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League City, Texas



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LCHS Newsletter

Diana Dornak, Editor



New Date

October 17th

Rain Date: **October 24th**

1518 East Walker St.

8am to 2pm

You may drop off items on the Lewis' porch
the week of the sale at 1518 E. Walker.

**We really need help setting up
on Friday the 16th!**

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From The President

The Society's Board of Directors recently met for an update on the budget, activities and One Room School program. The good news is we are financially stable and sustainable. The bad news, we can't enjoy many of our traditional activities and programs due to the challenges presented by the Pandemic.

Programs we've hosted in prior years such as the Living History Dinner, Christmas Home Tour and the Fairview Cemetery Ghosts of the Past are all postponed. The One Room School Program which is a "hands on" experience is on hold for the time being too because of the issues related to safety from exposure to the virus.

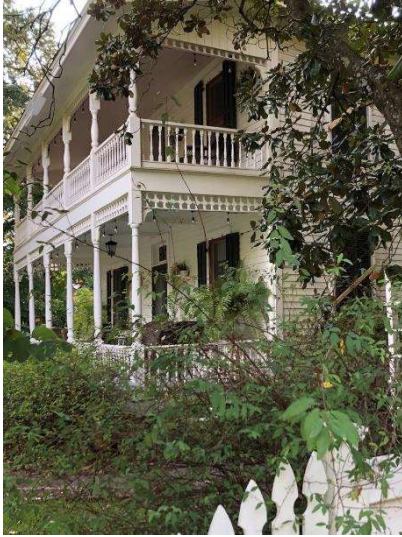
A committee of board members has been formed to explore optional activities such as an outdoor presentation in the Historic district. Please also save the date for the Historical Society Yard Sale scheduled for Saturday, October 17th. More to follow on that.

Stay safe and don't forget to get your flu shot!

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WALKABOUT League City!



Next month we will be starting a new program designed to get folks out in the neighborhood - WALKABOUT League City! Come and explore the many things that make our community special. Our first WALKABOUT will be October 15th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM and will feature our Museum grounds as well as the gardens of the TJ Dick home. Donations accepted, space will be limited and we will follow current CDC guidelines. Details to follow in a membership mail out and on Facebook.

Get ready to WALKABOUT League City!



THE SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT IN TEXAS

Local History

By Deborah Gammon

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This month I am going to finish the local suffrage movement in Texas. Helen Edmunds Moore of Texas City was born in Wisconsin in 1882. by the 1900 Census, Helen and her family were living in Kansas City, Missouri. Helen at 18 years of age was listed as a nurse.

Helen married Hugh B. Moore of Galveston County, Texas on September 5, 1905 in Kansas City. Their ages weren't given on marriage license. The bride just had to be over 18 and the groom over 21. The couple moved to Texas City, Galveston County where Hugh B. Moore was known as a pioneer developer of Texas City according to the Moore Memorial Library website. Helen worked as a nurse until the first doctor arrived in town in 1907 as explained on the Moore Library website.

The couple was childless and the census records of 1910 had them living on a County Rd in Galveston County. The 1920 Census had them living in town and Mr. Moore was a public utilities executive. By 1930, the couple was living in town on 9th Ave in a home worth \$40,000 that they owned. They even had a negro servant at that time. Helen is listed as being a member of the Texas State Legislature. By 1940, they were still in town and Hugh B. Moore was listed as the President of the Steam Railroad.

But Helen wasn't without a public life even though census records only indicated a 1930 profession for her. Helen became very involved in the Suffrage movement.

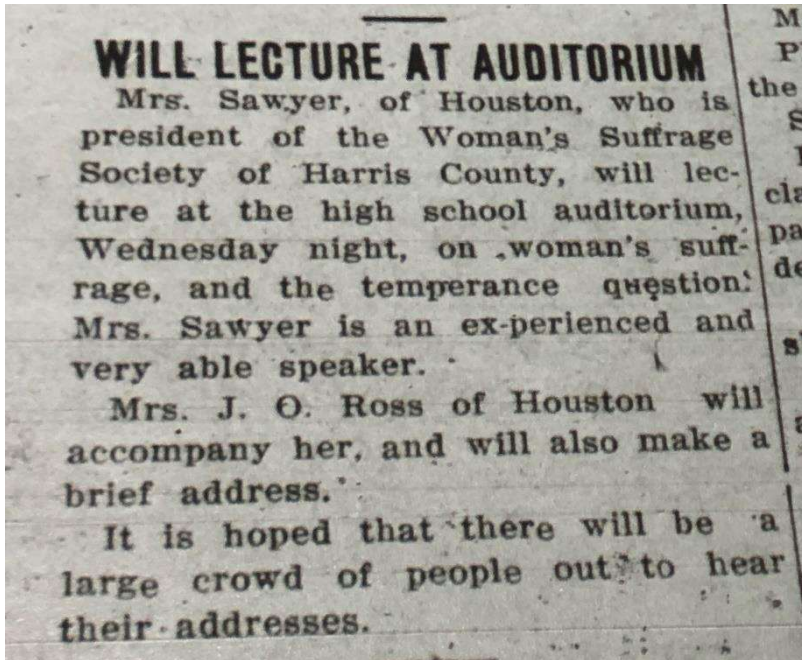


Naschke.(A portrait of a young Helen Edmunds Moore) photograph date unknown

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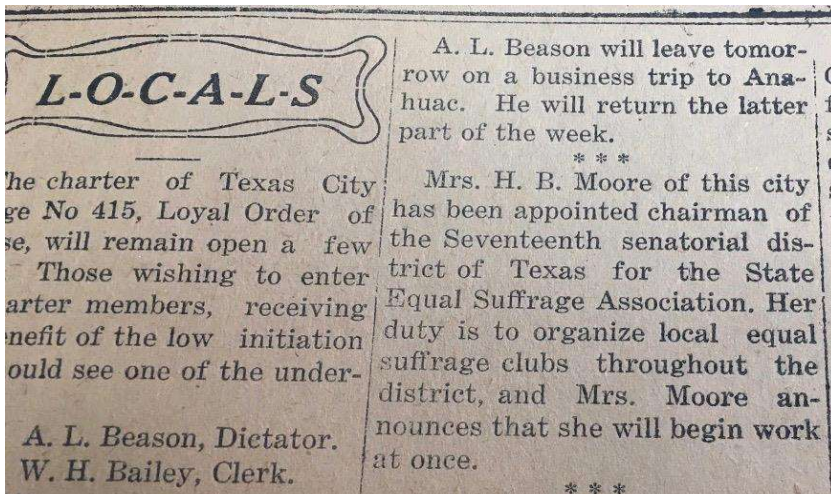
(The Suffrage Movement in Texas – continued)

Last month I looked at Mrs. B. J. (Minnie) Cunningham who was president of Texas Woman Suffrage Association of Galveston headquartered in Hotel Galvez. There was an Equal Suffrage League in Houston organized by sisters, Annette, Katherine and Elizabeth Finnegan. As this news article shows from the Mainland Messenger,



April 21, 1915, there was also a Harris County Suffrage Club. Mrs. H. B. Moore spoke at the 5th Texas Woman Suffrage Association meeting on May 12, 1915 when she gave her report for the Texas City Equal Suffrage League. At that same event in the evening hours, Miss Annette Finnigan spoke at the Opera House.

The Texas City Times of January 4, 1916 shows Mrs. H. B. Moore appointed chairman of the Seventeenth senatorial district of Texas for the State Equal Suffrage Association. The women of Texas worked diligently to get women the right to vote. They were successful and Mrs. Hugh B. Moore went on to hold more prominent offices according to the Moore Memorial Library website.



Colonel Hugh Moore Dies In Galveston

GALVESTON, Sept. 18 (AP)—Friends have been advised of the death yesterday at a Santa Fe, N. M., hospital of Col. Hugh Benton Moore, 70, organizer of the army transport service of the American expeditionary force in World War I and chairman of the board of the Texas City Terminal Railway Co. at the time of his death.

Col. Moore, a member of Gen. John J. Pershing's staff, who organized movements of troops and supplies through French ports, was taken to the hospital from his nearby summer home upon incurring pneumonia a week ago.

A widow, Mrs. Helen Edmunds Moore, who is a former member of the Texas house of representatives, survives.

Mrs. Moore served 3 terms in the Texas House of Representatives and had held the office of President of Texas League of Women Voters for 16 months. Her husband, Mr. Hugh B. Moore passed in 1944 and his obit is from the Big Spring Weekly Herald p. 11 of September 22, 1944. Mrs. Helen Edmunds Moore passed away in 1968 and her obit is from the Galveston Daily News, September 23, 1968 p. 6.

TC Civic Leader, 87, Dies

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improvements in state mental institutions, orphans homes and schools for the physically handicapped.

Mrs. Moore was a representative to the Democratic National conventions in New York City in 1924 and in Houston in 1928.

She was president of the Texas League of Women Voters in 1924.

Active in Texas City civic organizations, she was also a member of the St. Mary's Church and Altar Society.

The Moore residence in Texas City has been designated as a Texas State Historic Landmark.

Funeral services for Mrs. Moore are pending at the Einken-Linton Funeral Home of Texas City. Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the funeral home chapel.

Survivors include four nieces, Mrs. Sepha Arnold of Galveston, Mrs. Jessie Pugsley of Houston, Mrs. Samora Winsett of La Marque and Mrs. Sepha Mae Vonie of Garden Grove, Calif., and a nephew, Jesse Edmunds of Garden Grove.

Ex-Solon, TC Civic Chief, Mrs. Moore Is Dead At 87

Mrs. Helen Edmunds Moore, 87, a prominent Texas City civic leader for many years and a former state legislator, died early Sunday in the Adair Nursing Home of Houston where she resided the past eight years.

She was the widow of Col. Hugh B. Moore, the man credited as instrumental in bringing the Tin Smelter, Pan American Refining Co., Monsanto and others of the Texas City industrial complex to the city.

Col. Moore was active in railroad and steamship enterprises and retired in 1944 after 30 years as president and general manager of the Texas City Terminal Railroad. During World War I he served on the staff

of Gen. John Pershing as superintendent of the Army transport service in France.

Mrs. Moore was born Jan. 3, 1881, in Black River Falls, Wis. She and her husband were married in 1905 in Kansas City, Mo., and moved to Texas City soon afterwards.

A nurse, Mrs. Moore performed many medical services in the city during the five years of her residency before the first doctor arrived.

In 1906 she and her husband donated their own books and furnishings from their home to establish a public library later named Moore Memorial Library. The furniture is still used in City Hall.

She helped organize the Texas

City Red Cross branch in 1916 and served as its first president.

She served two terms in the Texas Legislature, 1930-32 and 1934-36. Among the legislation for which she worked was an enabling act permitting construction of the Texas City Dike and legislation for the improvement of hospitals and correctional institutions.

As chairman of the Censitary committee and member of the appropriation committee in 1932, she was instrumental in the establishment of the first psychopathic hospital at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

She also succeeded in securing

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Angela's Adventures At West Bay Common School Children's Museum

Dear Diary,
Had SO much fun with JR today! This place is filled with all kinds of neat stuff - like it was made for kids or something. We found an enormous merry-go-round that can spin super fast, faster than a train even!



We held on as long as we could but always ended up falling off. I could hold on much, much longer than JR but he always says he wins. Good thing it was in a box so we didn't fall too far.



We played "there was an old lady who lived in a shoe..." and we each got our very own shoe. They were super tall and it was easy climbing up the buttons. Getting down was a little scary but JR was there to help me.

THEN we found giant black and white logs that made noise when ran! We ran so fast back and forth, up and down all the pieces and making lots of crazy sounds. (The giants must be hard of hearing like Grandpa cause they never came closer.)



We sure wish we had brung snacks. Oh well. Got to find our SECRET fort soon!

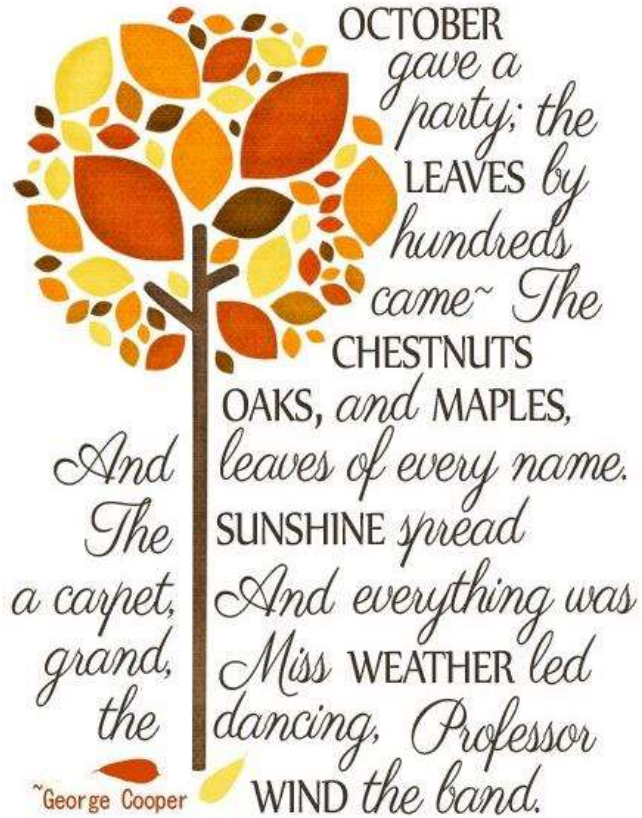
Your best friend,
Angela

P.S. The giants have a new toy that sounds like a squeaky toy and they carry it in a box. Not sure what they are up to but they are making a mess!



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Note: Our October Newsletter will be sent to you early so we can update everyone on the Yard Sale, the Historic Area “WalkAbouts” and other activities,...so be looking for it around the about the weekend of the 10th.

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"League City Leader" Newspaper

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League City Historical Society

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Please Note: Membership is for one year and covers you until January 2021.