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Rock Island Lions Hold Charter Night Banquet

The newly organized Rock Island Lions Club held its Charter Night Banquet in the Sheridan Community Center last Saturday night, May 10th with the Sheridan Lions, the sponsors of the new club, acting as hosts for the event.

An estimated 130 persons attended the impressive program and the delicious banquet. Included in the gathering were the Lionesses.

Francis E. Derr of Columbus, Deputy Dist. Gov. of Region VI, served as the master of ceremonies. W. C. Gohlke of the Sheridan Club led in singing and R. L. Minter of Rock Island gave the invocation. Lion Bill Carpenter of Garwood did a superb job as headwaiter and was able to raise \$60 for the new Rock Island club. Assisting were Harold Waits, of Rock Island, and E. A. Parham of Sheridan.

District Gov. Freddie A. Wolters presided at the presentation of gifts. He presented the Rock Island club with a United States Flag.

Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club president David Pavlicek presented the club with a speaker's stand; Major Benge, secretary of Eagle Lake Noon Lions, presented the new club with a gong and gavel; Billy Heffner, president of the Garwood Lions, presented a felt banner; Delbert Fuchs, the president of Weimar Lions, presented a stand and accessories; Ernest Moore, president of the sponsoring Sheridan Lions, presented flag accessories.

Dist. Gov. Wolters presented Mr. Moore and David Kahlich, past district governor, Weimar, with extension awards for their work in organizing the new club.

Rock Island Lions president Bob Hooper accepted the gifts and also the charter and stated that his club would meet the challenge and Lionism will be extended and multiplied.

Mr. Moore introduced the charter members including: Bob Anderson, Jimmy D. Anderson, Luther J. Alford, James E. Ball, William J. Baker, Joe P. Baker, Samuel DeFoor, Pete Eaton, David George, Clarence George, A. G. Hruzek, Jr., Adolph Hruzek, Sr., Robert J. Hooper, J. D. Henry III, William J. Henry, Darrell G. Hunt, Raymond C. Henry, Douglas Jessup, Elmer Larsen, Billy Mayes, Jasper Martin, R. L. Minter, Kenneth Nance, Howard Nance, Alton A. Novak, Cecil Owens, Lonnie Owens, John A. Speck, Leroy Owens, Donny Venghaus, Woodrow Venghaus, Harold Waits and Walter Weid.

Mr. Kahlich introduced the guest speaker, Wylie L. Ko-

Rice Cafeteria Director Taking Job Applications

Mrs. Mabel Franklin, food service director for the Rice Consolidated Independent School District will be in the following schools' dining areas from 9 to 12 a.m. to accept applications for employment in the school district's lunchrooms:

Mon., May 20, Garwood;

Tues., May 21, Rice High School;

Wed., May 22, Sheridan;

Thurs., May 23, Eagle Lake Middle School.

THAT'S A PROMISE

An agent from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) made a visit to the minister of a local church.

"Reverend," the IRS agent said, "one of your parishioners, a Mr. Cecil Swaffham, has claimed on his tax return that he made a \$2,000 contribution to your church. Do you know if that's true?"

"Well," the minister answered, "don't worry. If he didn't, he will."

Curek, past district governor of District 2-83. He said that organization of the Lions Club was the best move ever made. "Lionism will mean a lot to the community," he said. "You have challenge and opportunity to do something for your community. Sheridan Club has provided the vehicle now you will need to carry the torch." He added that Lionism means, Liberty, Intelligence, and Oneness.

He told of the standards that are required to make good Lions and urged them to work in such projects as in sight conservation, with the crippled children and with other projects.

Guests were present for the memorable event from College Station, Weimar, Eagle Lake Noon and Evening Lions Clubs, Rockdale, Garwood, and Austin.

Officers of the Rock Island club include: Bob Hooper, president; Jerry D. Hooper, first vice president; Samuel DeFoor, second vice president; Cecil Owens, third vice president; Elmer H. Larsen, secretary and treasurer; Harold Waits, tall twister; Leroy Owens, Lion tamer; Woodrow Venghaus, crippled children's camp director; and directors, David George and Pete Eaton.

Rice Adult Ed Program Ends May 22

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District's Adult Education Program will close for the current year next Wed., May 22nd with closing exercises slated at 7 p.m. in Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria.

The program has been offered for the first time this year and has been well received, reports director C. W. DeShazo.

Certificates of promotion will be awarded at the program Wednesday night. All persons that were enrolled at any time during the year, the spouses of students, and friends and others interested in the program for the academic year of 1974-75 are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Clarence George Dies Of Heart Attack

Relatives and friends were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Clarence George of Rock Island. He suffered a heart attack while working cattle on his horse and died shortly after dismounting at 6 o'clock p.m., Monday, May 13.

Funeral services are tentatively set for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 from the Shatto Funeral Home in Columbus with interment in the Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island.

Mr. George was to be fifty-one years of age today, May 14. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Dorothy George of Rock Island; one son, David George of Rock Island; one daughter, Mrs. Ross (Patsy) George; Beverly, his mother, Mrs. H. R. George of Glendon; one sister, Mrs. Jessie Poesch of Seely and a number of other relatives and friends.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of this loved one.

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County To Ask Bids For New Car, Truck

Has Busy Agenda Monday

Colorado County Commissioners' Court irregular session Monday authorized the advertisement for bids for the purchase of a new car for the County Sheriff's office and a new truck for Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker's Precinct three.

The new car for the sheriff's office will replace a 1969 model with 214,000 miles involved in an accident recently and damage was beyond repair. Mr. Leyendecker will take bids on a two ton truck chassis for Precinct three and will trade in an old truck.

County Judge Lester Crank said that although the item for the sheriff's department was not in the budget, because of the nature of the emergency situation, funds would be available.

With the opening of the next term of court on June 10, in other action in the monthly session of the commissioners' court, thanks were received from the Frelsburg Fire Department for funds for use in rural fire fighting; a delegation of citizens in Justice of Peace Precinct 6 met with the court to ask for expanded services in that precinct since the precinct has been enlarged with the recent commission election realignment.

Oscar Class, August Pilsner and Edwin Drymalla appeared as did Francis J. Truchard a candidate for election on the Democratic ticket and they asked for establishment of a permanent office in the North Columbus area for use of the Justice of the Peace in Precinct 6.

They asked for a reasonable increase in the salary of that office so that the justice of the peace could spend more time in handling affairs of the office. They reported difficulty in getting Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt in Columbus Precinct 1 to handle such items as death certificates, small claims, etc.

Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker in whose precinct this JP precinct lies, said that he plans to ask for more funds for the JP Precinct 7 of office and for expansion of the office in January.

The court approved a contract and bond for the Dean & Keng Paving Co. which will do paving work in this county; heard a report that the county has met minimum building requirements in regard to entrances and rest room facilities for the disabled and a letter of commendation was read from the State Building Commission. An entrance for use of disabled will have a special decal provided by the state.

VOTE IS SPLIT
A request from County Agent P. Johnnie Cooper to be permitted to attend a ten day school at the University of Colorado on Federal Programs was approved on a 2-1 vote. Commissioner Bill Stiles voted against on grounds that the action might set precedent with other employees that desired to advance their personal education on county-paid time. Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker abstained on the motion, but Commissioners Walter Henicke and A. J. Kainer voted for.

The court accepted a paved road in the Forest Oaks Addition. The road was dedicated to the county and was paved by the developers the Plantation Land Co. at their expense with Dean & Keng Paving doing the work at a cost of \$73,813.36 to the developers. Commissioner Walter Henicke in whose precinct the road lies said the work has been done satisfactorily. The county assumes maintenance to the road and drainage upon its final acceptance.

SPEED LIMIT HEARING
A hearing was set by the court for the next regular meeting June 10th on the establishment of speed limits on an eight mile section of County Roads 81 and 26 commonly known as Reese Lane in the Alletton-Ments area. Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker asked the court to set a 35 mile per hour speed limit on the road as a safety precaution. He said that there has already been one fatality on this section of road. Interested persons can make their views known on the proposal to set the speed limit at 35 M.P.H. at the June 10 meeting.

Resolutions commending the late Frank N. Davidson, county surveyor for 58 years and C. L. Griffith, Justice of Peace in Precinct 35 years were approved and spread on the minutes and copies sent to respective families.

Peashuts evolved thousands of years ago in South America. Peanut-shaped pottery and peanut designs have been found in Inca Indian tombs.

Mobile X-Ray Unit To Be In Columbus Tues.

The Mobile X-Ray Unit of the American Lung Association-Alamo Area will be in Colorado County for one day.

Miss Dorothy Schomberg, a member of the Board of Directors of ALA-AA, representing Colorado County, has made arrangements for the Unit to be located at the Columbus Courthouse on Tuesday, May 21st. The hours for being x-rayed will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. A local committee will assist with registration at the Unit.

All persons 15 years of age or older are urged to avail themselves of this service.

Contributions are encouraged to help defray the ever-increasing cost of operating this community health service. The Unit is also financed through contributions to the annual Christmas Seal Agency health campaign recorded from any local, state or federal agency.

Monday Is Cotton Plant Deadline

Colorado County cotton farmers must have all planting completed by midnight May 20, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

"Many South Central and Upper Gulf Coast farmers have made good progress in cotton planting which is ahead of last year's schedule," White said.

Some counties have reached 100 per cent completion, although a few acres were replanted because of recent heavy rains.

Cotton planting for the state is 28 per cent complete compared with 13 per cent at this same time last year. Estimated total acreage for Texas is 5,933,000 acres - a 10 per cent increase from 1973.

Planting dates are fixed around the state as part of the control program of the Texas Pink Bollworm Act, administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The program includes planting and plow-up dates determined to be the most beneficial in fighting the damaging insect.

Alternator Institute Here Begins Mon.

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Sidney Frey, instructor for the Rice High School Auto Mechanics Department, announces that the James Connally campus of the Texas State Technical Institute will present a short course on "Alternators and their controls" at the Lake Motors Co. headquarters in Eagle Lake on May 20th through 23rd from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. each evening.

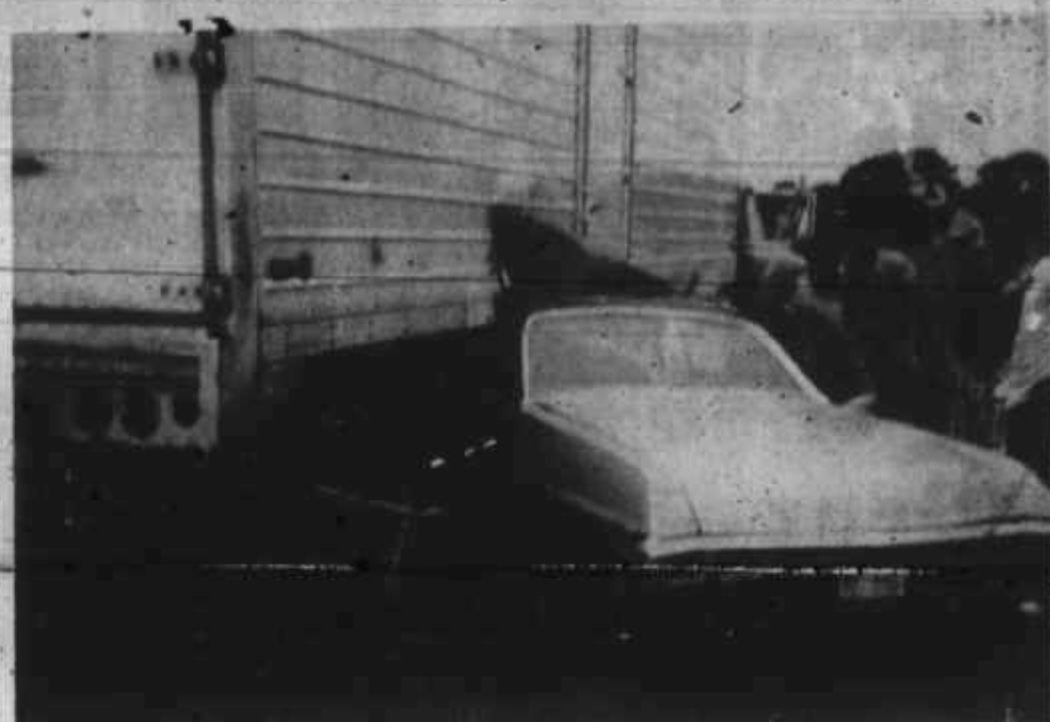
A fee of \$7.50 will be charged for each enrollee. This will include training manuals and service specifications. The fee is payable on or before the first night's session. Checks should be made to Texas State Technical Institute.

Dana K. Chambliss, training specialist, will conduct the course. All service technicians interested in the latest developments in alternator and regulator service and repair are eligible to attend.

The 14-hour short course will cover popular make alternators and regulators and new integral charging systems and transistor ignition.

AIR CONDITIONING TIME
With hot summer weather approaching, many homeowners' thoughts turn once again to room air conditioning. Such selected in the proper size so that they perform their four functions correctly-cooling, dehumidifying, cleaning and circulating conditioned air. A unit that is either too large or too small will not provide the proper comfort conditions. The cooling capacity of a room air conditioner is expressed in British Thermal Units (BTU's)-the amount of heat the unit can remove from the air.

Weimar Man Seriously Hurt In Accident on 71



A Weimar man was seriously injured when his car was rammed under the bed of the truck shown above in a three vehicle accident on Highway 71 just south of Columbus at 7:05 p.m. last Thursday. See story below.

School Board 3 Vehicles

with a \$1000 deductible clause for \$575 per year. Supt. Krivacka was asked to contact the school's attorney, M. L. Null, on the legality of using tax money to buy such insurance coverage for board members.

Mr. Griffith, owner of the Strickland Insurance Agency, and Ed Gay, owner of Eagle Lake Insurance, have both applied to serve as the agent of record for the district and board members asked that Mr. Gay be on hand at the next meeting for an interview.

The agent of record gets 70% of the commissions for handling the insurance program and the participating agent gets 30 per cent.

A fourth insurance matter discussed by the board was the possibility of adding a life insurance program for all school employees. Supt. Krivacka said that he and Roy Marshall, business manager, find that \$3000 worth of life insurance can be obtained for \$1.00 per month per employee. An added benefit to the employees, including teachers, will be that they can obtain additional life insurance at the rate of 30c per \$1000 per month. It was estimated that cost to the district would be around \$165 per month. Further discussion will be held on the matter next meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY SALARY.
Supt. Krivacka reported to the board that the Texas Education Agency advises that the Supplementary Salary Aid program will end with this school year. The superintendent recommended and the board concurred that \$100 in supplementary salary be awarded to 74 teachers (not all included). For 1973-74 the state will provide 60 per cent of the amount up to \$7,875. The local share of this is \$3,175 and the state share is \$4,700. It was further recommended that since the state program will end that the supplementary salary aid program be dropped in the future years.

The board also approved supplementary aid to some faculty members assuming extra-curricular duties in the past school year. Board member Frank Higgins voted against the distribution of the funds.

The board also took into consideration and passed a new salary schedule for teacher aides, secretaries, custodians, groundskeepers, maintenance assistant, tax clerks and accounting clerk.

The new schedule provides for increases in the salary schedule for all of these employees, including bus drivers, both those under an hourly or a monthly pay schedule.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
In other action the Board of Equalization for the 1974 tax year was appointed and will include Willard Stuart of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Ben Pavlu of Garwood, and W. C. Benner of Sheridan.

A request by the Rice High School Student Council for a \$1500 allocation from the district for the purchase of a new trophy case for the high school was approved. The students in the school have raised \$2000 toward the purchase of the new \$3500 case.

The board approved renovations to three spare school buses at an estimated cost of \$1000 per bus. The work will be done by the Texas Department of Corrections and should give the district use of the buses for another 10,000 miles or three years each.

Supt. Krivacka pointed out that the district plan to buy a new bus next year and the \$3000 will be included in the 1974-75 budget.

Obel L. Pirtle presented a discussion to the board on the work being carried on in the district's music department and on some of the future needs in the district. More information on this will be printed in the next issue. Also at the meeting was the Rice High School Band Director Floyd Spearth.

Last Thurs.

A Weimar man was seriously injured when his car was rammed beneath a large truck and semi-trailer in a three vehicle accident 1.6 miles south of Columbus on Highway 71 at around 7:05 p.m. last Thursday evening.

The accident occurred in a fine misty rain which could have contributed to the cause of the accident.

Highway Patrolman Alton Adcock of the Columbus station investigated the accident.

A 1970 Chevrolet truck and semi-trailer owned by Brenham Wholesale Grocers and driven by Erwin Ganske of Brenham, went out of control on the slick pavement and started to jackknife.

A 1973 Ford pickup driven by George Abernathy of Aspermont was approaching in a southerly direction. Abernathy said he saw the truck begin to skid and cross the center stripe and he tried to avoid collision but struck the truck with the left front of his pickup and the vehicle

went off the right side of the road and rolled over once, demolishing the pickup.

Mr. Perry and a passenger Glendon Ball of California were pinned in the car until a wrecker from the Blackie-Britton Wrecker Service was able to pull the car out from under the truck.

Perry was rushed to the Columbus Hospital in serious condition and was later transferred to a Houston hospital where he reportedly regained consciousness during the week-end and is improving. Ball escaped with minor injuries.

Abernathy and a passenger in his pickup, C. G. Abernathy, also of Aspermont, both miraculously escaped serious injuries as did Mr. Ganske.

Mr. Perry is the owner of a large egg company in Weimar and Mr. Ball was doing some work on machinery at the egg plant. They reportedly were enroute to Altair when the accident occurred.

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