



Esterbrook Community Association
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Here it is the last week in October and it hasn't frosted at my place yet. It has gotten below freezing around Esterbrook and in some of the more low lying areas toward Douglas but there hasn't been a killing freeze yet. It is in the forecast, though. A front is coming through tonight (Sunday) and it is supposed to get colder with a chance of snow showers. I hope that doesn't turn into a couple of feet, although that would make the elk hunters happy.

Dawn and I went on a cruise up the New England coast for a week the last of September and first of October, so I missed the CPR / AED recertification training Sept. 25th. Deb Kingrey told me that there were around 20 folks there. Good job! The instructor, Dan Coursen, has offered to teach a Basic Emergency Care (BEC) course sometime next spring. It will be a forty hour course taught over several days and is a requirement for anyone using oxygen on patients.

Larry Beardin said that the "last" shipment of ECA cookbooks has arrived and they are going fast. As of the middle of last week, there were 176 copies left of the over 210 shipped. He suggests that you think of picking some up for holiday hostess gifts, Christmas gifts, daughters' and granddaughters' hope chests, birthdays for same, and don't forget one for yourselves. Larry says to give him or Martha a call at 351-3071 or 351-0026 to reserve any that you need. Last month you read here that there were some 24 books unaccounted for, all but 2 or 3 of those have been found.

We will have an ECA meeting this Saturday, the 30th. It will probably start about 7:00 PM. or whenever they get tired of waiting on me.

I have been reading about the Esterbrook area and some of the families who homesteaded here, in the book, "Pages from Converse County's Past". One of the most prominent names in the area's past is the Newell name. George Newell, Dennis' Great Uncle, came to Esterbrook with his wife and children in 1881 to homestead near his brothers, Jackson and Harrison (Harrison was Dennis' Great Grandfather). A lake was named after Luetta Newell, one of George's daughters. Lake Luetta is now known as Dry Lake. Luetta married Glen Williamson in 1906. They homesteaded west of Springhill but moved back to New York, where he had originated, shortly after.

Harrison came to the area in 1879 to help his brothers, Jackson and James, in their mine known as the Silver Tip which was located near Eagle Peak in an area known as Miner's Hill. The venture proved unprofitable and Harrison and family moved north and homesteaded on the north east end of Springhill. The meadow in front of their home is still called the Harrison Newell Meadow. We no longer put hay up there but it is still irrigated from ditches he put in. One of Harrison's sons was Guy Newell, Sr. who was Dennis' grandfather.

Women's Revenge

"Cash, check, or charge?" I asked the woman who was checking out. As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control unit in her purse. "So, do you always carry your TV remote with you?" I asked. "No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the worst thing I could do to him legally."

