

Retires From CPL



Alice Huebner is flanked by three of the four presidents she worked for during her 45-year career with Central Power and Light Company. Left to right are Barney M. Davis (1929-1934), Ennis Joslin (1934-1939), Alice Huebner, and J. L. Bates (1934-1944). Lou C. Hill (1939-1944) is not shown. Miss Huebner retired officially from CPL as Vice-President and board member. She was one of the few women executives in Texas.

Mrs. August Gold Dies Here Sat.

Mrs. August (Oiga) Gold, 59, resident of the Heritage House in Eagle Lake for only a short time passed away at the nursing home last Saturday morning.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 4 at the Hubbard Funeral Home in Weimar followed by Mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Weimar with the Rev. Father Charles Caroline officiating. Burial was in the St. Michael's Cemetery.

Surviving are a son, August Gold, Jr. of Columbus; two daughters, Mathilda Gold of Weimar and Mrs. Ann Pritchard of Eagle Lake; and other relatives.

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Registering for the antenna took place, obligation free, throughout the month of February with the drawing held last Friday, March 1st.

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FINAL DETAILS AWAITED

Farmers Should Like RECP, Conservation Plan for 1974

Although final details of the 1974 Rural Environmental Conservation Program are not yet complete, preliminary reports indicate the program should be extremely popular with producers in the Southwest who want to install permanent conservation measures.

Edward E. Thomas, state conservationist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service in Temple says RECP has many key provisions farmers should like.

"First, a producer can earn up to \$5,000 per year, provided funds are available in his county," Thomas said. "It has a conservation problem which will cost that much to solve, then it is possible to earn that much in one year instead of having to stretch the job out over a number of years."

"Secondly, producers can earn up to \$5,000 every year during long-term agreements. Funds can be obligated by agreement to last for up to 10 years."

Thomas said practices installed under a long-term agreement will have a normal life span. This means that complete conservation plan for the entire operation will be needed to carry out all needed conservation measures on the land. These practices will have to be maintained during their normal life span. Needed management practices will also be required.

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Practices eligible for cost-share assistance include grass seeding, tree planting, ponds, stripcropping, terrace systems, diversions, streambank stabilization, permanent wildlife habitat, erosion control structures, windbreaks, controlling competitive shrubs, and reorganizing irrigation systems. Other special practices may also be authorized under certain conditions.

ASCS LISTS DEADLINES.

The County ASCS Office lists the following important dates to farmers and ranchers:

April 1 - final date to transfer cotton by sale or lease in zone 1, local area.

April 1 - final date to transfer peanut acreage by sale or lease.

April 1 - final date to release or ask for reappportioned rice, cotton or peanut allotment.

April 1 - final date to withdraw from rice production; make a temporary transfer of rice allotment to another county.

May 1 - final date to allocate rice to a farm.

May 1 - final date to transfer cotton by sale or lease in zone 3, North Texas.

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TOPS Report

TOPS 697 met with 16 members present. A weight loss was recorded. Billie Cross was weekly queen with a two pound loss.

1974 year's officers were elected: Pearl Weiss, President; Nell Ash, Vice-President; Dorothy Jones, Secretary; and June MacBride, Treasurer.

The correspondence cards came and were delivered to members who ordered them. A marble contest is underway with the Taws and Aggie competing for largest weight loss. Aggie is in the lead. Sashes of blue felt were distributed to members who have lost weight. Five representatives who will attend the convention in Correll, Texas will wear their sashes.

Members will work on designated counties.

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Wharton Concert Presents Ronnie Kole Trio Mon.

The Wharton Community Concerts presents The Ronnie Kole Trio on Monday, March 11 at 7:30 in Wharton High School Auditorium. This popular trio is so well known to many Wharton County people through their performance on TV and their records.

Their latest album probably describes The Ronnie Kole Trio best. "New Orleans" is the title.

Jeh. Witnesses Hold Assembly Of Ministers

Jehovah's Witnesses held their part to help in the energy crisis as they attended their 2-day assembly of ministers at the high school in Taylor, Texas, March 2 and 3.

Darrel Youngblood said that their regular evening programs for such gatherings were rescheduled to take place during the daylight hours, thus eliminating the heating and lighting of the high school in the evening.

Sunday at 2:30 p.m. the public address, "Be Confident of Divine Victory" was delivered by P. D. Moske, District Representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

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Airman Mike Meitzen In Outstanding Unit

Airman First Class Ronald M. Meitzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Meitzen Sr., 510 Pendleton St., Eagle Lake, Tex., is a member of the Outstanding Load Crew of the Tynall AFH, Fla.

Airman Meitzen and other crewmen were cited for their performance during operational and training missions.

He is a weapons mechanic with a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command.

The airman was graduated in 1972 from Rice High School in Eagle Lake, Texas.

SBA Official In Wharton Mar. 13

John L. Carey, District Director of the SBA Houston Office, will be present at the Wharton Chamber of Commerce for his regular monthly visit on Wednesday, March 13, 1974, to explain to interested individuals SBA's program for financial assistance under a loan guaranty program with participating local banks.

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EAT MORE RICE

RICE DISTRICT SCHOOL MENUS

Thurs., Feb. 28 Pigs-In-Blanket, Baked Beans, Sauerkraut, Lime Jello.

Fri., March 1 Frito Pie, Pinto Beans, Collard Greens, Mixed Juice, Corn Bread, Butter.

Mon., Mar. 4 Tuna Fish Salad, Tater Tots, Lettuce/Wedge/Dressing, Purple Humus, Lachroom Bread.

Tues., Mar. 5 Meat/Spaghetti, Green Beans, Baked Squash, Chocolate Cake, Buttered French Bread.

Thurs., Mar. 7 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, English Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Butter Bread.

Fri., Mar. 8 Tamales/Chili Sauce, Buttered Corn, Finger Salad, Apple Crisp, Hot Rolls/Butter.

COMMUTERS LEAGUE

Players named to the first team included: Mary Harrison of Bay City, Debra Moore of Sweeny and Marcia Moore of Sweeny; and Sandy Terrell of Sweeny and Karen Henderson of Brazoswood as forwards.

On the second team were: Pat Johnson and Kathryn Smith of Sweeny and Susan of Rice as guards; Lorri Walker of Brazoswood; Debbie Barber of Sweeny and Celia Henderson of Brazoswood as forwards.

Honorable mentions went to: Mary Stredic of Bay City, Lynn Hay of West Columbia and Judith Burdette of Sweeny; and forwards: Celia Henderson of Brazoswood and Karen Henderson of Brazoswood.

Miss Grammer, daughter of Rice High School boys' basketball coach, Jack Grammer.

SPORTS CORNER

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BEST BALL TOURNEY, OPEN HOUSE AT EL REC CENTER SUN.

The Eagle Lake Recreation Center's tournament committee announces an 18 hole best ball tournament and open house at the Center on Sunday, March 10th at 1:00 p.m.

Entry fee in the tournament will be \$3.00 and merchandise prizes will be awarded to winners.

Refreshments will be served during the open house in the new redecorated clubhouse facilities and all members and other interested citizens are invited and urged to be on hand for the day's activities.

The event of bad weather, the tournament will be held on the following Sunday, March 11th.

James C. Carr, chairman of the tournament committee, is accepting entries in the best ball competition.

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Horse Racing At Columbus Mar. 9-10

Columbus Race Track will feature quarterhorse racing for the next two years.

Admission to the track will be \$2.00. The Columbus Triple Crown Futurity with estimated purse of \$100,000, the Live Oak Derby with estimated \$25,000, and the Gulf Coast Stakes with \$4,000 estimated purse.

There will be 12 races each of the four days beginning at 12 noon. Drinks, food and refreshments are available at the race course.

Keed Nominated Academy of Medical Admin.

The American Academy of Medical Administrators announced that Donald R. Reed, Administrator, Eagle Lake Community Hospital, Eagle Lake, has been elected as a nominee in the organization.

This honor is conferred upon those whose special qualifications in medical administration or medical management are recognized by the Academy. The Academy is an international professional society, and admission is limited to those persons engaged in the practice of medical administration at the executive or middle management levels. Some of the aims of the Academy are to encourage and foster a scientific approach to the practice of medical administration; provide a means of intercommunication; establish and maintain a criterion of competence for those engaged in this profession; and to provide for recognition by means of fellowships, scholarships, and grants to those who have rendered noteworthy service in this endeavor.

The Academy was founded in Boston, Massachusetts in October 1967. At the Annual Convocation, a formal ceremony, those who have completed advancement requirements and have been admitted to the Academy, receive honors in the form of certificates and academic hood.

HORSE RACING

Columbus, Texas

Post Time 12:00 Noon

Mar. 9-10, 16-17

Feature Races:

COLUMBUS TRIPLE CROWN FUTURITY \$125,000 est.

LIVE OAK DERBY \$25,000 est.

GULF COAST STAKES \$4,000 est.

12 Races Scheduled Each Day

FOOD - REFRESHMENTS - DRINKS

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Stephens Complimented

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rodgers Jr. and Mrs. Larry Rogers were hosts for a supper in the Earl Rodgers' home Friday evening, March 1st honoring Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Stephens and their new baby.

Approximately fourteen young people, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens and the hosts were present for an evening of visitation.

A delicious menu of barbecued ham, potato salad, green beans and relishes was enjoyed.

HOME FROM KOREA

Randy Spallinger is home following a tour of duty with the U.S. Armed Forces in Korea. Randy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spallinger, has completed his tour of duty with the Armed Forces.

Texas honey may be substituted for sugar on hot or cold cereals.

Prairie Chicken Ae Booming

The endangered Attwater's prairie chicken, threatened with extinction, has not lost its instinctive ability to produce a most interesting and elaborate exhibition of courtship. These courtship displays are now occurring in limited areas of the state.

The booming season of the Attwater's prairie chicken began this year with the first of February. It will continue, to some degree, through April.

Prairie chickens do not pair for breeding, but are promiscuous. Males occupy selected courtship grounds on booming grounds that are visited by the females.

Booming grounds vary in shape, elevation, and size but they all have a sandy plain or a small hill. The females are attracted to these courtship areas by the spirited fighting and booming of the males.

The call of the booming male resembles somewhat the sound "wh-r-r-r-r-r", with a strong accent on the second syllable. Usually lasts about five seconds and carries for a mile or more on quiet days. It has a velvety effect and often seems farther away or closer than it actually is. The sound is weird, deep, and hollow. When not actually booming, the male often gives a henlike cackling sound.

The appearance of the male, while actually booming, is striking. As a preliminary to uttering the call, he stretches his neck forward parallel to the ground. His erected neck tufts (feathers) point forward and his spread tail is held vertically. His wings are extended downward almost touching the ground. A short run forward is followed by a vigorous stamping with the feet. Inflation of his orange air sacs is synchronized with the stamping and the last syllable of the booming is given before stamping ends. He holds his head downward while he booms.

Fights between males are common. Frequently two males, as if possessed by the same spirit, suddenly hop off the ground, wings beating rapidly, and clash in midair. These bouts are usually discontinued after three or four flurries and seldom, if ever, and fatally.

During the courtship season males boom regularly for an hour or so in early morning and late afternoon.

If you are interested in seeing this booming display, first plan to visit at Jack's Restaurant in Eagle Lake on the morning of Sat., March 16. Les Harberger, Refuge Manager of the Attwater's Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge (8 mi. NE of Eagle Lake) will host a trip to a booming ground on the refuge and will leave Jack's Restaurant shortly after 5:30 a.m. Jack should have some freshly brewed coffee about 5:00 a.m.

Plan to ride together so that a minimum number of vehicles will be required. Fewer cars will reduce disturbance to the booming grounds. Field binoculars will be helpful and warm clothing might be in order. To also minimize disturbance to the birds, plan not to leave the booming ground area prior to about 9:00 a.m.

Columbus FFA Sale, Parade Fri., Sat.

The Columbus High School Future Farmers of America will hold their annual livestock show and sale Friday, March 8th and Saturday, March 9th. The public is invited.

Projects will be judged at 9 a.m. Friday. Auction of the animals will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the sale barn at the Memorial Park in Columbus. Up for sale will be 12 calves, 28 hogs, 19 lambs, 17 pens of fryers, 4 pens of turkeys, and 2 pens of cats.

The Columbus FFA parade will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday on William Street. Entries should be in place by 9 a.m. Ribbons will be awarded to the top three places in each of these categories: best of town float; best chamber of commerce float; best local entry; best historical entry; best marching band; best drill team; best decorated car; best decorated bicycle; and best group of bicycles.

A trophy will be awarded to the most outstanding float in the parade.

ASTRO Exhibition Tickets on Sale

Astrodome Ticket Manager Don Andrews announces that tickets for the Astro Exhibition games with Texas Rangers (March 29, 30, 31) and Detroit Tigers (April 2, 3) went on sale over the counter Wednesday. Tickets for the season opening, April 12 with Los Angeles Dodgers also went on sale Wednesday.

Flashes from April 1 through April 21 will go on sale through March 15. In Houston, Astro tickets can be purchased daily at the Astrodome's Advance Sale windows on Kirby Drive and at all six Foyes' during their regular store hours. Advance tickets are also available by Mail Order, Group Order and by Season Ticket sales. These are now being accepted by the Astrodome Ticket Office, P. O. Box 1691, Houston, Texas 77001.

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HOSPITAL NEWS NOTES

Patients this week (Mar. 5): Mrs. Rosie Ellis, city; Lucio Yanez, city; Ervin Estilbaum, city; Mrs. Horace Thomas, city; Mrs. Alpha Upson, city; Mrs. Ina Bauer, city; Willie Wood, city; Mrs. Elaine Drompouland, city; Mrs. Rosa Roma and girl, city; Stacy Robinson, city; Mrs. M. Ransford, Houston; Mrs. Irene Hantzelka, Weimar.

Tommy Blaha, Alletton, Missals:

Jay Toliver, city; Mrs. Ernest Davis, city; Mrs. Annie Coronado, city; Mrs. Hortencia Castillano, city; Mrs. Ellen Johnson, Columbus; Mrs. Vickie Goodman, Columbus; Mrs. Elizabeth Newman and son, Rock Island; Kenneth Riddick, Beaumont; Alex Rosa, East Bernard.

of Houston were guests during the week-end with their mother, Mrs. W. C. Ekins.

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