

# OBITUARIES

## E. Martin Hale

E. Martin Hale, 84, of Kerrville, passed away Thursday, July 15, 1999, at 8:30 p.m. at the Kerrville Rest Home.

He was born August 27, 1914, in Round Mountain, Texas, to William Agee and Stella Shelly Hale.

He lost his father in 1921, and his family moved to San Marcos in 1928.

He graduated from Southwest Texas Teacher's College with a B.A. degree in History, English and Music in 1937, where he was a member of the Alpha and Omega fraternity, also known as the White Stars.

He began his teaching career as high school band director in Eagle Lake, where he married Alice Mae

Thomas in 1941.

In 1942, he began a three-year service in the United States Army as band director of the 124th Cavalry Band in Ft. Riley, Kansas.

He taught in McCamey, Texas, for one year, then returned to his beloved Texas Hill Country as band director in Mason in 1950.

He attended the University of Texas at Austin during the summer and received an M.A. degree in education in 1952.

He left Mason to work for the Britannica Company, Education Division for three years.

He moved to Kerrville in 1963, where he was employed by the Kerrville Independent School District as Curriculum Director until his retirement in 1979.

A year later, he returned to work part-time in charge of maintaining all audio-visual equipment throughout the K.I.S.D. campuses, a job he continued until November 1998.

His life was dedicated to his family and to education. He was a positive influence and an invaluable role model for his many students throughout his career, through his undying faith in young people and his determination to contribute wherever he could to their growth and development. He truly made a difference.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Alton Agee and

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William Boyd Hale. His wife, Alice Mae Hale, passed away in 1988 after nearly 47 years of marriage.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Wm. A. "George" and Robin Hale of Kerrville; numerous nieces and nephews, many friends and other relatives including locally, brothers-in-law, Dr. Raymond R. Thomas and Ralph Thomas.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 13, at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Kerrville Funeral Home with Rev. Phillip Stevenson of St. Boniface Episcopal Church officiating.

The family assembled for graveside services and interment at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake with Rev. Paul Lynn, Pastor of Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, officiating.

Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake was in charge of arrangements. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers were John and Drs. Russell, Kurt and Griff Thomas; George Athal and Melvin Hale, Ted Schwarz and Reagan Laughlin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Scottish Rite Learning Center of Austin Inc., 207 W. 18th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-1399.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Pastor Earl Shorter Jr.

August 31, 1943 - July 4, 1999

Pastor Earl Shorter Jr., passed away Sunday, July 4, 1999.

He was born August 31, 1943, in Bonus to Earl and Zelma Lee Miller Shorter Sr.

Earl received his education from Egypt Elementary School, E.H. Henry High School in Eagle Lake and Conroe Bible Institute.

Later, he met and married Linda Marie Robinson. He was employed by Frank W. Marek Trucking Co. as a construction laborer.

Church affiliations included Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Egypt; Union Baptist No. 2 (Providence Baptist Church, Eagle Lake); Senior Choir President; Deacon; Former Pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church, Hallettsville; Vice Moderator of Youth Dept. 20th Century District Association, Egypt; Former Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Eagle Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Gladystene Lockett.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Linda Shorter; children, Denise LaVern Shorter, Nick Orlando and Kathy Shorter and Nickhcole Olivia Shorter and Curt Wayne McTear, all of Eagle Lake; grandchildren, Rachelle Monique Shorter, Karselyn Chanel McTear, Deon Shorter and Anthony Shorter of Eagle Lake; brothers, Rev. Eugene Shorter and

wife, Brenda, Leroy Shorter and wife, Betsy, and Edward L. Shorter; sisters, Mrs. Cora Dennis and husband, Alfred, Doris Alexander, Wilma Washington and husband, Allen, and Mary Moy and husband, Ivory, all of Houston; brothers-in-law, Gerald Robinson and wife, Jewel Faye, and Charles Robinson and wife, Carrie, of Houston and James Lockett Sr. of Eagle Lake; father-in-law, Stacy B. Robinson of Texas City; aunts, Mrs. Narvell Smallwood of Arizona, Mrs. Gerline Thomas of Austin and Mrs. Dorothy Benson of Dallas; uncles, William Shorter of Texas City and Rev. Coby Shorter Jr. of Eagle Lake; great-aunt, Mrs. Mildred Anderson of Hungerford; God-son, Darius Lowe of Eagle Lake; many nieces, nephews and a host of other relative and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 10, at 1 p.m. from Friendship Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Lee Earl Gibbs officiating.

The Rev. Obie Rhodes, Moderator 20th Century District Association, gave the eulogy.

Interment followed in Sand Ridge Cemetery in Egypt.

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

Pallbearers were Kevin Earls, Jermaine Collins, Ian Hargrove, George Whitelaw, Eddie Fields, Darian Barrow and Royce Hemphill.

Honorary pallbearers were Deacon and Trustees of Friendship Baptist Church and the E.H. Henry High School Class of 1962.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



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## Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

### FINDING THE RIGHT RUNNING SHOE

Runners should choose the athletic shoe type best for their bio-mechanical needs. There are five basic running shoe categories: motion control, cushioned, lightweight training, trail, and stability. Motion control are best for people who overpronate, wear orthotics, have flat feet, or are heavy runners. Stability shoes are ideal for the midweight runner with normal arches looking for comfort and durability. Cushioned shoes offer the least medial support and encourage foot motion, ideal for runners with rigid feet and high arches. Lightweight training shoes are best for runners who want a light second shoe for fast-paced training. Finally, trail shoes should be considered by those who run off-road and need extra traction and protection from stone bruises.

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Hint: Running shoes are made with straight, semi-curved, and curved lasts. Your podiatrist can tell you which last is preferable for your foot type.



## African Bishop declares Living Hope Church a 'House of Miracles'

Living Hope Church in Eagle Lake was pleased to host Bishop Francis Suza in special services on Sunday, June 20.

Suza, director of Gospel Commission Fellowship in Kericho, Kenya

oversees over 260 churches in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. This was Suza's second visit to Living Hope and he was this year's recipient of Living Hope's Vacation Bible School (VBS) offering.

Suza spent the morning worship service describing his work in Africa. "Many Americans have a distorted view of Africa," said Suza. "Many of you may think that I preach with snakes hanging from the ceiling and a tiger peaking in the window. This is not so. Like many in Africa think that America is all grass and concrete. As if there were no trees, grass or cows."

Suza explained how he speaks in six languages, "In Kenya," he said, "we all must be fluent in English and Swahili, which are both considered national languages, and my wife and I are from different tribes, so I must speak both of those dialects, and I know something of two other tribal tongues spoken in some of my churches."

Living Hope has contributed to Suza's support on a monthly basis for the past eight years, and it was a blessing for many of the new members of Living Hope to meet him for the first time, and to hear how far the church's work goes.

In the morning, Suza announced that the Living Hope VBS offering would go to sponsor poor children in Kenya to his summer Bible program.

He also told how he appears on Kenyan national television weekly. This is an outstanding opportunity for ministry as there is only one television channel in the nation of 36 million people.

In the evening service, Suza taught the children to say "praise the Lord" in Swahili and taught on living in the power of Jesus' resurrection. Preaching from the third chapter of the book of Philippians, Suza encouraged the people to forget the sins and shortcomings of the past, and press on toward God.

The concluding climax of the night was when Suza spoke prophetically to the church. He declared that Living Hope Church would be known as a "House of Miracles". He prayed for the leadership of the church, and exhorted Pastor Joe Fling to begin laying hands on people in expectation of God working miracles at Living Hope.

Pastor Fling expressed Living Hope's joy in having this excellent ministry in Eagle Lake, and confirmed the will of the Lord for the working of miracles. "We have been having regular times of praying for the sick, as well as occasional special services for salvation and healing, when we hang a banner declaring 'healing service' outside the church, and the bishop's word confirms to us that this is the will of God for the work here."



## A NEW ARRIVAL

### Summer Alinda Winn

Joe and Sharri Winn of Cypress, Texas, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born at 2:51 a.m. July 15, 1999, at Woman's Hospital of Texas in Houston.

Summer Alinda weighed six pounds, 14 ounces and measured 18-1/2 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Thurston and Sharon Alinda Webb of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Majorie Winn of Magnolia and Joe Winn of Normangee.

The new mom is the former Sharri Webb.

## Gotcher is pianist for Honor Band

Matthew Gotcher, a junior at Fairborn High School, was selected as the pianist for the Bands of America (BOA) 1999 Honor Band of America.

Matt is the son of Bill and Dixie Gotcher of Fairborn, Ohio, and grandson of Dorothy and Leonard Walker of Eagle Lake.

Over 250 students nationwide auditioned for positions in the Honor Band.

Matt was one of only three musicians selected from Ohio.

The 1999 Honor Band met April 21-24 in Indianapolis for the 8th annual BOA National Concert Band Festival.

They rehearsed during the three-day event and performed, under the direction of the University of Michigan's H. Robert Reynolds, at the final concert in the Murat Theatre Saturday evening.

The Honor Band, directed by Reynolds, is currently touring Japan. The 17-day trip began in Los Angeles with rehearsals and a "warm-up" concert at Disneyland.

The Honor Band's itinerary in Japan includes concert performances in Tokyo, Kashiwa, Shimizu, Hamamatsu, Kyoto, Tenri and Osaka. There will be exchange concerts with Japanese high school bands, school visits, home stays, sightseeing, and a visit to the Yamaha Musical Instruments Factory in Hamamatsu.

Matt is an active participant in the Fairborn High School Marching, Symphonic and Jazz Bands; Symphony Orchestra; A Cappella Choir; and Chamber Chorale.

His musical abilities include piano (his forte), violin, percussion, hand bells, pipe organ and voice.

Matt currently studies piano with Tiraje Ruckman of the University of Dayton.



Matthew Gotcher

### Did You Know...

Prior to the creation of the "A.D." designation, Roman calendar years were followed by A.U.C., from the latin *ab urbe condita*, "from the founding of the city".

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