

Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

It was too quiet a Monday. Something was missing. The 18-wheelers were rolling down 90A in front of my office window.

There was even a little thunder rolling through with the rain over the...empty railroad tracks. That was it!

It was 11:00 AM Monday morning and I had yet to hear the rumble of steel wheels or the ever-present, ever-lengthening sound of the train whistle. Very unusual - where had all the trains gone?

What was ironic, I had already planned last week to write about trains. Just this past Thursday, I had counted eight loud, roaring trains flying parallel to 90A between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM.

Then I'm ready to count on Monday and get only two trains late in the day - between 4 and 7 PM. I was glad when I bumped into Julian Flores with Union Pacific late that afternoon to ask, aloud this time, "Where have all the trains gone?"

"There must be some work further down on the tracks and they are routing them around Eagle Lake," he said. "Probably from Rosenberg around through Wallis, Sealy, Hempstead."

Let the neighbors get the noise today, I figured. But my initial train

story was regarding the graffiti seen on box cars.

To paraphrase an old saying regarding beauty, I think "graffiti is in the eye of the beholder." Some of the so-called graffiti seen on train box cars is some pretty good art. I enjoy watching trains pass to see just how much graffiti I will spy.

And there seems to be a lot less of it now than there used to be. Maybe the railway lines are policing their yards and parked trains better - I wish I had asked Julian about that too.

Most of the train graffiti consists of fat colorful lettering, and the words are either unreadable or not profanity. So we're talking clean-cut graffiti writers here.

The fat, rounded lettering was called "bubble letters" by my daughters when they were in school making signs or posters.

Take a look at the next train passing through - these graffiti writers have some very neat, large lettering - I really admit I appreciate their talent (the railway lines perhaps do not agree with me).

Don't get me wrong - I do not like or condone vandalism, but these letters make the box cars one is sometimes forced to view in passing, just a bit more interesting.

These amateur artists should, like a program that was started in several large cities some years ago, use their talents for painting murals on sides of old buildings or park walls or schools - with permission of course.

With a little practice and encouragement, they may have a worthwhile art career - and not vandalism - in their future.

Some years ago my friend's son woke up to a parked train on the tracks as he made his early way to school one morning.

Glancing at the painted box cars, he noticed his name and the name of his new girlfriend bubble-painted on the side of a box car - large, vibrantly colored, for all the world to see.

The artwork was done well, he decided, but he did not appreciate the fact that her ex-boyfriend had decided to display their names in this type of public announcement of their relationship. His mother didn't find it all too amusing either.

Now it's Tuesday morning and no trains have come through Eagle Lake as of 9:20 AM.

I like trains and even feel comfortably familiar with the slower, rumbling ones as they pass by.

But those whistles?? -- my gain of welcome silence this morning is obviously some other town's loss.

Obituaries



Gabriela Alexis Ferrel

Gabriela Alexis Ferrel, age 8 of Eagle Lake, Texas, died on Saturday, June 17, 2006. She was born on June 24, 1997 in Houston, Texas to Christina Ferrel and William Cuellar. She is survived by her parents; sisters, Britany and Casandra Ferrel; brother, Eric Allen Cuellar; great grandparents, Benina Ferrel and Josephina Sandoval; grandparents, Aristeo Ferrel and Maria Rosa Ferrel, Maria Cuellar and Mario Vega; and also many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation was held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Monday at Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home, 12800 Westheimer. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 in the chapel of Forest Park Westheimer. Interment followed in Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Jesse B. Taylor

Jesse B. Taylor was born September 5, 1920 in Colorado County to Christana Moore and Houston Taylor.

Jessie was preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

After birth, Jesse lived and attended elementary school in Glidden, Texas. Later he moved to Austin, Texas and attended Anderson high School. After high school he returned home to Judyville, Texas in the early 1940's. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1942. Jesse served as a member of the 810th Engineering AVN Battalion and was a Mine Director Specialist. He saw action in the Pacific Islands of the Philippines and Luzon and was Honorably Discharged on October 29, 1945.

Jesse loved the great outdoors: nature, gardening, cattle and farming. Jesse spent his entire adult life, both personal and professional, in the ranching and farming business.

He is survived by: his loving and devoted wife, Emily; sons, Harold Taylor and Jesse Taylor, Jr.; daughters, LaVerne Taylor and Ruby Taylor Williams; grandsons, Bryan and Brandon Williams, Barry Taylor and Louis Taylor; granddaughters, Jennifer Taylor, Angela and Cynthia Roberson; two daughters-in-law, Vera Taylor and Kathy Taylor; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Estella Ward and Rachel Hurd; uncle, Theodore Moore; aunt, Ora Grady; and a host of nieces, nephew, cousins, friends and neighbors.

Pallbearers were: Bryan Williams, Brandon Williams, Barry Taylor, Louis Taylor, Allan Barnes and Wayne Darrow.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Realities and Friends.

Funeral Services were on Friday, June 16 at Olive Branch Baptist Church followed by interment at Shepherd Memorial Cemetery in Glidden, Texas.

Final Arrangement entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Erissia Grounds

On July 30, 1929, Lillian and Willis Grounds Sr. were blessed with a beautiful baby girl. They named her Erissia. She was later married to George Hurd. At an early age Erissia professed her faith in Christ.

Late Monday evening on June 12, 2006 Erissia was extended an invitation to come and prepare for eternal life with her "Heavenly Father". Erissia was preceded in death by her mother Lillian; father, Willis; three brothers Willis Grounds Jr., Connie and Pertis Grounds; three sisters Rosie, Bertha and Lorine Grounds; and one niece Vera Lemons; and one great nephew, Curtis Glenn.

She leaves to cherish her memories; one sister Lillian Ward and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Funeral Services were held on June 17 at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Eagle Lake, Texas.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Lillie Woods Wright

Lillie May Woods was the 16th child born to Francis Dotson Woods and Tommy Woods. She was born May 7, 1920 in Colorado County where she attended Warner Grove School.

She passed away on June 14, 2006.

She accepted Christ at an early age at New Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church. She remained a faithful member until her health failed.

Lillie was preceded in death by her mother and father; husband, Henry Wright; one daughter, Ida Bell Gipson; three sons, Willie Gipson, George Eddie Wright and Fredrick Wayne Wright; and one great-great grandchild.

She leaves to cherish her memory: four daughters, Francis Coleman of San Antonio, Texas; three sons, John Gipson, Jr. and Andrew Wright (Susan) of Houston, Texas and Henry Wright of Columbus, Texas; 13 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; one sister, Emma Woods Steward of Detroit Michigan; a special daughter-in-law, Minnie Gipson of San Antonio, Texas; one grandchild whom she raised, LaKisha Wright of Houston, Texas, and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were: John H Gipson, III, Eddie Glover, Jr., Tommy Glover, Reginald Ford, Jr., Henry W. Ford and Eddie Ladell Glover.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Henry Wright, Andrew Wright, John Gibson, Jr. and Eddie Glover.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, June 18.

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Health Tips

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water, scrubbing just hard enough to remove dirt or other debris.

Next, as the best protection against infection, flush the wound with a copious amount of warm water.

Protect it from further contamination with a sterile gauze-type bandage.

"If the wound does not heal appropriately or appears to be infected, visit your physician for examination," Dr. Stone said.

"Signs of infection include redness, swelling, increasing pain or pus in the wound."

Baylor College of Dentistry Simple Implant Can Be Effective Against Snoring

A relatively simple procedure performed by a dentist can now significantly reduce or cure snoring and sleep apnea.

Called Pillar implant surgery, this procedure involves imbedding three tiny polyester implants 18 millimeters long into the soft palate.

The implants prompt the growth of firm tissue around the palate, stiffening and preventing it from vibrating or drooping during sleep, said Arlet Dunsworth, D.D.S., M.S.D., an oral surgeon and alumnus of the Baylor College of Dentistry-Texas A&M Health Science Center.

The vibrating or drooping blocks the airway, causing snoring and/or sleep apnea.

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The company that makes the implants claims snoring is reduced in 70 percent of patients, and 50

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Once Miracle Drugs Lead to Overuse

Before antibiotics became available in the 1940s, not much could be done to cure life-threatening bacterial infections. However, antibiotics have now been so successful in treating these infections that many patients automatically expect a prescription for antibiotics whenever they are sick. Unfortunately, frequent and inappropriate use of antibiotics leads to the emergence of strains of bacteria that sometimes resist treatment. This is called *bacterial resistance*.

Curbing antibiotic overuse and/or misuse is more important now than ever before. It is reported that resistance to antibiotics is growing faster than new drugs can be developed. Antibiotics only kill bacteria. They do not kill viruses that cause colds and flu. In addition, not all antibiotics work for every type of bacteria. There are several ways to be certain that you are taking antibiotics appropriately. Never use antibiotics left over from a previous prescription. Never take someone else's antibiotic prescription. If you take antibiotics, be sure to take all the pills prescribed, even if you feel better before they are gone. It is important to kill off the last remaining bacteria because they tend to be the most drug-resistant. When you use antibiotics appropriately, you do the best for you health, you family's health, and the health of those around you.



Rose Mary Brown

Rose Mary Brown was born in Eagle Lake, Texas on April 8, 1957 to Lizzie and Leo Tillman, Jr. She was the eighth of 11 children.

She passed away on June 10.

Rose attended school in Eagle Lake. She confessed her life to Christ at an early age at the White Cloud Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend J.H. James. She was united in marriage to Brady Brown of San Felipe, Texas where she lived most of her adult life. She became a member of New Prairie View Baptist Church where she served in the choir forever singing "Lord, Don't Move that Mountain" until she became ill. Rose

She was preceded in death by: son, Merrill Shayne Tillman; father, Leo Tillman; and brother, Obie Tillman.

She leaves to mourn her passing: husband, Brady Brown; daughter, Jamie Tillman; grandchildren, JaMerril Tillman and Jaylan Black; a very special sister, Wilma (Kado) Powell of Sealy, Texas, Lois (Bobby J) Glover of Glidden, Texas, Beverly (Alfred) Denley of Columbus, Texas, Vera Tillman of Phoenix, Arizona; a very special brother, John Lee (Linda) Tillman, Douglas (Ada) Tillman of Eagle Lake, Texas, Tony (Coretha) Tillman, Curtis (Myrtleann) Tillman of San Felipe, Texas, Tommie (Lucia) Tillman of Phoenix Arizona; a very special niece, Ms. Kristin Carter, of Columbus, Texas, and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, relatives, and friends.

Pallbearers were: Alfred Denley, George Humsford, Shawn McGrew, Thomas Hargrove, Douglas Tillman, Jr. and John Tillman, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers: Douglas Tillman, Sr., Tommy Tillman, Curtis Tillman, Tony Tillman, John Tillman and Kado Powell.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, June 17 at Greater Rising Star Baptist Church followed by interment at Rising Star Cemetery in Eagle Lake, Texas.

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they moved back to Eagle Lake and united with the Greater Rising Star Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Truman Scott, Sr. where she remained a faithful member until she was no longer able to serve due to illness.

She was preceded in death by: son, Merrill Shayne Tillman; father, Leo Tillman; and brother, Obie Tillman.

She leaves to mourn her passing: husband, Brady Brown; daughter, Jamie Tillman; grandchildren, JaMerril Tillman and Jaylan Black; a very special sister, Wilma (Kado) Powell of Sealy, Texas, Lois (Bobby J) Glover of Glidden, Texas, Beverly (Alfred) Denley of Columbus, Texas, Vera Tillman of Phoenix, Arizona; a very special brother, John Lee (Linda) Tillman, Douglas (Ada) Tillman of Eagle Lake, Texas, Tony (Coretha) Tillman, Curtis (Myrtleann) Tillman of San Felipe, Texas, Tommie (Lucia) Tillman of Phoenix Arizona; a very special niece, Ms. Kristin Carter, of Columbus, Texas, and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, relatives, and friends.

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