

OBITUARIES

Robert Edmund Connor Jr. — July 24, 1953 – September 16, 2003

Life's dash for Robert Edmund Connor Jr. began in Weimar, the first born to the union of Robert and Vera Mae Miller Connor, and ended in Houston.

Robert, the oldest of six children, came to know Christ at a young age through his work in St. Paul Methodist Church. He was still working in St. Paul at the time of his death.

He attended Columbus public schools and continued his education until he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Business Administration from Prairie View A&M University.

While at Prairie View, he chose Omega Psi Phi as his Greek fraternal love and they chose him to be their brother. Robert was an active, lifetime Omega and loved every minute.

His life in law enforcement also started at Prairie View as an officer. It extended to the Harris County Sheriff's Department where he was honored as a founding member of the Afro American Sheriff Deputy's League in 1991. It ended in Columbus, where for the past 14 years he served as the Columbus Chief of Police.

"Chief", as he was affectionately referred to, enjoyed an outstanding relationship with all branches of law enforcement.

A lover of outdoor life and horses, Robert could be found somewhere near a trail ride if he could get away from his job. Trail ride associations all over the state could count on his participation.

Robert became a Prince Hall Master Mason and worked his way through the ranks of the Prince Hall Family until he was elevated to the position of Grand Master of the Texas Jurisdiction in June 1991.

His work for Master Masons in the state is recognized by all members of the Conference of Grand Masters and his leadership continues to keep Texas in the forefront of Masonry. As Grand Master, he was the official head of 10

concordant bodies with a membership of approximately 15,000.

Robert met the love of his life, Deanna Eaton, and in June 1992, they were married.

Connor was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Dwight Wayne Connor.

His memory and legacy will live on in the lives of those who knew him and were touched by the many activities in which he was involved.

Those memories will be especially cherished by his wife, Deanna Marie; his daughter, Stacie Arnaye Wallace; a God-son, Edward Trey Brown III; three sisters, Gwendolyn Manley of San Antonio and Vera Mae Johnson and Sharyl Denise Connor of Houston; three brothers, John Michael and Stanley Connor of Columbus and Ar Heem Ali A-Shad Connor of Houston; four sisters-in-law, Linda Marie Connor and Sylvia Wilson-Connor of Columbus, Shirley Eaton of Bryan and Veda Eaton of Houston; two brothers-

in-law, Harold Eaton Jr. of Bryan and Larry Eaton of Houston; his mother-in-law, Marie Eaton of Houston; nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 21, from Knights of Columbus Hall in Columbus with Rev. Charles Purnell and Rev. Howard Anderson officiating.

Interment followed in Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus.

Henneke Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bearers of the Bier were Edward Brown II, Gary Connor, Grady Peavy, Richard Ybarra, Samuel Hobbs, Charles Dewitt, Jeremiah Smith and Charles Anderson.

Honorary bearers were John Jr. and Stanton Connor, George W. Johnson III, Edward Trey Brown III, Grand High Court Heroines of Jericho and Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Leona Barrera

October 29, 1923 – September 25, 2003

Leona Barrera, 79, of Garwood passed away Thursday, September 25, 2003.

She was born October 29, 1923 in Ellinger the daughter of Cyril J. and Sophie Buzek Shimek.

Barrera was a homemaker and member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Christina Mothers and Catholic Daughters of America.

Preceded in death by her parents; and first husband, Lee Joseph; and an infant daughter; survivors include her husband, Abelino "Poncho" Barrera of Garwood; sisters, Lydia Schoellmann, Martha Ott and Ella Mae Merta all of El Campo; brother, Lawrence Shimek of Garwood; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 27 at 10 a.m. from St.

Mary's Catholic Church in Nada with Rev. Joseph Koebel officiating. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery in Nada. Triska Funeral Home of El Campo was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Bruno and David Shimek, Anthony Ott, Michael Kaspar, Don Merta and Blake Lurker.

Honorary pallbearers were Eugene Ott, Daniel Kaspar, Joe Janicka, Gary Cerny, Carl Merta and Kevin Kresta.

The family requests that memorials be given to the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department, St. Mary's Catholic Church or St. Mary's Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Vera Louise Graves Dorsey

November 5, 1925 – September 24, 2003

Mrs. Vera Louise Graves Dorsey, age 77, of Palacios, passed away 4:34 p.m. Wednesday, September 24, 2003, at the Palacios Health Care Center in Palacios.

Born November 5, 1925 in Eagle Lake, she was the daughter of Roy and Elvira Karlson Graves.

She was a graduate of Eagle Lake High School Class of '44 and resided in the Houston area most of her life, working as a clerical secretary for Harris County Precinct No. 1.

She had been a resident of Palacios for almost 15 years and the Palacios Health Care Center for over 5 of those years.

Don't you love that little fall feeling in the air along with some of the fall sounds, like the love songs the cicadas play or the roar of the school buses. Anyway, the point I am trying to make is that its almost time to start enjoy gardening again.

To get yourself started thinking about fall, begin by fertilizing your chrysanthemums every two or three weeks until flower buds appear; then weekly until you see color. If you grow the larger flower mums and you want really large flowers, pinch off the lateral buds. However, I let all of my buds bloom because I want a lot of color and I don't care whether the blooms are large or small. Just let the pompom variety do their thing – no pinching. I enjoy pinching mums because I think they have a pleasant, fresh scent and it also reminds me of fall.

When it gets a little cooler, clean up your beds and remove old dead vegetation; check for fungus and harmful insects. Get your beds prepared for pansies but don't waste your time or money planting them until the weather is considerably cooler because they will not thrive in hot weather.

Keep your azaleas watered and make sure they have a good covering of mulch. Same thing with your camellias. If your azaleas are yellowed, spray them with a mixture of one-tablespoon copperas to a gallon of water.

Keep your roses fed, watered and mulched. Since cooler weather is approaching, it's better to water your roses in the morning, hopefully to keep mildew and black spot at a minimum. Continue to spray and dust, but don't foliar feed until after the temperature stays below 85°.

If you are going to plant herbs, they are now readily available at nurseries. Dill, chives, garlic and rosemary are good ones to plant.

Lawns need 5-10-10 fertilizer-low nitrogen. Fall lawn fertilizing is an important task because you want to insure a healthy root system.

Check shrubs and trees for scale and red spider mites. I have a heavy infestation of white flies on just one shrub so I guess you should watch for these although they aren't hard to detect.

If you have the opportunity to drive by 125 W. Main and 205 W. Main, you will see two lovely, well-maintained front yards. Through all the summer heat, they were such a pleasure to look at. If you know of a yard, or tree, or shrub or even an area that someone is taking care of, I would appreciate knowing about it so I can mention it in one of these garden articles and let other people have the chance to enjoy whatever it might be. I hope to be able to share the location of the beautiful cassia trees that I saw last year because they are certainly worth a drive by.

By Patty Holloway

Civic Garden Club

Gadabouts

By Catherine Berger, secretary

The Nada/Garwood EE Gadabouts met in the beautiful home of Helen Noteboom Thursday, Sept. 18. President Anita Meisner called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming out in such rainy weather. Minnie Conner led the members with the pledge to the United States and Texas flags and the club prayer.

Secretary Catherine Berger read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read. Roll call was answered by members Meisner, Noteboom, Berger, Lorine Bubela, Leona Wesselski, Clara Gold, Edna Shimek, LaJuan Braden, Conner, Karol Kallina, Jessie Pavlicek, Betty Leopold, Tillie Janish, Millie Fajkus, and new member, Clara Lobpriess, giving her favorite relaxing techniques.

Treasurer Noteboom reported after paying membership dues, they have \$56.88 in the bank and \$6.37 in the kitty.

Council Delegate Noteboom reported there would be an Association meeting Oct. 1; several club members' grandchildren were winners in the County Fair; 4-H will be selling fruit and nuts in Nov.; and that Margie Leopold won a blue ribbon on her record book.

There were no cards sent this month, but everyone was urged to let Lucille Till know if get-well or sympathy cards are needed to be sent.

Gardening Report: Wesselski reports she had planted potatoes, turnips and garlic; Bubela has planted beans, squash, tomatoes and mustard; Gold has planted onions, and bluebonnets; Braden says her red, green and yellow peppers are growing nicely; and Janish has mustard and cucumbers growing.

Historian Braden showed clipping for the scrap book and also mentioned the "Forbidden Gardens" in Katy and the quilt show at the George R. Brown Convention Center as interesting places to visit.

The Gadabouts reported 354 1/2 hours of volunteer work and expenses, including mileage of \$458.30.

New Business: Regina Scheffler has served many years as hospitality chairman, never missing a birthday or other occasion, but feels it is time for someone else to take over. A plaque was to be presented to her for this fete, but she was unable to attend the meeting and will receive it later.

Members voted by secret ballot for "Woman of the Year" to be announced at the Achievement Day Dec. 3. Also, Woman of the Year recipients will be honored with a tea on Feb. 4 after the Association meeting.

The program consisted of members recalling herbal and old-time remedies for medical problems, cold, etc. Meisner read a poem entitled, "Let Freedom Ring" and Berger read a poem entitled, "I'm Fine For The Shape I'm In".

Special birthday wishes went to Fajkus and Bubela who are 98 and 82 respectively, and Leopold, who have Sept.



In front, from left, are Tillie Janish, Clara Gold, Jessie Pavlicek, Millie Faykus, "Biddy Bob" Caden Van Court and Lorine Bubela. In back are La Juan Braden, Minnie Lee Conner, Helen Noteboom, Leona Wesselski, Catherine Berger, Clara Lobpriess, Anita Meisner, Betty Leopold, Edna Shimek and Karol Kallina.

Gadabouts Photo

birthdays, and Noteboom and Edna Shimek who had Aug. birthdays. Lovely refreshments of assorted summer sausages and cheeses, assorted breads, rice-chicken salad, fruited congealed salad, watermelon, banana bread, brownies, chocolate chip cookies, cherry-pecan muffins and cream cheese, banana pudding, decorated birthday cake, Dr. Pepper, Sprite, fruit punch and coffee were furnished by Pavlicek, Shimek, Wesselski, Gold, Braden, Kallina, Berger, Meisner, Conner and Noteboom.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 23 at 2:30 p.m. Place to be announced.

Happy Homemakers

By Beverly Tuck, HHEEC Secretary

The members of the Happy Homemaker's Extension Education (EE) Club met recently for their annual luncheon at the County Ag Building. Club President Thelma Weaver called the meeting to order. Clara Horndt led the members in the TEEA prayer. Special guests included Sally Garrett, Peggy Jurica and Brandy Tuck.

Club secretary Beverly Tuck called roll with members answering with "My Favorite Summer Memory". Minutes were approved as presented. Treasurer Shirley Humbird presented the treasurer's report.

Delegate Barbara Prause reported on the July 3 Association meeting and social. President Weaver noted the next

Association Meeting would be held on October 1. Delegates to attend include Weaver, Evelyn Barrett and Dorothy McKinney.

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EOF received in Mexico

Pastor Jerry Adkins and team from Equipppers Outreach Fellowship (EOF) of Weimar recently returned from a three-day meeting with national pastors and leaders in Mexico.

Family Christian Radio, KMBI 71.7, invited EOF leaders to share his vision with their 30,000 listeners on Friday, Sept. 12.

He desires to see the five-fold ministry of Ephesians 4: 11-13 re-established in the church today as it was the book of Acts.

Pastor Adkins presented the need for the Church of Jesus Christ around the world to unify in a corporate vision to strengthen one another, take the gospel to the lost and equip native ministers to reach the masses. He is persuaded that, "Together, the Great Commission to go to all the world with the Gospel, can be fulfilled."

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ANNOUNCING A NEW ARRIVAL



Morgan John Machac

Aaron and Robyn Machac of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born at 1:45 a.m. September 29, 2003 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

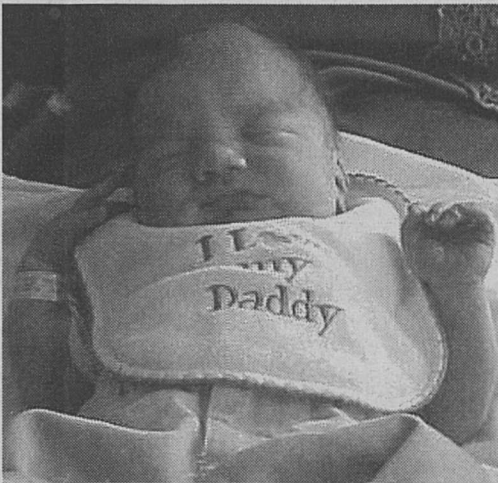
Morgan John weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and measured 18-1/2 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Michael and Sylvia Rucka of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Bennie and Beverly Machac of Sheridan.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ludwig and Julie Zbrank of Garwood, Barbara and Preston Davis of Nelsonville and the late "Shorty" Rucka.

Paternal great-grandparents are Otis and Joann Wagner of Swiss Alp, Hen-



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CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary; 308 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; 8 a.m. (Español), 10 a.m. (English), Rev. Eddie Winkler, P.O. Box 307; 234-2842.
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada; Rev. Joseph Koebel, Pastor; 758-3218.
GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; Services begin at 10 a.m.; Rev. Clements Richard, Pastor; 234-3381.
LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship.
LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: Bill Ramsey, Pastor; 234-2112, Lissie.
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368.
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