

# News From Clubs of Montgomery County

## CONROE REBEKAH LODGE NO. 100

The Conroe Rebekah Lodge number 100 will hold its next meeting Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the 100 Lodge Hall with a program on "Over the Counter Medicine." The Lodge was host to the District no. 60 Rebekah

Lodge, Sept. 9, and served a covered dish dinner. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a training school of the Rebekah Lodge.

Kathrine Kolb and Audrey C. Wills were initiated into the Conroe Lodge before Rebekahs from Navasota, Cleveland and Conroe.

The lodge also met in a

regular session Sept. 7 and voted to have a program committee. Mollie Jo Kolb was appointed chairman and lodge reporter.

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

The business meeting of the American Association of

Retired Persons will be held Sept. 21, at the Gulf States Utilities Auditorium at 10 a.m. Mr. C.A. Mangham of the Social Security Office will talk of the method of properly filling out Medicare forms.

A covered dish luncheon will follow the meeting. All members are urged to

attend this informative meeting.

## CONROE ART LEAGUE

The first meeting of the Conroe Art League will be held Sept. 24, at 1:30 p.m. at Morans, with Carolyn Ruthstrom, of the Woodline Art Gallery, doing a wildlife demonstration.

On Oct. 22 Kita Macon, of Houston, will be demon-

strating a portrait in pastels.

In November the club is looking forward to the semi-annual show and sale at North Hills Shopping Center. The date will be announced later.

New officers for the 1978-79 year are: Louise Day,

president; Elaine May, first vice president; Carol Krohler, secretary treasurer; and Chris Davidson, second vice president.

The purpose of the Conroe Art League is to provide fellowship with other painters who are endeavoring to express their

aesthetic ideas in a realistic manner.

Through demonstration and criticism by other artists the league provides its members the opportunity of seeing and comparing their work with that of noted artists in the area.

Anyone interested in

joining should call Louise Day at 273-1665.

## HULON LAKE CITIZENS CLUB

The Hulon Lake Citizens Club will meet at Willis Fire Station, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m. All property owners are invited to attend.

There will be a program on energy sponsored by Gulf States Utilities Co.

## Montgomery County Genealogy Society celebrates their second birthday with a party



FIDDLER, SANDY P. EDGAR, and guitarist, Mike Davis, were part of the entertainment of the Founders' Day celebration.



CONNIE BREWER has just presented Donna Lee Raley with a bouquet of flowers as a token of the members' appreciation of her work.



OBVIOUS ENJOYMENT is captured on the faces of Bernie and Carol Bean as they participate in the old time sing-a-long.



VERA WIMBERLY portrayed Mehitable Higginbotham in an entertaining skit that definitely shook some family trees.



HORACE AND OVETA WRIGHT look with appreciation on a plaque and certificates recognizing their work in genealogy.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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The Second Annual Founder's Day Dinner was held on Sept. 11 to commemorate the second anniversary of the Montgomery County Genealogical Society. Approximately 60 members and guests, many representing periods of their ancestry, joined the celebration.

One member, Mehitable Higginbotham, from Paduka County interrupted the orderly proceedings to inform the Society about her experience in locating her ancestors.

While attending a County Clerk's Convention in Conroe, she dropped into the library.

There, she planned to "Get the book down (from the shelves) so's I kin see who my ancestors was." Instead of a book, the librarian brought out "all these forms," she quipped. "So many of them, I needed a degree in form fillen out," she declared.

Mrs. Higginbotham's intent in persuing this search was to first prove her descendance from royalty and secondly to write a book that would surely earn her a Cadillac.

Her search began by employing a CPG (Certified Public Genealogist). "Boy, was he a nosey," she began. "He asked me a lot of questions. I wasn't gonna tell him nuthin I was paying him to find out," she reported quite smugly.

After six months of work, the CPG reported to Mrs. Higginbotham that, "Her ancestors died and didn't leave no descendents." A sad Mrs. Higginbotham left the genealogy podium to a huge round of applause.

The creation and the execution of the character of Mehitable Higginbotham are both attributable to Genealogy Society member, Vera Wimberly. Her appearance in the program

was most entertaining.

The party's theme was "Down-Home Country." Decorations carrying out the theme were made and co-ordinated by Connie Brewer and Robin Barthalet. A cover-dish dinner, featuring old family recipes, was served through the efforts of Marguerite Badgett, Melva Whitehead and Nell Clyburn.

A special birthday cake, prepared by Jo Ann Freeman, was decorated with a covered wagon, Country entertainment arranged by Donna Raley featured Sandy Edgar, fiddler and Mike Davis, guitarist.

Angela Myers and

students from her Academy of Dance in Conroe performed folk dances. An old-fashioned sing-along ended the program of entertainment.

Awards were presented to the following members for their outstanding contributions to the Society during the past year: Marguerite Badgett for her work as co-ordinator and president of the genealogy aides volunteers; Horace and Oveta Wright for their generous and untiring efforts and accomplishments in searching and recording cemeteries in Texas and Colorado for the society; Imogene Kennedy, for her work and dedication as president of the MCGS and

work as staff genealogist at the library' and Donna Raley for her co-ordination of the Founder's Day Celebration and many other "behind the scenes" contributions.

A manuscript, "Proceedings of the Houston Genealogy Institute-New Frontiers in Genealogy", was presented to Hank Blasick for the Montgomery County Library and to Mary Ulmer for the Houston Clayton Genealogy Library.

Good food, comfortable, friendly, people and refreshing entertainment made the evening a most enjoyable one.