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Bids To Be Taken Jan. 15 For Completion of Schools

Bids are scheduled to be opened in Houston at the office of Architect Wylie Vale and Associates Tuesday, January 15th for the completion of the three school building projects for the Eagle Lake Independent School District.

The local school board recently defaulted the contract of the Encon Construction Company of Houston when the firm failed to satisfactorily carry out provisions of the contract.

The Eagle Lake district still retains \$118,000 from the funds voted by taxpayers for the construction. This amount will be applied to the new contract when let, with Encon's bonding company, the Federal Insurance Company, responsible for any difference between the \$118,000 and the amount of the new contract.

Construction is expected to get underway shortly after letting of the new contract, said Supt. Willard Ethridge.

Under construction is a six room addition to the white elementary school, a new elementary classroom building for the colored school, and a new gymnasium and physical education plant for the white students.

5c STAMP TO BE REQUIRED ON LETTERS JAN. 7

The new nickel letter rate recently enacted into law by Congress will go into effect next Monday, Jan. 7. After January 7, postage on 4c stamps must include an additional 1c stamp on letters.

Regular sized postal cards will require 4c postage and the regular Post Office postal cards will be 4c.

Air Mail letters will be 8c after January 7, 1963. Be sure all your mail is fully prepaid so that it will not be delayed through collection of postage due upon delivery.

A general rule that one may follow is an overall increase of 1c. Drop letters in Eagle Lake Post Office will increase from 4c to 5c. Letter mail for out of town or for delivery on the local routes will increase from 4c to 5c. Postal cards will increase from 3c to 4c and Air Mail will increase from 7c to 8c. Be sure and check with a clerk before depositing your mail if in doubt. The clerks will courteously answer all questions and offer any assistance in this transition to the new rates.

Bonds Accepted For Four New County Officials

Bonds of four new County officials who took office effective January 1st, 1963, were approved in a special meeting of the Colorado County Commissioners Court last week.

The Commissioners met and approved bonds for Charles D. Rutta, the new County Judge; for Mrs. Martha Polach Bodungen, the new County Treasurer; for John D. Gideon, new Justice of the Peace of Precinct 8; and of Lester E. Schindler, new Justice of Peace in the Mantz-Bernardo area.

The court also officially accepted the appointment of Mrs. Bern Yates as the new County Home Demonstration Agent; and approved a bill for \$20.00 for travel expenses in December.

TAX OFFICER BEGINS TOUR OF COUNTY; DUE HERE JAN. 7-8-9

Colorado County Tax Officers Henry J. Hajovsky began a tour of the county this week to collect 1962 taxes, to issue poll taxes, and to assess property for 1963.

The tax officer and his deputies will be in Weimar Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week. Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 7, 8, 9th, the tax group will be here in the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On January 10th, the tax officer will be in Lone Oak; on Friday, Jan. 11th he will be at Hopkins office in Garwood; at Heimshorn

2 LOCAL MEN IN CORPORATION BUILDING EL CAMPO RICE DRYER

Two Eagle Lake area men are among a corporation of rice farmers from Wharton and Colorado counties which will build and operate a rice drying and storage facility in El Campo.

Gene Payne and Jay Anderson are the 1360 Colorado County men in the corporation, along with fifteen rice farmers from Wharton County.

The new drying facility will be located just west of El Campo on Highway 59 on a thirty and one-half acre site. The drying facility will have a capacity of about 200,000 barrels.

Texas Concrete Silo Company of Eagle Lake has been awarded a contract for the construction of the silo storage tanks.

J. L. Drymalla of Columbus will do the foundation work and Metcalf Building Company of Houston will do the warehouse steel structure. Work will begin immediately.

Max Rotholz, manager of Pierce Estates, will be president of Rice Enterprises, Inc., the firm erecting buildings, etc. Operation of the facility will be carried on under the name of Ricebelt Warehouse.

Tom Henderson of El Campo is first vice president and Melvin Parker, secretary and treasurer and also general manager.

Mr. Parker said that the need for additional storage in the area was felt because of the shortened rice harvest and increased production from second growth rice which taxed existing facilities to care for the increase production in a shorter period of time.

ABOUT TOWN

Three Eagle Lake ladies who judged the Garwood Christmas decorations contest, Mrs. Jerald Obenhaus, Mrs. Carl Seaholm, Jr., and Mrs. Fred R. Frnka, were highly complimentary about the many beautiful decorations in the Garwood-Nada area. They commented that they were some of the nicest and most original they have ever seen.

Need a pet? Bill Kramer at the Buckhorn Rock Shop on Austin Road says that he has a shaggy dog puppy which he will give to someone willing to provide a good home.

In a conversation last week with Clyde Nispel he remembered that it was thirty-six years ago that he and Mrs. Nispel came to Eagle Lake to spend a year—and they've been here since. He is scheduled to receive his 35 year service pin with Central Power and Light Company next week.

Another CPL employee of long service is due to be honored at a district CPL meeting. Ted Clay will receive his 40 year service pin.

Well Child Clinic To Be Open 1 to 3 P.M. Wed., January 9th

The Well Child Clinic, sponsored for Eagle Lake community by the Community Council of Christian Women, will be conducted at the E. H. Henry Colored School cafeteria from one to three p.m. next Wednesday, January 9th.

Interested parents are asked to have their children at the clinic next Wednesday for examinations and inoculations.

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Garwood District Election Tuesday

Qualified voters of the Colorado County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 at Garwood will go to the polls from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8th to elect three new directors for the district.

Voting will be done in the Garwood Veterans Library. Directors whose terms expire at that time are E. H. Stienke, Clyde Muesse, and Frank Wesselski.

Rice To Show Free Movie at 5:15, 7:00; 1st Show for Children

The Rice Theatre announces that effective with next Tuesday's free movie, starting times for the shows will be at 5:15 and 7:00 p.m., with the early time especially designated for the youngest.

Parents are urged to send children to the early show at 5:15 p.m. in order that seating may be available for adults at the 7:00 p.m. showing. H. C. Johnson, owner of the theatre, said the seating showing will begin at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

Next Tuesday's feature will be "September Storm" an exciting outdoor adventure picture starring Jo Anne Dru and Mark Stevens. Tickets for the free movie may be obtained from any of the 25 participating merchants in Eagle Lake.

Brother Of Drs. Laughlin Seriously Injured In Accident

Boyd Laughlin, brother of Drs. J. R. and J. C. Laughlin has been seriously ill with pneumonia in the Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland, Texas, following injuries in an automobile accident Dec. 14th.

To avoid a head-on collision, Mr. Laughlin drove his Volkswagen to the shoulder of the road and he was thrown from the car into a ditch. He laid there from 11 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. the next morning. His knee was dislocated and his pelvis fractured in the accident; and a relapse of pneumonia complicated his condition.

His condition has improved slowly, reported Dr. J. R. Laughlin, who recently visited with him. Mr. Laughlin and wife reside in Midland.

Houstonian Fined \$200, Costs On Narcotics Charge

Two Houston men were arrested last week in this county and charged with unlawful possession of narcotics, but one of the charges was dismissed in county court.

Roy Winfred Haldeman and James Lewis McNeal were arrested by Ranger Hollis Sullivan and officers from the Sheriff's department and the highway patrol.

Charges against McNeal were dismissed by Judge Bill Rutta. Haldeman, however, was assessed a fine of \$200 and costs on the narcotics charge; and another \$100 and costs on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Victoria Man Sues For \$14,035 Worker's Compensation

A suit was filed Friday, Dec. 28th in District Court by Joe Gusman of Victoria County against the Home Indemnity Company for maximum workmen's compensation of \$14,035 and other benefits. Gusman alleges in his petition to the court that he received injuries to "his neck, ribs, chest, shoulder, lungs and back" in an accident in this county on April 20th, 1962 while in the employ of C. W. & A. Inc.

He requests a jury trial and seeks judgment for total disability for a period of 401 weeks at \$35 per week, and medical bills incurred in the past and in the future, legal fees for the trial, and interest on past due installments of compensations.

School Census To Be Taken In Jan.

The annual school census will be held in the Eagle Lake Independent School District and in other school districts of the area during the month of January.

"The local school census will be taken through the school's business office, with registration slips to be sent home with students. Persons who have no children in school, but will have a beginner in September of 1963, are asked to contact the School Superintendent's office.

Colorado Soil Dist. Plans Essay Contest

The Colorado Soil Conservation District will again be local sponsors for an essay contest for students in the district. The state contest is sponsored by the Fort Worth Press.

This year's theme is "Conservation — A Way of Life". The local district is planning to present awards for local winners.

W. A. Kuchar To Manage Colorado Savings and Loan

Sam K. Seymour, Jr., President of Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association has announced that since the retirement of Charles D. Rutta as Secretary-Treasurer and Office Manager of the Association, W. A. Kuchar has been named office manager of the association. Mr. Kuchar has been serving as Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the association for the past eight years.



W. A. KUCHAR

Mr. Kuchar, prior to joining the Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association, was deputy county clerk of Colorado County for eleven years. He is a native of Weimar and lives with his wife, Agnes and three children, Billy, Shirley, and Michael, at 1834 Mill St., Columbus. Mr. Kuchar is a World War II veteran, member of the American Legion and of the Columbus volunteer fire department.

Mr. Seymour said the officers and directors are confident that the affairs of the Association will continue to be managed to the best interest of the association's many friends and investors, and that the institution will continue to maintain and increase its roll in the development of the Savings and Loan industry in our area of Texas.

Mr. Rutta has managed the Association since his discharge from the U. S. Army and under his management the total resources have grown to over \$17,000,000. Mr. Rutta will continue to serve as a director of the association.

In the interview, Mr. Seymour disclosed that 1962 has been one of the best years that Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan has enjoyed. Both savings and investments and mortgage loans have increased to all-time highs and the four percent dividend paid is the highest in the history of the association. He concluded by saying that he is most optimistic about the future of the association, as well as for the economic growth of the business area.

Officers of Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association include: Mr. Seymour who serves as president and chairman of the Board of Directors and is active in its management; E. G. Miller of Columbus, vice-president; W. E. Lenhart of Eagle Lake, director.

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SMITH IN FINAL WEEK AS CITY MGR., NO ACTION ON SUCCESSOR

Jerome Frnka Elected To Who's Who In American Colleges

Jerome V. Frnka, senior biology major at Sam Houston State Teachers College, has been elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Preliminary selection for the honor is made by a student-faculty committee on the campus and final selection is made by the national Who's Who Committee in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Selection is based on scholarship and service to school.

Frnka was also among six students of Sam Houston nominated for Woodrow Wilson Fellowships. All nominees will receive graduate school offers on the basis of being nominated.

Jerome is a 1959 graduate of Garwood High School. Among other honors, he is a candidate for a National Science Foundation Fellowship, a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society, a member of the Sam Houston Forum, Pennybacker Award Recipient in 1962, and a laboratory instructor in biology.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frnka of Garwood.

Bishop To Be Here Jan. 20th For Confirmation Rites

The Most Reverend Louis J. Reichert, D.D., Bishop of Austin Diocese will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, January 20th at our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at 1:30 p.m. and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church at 3:00 p.m.

Classes will be held every Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday after the eight o'clock Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. All those who are to be confirmed should take this opportunity to prepare themselves, announce priests at the two local Catholic churches.

Rev. Torgeson Is Interim Pastor At Grace Church

Beginning this Sunday, Jan. 6th at 10:30 A.M., Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Grace Lutheran Church by Pastor T. O. Torgeson from Houston, Texas. He will be serving as Interim Pastor at Grace Lutheran and together with his wife they will be living in the parsonage at 305 Clark St.

The new pastor hopes for good attendance at both Sunday School and Worship services this Sunday. "Plan on attending this Sunday to get acquainted. To be able to serve effectively we must become acquainted and the sooner the better," said the Rev. Mr. Torgeson. "We have come all the way from Central Wisconsin to enjoy your pleasant winter climate."

A LINE OF SUNSHINE

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." —Thessalonians 5:9.

NO REPORT OF SCREWORMS IN COUNTY SINCE EARLY DECEMBER

By Doyle L. Moore, Colorado County Agricultural Agent

There have been no cases of screwworms from Colorado County submitted to the laboratory at Mission since the freeze during the second week of December. While this does not necessarily mean that there have been no cases in the county during this time, we hope this is the case. I think that it is extremely important that our livestock producers report any cases of screwworms from now until spring.

Colorado County was omitted from the sterile fly drop zone with the assumption that the screwworm would be winter-killed in this area. If infestations do show up during the winter or early spring, we need to let the eradication program officials know about it.

This is the only way that sterile fly drops will be set-up for this area. Sample bottles are available

at our office and we will be glad to assist in the mailing of suspected screwworm specimens. The next few months are a critical time in the success of the program and livestock producers are urged to cooperate in reporting of outbreaks.

Record Books Available

We would again call attention to the fact that some excellent record books are available through banks in the county. The first of the year is the logical time to start on a record keeping program which will prove helpful throughout the year and particularly at tax reporting time. Stop by one of the banks and get a record book this week.

These books were prepared by A.&M. College and will fit most farm and ranch operations in the county. If help is needed in getting started with the record book, we will be glad to give assistance on how to use it.

Kenneth E. Smith, Eagle Lake City Manager for the past three and one-half years begins his final week of duty with the city next Monday, having tendered his resignation recently to accept a position as city manager at Ennis.

Mr. Smith, in his letter of resignation, asked to be relieved of duties here on January 9th, so that he could begin work at Ennis on January 15th.

According to information from Mayor E. H. Shirley, no successor for Mr. Smith has been named. He said the council plans to study applications for the position in the near future.

\$1,246.69 Plus Is Collected Here For CROP Rice

The Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) Drive for Rice in the Eagle Lake, Lissie, Garwood and Nada communities has been successfully concluded, reports E. H. Shirley, drive chairman.

A total of \$1,246.69 was collected in cash through individual donations and through the "trick or treat" Halloween campaign, said the drive chairman. In addition to this, some rice was donated by farmers through the American Rice Growers' Association office, and also Mrs. Geraldine Caston, owner of the Matthews Mercantile, reported contributions of an estimated \$300.00 in canned goods for CROP.

A full report was not available from the Garwood-Nada chairman, the Rev. Windel Bell and Herbert Engstrom, but an additional sum of better than \$200.00 is expected to boost the total collections during the campaign to close to \$2,000.

The funds will be used to purchase rice for the hungry school children in the Hong Kong area. Mr. Shirley extended thanks to all who participated in making the campaign an outstanding success, especially to those who took part in soliciting funds or merchandise.

Rice Men Invited To Meet To Discuss Problems

Rice farmers of the area are invited to attend an open meeting this Friday, January 4th in the American Legion Center in El Campo to discuss problems affecting all segments of the industry.

Ed Jaenke, Associate Administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Washington, D. C. has assured the committee he will attend or have one of his associates present to give facts and figures on what the rice farmers' votes in the Jan. 11th rice referendum can mean to their future.

Also expected to participate in the meeting will be a panel composed of a Congressman, state ASC representatives, and others from the rice industry.

On January 11th the rice producers will vote in a marketing quota referendum which will determine marketing conditions for the forthcoming year. Results of the election will not, however, have any effect on the acreage allotments of farmers, since these will remain in effect if the referendum passes or not.

EAGLE LAKE CD MEET SET FEB. 26; KOB'S TO SPEAK

Eagle Lake Civil Defense director H. E. Tate announces that the community's annual Civil Defense meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26th at the high school auditorium.

Speaker will be E. C. Kobs, Jr., of Houston, who brought a very informative civil defense program at last year's meeting. Mr. Kobs' subject this year will deal with newest methods and practices in civil defense and home preparedness and every citizen, man, woman and child, is urged to attend.

"Circle February 26th now and plan to attend this very important meeting," said Tate. "Your life and the lives of your loved ones may be spared by use of information to be brought by our speaker."