houston; grandchildren, Brad, Brenda, David and Jason Lange, Linda White and Cindy van Deventer; six great-grandchildren, Amanda White, Chris, Michael, Wayne and Amanda Lange and B.R. van Deventer.

Funeral services were scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, at 10 a.m. from First United Methodist Church in La Grange with Rev. John Nicholson officiating.

Graveside services were scheduled for 3 p.m. at South Park Cemetery in Houston.

Arrangements are under the direction of Koenig-Peel and Strickland Funeral Home in La Grange.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to First United Methodist Church in La Grange.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Irene Frnka Meyer

October 22, 1908 — December 10, 1998

Irene Frnka Meyer, 90, a Garwood native, died Thursday, December 10, 1998.

Born October 22, 1908, in Garwood, she was the daughter of Edward R. and Annie Kallina Frnka.

November 18, 1934, she married Leslie (Buck) Meyer of Ellinger, where she lived until 1996 when ill health necessitated a move to the Heritage House Nursing Home in Eagle Lake.

Mrs. Meyer attended school in Garwood through the tenth grade, completing the eleventh grade in San Marcos.

She attended Texas Tech in Lubbock (where she had the honor of being named Freshman Homecoming Queen), Our Lady of the Lake in San Antonio and Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

She was very talented and gifted, which she shared generously. She taught school in Abbotts Grove, Zimmerschiet, New Ulm, Ellinger, La Grange and Columbus.

Hers was a long and full, caring and giving life. After retiring from teaching, she traveled extensively, always in quest of learning.

She was very active in her community and church, being a member of the St. Mary's Altar Society, Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, Heritage Library in La Grange, American Association of Retired Persons, Historical Committee of Fayette County, Live Oak Art Club and Czech Heritage Society Museums in La Grange and Fayetteville.

Preceded in death by her husband; parents; and two brothers, Bill and Henry Frnka; she is survived by her sisters and brother-in-law, Edith Huvar and Charlyne and John Williams of Garwood; and numerous nephews and nieces.

A Parish Prayer service and Rosary were held Friday, December 11, at 7 p.m. at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus led by Father Dan Kahlich and Benny Holesovsky. A life tribute was given by her Godchild, Richard Williams.

An Altar Society Rosary was recited Saturday, December 12, at 10 a.m. at the Church.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ellinger Saturday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m. with Msgr. Ben Mazurkiewicz officiating with readings by her great nephew, Bill Raley.

Burial followed in the La Grange City Cemetery where a final tribute was given by Delta Kappa Gamma sisters, Ramona Smith, Beth Dow and Kathy Raley.

Serving as pallbearers were George and Richard Williams; Bill Raley; Edward R. Frnka II; Frnka

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Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
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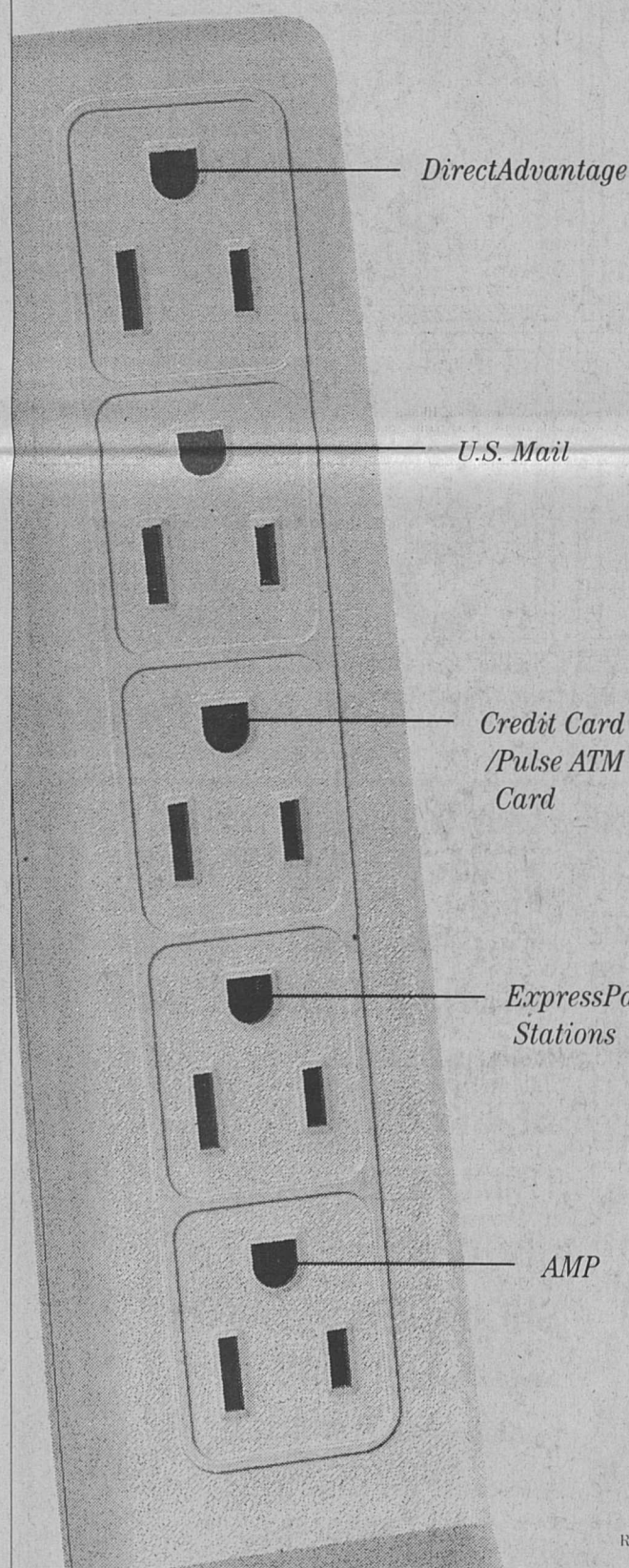
Burning pain in the forefoot, shooting pain, and dull, pervasive ache are some of the most commonly described symptoms of a neuroma. The source of the pain is an enlargement of the sheath that surrounds one (or more) of the intermetatarsal nerves. The most common location is the area between the third and fourth toes and metatarsals. This particular site is most vulnerable because it is the thickest and is the junction of several different nerves. This condition is often caused by shoes that cramp the toes, causing a pinching of these nerves. Pronation of the foot may also exacerbate this condition. Your podiatrist may provide relief with orthotics, steroid injections, or, in severe cases, surgical removal of the neuroma.

It's hard to ignore the burning pain of a neuroma and other foot conditions or injuries, especially when every step places weight and pressure on the affected area. Don't wait for the pain and the problem to disappear. Most likely they won't and you'll be left with a worse condition than when the problem was still new and relatively minor. A better strategy is to call us at 234-5571, at Rice Medical Center, for experienced attention to your foot concerns. I am there every Tuesday. We wish you happy holidays.

P.S. Prevention of this neuroma may, in many cases, be as simple as selecting shoes with an amply wide toe box.



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ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Wendell Terrell Byars III

Wendell and Michelle Byars Jr. of Sealy are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born at 7:58 a.m. December 8, 1998, at Rice Medical Center.

Wendell Terrell weighed eight pounds and measured 21-1/4 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Alexandria Lee Byars, age one year.

Maternal grandparents are James and Kim Ivey of North Carolina and Cindy Ivey of Sealy.

Paternal grandparents are Wallace and Evelyn Johnson of Sweeny and Wendell Byars Sr. of Sealy.

Great-grandparents are Margie Kudlacek of Sealy and Ed and Molly Pike of North Carolina.

The mom is the former Michelle Ivey.

Cody James Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore of Houston are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born at 2:48 a.m. Saturday, November 28, 1998, at Memorial City Hospital in Houston.

Cody James weighed eight pounds, seven ounces at birth.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Whitney Nicole, age two.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Dierschke of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore of Livingston.

His mom is the former Renae Dierschke.

Flu season may be early this year

An outbreak of influenza A in July and Aug. spoiled vacation plans for many senior citizens traveling to Alaska and the Yukon Territory.

While Texas was not directly affected, the early appearance of the flu is a wake-up call to be vaccinated according to Robert D. Crider, director of the Immunization Division of the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

The flu season usually lasts at from Oct. through April. Crider says, "Since it takes about two weeks for the vaccine to reach full effect, it is best to get a flu shot even before flu season begins."

This is particularly true for people in high-risk groups.

People with diabetes are about three times more likely to die from complications of influenza and pneumonia, yet fewer than half get an annual flu shot.

Each year 10,000 to 30,000 people with diabetes die from complications of the flu and pneumonia.

During a flu epidemic, deaths

among diabetic people rise five to 15% according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention.

An estimated 16 million people have diabetes in the U.S. About one-third of these have not been diagnosed.

Minority groups, African Americans, Native Americans and Hispanics, are at higher risk for diabetes.

In addition to those with diabetes, people aged 65 or older are at higher risk of serious illness or death resulting from influenza-related complications.

More than 90% of the deaths from pneumonia and influenza occur in people aged 65 or older yet, 32% of people in this age group failed to get an annual flu shot in 1997, according to TDH figures.

Medicare recipients can get a flu shot at no cost to themselves.

Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities face increased risk of contracting the flu and, because residents suffer from chronic medical conditions, the exposure can have serious consequences.

People with weak immune systems (including those with kidney disease and blood problems), transplant recipients and people with AIDS, should be vaccinated.

Others in high risk groups include people with chronic heart or lung disease, including children with asthma; pregnant women; international travelers and children on long-term aspirin therapy.

Health care workers and household members who interact with people in high risk groups need to be vaccinated to avoid spreading the disease to others.

Each year, the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention estimate what strains will cause problems for the following year.

This year's vaccine combats A/ Sydney, which afflicted the tourists in Alaska, A/Beijing and the B/Beijing.

The vaccine offers some protection against other strains as well.

People who get the shot will have less severe symptoms if infected with other strains.