

FRAG SESSION NUMBER TWO.

by Mrs. Cora McKenzie Peeples,  
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Cousins who have joined us since 1979 include Crystelle Robert Wickett of Fort Worth, Texas who has had a distinguished career as President of the State of Texas Huguenot Society, the Texas State Garden Club, Texas State Mother of the Year, Sponsor for the Children of the American Revolution and in many other positions. Crystelle also plays tennis avidly and often.

Deanna Wagoner, whose Clown Bazaar at 9 Broad St. was founded in Nepal before its reactionary government forced her to leave while she was working for Church World Service, now operates it as a not-for-profit corporation. She offers items handcrafted by physically handicapped and economically disadvantaged Christians from all over the world. Visit Deanna's Clown Bazaar for unusual gifts and collectibles.

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