

Benge, Mixon exchanged vows June 9

Miss Bonnie Kristen Benge and Mr. Ted Mixon were united in marriage at three o'clock in the afternoon Saturday, June 9, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake, Texas. The double-ring ceremony was officiated by Reverend Brent Beasley with scripture reading by Doctor Shannon Cooke, brother-in-law of the bride.

Music was provided by Reverend Charles Miller on the piano, Mrs. Carol Ripper on the organ and Mr. Billy Marquis on the trumpet. All are friends of the bride.

Soloists were Miss Christin Cook, cousin of the groom, and Mrs. Vicki Powers, friend of the bride.

A reception followed at the Eagle Lake Community Center with music provided by Mr. Darrel Appelt from Columbus, friend of the bride.

On the eve of the wedding, a rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, catered by Austin's in Eagle Lake, and served by the youth department of First Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Major Benge of Eagle Lake. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Russell and Mrs. Myrtle Benge, all of Eagle Lake.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Mixon of Sugar Land. He is the grandson of Mrs. Genell

Cobb of Helfin, Alabama, and Mrs. Eloise Mixon of Houston.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a strapless silk-faced satin gown which was simple, but, elegant.

The bodice was embellished with bugle beads and small pearls in an intricate vine design, which also outlined the hemline of the skirt. The fitted dropped waist bodice topped a deep pleated and gathered skirt, which flowed into a chapel length train.

Serving the bride as Maid of Honor was her former roommate, Miss Becki Shuler of San Jose, California.

Matrons of Honor were the bride's sisters, Mrs. Becky Cooke of Abilene and Mrs. Valerie Seely of Orlando, Florida.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Ashley De Lay of Corpus Christi, sister of the groom; Miss Arlana Bobo of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, college friend of the bride; and Mrs. Jenny Phillips of Albuquerque, New Mexico, college roommate of the bride.

Junior bridesmaids were Anna Claire Cooke and Catherine Grace Cooke of Abilene and Kendall Amy Seely of Orlando, Florida. All three are nieces of the bride.

Serving as flowergirl was Caroline Annell Cooke of Abilene, niece of the bride.

Attending the groom was Best

Man, Mickey Mixon of Sugar Land, father of the groom.

Groomsmen were Kit Mixon of Sugar Land, brother of the groom; Ryan Gholson of Sugar Land, friend of the groom; Clay Gardner of Webster, college friend of the groom; Charles Janz of Houston, friend of the groom; and John Austin of St. Louis, Missouri, college friend of the groom. Junior groomsmen were Hunter Benge Cooke of Abilene and Trenton Russell Seely and Reed Thomas Seely of Orlando, Florida. All three are nephews of the bride.

Doing a good and speedy job as ringbearers were Reagan Eugene Cooke and Cooper Spurgeon Cooke of Abilene, nephews of the bride.

Ushers for the wedding were Dr. Shannon Cooke of Abilene, brother-in-law of the bride; Tom Seely of Orlando, Florida, brother-in-law of the bride; Randy DeLay of Corpus Christi, brother-in-law of the groom; and John Gertson of Lissie, "Adopted Brother" of the bride.

Members of the brides' house party were Melissa Richardson of Houston, former roommate of the bride; Leslie Evans of San Antonio, cousin of the bride; Mrs. Randa Hiemke of Fort Worth, cousin of the bride; Mrs. Darlene Balas, of Eagle Lake, cousin of the bride; Mrs. Amy Russell of Columbus, cousin of the

bride; Mrs. Amy Griffin of Fort Worth, cousin of the bride; Rebecca Cook of Houston, cousin of the groom; Mrs. Alice Janz of Houston, friend of the bride; Mrs. Robbie Reinhardt of Bryan, childhood friend of the bride; and Christine Ohlendorf of New Braunfels, college roommate of the bride.

Special thanks goes to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Corman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Raabe, Mr. Gary Obenhaus, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wegenhoft, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Guerrero, Mr. and Mrs. John Gertson, Mrs. Margo Harrison, Mrs. Dolores Grammer, Mrs. Rita Bowen, Mrs. Sharon Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Evans.

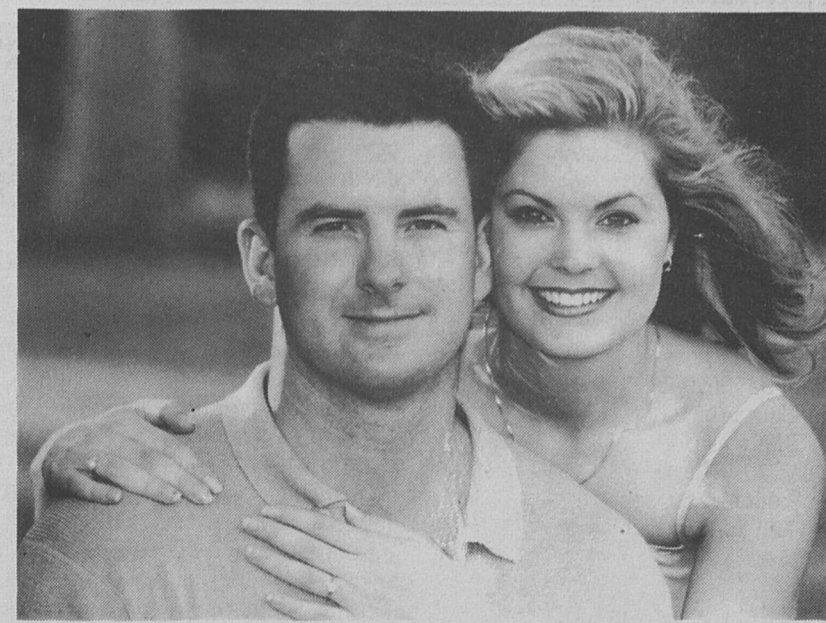
The bride is a graduate of Rice High School in Altair and Texas A&M University.

She is employed as a teacher/coach at Kempner High School with Fort Bend ISD.

The groom is a graduate of Kempner High School in Sugar Land and Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas.

He is employed as a financial advisor with J.P. Morgan Chase and Company in downtown Houston.

Following a honeymoon of a seven-day Caribbean Cruise and an extended stay in New Orleans, the couple now reside in Sugar Land.



McClanahan, Dingler to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clipson of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, J'Amie McClanahan, to Mr. Lance Rust Dingler of Del Rio.

The bride, daughter of Robbin Clipson of Eagle Lake and Dr. Thomas Hayes McClanahan of Fresno, California, is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith of Eagle Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Paul McClanahan of West Lafayette, Indiana.

J'Amie recently completed her Masters of Healthcare Administration at Southwest Texas University in San Marcos.

The groom, son of Rebecca Rust Bennett of Caddo Mills, Texas, and the late Pat Dingler of Del Rio, is a 1998 graduate of Texas A&M University at Kingsville where he received a degree in Business Administration.

Lance is a project manager with Cobb Mechanical Contractors of Colorado Springs, assigned to the Austin area.

Following their Oct. wedding in Eagle Lake, the couple will reside in Austin.



Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mixon

Texas A&M receives \$500,000 donation

Texas A&M recently received a \$500,000 donation from a family heavily involved in the water industry to create the Caroline and William N. Lehrer Distinguished Chair in Water Engineering.

The donation, which was a combined effort of Caroline Lehrer and the children of the late William Lehrer, Gretchen Lehrer McMenimen, Mary L. Amour, Nancy L. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. William Paul Lehrer, was motivated by Lehrer's involvement in the water industry, according to Ralph Savino, vice chairman and CEO of Lehrer Interests in Garwood.

"Mr. Lehrer had a canal system, the Garwood Irrigation System, that supplied water to Colorado and Wharton Counties," Savino said. "The water was used by farmers in those counties to grow rice."

Savino added that although Lehrer sold the canal system in 1997, the

water industry was always an important part of the Lehrers' lives, and they wanted to show their appreciation by making this important donation to the distinguished chair in water engineering at Texas A&M.

Once established, the endowed chair will be used to focus on research, education and extension programs in a broad range of water engineering topics including surface water and groundwater hydrology, irrigation engineering and water quality, drought and climate forecasting, wildlife habitat management, pollution management, water quality remediation and water conservation.

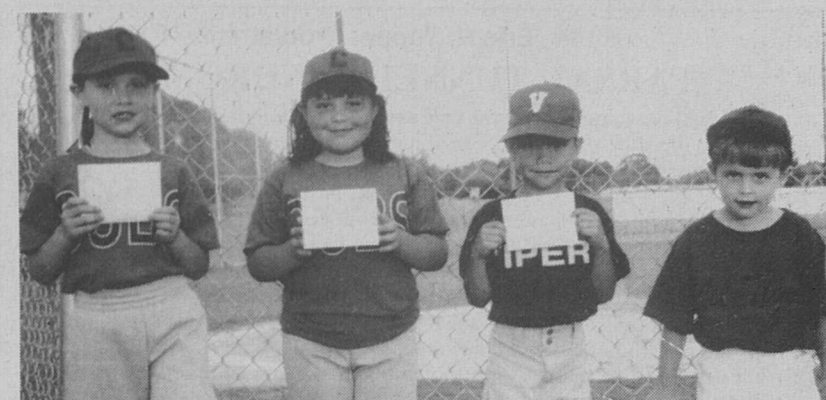
Dr. Warren Evans, assistant to the vice chancellor for resource development in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, said the donation puts the chair more than halfway to the \$1 million needed in private donations to qualify for a

matching grant from the Bright Matching Chair Program at A&M.

"We still need \$485,000 in order to

qualify for a matching grant," Evans said. "But the \$500,000 from the Lehrer donation is a great start."

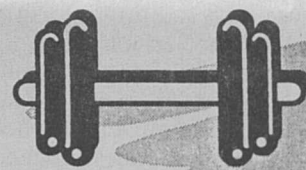
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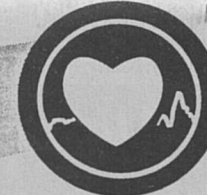
Top sellers

The top ticket sellers for the Eagle Lake Little League were, from left, Panthera Perez, first place, received \$30; Brooklyn Ellis, second, \$20; and tying for third were Michael Navarro, \$10; and Christopher Sommerlatte, \$10.

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