



Julius Goebel on far left.

Death Comes To Widely Popular Julius Goebel

Death came to Julius Goebel, 67, widely known and highly popular Millheim resident, who contributed much to the historically famous hospitality and good living of his native section, on Saturday morning, February 14, at 6:40 a.m., after an illness of about one year. Mr. Goebel had suffered a decline in his health, then somewhat regained his strength, only to pass away quietly at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kloss. He spent his entire life in the home where he was born.

Mr. Goebel was born September 9, 1880, and spent his life at Millheim, as a successful farmer and devoted friend. One of his major interests was Millheim's bid for entertainment, and one of his greatest joys was in mingling with his friends, at barbecues, dances and entertainments. He was popular with young and old alike. On November 30, 1899, he was married to Miss Antonia Suhr of Cat Spring, who preceded him in death about five years ago. Since the Sons of Hermann lodge was formed there about 35 years ago, he served as president, and was constable at Millheim for 26 years.

Rites were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kloss on Sunday afternoon, February 15, at 2:30 p.m., a large crowd of sorrowing friends attending. Burial was in the Millheim cemetery, with R. A. Engelking Sr. of Sealy conducting the services. Pallbearers were Alfred Severein, Walter Schneider, Gus Schneider, Richard Lorenz, Fred Palm and Julius Schaffner. Services were under the direction of the Etlinger Funeral home of Bellville.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Richard Kloss and Mrs. F. C. Schluens of Millheim; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Beschoner of Sealy and Mrs. Clara Necker of San Antonio, and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Julius Goebel

Our citizenship was stunned Monday morning of the sad news that Mrs. Julius Goebel of Millheim had succumbed to a heart attack at 9:30 that morning.

Mrs. Goebel (nee Miss Tony Suhr) was born at Cat Spring April 8th, 1874, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John and Elizabeth Suhr, pioneer settlers of that community. Her childhood days were spent in her family home and on November 30th, 1899, she was married to Julius Goebel. The young couple made their home at Millheim, where they lived in peace and happiness until this sad day of Dec. 27th, when the heart and soul of this happy family sank into that solemn sleep, which in this world knows no awakening.

To their union two daughters were born, Mrs. Richard Kloss and Mrs. Freddie Schluens, both of the Millheim community, who together with the grief stricken husband and two grand children survive the mother. She also leaves to mourn one sister, Mrs. Louis Hillpold, some nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

The deceased and her esteemable husband lived under the same roof and happily shared the blessings and ills of a devoted married life for more than 44 years. During all of this time the home was never darkened by the invasion of death, the mother, the soul and incarnation of the family, being the first one to throw off the veil of sorrow and tribulation on the threshold of this sacred family home.

Mrs. Goebel was a likeable woman, loved and respected by all who knew her, a devoted wife and loving mother. No ill things could be said of her. We all have lost a friend, whose high ideals were an inspiration to all who knew her.

Funeral services were held at the home and the grave by R. A. Engelking, Sr., Wednesday, Dec. 28th, at 8 o'clock. Interment took place in the Millheim cemetery under the direction of the Bellville Funeral Home. The Sealy Choral Club rendered appropriate songs during the services at the home as well as at the grave.

Mrs. Julius Goebel Dies Suddenly On Monday

Mrs. Julius Goebel, prominent Cat Spring native and life long resident of Austin county, died suddenly at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, December 27, at her home in Millheim. She was a member of a pioneer family there and was one of the better known residents of the section, with a host of friends.

Born on April 8, 1874, she was reared at Cat Spring. Before her marriage to Mr. Goebel on November 30, 1899 at Cat Spring she was Miss Antonie Suhr. For 44 years she was a faithful and loving wife of the prominent Millheim farmer.

R. A. Engelking Sr. of Sealy officiated at rites held from her late home at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 29, with a large crowd of friends in attendance. Burial was in the Millheim cemetery and pallbearers were Walter Hillboldt, Max Kadernoska, Hugo Suhr, Erwin Necker, Richard Kollatschny and Walter Schneider.

Besides her bereaved widow, Mrs. Goebel is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Richard Kloss and Mrs. Fred Schluens of Millheim, one sister, Mrs. Louis Hillboldt of Millheim, and two grandchildren, J. C. Kloss and Faye Marie Schluens of Millheim.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank the kind people of Millheim and elsewhere for the sympathy and understanding kindness shown us at the time of the death of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Julius Goebel.

We are especially thankful for the consoling hymns sung by the "human angels" of Sealy, Bellville and Millheim, and the wonderful services of Mr. Engelking and the beautiful flowers sent us by our dear friends. We also wish to thank the Etlinger Funeral Home.

The warm sympathy shown us by everyone is the richest revelation of friendship and we are grateful beyond words of expression.

* Julius Goebel & Children

Paint used in this house was Benjamin Moore. All rooms are painted with historical colors.

Living room - ^① has a Vermont Casting woodburning stove. ^② Clock in the living room is the exact spot the family clock hung. ^③ Hand tooled ceiling beams.

Dining Room - notice the 16" boards on the wall. Hand tooled ceiling beams + original old glass.

Kitchen - custom built cabinets, double oven, original old glass. This room was used as a bath + bedroom for guests + travelers in its day.

Bathroom - On the left hand side of pedestal sink, notice the wall. In those days they used this room + the utility room as their kitchen, + they would throw their fire wood in that corner. Hand tooled ceiling beams in both utility + bathroom.

Upstairs - was one open large room where the women slept.

Brick walkway coming into the house was from the original chimney turned down for moving. Thought this would be a good entrance into the

The three entry doors are antique.
Notice the door handles - they are
also antique.

Hunter Douglas wood blinds throughout.

Extra heavy wiring throughout the house
with 200 amp breaker service.

New metal roof.

New central heat + air upstairs +
downstairs.

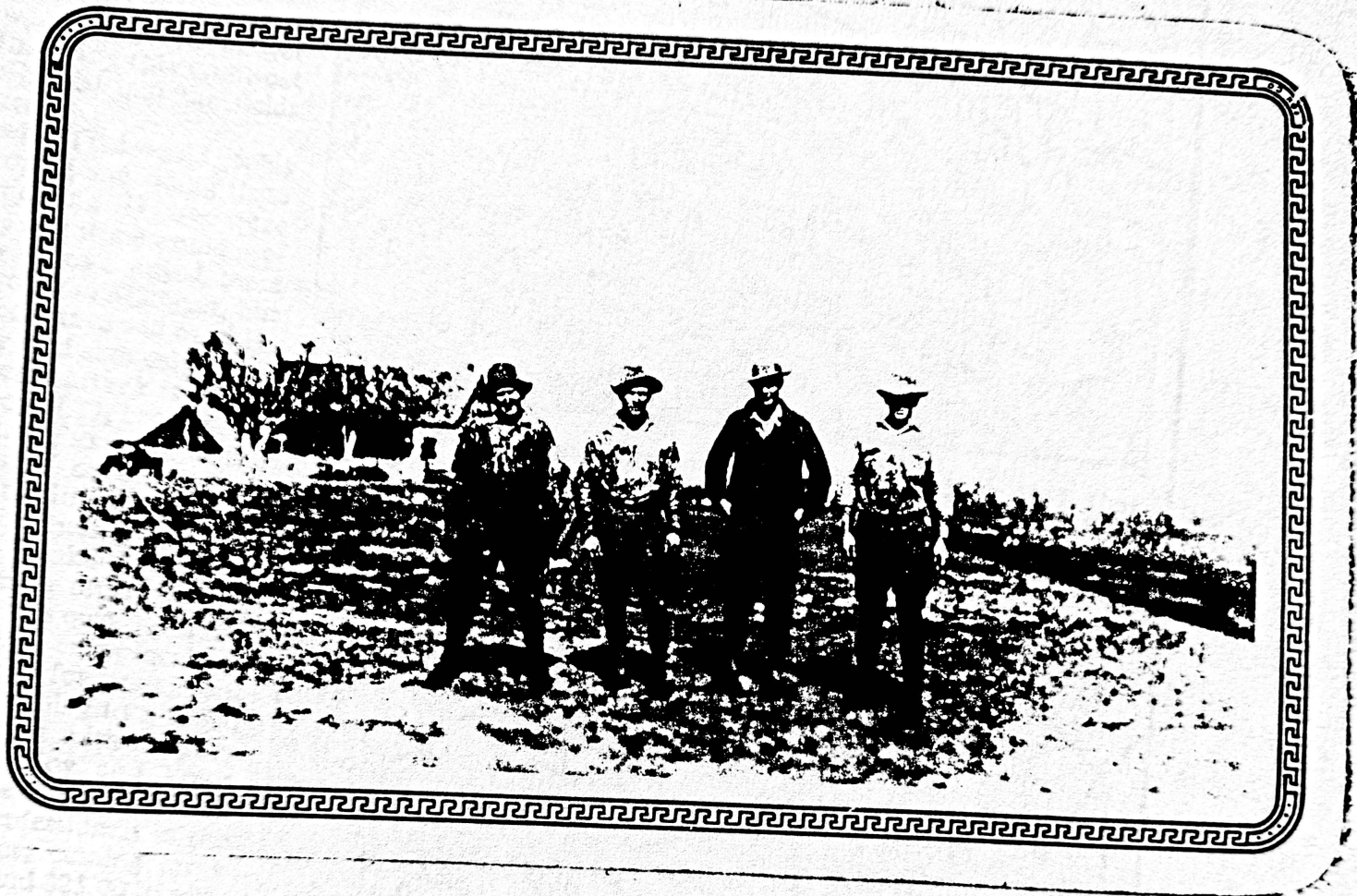
All new appliances -

41 under
warranty
till

In speaking with family members this
house was a happy place and
filled with music. It had a
wedding held in the dining room,
it also had a funeral held in
this house. It had happy memories
for the family.



Elfrieda Goebel — Richard Kloss



Goebel House is in the background.
Oil field workers about 1928.
They were drilling an oil well
on the Julius Goebel land, and
stayed in the house with the
Goebel family. Frank Taylor,
Ralph Rose, David Dyer and Allen
Benson.

A Man and His Cattle, A Lifetime Endeavor

by Herbert Kollatschny

It was early in life that Fred C. Schluens learned he had the ability to stick onto the back of a bucking critter. He discovered this, when a boy the Schluenses, like most all of the farmers and ranchers would cut grass, dry it and haul it into the cow lots as straw. Evenings the cattle would be penned to compact the knee deep straw, allowing it to rot over winter. In spring this compost would be hauled into the fields for fertilizer.

Here is when Fred would get his practice, roping and riding these cattle, knowing if he were dumped the soft straw would prevent injury. Fred enjoyed these years as a youth in Millheim, but his childhood was to end quickly, as his father died suddenly of an apparent heart attack in 1923. Fred was a boy of 13, but the oldest in the family, so much of the responsibilities of continuing the farming, ranching and horse-mule trading business fell on him.

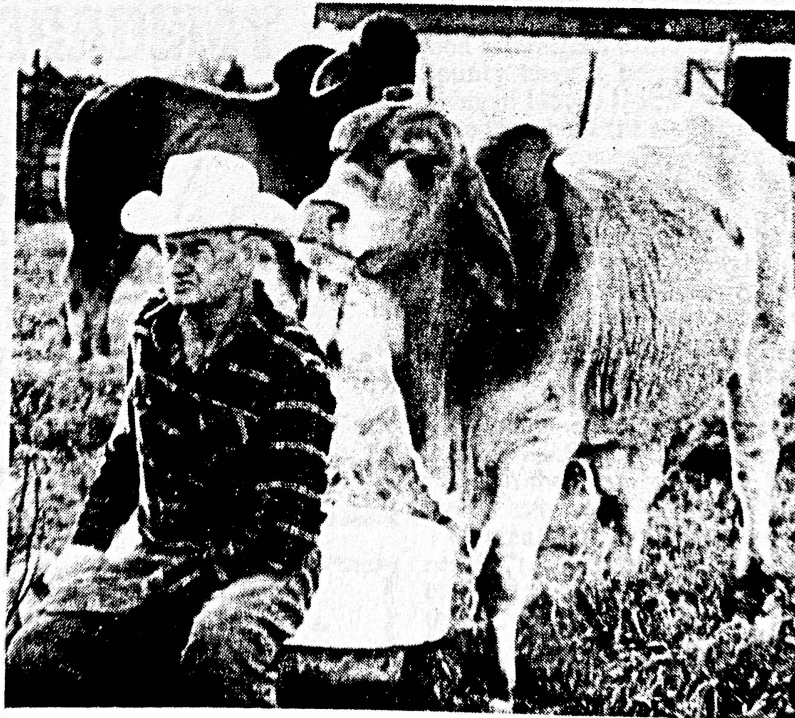
He started breaking horses at the age of 16 in order to earn some money of his own. With this money he would enter local rodeos, challenging for prize money. Fred recalls going to a rodeo at Barker, Texas with Deputy Sheriff George Koy and Louis Rossler. There he was pitted against some professionals in the bull riding event, coming away with first place and \$25.00 in winnings. Thinking there were great sums of money to be made in the rodeo circuit, Fred bought some rodeo stock from Charlie Hillboldt, and he and some partners promoted a wild west show. This didn't last too long as the profit was not as lucrative as he had expected.

Seeing there wasn't a living to be made wrangling, he became seriously involved in raising and breeding brahman cattle. His family already had a few of the humped cattle, getting them from the old Hahn bull. The story has it that soon after the turn of the century, maybe 1910, a tent show came to Sealy. Along with the animals on exhibit was an imported, bred brahman heifer. While in Sealy, this heifer began calving; soon it became obvious she was having trouble in delivery. A Mr. Hahn was called upon to help and delivered the male calf. For his



This Schluens' raised brahman bull sold for \$10,000 in 1952. That was the most paid for a bull in the area at that time.

HORNLESS BRAHMANS



Fred Schluens with two of his natural polled young bulls. Schluens has developed these hornless brahmans during his many years breeding brahman cattle.

— HK Photo

girl by the name of Evelyn Goebel. They were married and for the past 51 plus years together have been in the brahman business. The Schluenses raised percentage brahman cattle from the Hahn cows and the Blakey bull, selling many of the calves as com-

to milk, anxious to see the new bull. When she got there, here was this little six weeks old calf lying under the shed. Not what she had expected, she felt her husband had lost his mind, spending more money on this calf than the whole truckload to Port City

delivered the male calf. For his service, he was given the calf. This animal grew and became the dominant male among the many cattle on the open range in the Sealy area. Being very prolific, this blood was passed on to a lot of the early cattle in Austin county, Schluens' included.

This was the beginning of the Schluens' brahman cattle, as Fred saw something in these hardy critters that fascinated him. In the early 1930's he was able to purchase a bull calf from a Mr. Blakey in Sealy, who had purchased these cattle from Jake Wright. They were very near pure brahman.

Fred became acquainted with Dr. William States Jacobs, a preacher and one of the early brahma breeders, and inspectors on the certification committee for brahman cattle. Jacobs and Fred Neuhaus came out to the Schluens ranch and certified the Blakey calf. They fire branded it and gave it a number; this was the first registered brahman in Austin county.

In 1935, Fred found his helper, a pretty, dark-eyed, dark-haired

selling many of the calves as commercial herd bulls. Neuhaus encouraged Fred to have some of his cows certified, as he felt that some day soon the books would be closed, meaning that all cattle would have to be full-blood to be registered.

In 1939 Schluens took his advice and Walter Hudgins and his sister, Mrs. Sid Border came to the ranch and certified six of the cows. They joined the American Brahman Breeders Association in 1940, and started registering the offspring. Never completely satisfied with his cattle, always trying to upgrade them, Evelyn recalls some unusual occurrences.

Fred hired Melvin Viereck, one of the early truckers in the county, to haul some cattle to the Port City Stockyards in Houston. On the way home they detoured through Arcola and the Jacobs Ranch. Negotiation began on what Fred felt was the best calf on the Jacobs ranch. They finally settled on a price of \$1250. Fred came home after dark, proud as a new father, telling Evelyn of the fine bull he had bought. Early the next morning she went to the lot

whole truckload to Port City brought.

The same year, Fred bought what he felt was the best calf on the Hudgins ranch. He paid \$1,000 for a seven month old bull calf named Agrigard. This bull turned out to be a very good one, the Schluenses kept him until he was eight years old. They then sold him to the Circle D Ranch in Opalouzas, Louisiana in 1952 for \$10,000. At the time, this was the most paid for a brahman bull in the area. In later years, Leon Locke of the Hudgins ranch bought one of the Schluens bulls for \$5,000, not a bad deal after all.

The first registered bull the Schluenses sold was to Jim Rose in Katy for \$70. The first one to be sold in Austin County was to Fred Wammel of Bellville in 1942; Richard Kloss of Millheim bought one in 1943. Many cattle were shipped to South America. A Martin De Moya from the Dominican Republic purchased many animals throughout the years, one year buying the whole calf crop.

Probably the one thing that had more to do in up-grading commercial cattle in the Gulf coast area is the introduction of the brahman blood. Nearly all of the good commercial cattle in Austin County have a percentage of brahman blood. If it were possible to trace back the bloodlines in these cattle, somewhere there is probably a Schluens bull involved.

The Schluens operation has always been a working ranch, where a profit was needed in order to continue. There was not a high paying job in the city or a bunch of producing oil or gas wells, to supplement the ranch income, which is so common among breeders today, only hard work on the farm and ranch for the Schluenses.

Currently the brahman business isn't good, not many foreign buyers, locally, most breeders feel they have enough brahman blood in their cows. In their many years of raising brahmas, the Schluenses have seen this before. With the development of polled brahmans, Fred thinks their cattle are the best ever. "It'll change, it always has, they'll be back," predicts Schluens of the brahman cattle.

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Julius Goebel
married

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Julius Goebel on far left.

