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Abstract: **Frank P. Vacek**

Mr. Vacek was born into a Czech family in Fayette County Texas in 1913. He and his wife moved to Fairchilds in 1938 as tenant farmers until he was able to purchase 86 acres of farmland for around \$20,000. He also worked the bar at Fairchilds Hall.

Frank describes farming and harvesting "blue grain" (aka Indian corn) as well as picking and ginning cotton.

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Mr. Frank P. Vacek died on September 6, 2011. His obituary may be found at:
<http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com/obituaries/Frank-Vacek/#!/Obituary>

Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Edith "Edna" Rainosek Vacek – wife
 Josef and Rosalie Vurstova Vacek – father and mother
 Joe and Martha Muras Vacek – brother and sister-in-law
 Annie and Eliz Cerny – sisters who married twin brothers Frank and Louis Cerny
 Mary and Emil Anders – sister and brother-in-law
 Sydney Anders – nephew
 Frances and Emil Muzny – sister and brother-in-law
 Frank Shefcik – farmer/landowner
 Grunwalds, Big Joe Vacek, Raymond Horek – painted Fairchilds Hall
 Krenek, Bacas, Patek – some bands that played at Fairchilds Hall

Louis Zapalac Hauerland, Mrs. Levi Nett – worked at Fairchilds Hall
 Jerome, Leon and Herman Rainosek – brothers-in-law
 C. D. Fojtik – mechanic
 Mary Ann Roznovak, Evelyn Buenger, Georgie Vacek, J. C. Vacek – Children
 Tillie Vacek – daughter-in-law
 Troy Buenger and David Roznovak – grandsons

Places / Businesses

Ammansville, Texas
 Hostyn, Texas
 Fairchilds, Texas
 Fairchilds Hall
 Farmers Gin and Planters Gin

Events

Frank was born in Ammannsville, Fayette County, Texas in 1913.

Farming was difficult due to poor soil conditions, so he and his wife moved to Fort Bend County.

He tenant farmed until he was able to purchase 86 acres for about \$20,000.

Frank discusses farming techniques and the use of mules and tractors. He raised various crops such as corn and cotton.

Frank also worked at Fairchilds Hall as a bartender. Now at age 98, he is retired and enjoys time with family and playing dominoes at the Senior Citizens Center in Needville.

Frank's Advice:

Pour cement on or after new moon and it will not sweat.

Good for cough: 1 tsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. honey, 1 tsp. paregoric. Take ½ tsp. at a time, only not too often. It might become a habit because paregoric is a dope.