

ELHS Class of 1957 Review

By Ruth Ann Tate Marshall
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What a wonderful time everyone had at the ELHS 2000 Class Reunion. Thanks to Ernie Davidson Sommerlatte and Grace Dell Sinclair Cooper for doing such a tremendous job of organization for such a memorable

event. The Class of 1957 had only 25 graduates, not that anyone failed, we just had a small class. Vernon Miculka and Bonnie Pearl Kohleffel are the only deceased class members, so that means that at least 23 of us have made it to the age of 60+.

Some 13 classmates made it to some of the festivities held during the weekend. James Brumbelow, Gary Briggs, Lester German, Billy Salazar, Joe Barela and Elvira Salazar Barela, Judy Black Ten Naple, Tommy Lou Reese Herman, Janice Selph Miller, Judy Simmons White, Pat Shepherd

Seaholm, Joyce Matthews Stancik and Ruth Ann Tate Marshall enjoyed seeing each other and visiting. John Matthews, Dick Terrell and Gladys Biersdorfer Austin, all former classmates, also attended the reunion and it was good to see them.

Those absent and missing out on all the fun were Leonardo Luna, Dorothy Matzke Jones, Grace Adkins Self, Jimmy Frnka, Kenneth Wright, Billy Lee Henneke, Kent Beyette, Ben Behrens, Bennie Brasher and Larry Shaver.

A special thank you to Ernie and Lonnie Sommerlatte for hosting the reunion party on Friday evening at their home. There were a lot of classes present for the party and a really good time was enjoyed by all.

Being from a small school has a lot of advantages and the main one is that everyone knows everyone. We all had our heroes and favorites and everyone in elementary and junior high knew the high school cheerleaders, football players, class favorites, etc. and it was fun to see all of them again at the party.

The rain and the cold came on Saturday, but certainly did not put a "damper" on the festivities. The parade, luncheon, meet the teachers at the library, memorial service, barbecue and dance went on and was a tremendous success.

The church services at the First Baptist Church and the reception at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday was the final touch to a wonderful weekend.

A special thanks to little Sidney Struss for doing such a terrific job with the web page and providing the music for Saturday evening.

Everyone is looking forward to receiving their "Annual" for the year 2000.

The citizens of Eagle Lake and former students of ELHS should be very proud of the accomplishment of this great reunion. Hopefully, there will be more reunions in the future.



Kohleffels attend reunion

Raymond, Dorothy and Dina Kohleffel attended the USS J. Franklin Bell Reunion in Lexington, Kentucky, Oct. 11-14. Raymond hadn't seen his shipmates in 57 years. The trip also happened to be his first airplane ride. It's been a busy time for Raymond as he celebrated his 78th birthday Friday, Oct. 20.

The photo above is of Raymond and his shipmates from the Bell.
Photo Courtesy of Dorothy Kohleffel

Farm Bureau urges everyone eligible to vote

Having begun as an agrarian nation, the primary consideration in the scheduling of elections was designating a time that permitted farmers to vote - hence, national elections in Nov., at the end of harvest.

National turnout for elections continues a downward trend that would shock the founding farmers. In 1960, a little over 63% of eligible voters went to the polls.

For the last presidential election, in 1996, only 49% of the 200 million voting-age population went to the polls.

"We in agriculture should recognize and seize the opportunity offered to us. Although we are relatively few in number, by exercising our right to vote, we will have a positive impact," says Charles Harbich, president of the Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB).

According to Harbich, FB, with 4 million member families nationwide, offers farm and ranch families tools to help them cast an informed ballot.

A record of how U.S. congress-

man and senators from Texas and other states voted on issues of importance to farm families can be viewed at the farm organization's website www.fb.org. Texas FB at www.txfb.org. offers similar information.

"Agriculture's future is on the line in every election. We must not forget those who helped and those who hindered progress toward agricultural prosperity," says Harbich.

The local FB leader insists that elected officials should be accountable to voters and explain their vote on improved trade in China; self-defeating unilateral trade sanctions; and other issues.

"For example, congress missed the opportunity to kill the death tax and eliminate estate taxes which destroy farms and small businesses" Harbich said.



ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Carlee Blair Dopslauf

DeWayne and Carla Dopslauf of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born at 1:27 p.m. October 25, 2000 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

Carlee Blair weighed six pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by proud big sisters, Danielle, six, and Reagan, two.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shields of Teague. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hancock of Teague.

Paternal grandparents are Vernita Dopslauf of Sheridan and the late Lawrence Dopslauf. Paternal great-grandmother is Vernita Lischka of New Ulm.

Zakary Joseph Laitkep

Rudy Jr. and Lisa Laitkep of El Campo are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born at 7:45 p.m. October 23, 2000 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Zakary Joseph weighed six pounds, seven ounces and measured 18-1/2 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by a sister, Nicole Marisa. Maternal grandparents are Rosalind Espericueta and Oberlin "Shorty" Saldana of El Campo.

Paternal grandparents are Alice and Rudy Laitkep Sr. of El Campo. Great-grandmother is Dora Martinez of El Campo.

Fan mail for the troops

All across the nation, individuals and families - in schools and churches, with campus groups, youth organizations, veterans groups and auxiliaries, and many other kinds of groups, including on military bases - are already writing fan mail to our troops at home and abroad for the Christmas 2000 Military Mail campaign.

"We know that U.S. troops across the nation and around the world appreciate the fan mail they receive," said G.B. Wisner, executive director of the program.

Mail from all over the nation is sent to Friends of Our Troops headquarters, where it is thoroughly mixed, then made up into well over 1,000 packages of mail to be sent out. "The (See Mail, Page 9)

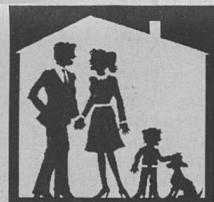
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"In rural Texas, Justices of the Peace serve in many capacities including local magistrate, vital statistics registrar and local coroner. I have been in public service for over 35 years in the funeral profession and have worked with and alongside Justices of the Peace in Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda, Jackson, Fort Bend, Travis and Harris Counties all that time.

"I will bring to the office experience in public service with over 20 years of proven commitment to the citizens of Colorado County without qualification or exception."

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