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SW Bell To Close Business Office

Bills Payable At
Eagle Lake
Insurance Agency

Effective Monday, Aug. 5, Eagle Lake business office for SW Bell operations will be moved into the Rosenberg business office.

R. L. Oldmixon, local manager for the company, said those persons wishing to pay their bills in person may do so at the Eagle Lake Insurance Agency, 115 N. McCarty Ave. (next to Central Power and Light Company) Monday through Friday beginning today, Thursday, August 1st between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Bills may also be paid by remitting to the Rosenberg office in the envelope provided with the bill.

Customers wishing to call to discuss telephone matters may continue to dial the same number as before, which is 234-2594. This will be a local call.

"Although the business office operations are being consolidated with Rosenberg, Southwestern Bell's plant department will continue operations to install and repair service from the Eagle Lake office. Our plant forces have expanded and will continue to expand to better serve the needs of the community through additional employees and improved and additional facilities," said Oldmixon.

CPL REPORTS DROP IN FUEL COSTS

Central Power and Light Company reported this week that the average cost of fuel for its power plants had dropped sharply during the 30-day period ended July 15, compared to the previous month. CPL president Barney M. Davis said the company's fuel costs during the period from June 15 to July 15 were 75.97 cents per million BTUs, compared to 93.10 reported for the May 15-June 15 period. The average fuel cost is used as the basis for the fuel adjustment applied to CPL bills. Davis said the lower costs would result in a lower fuel adjustment which will be applied to CPL bills beginning today. Fuel costs over 20 cents per million BTUs are passed along to the customer without profit to CPL.

The CPL president said the lower fuel costs came about because CPL was able to operate its plants entirely on natural gas during the 30-day period.

"Our natural gas curtailments have not been as severe as in previous months, and we have been able to acquire more gas from other sources to keep our plants operating," Davis stated.

Davis said the lower fuel costs do not necessarily mean that a customer's total bill will be lower. "Most people use a lot more electricity when the weather is hot, and this has been one of our hottest months," he pointed out.

New Students Grades 4-8 Should Register

Students in grades four through eight who have moved into the Rice School District this summer and will be attending Eagle Lake Middle School next year should register between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, August 5 through 7 if they have not already done so.

Please call the Middle School Principal James Crabb for an appointment prior to going to the school to insure his availability upon arrival. The school's number is 234-3138.

Edward Gold Gins First 1974 Cotton

Has First Bale
At Nada Gin
Tues., July 23

Colorado County had its first bale of 1974 cotton on Tuesday of last week when Edward Gold of the Nada community ginned a 478 pound bale at the Farmers Coop Gin at Nada.

Tom Looney, manager of the Nada Gin, reported the bale was ginned from 1450 pounds of seed cotton. In addition to the 478 pounds of lint cotton, there was 700 pounds of seed. Mr. Looney said the seed is bringing about \$100 per ton at this time. Market on the cotton was not established since cotton buyers had not opened offices last week.

The cotton was produced west of Garwood and since the first bale the Nada gin has ginned several other bales for the Golds.

The longdry spell is expected to have its effect on what started out to be a real good cotton crop, reported the gin manager.

Through Monday afternoon the Nada Gin had ginned 18 bales.

Gold also ginned the first bale at the Garwood Gin Co. on Wednesday of last week. The bale weighed 509 lbs.

Cotton picking should begin to pick up in the Garwood area next week and about a week later in the Matthews area.

Rep. Wilson To Present 4-H Horse Awards

State Representative John Wilson will present the awards to the Colorado County 4-H Horse Club members tonight, Wednesday, July 31 at 8:00 p.m. in the Columbus High School cafeteria.

The awards are the high-

JESSE ROMO DROWNS IN ACCIDENT AT SOMERVILLE

Last Rites Held
Here Monday

Jesse Romo, who would have been 34 years of age on Sunday, took his family to Lake Somerville for the occasion of his birthday anniversary, and the event ended with tragedy when he was drowned in Lake Somerville while rescuing his two sons from drowning.

The tragic accident occurred Saturday morning while he and two sons were fishing in the lake. One of the youngsters fell into the water and another dove into the water to rescue him. Although Mr. Romo was unable to swim, he bravely went into the water to the aid of his sons and managed to get both to the bank in safety. He then slipped beneath the water and divers finally located the body some fifteen minutes later. Efforts to revive him by rescue units were unsuccessful.

Mr. Romo was a mechanic employed with Jet Tire Co. of Eagle Lake. He was born on July 28, 1940 in the Bonito community the son of Jose and Carmen Rosa Romo. He attended Eagle Lake public schools and resided here for all of his life. He and Elizabeth Cumpian were united in marriage on Sept. 29, 1961. Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; four sons, David, Darryl, Daniel, and Desi; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Romo; two brothers, Mike and Tony Romo; and a sister, Mrs. Mike (Virginia) Duarte; and a number of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church where he was a faithful member at 9 a.m. Monday, July 29th with Rev. Father Edward Geiser officiating. He was placed to final rest in the Lakeside Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were: Phillip Soto, Isidor Ramirez, Johnnie Joe Luna, Herbert Cavazos, Manuel Ebarra and Isidro Reyes.

The Rev. Father Geiser led in recitation of the Rosary at Mill-Bauer Chapel on Sunday evening.

Mill-Bauer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He was active in the Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus.

light of the 4-H Horse Club members' year when they will be recognized for their placings in the summer program. They rode every Monday night from June 1 through July 29. The public is invited to the awards program.

3 Get Heavy Fines For 'Phoning' Fish

Local game wardens Sam Center, Nohioff and game warden Bill Dreher of Cuero and Regional Captain of Parks and Wildlife, Carl Covert, arrested the men while using hand-crank telephone sets to catch fish.

The officers found the men had two of the telephone units in their possession and had managed to catch one catfish at the time of the arrest.

Arrested and charged in the court of Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt in Columbus were: Phillip Nipperus, 21, of Houston; and David Chessler, 23, and his father, John Lee Chessler, 54, both of Hitchcock. They paid the fines of \$211.50 each and were released.

No Radio, TV Service At Struss Aug. 5-10

M. G. Lanier, serviceman in the radio and television department of the A. J. Struss Auto Supply in Eagle Lake, is on vacation from Mon. August 5th through Sat., August 10th and the firm will not offer any radio, electronics or television repair service during that period.

Revival At White Cloud

The public is invited to attend a Revival Service at the White Cloud Baptist Church, 316 Old Altair Road, Eagle Lake, beginning Monday, August 5 and continuing through Friday, August 9. Services will begin each night at 8 p.m. Rev. S. H. Perkins, pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church of Hallettsville, will be preaching each night.

Rev. O. Rhodes is pastor of White Cloud Baptist Church.

Truck-Tractor Accident Claims Life Of Russell Mahalite, 14 Tues.

Wreckage In Which Local Youth Died

Collision On 102
In Front Of
Duncan Ranch



Shown above is the wreckage of the large gravel truck and farm tractor in which Russell Mahalite, 14, perished just before noon on Tuesday. The accident occurred on FM 102 four miles south of Eagle Lake.

ALL RICE HS MALE ATHLETES GET PHYSICALS 8 P.M. TUES.

All Boys In All
Athletics Offered
Free Physicals

Rice High School Athletic Director Jack Grammer has issued a call for ALL boys who will be competing in ALL athletics (not just football) to report at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 6th at the Rice High School for physical examinations. He stressed that the examinations will be free to all boys participating in all of the high school sports and will be required before participation in the respective sports. Next Tuesday will be the only date on which the examinations will be offered without charge. After that date it will be up to the boys to arrange for their own physicals at their expense, emphasized the athletic director. The Raiders will begin football workouts on August 12th and participants will be required to have their physical completed before the opening practice. Examinations taken Tuesday will be in effect for those who play in basketball, baseball, track, golf, and tennis in later months.

Entries Needed
In MAYC
Pageant Aug. 31

Applications are now being accepted for entries in the Miss MAYC (Mexican American Youth Council) Pageant to be held on Saturday, August 31st.

All participants must be single, Mexican American girls who attend Rice High School.

Anyone interested should register for the event by Thursday, August 15th at Marcy's Beauty Salon.

1974-75 Phone Directories In Mail

Mailing of the 1974-75 edition of the Eagle Lake telephone directory will begin Thursday, August 1, R. L. Oldmixon, local manager for Southwestern Bell, announced.

The front cover of the directory features a painting by Ed Herbes entitled "Our Texas," which depicts the heritage of Texas in the memorabilia on the table.

The first few pages of the book are known as the "Call Guide."

The "Call Guide" offers

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RUSSELL MAHALITE

Services Are Pending For Russ Mahalite

Funeral services are pending from the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home in Eagle Lake for Russell Mahalite, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mahalite, Jr., who was the victim of a tragic accident Tuesday morning.

Recitation of rosary at the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home will be held tonight, Wednesday. Services will be announced when set by the funeral home.

The family is trying to get in touch with Russell's brother, Sp. 6 Ronald Dale Foster who is stationed with the U.S. Armed Forces in Germany. Surviving in addition to the parents are another brother, Clayton Bradley Mahalite and a half sister, Mrs. Del Mansker of Killeen, Texas; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mahalite, Sr., of this city; and a number of other relatives and friends.

Russell was born July 31,

A tragic accident involving a tractor and a gravel truck took the life of Russell James Mahalite, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mahalite, Jr., Tuesday morning.

The accident occurred at 11:55 a.m. on Farm to Market 102, 3.4 miles south of Eagle Lake, directly in front of the I. V. Duncan Ranch office.

Young Mahalite was driving an international tractor with cab towing two large DMI Big Little Grain Wagons and was returning to nearby corn fields to haul corn to silos on the John Mahalite place at the intersection of 102 and Farm Road 950.

Witnesses to the accident, three men who were working at this time on the Everett Anderson home between Matthews and Garwood and were in a pickup truck behind a large 1967 Int'l truck and trailer loaded with gravel, told the investigating officer Highway Patrolman Rodney Green this story of how the accident occurred. They said that the gravel truck began to pass the tractor and grain carts when it was evident that there was no traffic approaching. At about that time, Mahalite began a left turn onto the private road beside the Duncan office.

The large truck was unable to stop and slammed into the tractor almost broadside, stripping it from the grain carts and shredding the tractor into many pieces as it dragged it for almost fifty feet before coming to a stop.

Russell was pinned beneath the wheels of the large truck and was killed instantly.

The driver received a broken leg, severe cuts and bruises and possibly other injuries and he was rushed to Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the Emergency Ambulance Corps. Driver of the truck, owned by Herbert H. Warneck of Needville and under lease to Stafford Trucking Co., was Eustasio Garcia of Richmond, 29.

Officers assisting at the scene of the accident were City Patrolman Buford Ashley and Sheriff's Patrol Officer Bryan Toucheck. It took Blackie's Wrecker Service of Columbus over three hours to clear the wreckage from the scene with the heavy load of gravel creating a problem in moving the wrecked truck and trailer.

Highway Patrolman Rodney Green was still investigating the fatality late Tuesday afternoon and commented that in deference to charges, the case will probably be referred directly to the September grand jury for its consideration.

Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones of Eagle Lake Precinct 8, held an inquest at the scene and ruled the youth died of accidental injuries.

VACCINATION CLINIC

The Texas State Department of Health will hold a free inoculation clinic in Eagle Lake the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The next clinic will be held Tuesday, Aug. 13th at the Eagle Lake Middle School on Center Street. Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio and measles vaccine will be given.

MOVE INTO NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Balas and family have moved into their pretty new brick home in the Meadowbrook Addition. The home was constructed by Gold Construction Co.

1959 in Maricabo, Venezuela and his death came just one day short of his fifteenth birthday.

He would have been a freshman at Rice High School this fall.

A full obituary will be published next week.

Friends throughout the area are deeply saddened by this tragic accident and join in extending deepest sympathy to the family in their time of great sorrow.

Methodists Erect Sign At New Building Site

Future Home of
United Methodist
Church
EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS



The new sign shown above denotes the location for the new United Methodist Church to be erected in the future by the members of the local congregation. The church facility will be built on a full block which formerly housed the Eagle Lake High School plant. Some of the members gathered at the scene of the sign Sunday evening for a discussion of the location with Frank C. Dill of Houston. Shown above are left to right, Victor Scott, Dr. Ray Thomas, H. E. Tate, Bob Ashby, Roger Clark who painted the sign, the Rev. David Edgar, pastor of the Methodist Church, and architect Mr. Dill.

Methodists Meet With Architect Sun.

A group of laymen of the Colly Memorial United Methodist Church met with some of the building committee members, pastor the Rev. David Edgar and architect Frank C. Dill of Houston for a study of the proposed plans for the new United Methodist Church building. Members of the congregation are working toward the erection of a new church facility on the site of the former Eagle Lake High School.

Mr. Dill brought preliminary sketches and drawings for the consideration of the building committee and other interested members in a session at Colly Church Sunday evening.

Present for the discussion were Bob Ashby, Dr. Ray Thomas and the Rev. Mr. Edgar of the Building Committee, and also Victor Scott and H. E. Tate.

Mr. Dill is expected to present final plans soon for the construction of the new church plant and plans are also being organized for a financial campaign to kick off in early September.

Other members of the building committee include: Mrs. Gayle Thomas, J. H. Thomas, (Continued on last page)

Rice Market Continues Low

\$14.98 High At
Garwood Tues.,
Sale Here Wed.

With the rice harvest over two-thirds complete, the market of 1974 rice continues at a very low ebb, and to date the first grain of 1974 rice has yet to be sold in the Eagle Lake and Garwood areas.

In the Rice Market office at the Eagle Lake office of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association on Wednesday of last week fourteen lots of rice went up for bids and with six mills bidding, all of the bids were turned down. The best bid of the day was \$9.35 per Cwt. or \$10.15 per barrel offered

for Labelle rice grown by Henry Sunderman. Other bids scaled down to \$8.68 per Cwt. also Sunderman's rice.

Tuesday the Garwood Rice Sales Co. offered eight lots of rice for bids with the top bid of the day being \$9.25 per Cwt. or \$14.98 per barrel. None of the rice is expected to sell at that price.

Top bid of the day at Garwood Tuesday, \$9.25 per Cwt., was offered by West Indies. Labelle rice grown by L. L. Stallman. Bids for the day ranged down to \$8.70 per Cwt. or \$14.09 per barrel offered for rice by E. L. Wied. Five mills offered bids during the day.

It is believed that if some improvement is not shown in (Continued on last page)