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RICE FFA CHAPTER GETS NEW PICKUP



Bill Carpenter of the Universal Motor Co. in Eagle Lake, left, is shown presenting the keys to a new 1972 Ford Pickup to Richard Seifert, president of the Rice High School Future Farmers of America Chapter. At right is L. J. Roopman, one of the chapter advisors and vocational agriculture instructors at Rice high school. Universal Motor Co. provides the FFA Chapter annually with a pickup for its use.

20 Called For Grand Jury Mon.

Three women and seventeen men have been called to serve on the February term of Grand Jury for the 25th Judicial District Court in this county. The jurors are called for 10:00 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7th at which time Judge E. W. Patten will select the twelve members to serve on the jury panel.

The jury will then begin its deliberation of criminal cases brought to its attention by District Attorney Huston Munson and County Attorney Gus F. Steger.

Named to the grand jury list are: Mrs. Moseley Day-vault of Columbus, Mrs. Elva Bell of Weimar and Mrs. Edith Bell of Rock Island; also William Pierce Arthur, Jr., Henry Burger, Jr., Harry Hilskey, Charles Leyendecker, Jr., of Columbus; Dittman W. Harrison of Alleyton; Robert R. Wells, Jr. of Altair; Jean F. Walker of Sheridan; Lawrence C. Labay of Nadi; Dale W. Hunt of Garwood; W. A. Chancellor of Rt. 2 Fayetteville; Reinhard Brod of Rt. 1 Cat Spring; Ewald W. Friedrich, Leonard Stech, and Robin E. Dahse of Weimar; Herman Maxie, Arthur A. Anderson, and B. B. Wegenhoft of Eagle Lake.



LESTER J. CRANEK, Ph. D.

County Judge Cranek Asks Re-election

County Judge Lester J. Cranek, Ph.D., announces this week that he is a candidate for election to that office in the forthcoming May 6th Democratic Primary.

He was appointed to the office of County Judge to succeed Willard W. Stuart who resigned. Judge Cranek seeks election for the remaining two years on the term to which Mr. Stuart was elected in 1971. His statement follows:

"It has been my privilege to serve Colorado County as County Judge since January 1, 1971, when I succeeded Judge Willard Stuart by appointment. Since that time I have worked in close harmony with the County Commissioners in taking care of County government, and with the County Attorney, the Sheriff and other law enforcement officers in enforcing the laws of our State.

"The real challenge in the office of County Judge is the administration of County government. The County Judge serves as a voting chairman of the Commissioners' Court and thereby must accept the responsibility of aiding the Commissioners' Court in its decisions.

"I believe in getting a dollar's worth of value out of every tax dollar through proper spending and accounting. I have learned the importance of this as both a taxpayer and a former member of the Garwood and Rice Consolidated school boards.

"I constantly strive for quality service and fair and impartial justice to all. This has always been my belief in serving on boards where there were decisions to be made involving public funds and individuals' rights. My decisions have always been based on what I felt was good for the majority of the people and I have never let the pressure of some individual or small group influence my thinking.

"I believe my experience as an enlisted man and then as

RAIDER GIRLS CINCH DISTRICT CAGE TITLE

Everett Anderson, City Council Discuss Annexation of Subdiv.

City Water Well Is Re-worked

Everett Anderson, owner of property bounded by the Glen Flora Road and Highway 90A just south of the curve on East Main Street, met with the Eagle Lake City Council on Tuesday night of last week to discuss possible subdivision and annexation of the property.

Mr. Anderson brought a preliminary drawing showing the plans for subdividing the property for future business development. The property will be intersected by a new road being constructed by the county connecting Highway 90A from a point near its intersection with FM 1093, south to an intersection with Glen Flora Road.

A discussion was held on the possibility of providing city utilities to the area if and when an annexation was approved. City Attorney Willard W. Stuart was on hand to discuss the regulations that

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City Employees Given Pay Increases

Eagle Lake City Council, in regular session on Tuesday night of last week, approved pay increases averaging 3.4 per cent for city employees but voted not to participate in a proposed uniform program.

As of February 1st, the effective date for the new pay order, city salaries totaled \$6,670.00. Under the new pay scale the monthly salaries will total \$6,905.00 or an average increase of \$14.70 for the city's sixteen employees.

City Manager T. J. Smith noted to the council that eleven of the city regular employees have now been with the city for an average of five years and eleven months.

The council approved the pay hikes after consideration of the constantly rising costs of living.

The council discussed a plan to put employees of the city into uniforms on a participating basis. However, after some discussion of the matter the council decided not to participate in the program. The council did however offer to set up a plan for payment of uniforms from employees' salaries if the employees decided to obtain uniforms on their own initiative.

ASCS Sign-Up Period Begins

The sign-up in the cotton, feed grain and wheat programs will begin Thursday, February 3, 1972, and end on Friday, March 10, 1972.

It is emphasized that each producer must sign their farm into the program to be eligible for payments, as this is a volunteer program and program participation is not automatic.

Any additional information needed regarding the cotton and grain programs may be had by contacting the county ASCS office in Columbus, Texas.

Sen. Bill Moore To Speak To Lions

State Senator William T. (Bill) Moore of Bryan will be the guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Eagle Lake Lions Club this Thursday, Feb. 3rd, advises Roy Dean Van Nort, program chairman for the club.

Senator Moore has announced that he will seek election to the State Senate from the new Fifth Senatorial District which includes Colorado County among the nineteen counties assigned to the district.

All interested persons are invited to hear Mr. Moore's address beginning at around 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center, said Mr. Van Nort.

\$650 Collected Here For March of Dimes

The Eagle Lake Home Demonstration Club members would like to thank the people of Eagle Lake for their support in giving to the March of Dimes. They especially extend a big thank-you to the volunteer Mothers and the 4-H girls who marched in the cold weather.

There were a few homes that were not contacted due to a shortage of workers and time. If there is anyone who would like to contribute they may still do so by mailing their donations to March of Dimes, Leroy Stein, 50 Columbus State Bank, Columbus, Texas.

So far in Eagle Lake area \$650 has been collected for this worthy cause.

Trail Riders Head For SA Friday

The Texas Trail Riders Association members will begin their annual trek to the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo this Friday, reminds Aubrey Williams, president of the association. The first half of the 1972 ride will be made again this year along the new route which was followed last year.

Same as last year, the ride will get underway a day earlier than usual. Riders will gather at the camp grounds at the intersection of FM 2434 and Interstate 10 near the Kokonut Grove west of Columbus and near Glidden, on Friday evening, Feb. 4th. For

the second time the riders will ride on Saturday from the Kokonut Grove to Oakland and will set up camp near the New Bielau Hall Saturday night.

There will be a dance at the Kokonut Grove at 8:00 p.m. Friday night.

Participants in the ride must register Friday night or Saturday morning at the Kokonut Grove Camp Site. A breakfast will be served for the riders Saturday morning for \$1.00 per person at the Kokonut Grove.

The annual trail ride barbecue and dance will be an event of Saturday, Feb. 5th at the New Bielau Hall. The Pearl Brewing Company will host the trail riders for a party from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. A barbecue supper will be served at the New Bielau Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. Registered trail riders will be admitted free, all others will be charged \$1.50 per person. During the barbecue the 1972 trail ride queen, Miss Jeanette Neitsch of Gonzales, will be introduced.

A trail ride dance will follow at the New Bielau Hall with music by Adolph Hofner and the Pearl Wranglers providing the music. Admission will be free to members, non-members will be charged \$1.50 per person.

After the blessing of the ride at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 6th, the trail riders will embark on their four-day ride to the Alamo City. They will spend Sunday night at Moulton where a stew supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. by members of the Moulton VFW. A dance will follow in the Moulton VFW Hall at 8:30 p.m. with music by The Velvets. Admission will be \$1.50 per person.

Monday night the riders will camp at Gonzales and will take up the route from that point that was previously used in past trail rides to San Antonio. The Tuesday night stop will be at the Lloyd Wallis Ranch between Gonzales and Seguin and the group will pitch camp Wednesday night on the Ploch ranch west of Seguin.

On Thursday the riders will join numerous other trail rides converging on the Alamo on the outskirts of San Antonio and will arrive at the Coliseum in San Antonio at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. That night the group will be entertained at the Pearl Brewing Co. Corral Room; and on Friday morning the riders

Red Cross Child Care Course Begins Mon.

Mrs. Earl Rodgers, Registered Nurse, will conduct a Red Cross Child Care course, beginning Monday, Feb. 7th for junior high age girls in grades seven and eight and all interested are invited to make plans to attend the course.

The sessions will be held at the Colly Memorial United Methodist Church fellowship hall from four to six p.m. each Monday in February.

For more information you may contact Mrs. Ray Thomas, leader of the Girl Scout troop which will be participating in the course, or Mrs. Rodgers.

Cattle Market Reaches New Highs

George Hagan, one of the owners of the Columbus Livestock Commission Co., reported that the sale last Thursday brought some of the highest prices that he has ever seen in his many years in the livestock business.

He stated that several individual steer calves sold last Thursday for 50 to 72c per hundredweight. Also there were several deals of heavy steer yearlings weighing 500 to 600 pounds for 40 to 44c per pound. Several pairs went over \$355.00 despite the fact that there were no good pairs on the market.

Hagan commented that there were buyers on hand for the purchase of 600 head of livestock and added that the demand continues to run high. "If you have livestock to sell, right now seems to be the time to sell," said Mr. Hagan. "We will be happy to give you any assistance that you might need at the Columbus Livestock Commission Co."

IN HOUSTON HOSPITAL W. C. Smith, owner of Crop Service, Inc. of Garwood, is in intensive care at the Methodist Hospital in Houston following serious surgery on Tuesday morning. All join in prayers for his quick and complete recovery to good health.

LINE OF SUNSHINE Wisdom Is Better Than Weapons of War; but one sinner destroyeth much good. Ecclesiastes 9:18.

LADIES URGED TO ATTEND HOSPITAL AUXIL. MEET MONDAY

All ladies who are members of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary or are interested in the fine work carried on by the volunteers are urged to attend a special meeting of the Auxiliary at 9:30 a.m. next Monday, Feb. 7th at the parish hall of Christ Episcopal Church.

A discussion will be held on the organization's future. It is reported that the number of volunteers has dropped greatly and more and more ladies are urged to participate

in the fine work carried out by the Auxiliary in assisting at the hospital.

Membership in the organization and future plans for the Auxiliary will be topics during the special meeting Monday.

Volunteer workers are urgently needed for hospital and clinic work! Won't you join this essential undertaking? Attend the meeting Monday and get full details on the work and functions of the Hospital Auxiliary.

GS Cookie Sale Ends Sat.

Eagle Lake Girl Scouts are busy this week taking orders for the annual Cookie Sale.

Two junior scout troops and the cadette troop will be taking orders through Saturday, Feb. 5th. The cookies will be delivered between Mar. 3rd through 10th.

The cookies sell for \$1.00 per box and may be purchased in several favorite flavors. In the event you have been missed you may order cookies by calling Mrs. Gayle Thomas or Mrs. Ralph Gertson, local Girl Scout leaders.

A portion of the proceeds will remain in the community for local Girl Scout projects and your support is earnestly solicited.

Retired Teachers To Meet Mon.

The Colorado County Unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will meet at 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan building, Columbus, Texas, on Monday, February 7.

All former teachers, secretaries, and clerks living in this county are invited to attend.

3 Killed Mon. In Hwy. 71 Accident

2 Columbus Teens, Austin Woman Die In Tragedy

Three persons were killed and a 4-year-old boy was seriously injured in a tragic two-car accident on Highway 71 3.6 miles south of Columbus at 4:30 p.m. Monday of this week.

Highway Patrolman Billy Miller reported that his investigation showed that the accident occurred on a rain slick highway near the new Humble bulk plant on Highway 71.

A 1967 Plymouth being driven south on Highway 71 by John Allen Rutta, 17, apparently went out of control on the rain-slick pavement and the car skidded across the pavement and struck a 1968 Rambler being driven north on Highway 71 by Mrs. Linda Walter Phillips of Austin.

The Rutta car crashed into the side of the Phillips car just behind the front door, said the officer.

Killed instantly in the crash

were Mrs. Phillips, 25; and Miss Linda Rutta, 16, sister of John Allen Rutta.

John Allen was rushed to Columbus Hospital by ambulance but he died en route to the hospital.

Mrs. Phillips four-year-old son, James Gray Phillips, received serious injuries and was taken to Columbus Hospital and later transferred to St. David's Hospital in Austin. He is expected to recover.

The two deceased teenagers were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic H. Rutta who reside just south of Columbus on Highway 71. They are also survived by a sister and one brother and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held for the sister and brother at 2:00 p.m. Wed., Feb. 2 from the First Baptist Church in Columbus with the Undertaker - Henneke Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Interment was in the Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus.

The body of Mrs. Phillips was taken to Austin for services and burial in that city. She is survived by her husband, Tom Phillips, and a son.

Garwood Fire Dept. Benefit Dance Fri.

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department invites one and all to the department's annual Benefit Ball to be held on Friday, Feb. 4th, 1972 at the Nada K.J.T. Hall.

Music for the event will be provided by the Knights of Dixie with dancing from 8:30 to 12:30. Admission will be by donation.

Advance reservations may be made by calling Garwood 758-3322. The cost of reservations will be 25c per chair. Friends throughout the area are invited to make plans to attend this annual fund-raising event.

Upper Room Hosts Pulpit In Shadows Fri.

The director of Freddie Gage's "Pulpit in The Shadows", Gene Palmer, and the Head Counselor, Robin Gelsenhoff, will be guest speakers at the Upper Room coffee house this Friday night, February 4. The "Pulpit in

Girls Will Meet Angleton For Bi-District

Wind Up Dist. Schedule In Sweeney Tonight

The Rice High School Raiders girls basketball team clinched first place in district competition by wiping out two tough foes, Brazosport and Brazoswood, in competition in the past week and had the honor of winning the first district basketball title ever for the Rice High School. The only other district championship won during the two years of Rice high school competition was in tennis last spring.

Officials and coaches from Rice High School and Angleton High School were due to meet on Wednesday of this week to determine a date and site for the bi-district game between the girls basketball teams from the two schools.

The bi-district game will probably be played Feb. 15th or 16th; and the winner will play in regional competition on either Feb. 18th or 19th. From there the winner will advance to state competition.

Coach Rueben Wunderlich's girls are undefeated and their nearest opponents have each lost 3 games. The Raiders have only to play Sweeney in Sweeney tonight, Thursday and are assured of the title, win or lose.

Defeat Both Brazosport, Brazoswood

In Raider gym last Thursday night the Raiders had a strong second period outscoring the Brazosport girls 22 to 4 to go ahead 35 to 17 at half time. The two teams were tied at 13-13 at the end of the first period. Brazosport came on strong in the third period and closed the gap to 34 to 44 at the end of three quarters and inched to within three points of the Raiders in the final period, before the local girls turned on the steam to win 62 to 52.

Gigi Kallina was top scorer for the Raiders with 22 baskets and two extra points for 26 point total. Wilma Tillman contributed 3 baskets and was red-hot at the free throw line with 15 of 19 for a 21 point total. The Raiders got some fine play from their third forward, Arlene Williams, who came through with six baskets and three free throws for 15 points. Arlene collected five of her points late in the game to help the Raider cause.

Coach Wunderlich got the continued good play from his three guards, Laureale Turner, Judith Buhela, and Debra Frenzel and they kept the pressure on the sharp shooting Exportettes and also came up with some fine rebounding off

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the Shadows" is a well-known Baptist ministry in Houston to young people caught up in the web of alcoholism and drug addiction.

The Upper Room will open at 8:00 o'clock to all who wish to come.

RICE FFA PREPS FOR ANNUAL SHOW & SALE FEB. 12

A trail ride from Altair to Garwood, starting at 9:00 a.m. will precede the barbecue lunch and sale. A Rice FFA Trail Ride Sweetest will be selected during the trail ride and named just prior to the sale.

Committees from the four Lions Clubs are busy making plans for the trail ride, barbecue and sale. Buyers and visitors are expected from Weimar, Columbus, El Campo, Wharton, Sealy, Houston, Eagle Lake, Garwood, Sheridan and Nadi.