

## Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck



"I live not in myself, but I become Portion of that around me; and to me a feeling.....the hum of human cities." —Lord Byron

a microcosm of real life-at-large. It happened with me and Eagle Lake these past two weeks.

The parallels that could be drawn between the occurrences in my life and the social activi-

ties of our small town stirred my senses.

"Migrate/v.1: To move from one place to another, periodically for feeding or breeding."

Adette Kovar and myself were invited by her sister-in-law and my friend, Mary Ann Kaluza, to the November outdoor birding meeting of the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club on the 15th of this month.

This is an interesting, diverse group of people who have one major shared interest they pursue - birding.

By the time we arrived at The Vineyard, the lovely birding locale owned by the Jimmy Thomas family, the yellow ruled pad on the main table, surrounded by binoculars and scopes, was already filled with two columns of the species of birds that had been spotted by the experienced eyes of those present.

A business meeting discussed the club's main project of construction of a viewing platform at the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge and other business items, but complementing the meeting and delicious refreshments was the main attraction of the November meeting - birding, and specifically viewing the large concentrations of geese flying into and over the surrounding rice fields and lakes.

The sight and the sound of the approaching geese combined with a beautiful orange and gold sunset, made me finally and personally realize, after my many years in Eagle Lake, the true concept of this town wearing the title "Goosehunting Capitol of the World."

We stayed 'till dark when the geese could no longer be seen, but their calls could be heard on the winds blowing across the lake and open fields.

"Migrate/v.2: To move from one state, place or locality to another."

One day after returning from

their honeymoon, my youngest daughter and her new husband learned his recent job promotion would take them to Phoenix, Arizona.

Now, for geographically stable me, we are talking about always living within a 50-mile radius of the city in which I was born.

I love to travel.....but I always love to return home. I guess I naively assumed my daughters would live in similar fashion - both having attended Texas colleges, married Texas guys, lived and worked in nearby Houston.

So this announcement caused more inner stirrings than it might for some people who have lived their lives in different cities and states, always anticipating a future move.

This "migration" was totally unforeseen and, unlike the annually-wandering geese, may be permanent and may take some time to which our family must - but of course will - personally adjust.

"Home/n.1: One's place of residence."

It happened to be the same trio of ladies in Eagle Lake again on Saturday, November 24th, but with a different mission: we were, with sturdy umbrellas in hand, enjoying the Civic Garden Club's "Holiday Tour of Homes."

All locations were dressed in attractive seasonal finery, but each individual home had its own personal decorative touch and interesting history.

First stop, The Depot, which is successfully being restored to near-original form, deserving of a complete article of itself in the near future.

Five lovely homes followed our Eagle Lake tour: the Janet and Louis Schorlemmer home - a beautiful newly-constructed house on the scenic town lake, comfortably nestled in its semirural setting; the Barbara and Sidney Struss home - a wonderful home rich in history, complete

with a resident ghost or two; the Beverly and Steve Taylor home - a finely restored home with rich detail, teeming with personality and holiday decorations; the Sandy and Don Bendy home - an original cottage home extensively and beautifully renovated; the Vicki and Clark Powers home - an original family home framed by long white fences and exuding country flair.

This is the second recent year of the Garden Club's home tour, benefitting their city beautification projects, and was well-attended despite the inclement weather.

Bless the Rice Medical Center Pink Ladies for providing delicious holiday refreshments and the homeowners for extending warmth and providing dry rugs for our wet feet.

"Home/n.2. A familiar or usual setting; congenial environment."

Each home on the Eagle Lake tour was indeed warm and welcoming, happily housing a congenial environment.

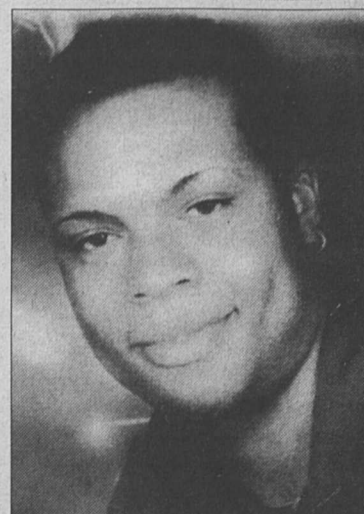
My family, like so many others at Thanksgiving, had anticipated that familiar, congenial environment, but instead wished one daughter goodbye as she started her journey that day to new locations and comforted another daughter as she came home at Noon on Thanksgiving day from a three-day hospital stay (with special giving of thanks that it was of a minor nature).

The holiday was not the normal "home" routine for us, and plans and family bonding had to be adjusted.

Perhaps that's when the true meaning of family love, holidays and changing seasons is fully appreciated and realized.

I take solace knowing that - somehow, someway, in some form or another - we all eventually .....migrate home.

## Obituary



Patrick O'Neal Hodges

Patrick O'Neal Hodges, affectionately known as "Bull", was born May 9, 1982 in Galveston to his mother, Debbie Norris Hodges and father, Horace Lee Hodges, Sr.

He confessed his life to Christ and was baptized at an early age at White Cloud Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Obie Rhodes.

"Bull" attended Rice High School in Altair.

Following school, he became dedicated to fulfilling his dream as a hair stylist for many years.

On November 16 at 4:20 p.m. our beloved son, brother, and friend answered his call to eternal rest where he joined the bosom of Jesus; his grandmother, Mary Norris; grandfather, T.A. Norris; aunt, Constance King; and uncles, Noah Norris and Roosevelt Norris, who all preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memories a devoted and loving mother, Debbie Norris of Eagle Lake; Horace Lee Hodges, Sr.; sisters, Sumeka Hodges (Chadwick) of Eagle Lake, Rolinda Foster (Fred) of Houston, Ruth Tillman (Neal) of Houston, Shay Rainey of Houston, Tierra Wright (Kemper) of Eagle Lake, and Georgina Carroll (Ronnie) of Eagle Lake; brothers, Parish Hodges of Houston and Horace Hodges, Jr. of Rosharon; aunts, Jennifer Denley of Houston, Shirley Brooks of Eagle Lake, Marie Glover (Ernest) of Altair, Mildred Reed of Rosenberg, Shelia Wright of Eagle Lake, Estelle Fry (Frank) of Wharton, Marjorie Owen (Larry) of Wharton, Ruby Rodgers (Don) of Wharton, Viola Malone (Loyd) of Spanish Camp, and Rosella Gills (Mike) of Spanish Camp; uncle, Bubba Hodges (Ida B.) of Egypt; a dedicated special friend, Jack Julian from Houston; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 24 at 11 a.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Pastor Obie Rhodes officiating. Interment followed at Sandridge Cemetery in Egypt. Life celebration by Ben Davis Funeral Home.

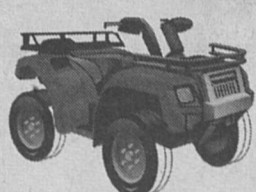
Pallbearers were Ronnie Carroll, U'B Johnson, Cordis Upson, Richard Brown, Chris Cotton, Chadwick Nichols and Ralph Hurd.

Honorary pallbearers were Parish Hodges, Horace Hodges, Sr., Tyrone Norris, Thomas Glover, Horace Hodges, Jr., Ricky Norris, Sr. and Bubba Hodges.

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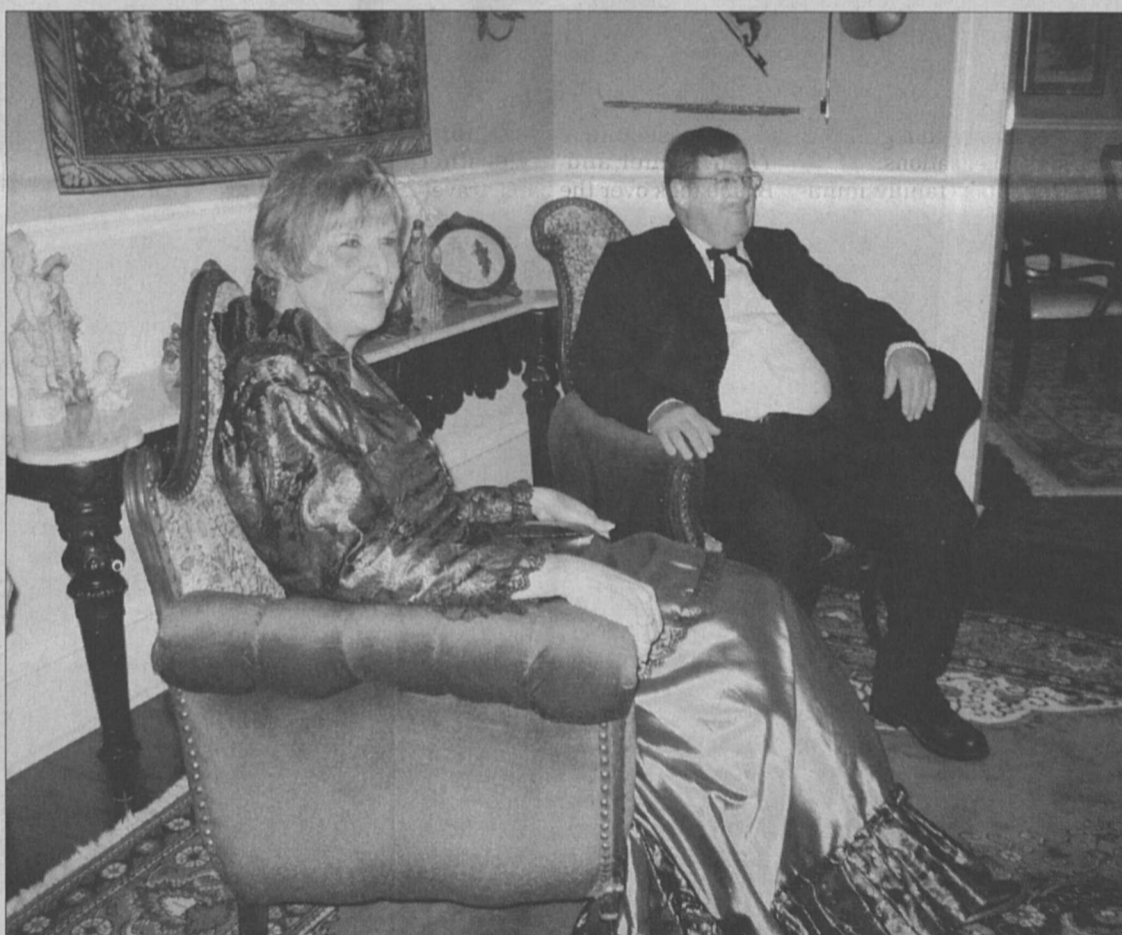
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Pictured above are Sidney and Barbara Struss sitting in their lovely home during the homes tour that took place Saturday, November 24.

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### Correction

In last week's edition of the Eagle Lake Headlight the Eagle Lake Study Club awarded the Yard of the Month to Roy and Lois Ann Dziuk. The home is located at 215 Austin Rd. in Eagle Lake. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



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—Psalm 37:4  
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