

## Views Around The Lake by Cindy Klopsteck

I hope many of you have been introduced - through the written word - to Leon Hale, whether by his column in the Houston Chronicle or through his books or other writings.

Some may know him personally by enjoying a visit as, during his extended writing and roaming career, he traveled down many local roads meeting people, mak-

ing friends and learning the locale - hearing, telling or actually living a good story.

The ultimate storyteller, Leon Hale is a local literary treasure.

Which is why, when I thoroughly enjoyed and related to a recent column he wrote, I decided to e-mail him a praised reply and empathetic response.

What ensued was a very inter-

esting exchange of information that would lead me to further investigation at a local level. Our e-mail exchange went something like this:

ck: Ever been to Eagle Lake?

lh: Yeah, I've been to Eagle Lake many times, back in my traveling days, and I have the distinction of having spent the night in the Farris Hotel when I was not just the only guest but the only human on the premises.

ck: OK, Mr. Hale, I am not an electronic stalker, but...you must admit that you cannot expect me to read your one-liner on spending a night at our local Farris Hotel and be satisfied with that...there is a definite story here.

lh: I did write about that night in the hotel, long ago, more than 25 years probably. Way it happened, I walked in there about sundown and the owners (Helen and Bill Farris, are they still there?) were about to leave on an overnight trip to Houston. They had no guests in the place but they gave me a key and told me to take any room I wanted and they drove off. A mighty quiet night, except for the freight train that ran through the lobby about 2 a.m. and knocked me out of bed.

I assured Mr. Hale that the Farris Hotel was still sitting intact next to that railroad track in Eagle Lake, there were now new owners, and he should travel down this direction to visit Eagle Lake again.

Then I decided to get confirmation on this story - with any available additional tidbits of interest - from the Farris themselves.

Helen Farris not only fondly remembered that particular night and corroborated Mr. Hale's version, but also went on to add that they had felt badly leaving their guest alone and were back by early the next morning to share coffee with him at daybreak. She said this was only one of several encounters her family had with the writer over a period of several years.

He had initially appeared with their very first guest at the hotel and was later present and wrote about the hotel's experiences during its first hunting season.

The Farris were honored that the hotel had been one of Mr. Hale's favorite local places to regularly haunt. By the time we ended our conversation, Mrs. Farris stated she planned to contact Leon Hale very soon, after much too long an absence of communication.

I then called the hotel's present managers, Michael and Karen Wheatly, to inform them of this bit of interesting history to the already colorful past of this local institution.

Mr. Paul Dunphey is the current owner, and the Wheatlys have been happily managing the hotel, restaurant and Cooked Goose Saloon since June, 2004.

They quickly issued an invitation for Leon Hale to return as a guest at any time, but we all feel we much warn him in advance - the train still comes through at not only 2 a.m., but also all hours of the night and early morning.

The horn seems to blow even longer and louder now but here's a hotel update: earplugs are offered to guests upon request.

## Obituaries

### Robert S. Isreal Kuykendall

Robert departed this life in the early morning of July 21 at 7:23 a.m. at St. David's Hospital in Austin.

Robert Isreal, Sr. was born in Eagle Lake November 21, 1938 to Gerline Isreal and Henry Kuykendall, Sr.

He attended E.H. Henry High School in Eagle Lake. Robert accepted Christ at an early age at White Cloud Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Gordon.

Robert was united in marriage to Linda Thomas in 1968 and to this union, three children were born.

In 1977, he united in marriage to Myrna Lemons and to this union no children were born.

He worked various jobs in this community and after moving to Austin he was employed by Applied Materials until his health failed.

His parents; grandparents, one daughter and two sisters preceded him in death.

Left to cherish his memories are his loving wife of 29 years, Myrna; three children, a devoted and caring son, Eric (Tammy) Isreal of Austin, Robert Isreal, Jr. of Huntsville, and Karen Gail Huffman of Eagle Lake; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one uncle, Stanley Howard of Kendaleton; 11 brothers, James (Sammie) Kuykendall and Jimmy Kuykendall of Austin, Rev. Thomas E. (Barbara) Kuykendall, Rev. Ronnie D. (Rosa) Kuykendall of Eagle Lake, Rev. Harlen R. Kuykendall, Henry Kuykendall, Jr., Glenn (Tammy) Kuykendall, Charles Pope, Billy Pope and Paneson Pope, all of Houston and Sylvester Pope of Palacios;

14 sisters, Emma (Sonny) Wauls of Vox Populi, Carolyn Kuykendall of Katy, Alice Kuykendall, Vivian Chapman, Peggy (Walter) Foster and Telisa (Leland) Urdy, all of Eagle Lake, Coco (Kenneth) Dawson, Marsha (Dary) Jackson, Barbara (Chide) Nwosu, Regina Phillips all of Houston, Moseze Pope, Jessie Pope and Debbie Pope of Palacios, and Dana (Warren) Hurd of Woodlands; a "big" host of nephews, nieces, sister and brother-in-law, relatives and friends.

Home going services were held Saturday, July 29 at 11 a.m. from White Cloud Baptist Church in Eagle Lake, Rev. Obie Rhodes, pastor; Rev. Thomas E. Kuykendall, officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Leland Urdy, George Tillman, Sam Dancy, Jr., Robert Boone, Walter Foster and Johnell Duggins.

Honorary pallbearers were Glenn Kuykendall, Rev. R.D. Kuykendall, James Kuykendall, Henry Kuykendall, Jr., Rev. H.R. Kuykendall and Jimmy Kuykendall.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

### Gladys R. Spann

Gladys R. Spann passed away July 16.

On September 15, 1932 Gladys was born in Eagle Lake to George and Louella Spates.

She accepted Christ at an early age and united with Friendship Baptist Church in Eagle Lake.

Gladys was a graduate of E.H. Henry High School.

On August 5, 1951 she married Steve Spann and moved to Sugar Land where she resided until her death.

Gladys was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. She was a faithful worker in the mission, a Deaconess, Sunday school teacher and youth matron until her health no longer permitted her to attend.

She was a devoted wife and mother to her three children, Patricia, Muriel, Steve, Jr., and brother, Andrew; nephew, Michael and grandson, Adrian. Her home became a gathering place for family and friends because of her ongoing hospitality, warmth and good home cooking.

Her parents; three others, George, Jr., James and Andrew; and stepson, Bennie Robinson, preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories her devoted husband, Steve; a son, Steve, Jr., both of Sugar Land; two daughters, Patricia Bryant and Muriel Robinson of Houston. Gladys leaves to cherish her memories, two that she raised Michael Spates (nephew) and Adrian Anderson (grandson); two brothers, Joe Spates of Washington, D.C. and Alex Spates (Lily) of Oxnard, California;

Two sisters, Sandra Price of Houston and Mary Gordon of Eagle Lake; one brother-in-law, Marshall Spann of Altair; two sisters-in-law, Faye Spates of Bryan and Ernestine Deary of Conroe; seven grandchildren, Adrian (Jacqueline), Monique, Derrick, Stephanie, Adrian, Felisha, Nyri-sha; nine great-grandchildren, Joshua, Jonathan, Nia, Gabriella, Dominique, Travoyie, Jr., Adriana and Tori; and numerous relative and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 22 at 11 a.m. from Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Sugar Land with Rev. E. Thomas officiating. Interment followed in Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Glen Park Funeral Home in Missouri City.

Pallbearers were Adrian Anderson, Andrew Spates, Willie Jackson, Derrick Bryant, Joseph Carr and Gene Penn.

Honorary pallbearers were Steven Spann Jr., Joe Spates, Joshua Anderson, Michael Spates, Alex Spates, Marshall Spann and Johnathan Anderson.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Library Lines

By Patty Holloway

The Wintermann Library had a very successful summer reading program with 136 children enrolled.

Many of the children continue to come to the library and check out books even though the reading program ended several weeks ago. This is very encouraging to the library staff.

The book club that was started several months ago now has 15 members. They meet on the first Monday of the month at 2 p.m. For the month of August they are reading "The Distance Between Us" by Masha Hamilton.

In this thought provoking novel of war and peace the Middle East the two main characters are war correspondents who become very real people to the reader.

If you would like to join the reading club you may buy your books or there are always copies available at the library.

When you are out and about stop by the library and see the model of the USF Constellation on display in the library.

Louis Schorlemmer has spent many hours building this detailed model along with many others some of which are displayed at Sportsman's Restaurant and Judge Cason's office.

Louis shared some historical facts with me that I will pass on to you. The Constellation is the oldest U.S. sailing ship still afloat. This ship that served in the Civil War is docked in Baltimore Harbor.

The sister ship called the Constitution (better known as old Ironsides) was built several months after the Constellation and is often referred to as the oldest still afloat.

Not so according to Louis. The Constitution, which has served as the Flagship for the US Navy is docked in Boston Harbor.

The Wintermann Library gratefully acknowledges the following memorials. In memory of Charles Spalinger: Mrs. Kathryn Mehner, Glen and Coy Sunderman, Ernest Mae Seaholm, Louise Spalinger, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coldeway, Lake Lumber, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Brock Ashby, Mrs. Mae Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wegenhoff, Mrs. Fair Wells;

In memory of Tina Sexton: Mrs. Kathryn Mehner, Mrs. Mae Ashby; in memory of Ann Duncan: Mrs. Mae Ashby.

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## Sheridan News

### By Velma Kutzer

The Sheridan 4-H Club is asking everyone to come out and support their annual fundraiser.

A BBQ meal will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug.

5 at the Sheridan Community Center.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from any 4-H member or at the door for \$7 a plate.

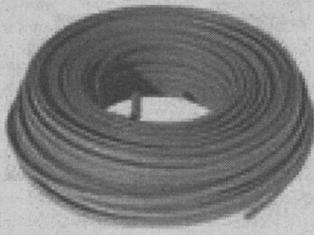
Other activities being offering through the afternoon will be a cakewalk, plant and prize drawing, bottle toss, silent auction with over 25 items in the drawing.

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Head lice (*pediculus humanus capitis*), are parasitic insects which commonly affect humans. These parasites feed on blood several times a day and maintain residence close to the scalp. They may also be found behind the ears and near the neckline, however are rarely found on the eyelashes, eyebrows, or other body parts. Transmission may occur through close contact as well as the sharing of personal items such as hats, hair ribbons, or clothes. Head lice may be identified by a tickling feeling of movement in the hair, itching, or sores due to scratching.

Nonprescription and prescription medications are available to treat head lice. Over-the-counter medications include *pyrethrins* (A-200, Pronto, R&C, and Triple X) and *permethrin* (Nix). Both medications are safe and effective, however treatment may need to be repeated in 7 - 10 days. Wash clothes and bedding used by the infested person in the 2 days preceding treatment. Follow the label instructions when using these lice medications. *Do not* use a creme rinse or combination shampoo/conditioner before treatment, and also *do not* re-wash hair for 1 - 2 days after treatment. *Malathion* (Ovide) is a prescription medication used to treat head lice and may be used in people 6 years of age and older.

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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada; Rev. Joseph Koebel; 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.  
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CrossRoad ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 510 Wallace, East Bernard; Pastor George Kutach; 979-335-7706.  
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 W. St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.  
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**Bible Verse of The Week**

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