

OBITUARIES

Joe H. Gause

February 6, 1917 - November 13, 2001

Joe H. Gause, 84, of Eagle Lake, passed away Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at the Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Born February 6, 1917 in Alabama, he had been a resident of Eagle Lake for most of his life, leading a career as a butcher for Wilcox Mini-max in Eagle Lake.

He and Ora Mae Herring were married July 3, 1941 in Marianna, Florida.

His parents, a sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 60 years, Ora Mae Herring

Gause of Eagle Lake; daughters, Jo Ann Leenen of Houston and Betty Doggett of Katy; one granddaughter; three great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Funeral service were held at 3 p.m., Saturday, November 17, from the Lakeside Mausoleum in Eagle Lake with Rev. Brent Beasley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating.

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

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Philip G. Mehner

November 14, 1922 - November 13, 2001

Philip G. Mehner, 78, of Eagle Lake, passed away Tuesday, November 13, 2001 in Winnfield, Louisiana, following a sudden illness.

Born November 14, 1922 in Marshall, Texas, to Carl F. and Irene Hart Mehner, he was raised in Rusk, Texas, where he graduated from high school.

Serving his country honorably with the U.S. Army in World War II in the European Theater and Army of Occupation in Japan, he was awarded the American Theater Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, 1 Overseas Service Bar and earned his Combat Infantryman Badge in the Rhineland April 24, 1945.

A resident of Eagle Lake for the past 10 years, he and Kathryn Jackson were married in Houston April 28, 1979.

He led a distinguished 25-year career in the banking business in Houston.

A member and current Commander of American Legion Post 108 of Eagle Lake, he was a faithful servant of the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Carl H. Mehner.

Survivors include his wife Kathryn, of Eagle Lake; daughter, Glenda L. Mitchell of Houston; son, Gary Jackson Campbell of Houston; sister, Kitty Miller of Houston; sister-in-law, Marie Mehner of Rusk; brother and sister-in-law, John and Becky Mehner of Galveston; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, November 16, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. Don Delaplain of El Campo and interim pastor of Eagle Lake United Methodist Church officiating.

Graveside services and interment followed at 3 p.m. Friday at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Rusk with his nephew, John Carlton Mehner of Lake Jackson, officiating.

Dulany Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Michael W. and Jason K. Mitchell; Clark Enright; Joe Elwood; and Michael Reiland.

The family requests memorials be directed to either Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 695, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434; or American Legion Post #108 Toy Fund, 407 N. Walnut, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Historical Commission

Members of the Colorado County Historical Commission (CCHC) conducted their bi-monthly meeting Nov. 15 in the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church in Columbus.

Hosts and hostesses for the evening were Verna Nell & Leon Dittmar, Pamela & Henry Potter, Kathryn & Jerry Haluska, Lillian Brune, Sally Weeks, Dorothy Lain and Millycent Cranek.

Prior to everyone enjoying a covered dish supper, Pamela Potter offered the blessing.

Following the meal, Chairman Rollin Baker of Eagle Lake called the meeting to order. In the absence of Secretary Colleen Willrodt and Treasurer Joyce Stancik, the minutes and financial report were read by Susan Rogers.

Chairman Baker thanked everyone for making the open house held at the Zimmerscheidt School a success. Rogers reported that the sale of personalized paver bricks for the benefit of the school's maintenance fund are going well.

Anyone interested in purchasing a brick should contact Rogers at the County Judge's office at 979-732-2604.

After the adjournment of the business meeting, hostess Cranek, assisted by her daughter Jayne Easterling, presented the program.

A video entitled "The Best We Could" produced by the New Mexico

Museum was shown. The film documented the heroic deeds of Major John Shropshire and approximately 70 men from Colorado County who served under him in Company A 5th Texas Cavalry Confederate States of America.

The group left Columbus in the summer of 1861 and mustered with some 3,700 other Texas volunteers in the Confederate Army in San Antonio.

Under General Sibley, they marched and rode westward to take part in the New Mexico campaign. The difficulties they encountered on the march and in battle were recorded in letters Shropshire and others in the group wrote to family members back home.

After reaching New Mexico several months later in the dead of winter, they engaged in battles at Valverde, Apache Canyon and finally Glorieta. Shropshire lost his life in the battle at Glorieta.

Prior to the war, he was a practicing lawyer in Columbus and was married to Caroline Tait, the sister of Dr. Charles W. Tait of Columbus.

The local chapter of the United Daughter of the Confederacy, Shropshire-Upton Chapter, is named in part in his memory.

At the conclusion of Cranek's program, CCHC members were able to view her collection of artifacts from the battlefield at Glorieta.

Virginia 'Ginger' Lloyd

August 22, 1936 - November 13, 2001

Virginia "Ginger" Lloyd, 65, of Sheridan, passed away Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at the Lavaca Medical Center in Hallettsville.

She was born August 22, 1936 in Runge, Texas, to Adolf and Emma Bues Dittfurth.

Ginger and Jerry L. Lloyd were married December 28, 1957.

A cafeteria worker for Rice High School, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hallettsville and Cheatham Cemetery Association.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband (Oct. 22, 1987); brothers, Herbert, Roland and Walter Dittfurth; and sisters, Olga Clower, Rose Rider and Pauline Petersen.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Jeri Ann and Danny Munoz of Anaco, Venezuela, and Kathy and Warren Botard of Sheridan; son, Michael Lloyd of Sheridan; 10 grandchildren, Mike, Matt, Melanie and Megan Lloyd, Heather, Jennifer, Jarod and Brandon Munoz

and Stephanie and Brent Botard; sisters, Lenora Muller of Runge, Anna Mae Dittfurth of Fort Worth and Billie Jean Greenwade of Clifton, Texas; and her brothers, Raymond Dittfurth of Fort Worth and Dick Dittfurth of Muenster, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 17, from the First United Methodist Church in Hallettsville with Rev. Lundy Hooten III officiating.

Interment followed in Cheatham Cemetery in Sheridan.

Henneke Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Manual Munoz; Franklin and Traylor Walker; Kevin Thornton; Don Wilson; Mike Courville; Eugene Kazmir; and Pierre Lugosch.

Honorary pallbearers were Eddie Ray Taylor and Gene Walker.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Schmidt reunion held

The descendants of the eight children of George J. and Bertha (Findeisen) Schmidt gathered at the New Beileu Hall Saturday, Oct. 13, 2001 for the 23rd year with a delicious barbecue supper with all the trimmings.

The deceased, eldest son of George and Bertha Schmidt, Johnnie Sr.'s son, Johnnie Jr. and his wife, Alice, of Junction and Lissie and their son, J.J. of Chesterville, attended this year's reunion.

The children of deceased daughter, Thilda (Schmidt) Birdwell at the reunion were George Birdwell, Ethel (Birdwell) and husband, Eugene Engbrock with granddaughters, Karen of Eagle Lake and Sherrie Engbrock of Sugar Land, and sons, Thomas Engbrock of Sugar Land and James Engbrock and daughter, Shelby, of Orchard, and Emily (Birdwell) and husband, David Frank, of Columbus.

The daughter of deceased daughter Mary (Schmidt) Zahradnick that attended the reunion was Evelyn (Zahradnick) and husband, Ernie Hunick with their son, Marvin Hunick, and a friend of Jacinto City.

The children of deceased son, Arthur Schmitt Sr. in attendance were Edwin and wife, Janet, with daughter, Katherine and friends of Glidden, and their daughter, Brenda (Schmitt) Zahradnick, and husband, Troy, with their two daughters, Amber and Shelby Lee of Wharton.

The widow of Arthur Jr., Patsy Schmitt of Weimar and her daughters, Dianna (Schmitt) and husband, Marvin Ulrich, with their daughter, Abby Lynn and friend, April Luck attended from La Grange.

Sandra (Schmitt) and husband, James Lednicki, with their daughters, Cindy and Jesslyn, and Arthur Sr.'s widow, Georgia Schmitt attended from Weimar.

Grandson Faron Hairrell and his nephew, Steven Levinson, came to the reunion from Houston and grandson, Jacob Hull came from Columbus.

The children of deceased son, Henry Schmidt Sr. who attended were daughter, Delores (Schmidt) and husband, Kenneth Vasina of Houston, and son, Henry Schmidt, Jr. and Karyn (See Schmidts, Page 9)

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achieving all obtainable goals that I have campaigned on, while working for and serving you, the taxpayers of Colorado County.

I believe it is important to have a

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criteria to follow to reach all goals, mine are 1) to be fiscally responsible; 2) to facilitate broad-base support and participation; 3) to develop unity; and 4) to demonstrate vision.

I will continue to be committed to running my office with integrity and to have a progressive vision for serving the citizens of Colorado County in the future. I have a common sense approach to the challenges of my office, and I will continue to be fiscally responsible with your money as a taxpayer of Colorado County.

I am truly thankful to you for supporting and voting for me in the past. I am asking now for your continued support and vote in the upcoming Republican Primary, March 12, 2002 and in the General Election, Nov. 5, 2002.



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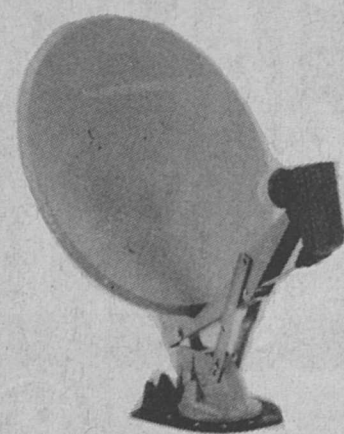
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MT. CARMEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwy. 90-A (Pecan Valley), Eagle Lake; Rev. Paul Barrow Sr., Pastor; 234-5813.

LIVING HOPE CHURCH: Eagle Lake; Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling; 234-5536.

BEREA CLADIC: 623 Maple Avenue, Eagle Lake; 234-2130.

ROCK ISLAND FULL GOSPEL: P.O. Box 232, Rock Island; Nick Williams, Pastor; 234-5840.

LATIN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD (Bethlehem of Judea Church): 1000 East E, Eagle Lake; Ruth Olvera, Pastor.

SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 1140 Meyer, Sealy; Warren Richardson, Pastor.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLISTIC REVIVAL RISING STAR: FM 102 S, Matthews; 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion), Rev. R.L. Carter Sr.

GREATER NEW FAITH CHURCH: 6406 Guyler, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears, Pastor; 979-478-2169.

EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST

FIRST BAPTIST: 527 N. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. Brent Beasley, Pastor; 234-2571.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST: 405 S. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. H.O. Williams, Pastor; 234-5795.

IGLESIA BAUTISTA GETSEMANI: 901 B Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Mario Vasquez.

GREATER MT. OLIVE BAPTIST: 705 Lake, Eagle Lake; 234-3545.

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH: 306 E. Stockbridge, Eagle Lake; 234-3437.

ROCK ISLAND BAPTIST: Bob Allison, Pastor.

SHERIDAN FIRST BAPTIST.

WHITE CLOUD BAPTIST CHURCH: 202 Old Altair Road, Eagle Lake; Rev. Obie Rhodes, Pastor; 234-3800.

CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sheridan.

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Hwy. 90A, Sheridan; Del Sanford, Pastor; 234-3276.

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER-Charismatic: Jerry C. McKinney, Pastor; 979-478-7534 or 478-6512.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary; 308 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; 7 a.m. (Español), 9 a.m., 11 a.m., Rev. Eddie Winkler; P.O. Box 307; 234-2842.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada; Rev. Joseph Koebel, Pastor; 758-3218.

GOSPEL MISSION CHURCH: 510 E. Prairie St., Eagle Lake; Pastors Erik & Crystal Cameron; 234-3225 or 234-2824.

GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; Services begin at 10 a.m.; Rev. Clements Richard, Pastor; 3381.

LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Paul A. Lynn, Pastor.

LISIE UNITED METHODIST: Bill Ramsey, Pastor; 2112, Lissie.

ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Sells Jr. Lay-Pastor.

UNITED METHODIST: Paul A. Lynn, Pastor, 200 W. Prairie; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:45 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368.

VINE OF THE LORD: 1300 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Paul Aguilar, Pastor; 234-7543.

FRIENDSHIP A/G: 501 Wallace, East Bernard; Fred Chambers, Pastor.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 W. St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.

CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus; Lynn Wilson, Minister.

THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Interdenomination Christian Fellowship; 9-11 a.m. Sunday morning services; 7 p.m. Youth Service; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 9-11 a.m.; 1255 Eagle Lake Road, Sealy, Frank Lucas, Pastor; 979-885-1225.

Buzzin' ABOUT TOWN...

*A couple of places around town for you to look into are Hair Fashion, Etc. now open at 123 E. Main St. and Simple Simon's which is set to open in Dec. with new owners.

Mary Ann Daniels Stovall is the owner of Hair Fashion, Etc., while Briana Ramirez is taking over as the owner of the pizza establishment.

*A little bird told us that an autographed Astros baseball will make it to this year's Senior Serve silent auction table.

One will also be available for your bids at the Athletic banquet honoring all the Rice athletes.

*Send your "About Town" news to *The Headlight*. Be sure to include your name and a phone number in case we need to get in touch with you.

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daughter, Beverly, with a party on her 5th birthday...

Darius Brisco celebrated his fourth birthday Nov. 7th...

Pvt. Arthur Anderson is home this week after completing training at Fort Lee Virginia...

Mrs. Dexter Anderson returned from a six-month visit with her husband, Airman Second Class Dexter Anderson, at Laou, France...

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