

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens
OCTOBER 1998



NEWSLETTER

Moonlight Surprise

By Mabel Wisecup

After church was out one Sunday, Bert Gibson said to my husband, Ralph, "How are you getting along plowing corn?"

"Well, I would get along faster, but one mule is fast and one slow, so it slows me down!"

Bert said, "Oh, I have the same trouble. One of my mules is fast and one is slow. We ought to trade."

"Yes!" said Ralph. "I want the fast one."

Bert said, "I want the slow one! OK, I'll bring the fast one out early in the morning and take the slow one home with me." They both got along fine all day long because Ralph's fast mule was so happy it was walking with a mule that walked the same speed.

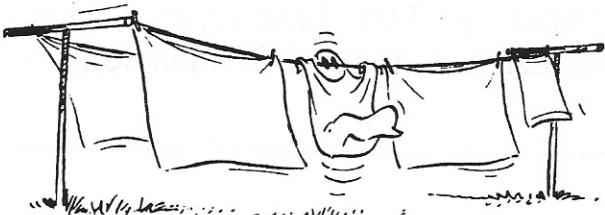
It was a very hot summer. We had no electricity and no way to cool the house, except to open all the windows. There were two in the bedroom on the south and two in the dining room in the north, so there was a cross breeze that helped.

We were both sleeping so well. A breeze came through the room. Suddenly, I woke up! Someone was walking. The full moon was high. Oh, such a beautiful night ... but still they walked. It sounded like one man. He was walking around the kitchen, then by the dining room, then past the living room and the bedroom. I was busy trying to get Ralph awake and didn't see who it was. "Ralph, Ralph, wake up. Someone is walking around our house. Wake up and help me to see who he is. Hurry; I hear him coming again." We both sat up, looking to see if we knew who was walking around our house in the moonlight. Surely Ralph would know him!

Here he comes. *Walk, walk.* We both stared, disbelieving. "Oh, look! It's your slow mule come home."

Ralph said, "Don't that beat you? If the poor old fellow likes me so much as that, I'll just put on my shoes and put him in the barn and feed him some hay." So he did! He had walked about five miles. ♦

♦ GOOD OLD DAYS ♦



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Deaf & Hard of Hearing PIP Meeting



“The Peace Makers”

This singing group is excellent, they sing for all large functions in the police dept. I think you will really like them.

Woodhaven Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point

Tuesday !!!, October 6th, 1998 7:00 p.m.



From: Officer RANDY MELTON
 Hope to see you there. My TDD # 713-308-9071
 Emergency # 911 - then tap the space bar!
 Voice # 713-308-9079 Fax # 713-308-9073



October 14, 1998 is second Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. There will be a regular meeting. Enjoy meeting and talking to your friends.
HAVE A GOOD DAY!!

October 15, 1998, third Thursday for Senior Citizens with HAPPY FACES to meet at Woodhaven Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point for S.C. Social fellowship and lunch. Please let Maurice Ford at 713-455-3507 with Elnora Morgan know what you plan to bring. Hope to see many of you at Woodhaven on October 15th!!

October 28, 1998 is the day for Senior Citizens to have lots of fun!!
 Every Senior Citizen will wear Halloween costumes to M.M.S.C. The prizes will be given.
COME ON HAVE FUN!!

October 25, 1998 - Sunday is the date for everyone to set the clock one hour back. You will get one hour extra of sleep!
PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO CHANGE OF TIME!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RENEWALS!!

Gus White, Ann Frazier, Boyce Jones, Dorothy Floyd, Max Floyd, Mary Langley, Fred Gunn, Lucille Garrison, Dorothy Hollingsworth, Donnell Bryan, Estelle Heintschel, Weldon Seely, Tom Withrow and Pauline Solazzo

WELCOME TO NEW SUBSCRIBER!

Harrell Rudolph of Houston, TX--gift by Lorena Blomdahl
 Virginia Westwick of Houston, TX

WITH OUR VERY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING
THOUGHTS IN THE LOSS OF ONE VERY DEAR TO YOU.

HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS

Charles Harold Dodson, Sr., 61, passed away Tuesday, September 1, 1998. Born October 21, 1936 in Houston, Texas. Lifetime resident of Houston, member of Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, Treasurer and life member of Fraternal Society for the Deaf. Survived by wife of 30 years, Mary Jane Dodson; son, Charles H. Dodson, Jr. and wife Diane, daughters, Debbie Anne and Kimberly Lee Dodson; three grandchildren; brother, Dwayne Dodson and wife Pat; sister, Bonnie Palmer and husband Steve, numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral Services 12 noon Thursday, September 3, 1998, Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Arthur Craig officiating. Interment Rosewood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church 9920 Long Point Houston, Texas 77055 are acceptable.

Aquiles P. Castro, 93, passed away August 29, 1998. He is survived by his sisters, Hortencia Castro, Susana Lopez, Alice Balderas; brother, Pedro Castro, as well as by several nieces and nephews. Mr. Castro owned and operated El Mudo Shoe Repair on Ave F since 1933. Funeral Service was held at Forest Park Cemetery on August 31, 1998.

Kenneth Gunn passed away on September 8, 1998 in Aransas Pass. No detail

THANK YOU NOTE FROM ALICE HENDERSON

To My dear friends and Senior Citizens,

Thank you very much the lovely get-well card. It brightened my day. I also want to thank my friends, David and Esteline Stewart and daughter, Betty, Joe and Lennie Morton, Jack and Hazel Richard, Christine McKinnon and her daughter, Janice and Mary and Emmett Corley for their visits.

Christine McKinnon, We are home and looking for that pie. Judy and I are still laughing over your visit. It was good medicine for us.

Again thanks for all thoughtfulness.

Love,
Alice

Joe Morton had a bad fall in the garage of house and hurt his shoulder and bruised his head. His wife Lennie and daughter took him to the hospital on Friday, August 28. His blood pressure and pulse were real low. Next day his doctor has put a peacemaker in his chest. Lennie and Joe attended a senior citizen meeting September 9. He is doing fine and looked great.

From Jean Harkness

On September 11, 1998 there was a terrible flood in the Houston area as a result of the Tropical Storm Frances. The flood hit almost all of the vicinities of Houston, too. It rained without stop for a long while and many streets, freeways, and houses were under water. Luckily my house was not flooded but it did much to the house where our son David lived. A five foot high water entered his house and ruined his car up to the dashboard. Water also covered the truck floor belonged to our grandson Cody. After the water went down, we went out there to remove all of his carpet, cleaned the mess for three days and used a big blower to dry out the cement floor at his house. David used a boat to take pictures of the flooded houses in the area. He planned to give these pictures to his insurance agent to verify the damage. He was very lucky to have both flood and automobile insurance, so that everything was covered. It was the first time a flood had ever hit his house and many ones around it. The Tropical Storm Frances really did much damage to many houses here.

The members of Travis Association of the Deaf---Senior Citizens are planning several out of - town trips which are: September 29 to San Antonio to visit the Institute of Texan Cultures, departure at 8:30 am and return at 5:00 pm. October 14-15 to Kinder, LA for Grand Casino, departure at 8:30 am Oct. 14 and return 5:00 pm. Oct. 15. November 17 to Houston to visit San Jacinto State Park, departure and return times to be announced later.

Those who attended the organizational business meeting on Sept. 3, 1998 were Walter Ailstock, Juanita Basham, Carl and Joan Brininstool, Clarence and Carol Broecker, Audrey Brooker, Vera Butler, Wanda Butler, Kathryn Caldcleugh, Anita Dalla, Janice DiMacco, Amalia Duck, Fred and Juanita Gunn, Estelle Heintschel, Homer Kelso, Ruby Kieberg, Allison Lewter, Robert and Fannie Lindberg, Lottie Marks, Janet Morris, Julius Seeger, Helen Sewell, Ralph White, Ben and Margaret Williams and Mildred Williams. The officers of that organization are Kathryn Caldcleugh, president; Glenn Brunson, vice - president; Allison Lewter, secretary; and Julius Seeger, treasurer.

LA Vista, a new senior citizen community center for the deaf at San Marcos finally is undergoing construction with heavy equipment working there at present to be ready to erect a several - phase planning for 200 unit apartments. Anyone who is interested in moving there is encouraged to make a deposit of one hundred dollars for a one bedroom apartment and one hundred fifty dollars for a two bedroom unit. Send your deposit money and also write for information to La Vista, 4131 Spicewood Springs Rd, Suite G-4, Austin, Texas 78759-8659, 512 / 343-0222 TTY, 512 / 338-9459 FAX. The officers of the American Foundation for the Edlerly Deaf which oversees La Vista are Evelyn Kamuchey, president; Kathryn Caldcleugh, vice-president; J. T. Jacobs, secretary; and Marie Poss, treasurer. Board members are Carrie Lou Abbott, Jack Clifton, Perry Connolly, Jerry Hassell, Daisy Palmer, Jerry Mikus Jr., and Ruth Seeger.



"How come it's wrong for you to do my homework, but it's right for me to do yours?"



"As I'm a law-abiding citizen, I thought you should know... your front wheel shows from the road."

Dump truck accident By Faye Lester Sims

Edward LeJune, the Class of 61 from Louisiana School for the Deaf killed by the dump truck in Lake Charles, Louisiana last August 3rd or 10th. He crossed the street (no sidewalk) to visit his sister from his house, looked at the right of side. The driver thought he stopped and hit him. He found out that he was deaf and felt bad. He paid all of the funeral expenses. Edward was 55 years old. He had an old deaf brother, Sidney LeJune, the Class of '56.

Murphy and Helen Bourque will be celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 23, 1998. Congratulations!!

Robert and Maxine Sheffield will motor to Baton Rouge, La. from Charleston, S.C. for LSD's Homecoming on Oct 3rd and will stay in Baton Rouge for several days to visit with relatives and the friends.

Robert and Maxine moved to Charleston last November 1997. They are very excited about the brand new home. It is being building seemingly done in November this year. It is located the back of their son, Jack Sheffield's home. Their grandsons Robert III and Brandon help them with the yard work. Maxine and Robert are happy but truly missed the friends in Baton Rouge. They will travel to Baton Rouge sometimes because they go to the annual family Chatelain reunion in Louisiana mostly at Alexandria.

Maxine and Robert Sheffield, 2 grandsons and Jack motored to Louisville, Kentucky last Labor's Day week-end. They enjoyed staying in Robert's sister DeLois and husband, Harvey's house in La Grange, Ky. and all of them went sightseeing downtown Louisville, Kentucky and went in to see the famous baseball bat factory. It was very interesting. The very big giant bat showed outside as their sign for its factory.. They distributed a tiny bat to each visitor. What a cute baseball bat. Also had fun at the Deaf Festival in Louisville, Ky. downtown on Sunday, the day before Labor's Day. So many, many deaf people were there...Met some old friends there. Guess who we met...Betty Taylor. We were happy that we were at the festival for it was very wonderful. They had many booths, art show, drama show and Kiddie tee shirt paint and many things. Wow!, the plan was well-done, good job. The time was up at 2 O'clock, we had to leave for the Sheffield reunion in Louisville, Ky. at Robert's sister, Billie's house. what a wonderful reunion! It was first time for the Sheffield to set up the reunion. Robert had fun with his three sisters and their families.

Wow, the weather, Earl Hurricane was terrible for Charleston, S.C. Not bad- Earl was so good to us, so left us for good. Whew!

From Martin and Mable Bienvenu, Jr. of Baton Rouge, LA

Every Thursday afternoon we play cards at C. O. A. (Senior Citizens! place) on Florida Blvd. We enjoy it very much. The average of 9 to 12 people

Mable Ferguson Bienvenu's sister, Elsie Broussard had her left eye surgery sometimes in late of August. She is doing fine.

Leslie (Moody) Wheeler finally got settled at Lakewood Quarter for retired people. Marion Thomas moved next door to her apartment. After two days Marion was taken to the hospital and he had a pacemaker surgery. He had chest pains again and he was taken to the hospital. Now at this writing Marion is doing fine.

Marion Von Thomas! Please be more careful. I am glad that you have a friend who can watch you.

From Gus and Geneva White

Hi Jean and all,

We really enjoy reading your wonderful newsletter. It helps us remember many of our old friends. We cannot believe that some of our good friends are gone by now.

We are late in sending this news item, because of our children who come and go visiting us. Our children Rose and Huey Barbin and Juliet and Steve, our grandchildren live in Baton Rouge, LA and Austin, Texas. We live near Lake Charles, LA. Our grandson Cary Gus Barbin used to work on computer in Minnesota and Gallaudet University for a long time, but now he lives in New Jersey where he enjoys his new job.

Best Wishes to all from us



THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
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Mary Jo Stevens, Audrey Wright, Elnora Morgan, Nellie Bishop, Andrew and Martha Beckham

Anyone of you wish to donate \$\$\$ to Love Fun.
 Please make the check or money order to Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Fund.
 Please mail to Mrs. Zelma Curbello, 9623 Tiltree, Houston, TX 77075-4042.

September 9, 1998

Zelma Curbello
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 Houston, TX [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Curbello,

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your generous contribution to Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church in memory of Charles Dodson. This gift will be used to help the deaf in the Houston area.

May the Lord richly bless you. Again, thank you.

In His service,

Arthur Craig

Arthur Craig
 Pastor to the Deaf

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cc: James Dodson
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 Houston, TX [REDACTED]

Devotion

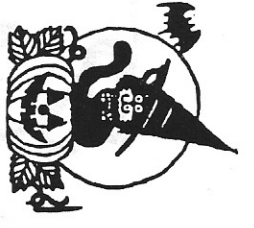
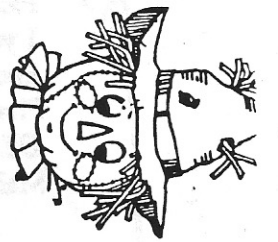
During a storm, a mother was worried about children in college and living in another part of the country. then she saw out of the window a tiny sparrow in the tree. Shrugging off the rain and cold. She watched the storm and wondered "Why don't the tree break in two, why doesn't the grass blow away, why the bird need a coat?" But then the answer came to me "Because God take care of them". If God can take care of a tiny sparrow, He can take care of all my needs.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			S.C. M.M.S.C. Halloween Party			

**BACK
TO YOUR
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| 1.....Pauline Garrett | 17.....Frank Shaw |
| 7.....Faye Sims | 18.....Lillian Beard |
| 8.....Opal Piercy | 19.....Randy Melton |
| 13.....Joe Morton | 22.....Stella Rudolph |
| Emory Watson | Richard Brubaker |
| 16.....Pernella Smith | 30.....Ruth Montgomery |


Wedding Anniversary

Murphy & Helen Bourque
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