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ANCESTORS IN THE NEWS

While tracing our ancestors, I spend a lot of time reading old newspapers. Usually I'm looking for obituaries, but sometimes I come across interesting little tidbits about our ancestors' lives. Below is a selection that you might find fun or interesting.—RAJ

Weimar Mercury, October 25, 1890

The German citizens of our town have effected a permanent German-day organization, entitled "Verein Des Deutschen Tages." Wm. Appelt was elected president, H. J. Braunig vice-president, and Otto v. Rosenberg secretary.—Hallettsville Herald.

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Colorado Citizen, December 3, 1891

Hallettsville New Era: The marriage of Mr. Wm. S. Kessler and Miss Mary Pagel took place at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Chas. Pagel, on Thursday evening at 4 o'clock, 'Squire Townsend officiating. He reported that there were about 100 guests present and a magnificent supper was spread.

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Hallettsville Herald, 6 October 1892, Pleasant Grove column

The Appelt's Hill king and prize shooting, was a complete failure on account of the horrible rain in the morning. The people began to assemble from all sides of the county, but alas in the evening the rain came down heavily. Mr. Julius Pagel was crowned king, and his wife was crowned queen. There were ten prizes in all, but I did not learn by whom they were won.

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2010 PAGEL FAMILY REUNION

**Bobbie Wolfe will host
the 2010 Pagel Family Reunion
Saturday, July 10th, 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.
at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall,
426 St. Paul, Gonzales, Texas**

Map at www.pagelfamily.org

Our catered barbecue lunch will include dessert and is \$10 per plate for adults, free for children under 12. Please r.s.v.p. to Bobbie Wolfe by returning the enclosed form with your check by July 1st. Call (281) 394-2712 or e-mail bbwolfe44@gmail.com if you have questions.

For those who are interested, there will be a Pagel family history presentation around 11 a.m. We'll have lots of family heritage displays and a scanner on hand if you'd like to share your old photos or memorabilia.

Please consider bringing something interesting for our silent auction. Canned and homemade food items do especially well.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

Shiner Gazette, 7 October 1896, page 1

**An Open Letter.
To Mr. Schneider.
Supt, Shiner Oil Mill**

Dear Fred,

We wish you would notify your night engineer, Mr. Frank Pagel, not to blow that whistle so long in the morning. It spoils our morning naps. Yours sincerely,

MANY SHINER CITIZENS.

Frank was the son of August Pagel.

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Hallettsville Herald, 30 August 1900

Lavaca's Tax Payers.

A List of Those Whose Tax Assessment Exceed Five Thousand Dollars.

Assessments of property in Lavaca county are made on the very conservative estimate one-third the actual value; so the following named tax payers, compiled from the rolls of 1900, may be safely

rated as owning property to three times the amount placed opposite their names:

Wm. Appelt \$38,186
Wm. Appelt Sons 10,000
F. Ladewig 5,115
Chas. Pagel 12,492

Only the Pagel relatives were extracted from the list.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

This issue of *The Pagel Family Times* is dedicated to the memory of those who passed away in the last year:

Dennis Duane Appelt
Clarence Herman Blaschke
Daurace Marie Cawthorn
Annie Lee (Ann) Poth Fahrenthold
Theodore H. (Ted) Heinsohn
Lillian Lola Heinsohn Kuehn
Warren Lee Menking
Byron Joe (Buddy) Pagel
John William Pagel
LeRoy Pagel

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Bellville Wochenblatt, February 1903

Post Oak Point, 12. Feb.

The choirmaster, Professor H. C. Dreyer, had developed a bad cold, and could not sing at the "Boggy Branch Mixed Choir", to which he was invited on the 8th by Mr. L. Pflughaupt. However, he was able to sing on the 15th in Frelsburg, where the youth choir also participated.

Translated from the German text. Henry C. Dreyer was Wilhelmine Pagel Fischer's son-in-law.

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Hallettsville Herald, 11 April 1907

Appelt's Hill Shoot.

At the big King shoot at Appelt's Hill Monday John Frieda won the first prize, a wardrobe and the title of King making a score of 34 rings . . .

The other prizes were won as follows: . . . [tied for second place] Ernst Pagel 32 rings, picture. . . .

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Hallettsville Herald, 11 April 1907

There is a canary bird here in Hallettsville that is attracting considerable attention. The bird is the property of Theodore Haeusler, who clerks at C. F. Pagel's store, and is kept at the store. Mr. Pagel owns a phonograph which he has been operating some time. When the machine first started it was an object of great interest to the canary which listened to the strains of music and song that poured forth, following every piece intently. Later, as different pieces were repeated, it began warbling and trilling with them until it eventually was able to follow many tunes perfectly. There are records there now, that when played, the canary sings in perfect harmony. Drummers have heard the bird and spread its fame broadcast and their friends of the grip visit the Pagel place to hear the wonderful bird. Mr. Haeusler has had many opportunities to sell the bird at a good price but refused.

This issue of *The Pagel Family Times* was edited by Rox Ann Johnson, secretary/historian of the Pagel Family Reunion, who takes full responsibility for its content. Comments and questions may be directed to her at 11105 Scotland Well Drive, Austin, TX 78750-3607, (512) 250-8424, e-mail roxannjohnson@sbcglobal.net. Please notify us of family births, deaths, and marriages.

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Theodore Haeusler was Charles Frederick Pagel's nephew.

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Weimar Mercury, February 12, 1909

Hallettsville New Era:

Chas. Hollien, Oakland's live tombstone and lightning rod agent, was in this vicinity this week and erected and contracted to erect tombstones for . . . Miss Annie Pagel in the Pagel family cemetery, . . . and two for the sister and mother of Alb. Bonorden at Pagel's Settlement. He will also fit out the home of Otto Fertsch at Kinkler with lightning rods.

Annie Pagel was Charles Pagel's daughter.

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La Grange Journal, 21 February 1918

FAYETTEVILLE MEN RELEASED

Heavy Bond Extracted From Our Neighbors

Examining Trials were Held Last Thursday Morning

Bonds aggregating \$69,000 were furnished Wednesday afternoon by 11 residents of Fayetteville, Fayette county, Texas following their hearing Wednesday morning before United States Commissioner A. Jackson, when each was held for the federal grand jury, for further examination, under individual bail ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for the raising of the German flag from the gallery of the Fayetteville Germania Club Tuesday morning for the third time this year. . .

In the frenzy of World War I's anti-German sentiment, Ernst T. Pagel, vice-president of Fayetteville's Germania Club, was arrested with other members, including Fayetteville's mayor, for displaying the German flag at their meetings. One member of the club was taken to trial, but he was found not guilty and the charges against all the others were dismissed.

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San Antonio Express, Feb. 27, 1923

When Bob Ragsdale moved to San Antonio from Hallettsville and built a real honest to goodness home in one of the fine residential sections of the city, his old friend Oscar Appelt of San Angelo became anxious as to his safety. . . "There is no telling how much dern foolishness that fellow will get into in San Antonio. Sitting around there listening to that gang will get him started, and it will be no trouble for him to do the rest of it himself. . ." Well, we sympathize with Oscar in his desire to see his old friend avoid dangers, but we do opine that it is entirely a different matter from what Oscar sees. We have seen and heard Bob, and we have seen and heard the San Antonio gang at its worst. Seeing the situation as it re-

ally is, knowing conditions as they really "air", we make bold to say somebody ought to rise up and do something in behalf of the poor city gang that meets up with Bob.

Bob Ragsdale had married Oscar's sister, Augusta Appelt.

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Schulenburg Sticker, 16 November 1923

Herman Pagel, foreman of Pagel Electric & Ice Co., was on the pole at the corner of Rabe and Hengst Store when 2700 volts knocked him from the pole and he fell on the concrete driveway. He was quickly moved to the Drug Store. He had a brain concussion and burns on face and thumb.

Charles Herman Pagel was a grandson of August Pagel.

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San Antonio Express, September 6, 1924

BRESLAU GIN BURNS.

Special Correspondence to The Express

HALLETTSVILLE, Sept. 5.—The gin of Ladewig Bros. at Breslau, about seven miles north of here, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning. The loss is about \$12,000 with \$5,000 insurance. Origin of fire undetermined.

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Victoria Daily Advocate, 8 January 1933

COYOTE, BELIEVED TO HAVE RABIES, CHASES THIS MAN

COTULLA, Tex., Jan. 8.—L. A. Pagel, while irrigating on his farm happened to look around and saw a coyote running toward him. He had a hoe in his hand and climbed up a fence post. As the coyote came near enough, he raised the hoe and prepared for an awful swing when the post gave way and down came Pagel, post, fence and hoe, all in a pile on top of the coyote. Pagel hit the ground running and went to his house where he got a gun and dispatched the wolf. From every indication, he said he believed it had the rabies.

Louis Pagel was August Pagel's grandson.

Our cousin, Clay Maeckel, generously provides space on his server for our Pagel Family Reunion web site which includes many old photos, our family history and family tree, old Pagel homes, the three Pagel cemeteries, reunion information and photographs from recent reunions..Check it out to see what's new!

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