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February 28th Meeting
Our guest speaker at our February meeting will be Larry D. Pearl. Larry worked at NASA on the Apollo program, then left and started Pearl Stained Glass. He was born in Oklahoma with Cherokee ancestry on both sides. Currently he paints and promotes the Native American people through talks on their culture, history and language. Larry reads, writes and speaks the Cherokee language. He is 1/8th Cherokee but is not a member of the nation. His research covers a 2 hour program, but he will trim it to fit our time slot. Come out and have a wonderful evening learning about this culture that is so close but so unknown to most of us.

from the President...
Ronnie Richards

Our speakers at the last monthly meeting did a great job with their presentation on Camp Logan a WW I training camp set up on the site of what later became Memorial Park. The park’s name was selected to honor those trained at the camp that served their country. Our next speaker should prove to be very interesting. You can find out more about our speakers elsewhere in this newsletter.

Did you know the League City Historical Society is run entirely by volunteers? Yes, that’s right and we have approximately 100 members. If every member would volunteer just one hour a week or four hours a month that would amount to over 100 volunteer hours per week. Have you considered volunteering? There are all types of help needed, from filing to making copies to working in the flowerbeds. Just call the Museum at (281) 554-2994 and ask how you can help. Don’t put it off, do it today.

Spring is already here it feels like and it won’t be long until the time changes and we “spring forward” on our clocks. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Calendar

February 28  Larry Pearl  Cherokee Indian Heritage
West Bay Common School Children’s Museum
210 Kansas Street, League City
6:45pm Social – 7:00pm Meeting

March 28  Andy Upchurch  The Oleanders of San Leon
We will be meeting at the lovely Butler’s Courtyard for this meeting

April 25  Rene Palmer Armstrong  Wings and a Ring: Letters of War and Love from a WWII Pilot

We thank Diane Kerkhove and Evelyn Garland for this month’s refreshments.
Meeting Minutes

...Susan Pierce

January 31st Meeting

Ronnie Richards opened the January meeting held at the School House Museum.

Ed Jamison with the Laffite Society dropped in to tell us about the 1st Annual Laffite Seminar to be held at Texas A&M at Galveston on March 8-9. For more information, please see the enclosed flyer or contact the Society at laffitesociety@gmail.com.

This month’s speakers were writers Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski, and their topic was Camp Logan, one of two WWI emergency training centers erected in 1917 near the Gulf Coast (the other one was Ellington Field). Camp Logan covered 3,000 acres of a 9,000-acre tract leased from the Hogg family. This area is now Memorial Park, so named to honor those who trained at Camp Logan. Over 34,000 men were trained, most of whom were shipped to France afterward. Camp Logan had one of the only two African-American infantry units, and these men were attached to the French army. Many of these well-trained men were awarded the French Medal of Honor. Camp Logan had 1,300 buildings containing the Red Cross, library, hospital, newspaper office, post office, bath house, latrines, and tent housing for the men, all built in 90 days. The concrete foundations of some of these buildings are still visible in Memorial Park. Aviation training was available, and the men practiced by flying between Camp Logan and Ellington Field. The men’s religious needs were served by 6 YMCAs and the Knights of Columbus. The Red Cross was charged with encouraging these men to write home. Through their letters and post cards, Louis and Linda were able to piece together the story of Camp Logan.

Catharin Lewis reported that School House income was outpaced this month by expenses, but that there’s enough cushion left from the previous month to carry forward. The School House had 46 visitors, and six sessions were held. Catharin needs volunteers. Contact her if you’re available to help, catharin@orbitworld.net.

Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments to future HS meetings. Please contact Doris Teets if you would like to sign up, gdteets@verizon.net.

Membership dues are now due.

Refreshments for this meeting were generously furnished by Doris Teets.

Next month, Larry Pearl will speak regarding Indian heritage.

Questions and answers... Looking at a 1900 United States History Exam, could you answer any of the following questions, just to name a few?
1. Speak briefly of geographical knowledge in the fifteenth century.
2. Name the last battle of the War of Independence and state its effect on the colonies.
3. Give the approximate date of the first legislative assembly in America and the result of the same.

What are the questions and answers we face today? Our visitors bring delightful curiosity about the things they see here. “Why are there more boys’ names on the paddle than girls’ names?”

“What did the girls do to get into trouble at school? What will happen if we get in trouble today? Why are the keys red on the piano? How does the vacuum make the player piano work? Where is the ghost?

Since our schedule of classes started off light in January, I spent a better part of the month answering my own questions. What programs will we offer this spring? This summer...? Who will I get to help? What exhibits will be needed? What still needs to be done? What repairs are still on the list? Is there funding to add something extra? Where would I get funding to make things happen? The answers are not all there yet, but research and planning is much under way.

January did bring in $364 in program fees and 267.93 in gift shop sales. We held six sessions with 128 attending. 70 walk-in visitors ventured into the museum to their delight to discover a part of League City’s past. Our visitors came from Katy, Houston, Nassau Bay and League City. Our January expenses included dues to professional organizations, sales tax, staff and maintenance supplies.

Another question that needed to be answered...what needs to be done to make the museum yard look better? We decided to start behind the barn and work our way around the yard. We had the dirt, bushes and debris removed from behind the barn in preparation to clean the storage hut. We will be planning a work day this spring and will be looking for others to help in this project. We will continue to work each corner of the yard as spring and time arrive. We will begin again to work on the Garden Classroom Project.

What are the questions and answers we will face tomorrow?
Eighth Grade Examination for Bullitt County Schools, November, 1912

Spelling
Exaggerate, incentive, conscious, pennyweight, chandelier, patient, potential, creature, participate, authentic, bequest, diminish, genuine, vinegar, incidents, monopoly, hyphen, assisted, autumn, hideous, relieve, conceive, control, symptom, rhinoceros, adjective, partial, musician, architect, exhaust, galleon, scissor, associate, spacecap, benefit, masculine, synopsis, circulate, eccentric.

Arithmetic
1. Write in words the following: 5764; 60006; 123456; 853; 8965; 4337.
3. Find cost at 12 1/2 cents per sq. ft. of kalsomining the walls of a room 20 ft. long, 10 ft. wide and 9 ft. high, deducting 1 door 8 ft. by 4 ft. 6 in. and 2 windows 5 ft. by 3 ft. 6 in. each.
4. A man bought a farm for $2400 and sold it for $2700. What per cent did he gain?
5. A man sold a watch for $180 and lost 16 2/3%. What was the cost of the watch?
6. Find the amount of $30 30 for 3 yrs, 3 mo, and 3 days, at 8 per cent.
7. A school enrolled 120 pupils and the number of boys was two thirds of the number of girls. How many of each sex were enrolled?
8. How long a rope is required to reach from the top of a building 40 ft. high, to the ground 30 ft. from the base of the building?
9. How many steps 2 ft. 4 in. each will a man take in walking 2 1/4 miles?
10. At $1.62 1/2 a cord, what will be the cost of a pile of wood 24 ft. long, 4 ft. wide and 6 ft. 3 in. high?

Grammar
1. How many parts of speech are there? Define each.
2. Define proper noun; common noun. Name the properties of a noun.
3. What is a Personal Pronoun? Decline I.
4. What properties have verbs?
6. Adjectives have how many Degrees of Comparison? Compare good; wise; beautiful.
7. Diagram: The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.
8. Paraphrase all the words in the following sentences: John ran over the bridge. Helen’s parents love her.

Geography
1. Define longitude and latitude.
2. Name and give boundaries of the five zones.
4. Locate Erie Canal; what waters does it connect, and why is it important?
5. Locate the following countries which border each other: Turkey, Greece, Servia, Montenegro, Rumania.
6. Name and give the capitals of States touching the Ohio River.
7. Locate these cities: Mobile, Quebec, Buenos Aires, Liverpool, Honolulu.
8. Name in the order of their size three largest States in the United States.
9. Locate the following mountains: Blue Ridge, Himalayas, Andes, Alps, Wasatch.
10. Through what waters would a vessel pass in going from England through the Suez Canal to Manila?

Physiology
1. How does the liver compare in size with other glands in the human body? Where is it located? What does it secrete?
2. Name the organs of circulation.
3. Describe the heart.
4. Compare arteries and veins as to function. Where is the blood carried to be purified?
5. Where is the chief nervous center of the body?
6. Define Cerebrum; Cerebellum.
7. What are the functions (or uses) of the spinal column?
8. Why should we study Physiology?
9. Give at least five rules to be observed in maintaining good health.

Civil Government
1. Define the following forms of government: Democracy, Limited Monarchy, Absolute Monarchy, Republic. Give examples of each.
2. To what four governments are students in school subjected?
3. Name five county officers, and the principal duties of each.
4. Name and define the three branches of the government of the United States.
5. Give three duties of the President. What is meant by the veto power?
6. Name three rights given Congress by the Constitution and two rights denied Congress.
7. In the election of a president and vice-president, how many electoral votes in each State allowed?
8. Give the eligibility of president, vice-president and Governor of Kentucky.
9. What is a copyright? Patent right?
10. Describe the manner in which the president and vice-president of the United States are elected.

History
1. Who first discovered the following places—Florida, Pacific Ocean, Miss River, St. Lawrence River?
2. Sketch briefly Sir Walter Raleigh, Peter Stuyvesant.
3. By whom were the following settled: Ga., Md., Mass., R. I., Fla.
4. During what wars were the following battles fought—Brandwine, Great Meadows, Lundy’s Lane, Antietam, Buena Vista.
5. Describe the battle of Quebec.
6. Give the cause of the war of 1812 and name an important battle fought during that war.
7. Name 3 presidents who have died in office: three who were assassinated.
8. Name the last battle of the Civil War; War of 1812; French and Indian War; and the commanders in each battle.
9. What president was impeached, and on what charge?
10. Who invented the following—Magnetic, Telegraph, Cotton Gin, Sewing Machine, Telephone, Phonograph.

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Doris Teets, our wonderful Hospitality Chairman, needs your help. The following months still need volunteers to provide refreshments: April needs someone to help Susan Pierce, May needs someone to help Catharin Lewis and June needs someone to help Kathie Nenninger. The months of September, October and November all need two volunteers each. Please consider signing up to bring some cookies or brownies to one of our meetings. Doris’ email is gdteets@verizon.net. Please let her know which month is best for you.

League City Historic District 
Commission Report

LCHS Rep. to the LCHDC  
...Fay Dudney

To allow more time for the Land Use Attorney, Mr. Dougherty and the committee to fine tune the proposed draft ordinance before presenting it to City Council, the February meeting of the Historic District Commission has been proposed until March 7th at 6pm. Location for this informal discussion is yet to be determined.

A Special Welcome to Our New Members

Edward Jamison and Monica Hughes

Time to renew...

Become a supporting member of the League City Historical Society....

Thank you for your interest in your community.

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P. O. Box 1642
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I/We wish to become a member of The League City Historical Society. Enclosed is a check to cover dues.

MEMBERSHIP CIRCLED:

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Family Membership............. $40
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Name/s: _______________________
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Circle projects you might be interested in working on: School/Museum, Tree Registry, Membership, Fund-Raising, Landmark Medallions, Events/Receptions.

☐ Please call me. I'd like more information.

Attached are the information and registration forms for the Lafitte Seminar on March 8-9, 2013 and information and registration for the Baytown Historical Preservation Association’s “History in the Hand and in the Home” on March 16th given by LCHS member and professional genealogist, Trevia Wooster Beverly.