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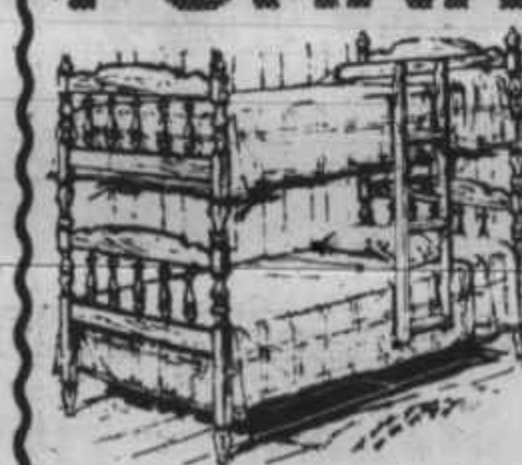
A Southwest Texas State University student from Eagle Lake was among the 189 to receive master's degrees from

the university Saturday, Aug. 17 in Strahan Gym. The Eagle Lake SWTU degree recipient was John D. Konvicka, son of Mrs. Elmer Konvicka of Mill Street. Konvicka received a master's of education degree in administrative education.

DWI CHARGES

A charge of driving while intoxicated was filed in county court Aug. 14th against Jacob Salazar and one on Aug. 17 against Conrado Cardenas, Jr. Both cases are pending trial.

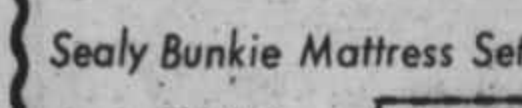
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open Letter To Citizens Of County (Especially In Eagle Lake)

People of Colorado County, after reading the 3 major papers, in Colorado County, I feel it my obligation to answer some of the questions and statements made during the last election. I am writing this letter to you, the people of Colorado County, to let you know what I believe the commissioners and newspaper have done for the county. I am writing this letter to you, the people of Colorado County, to let you know what I believe the commissioners and newspaper have done for the county. I am writing this letter to you, the people of Colorado County, to let you know what I believe the commissioners and newspaper have done for the county.

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Jones Honored On Silver Wedding Anniversary

Saturday evening, Aug. 17th Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of Eagle Lake were pleasantly surprised by relatives, friends and neighbors with an "old fashioned" dinner in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. With car lights blazing and horns blowing over a hundred people gathered in the yard and home to celebrate the belated but ever-so-happy occasion. In a matter of minutes lights were strung up in the yard, chairs and tables laden with sandwiches, cakes, sweet rolls, chips, dips, pickles, beer and soft drinks were set up.

The dining room table was graced by a beautiful bouquet of spring flowers and a three-tiered heart-shaped anniversary cake baked by Cathy Mills, the daughter of the honored couple. The cake featured columns separating the tiers and sugar roses all done in satiny white except for the green leaves. The ornament atop the cake was a bride dressed in silver, and a groom, with a silver beaded arch and the silver "25" as a backdrop. A corsage of spring flowers was pinned on Cathy and a white main boutonniere on Roy by their niece, Mrs. Carolyn Peacock.

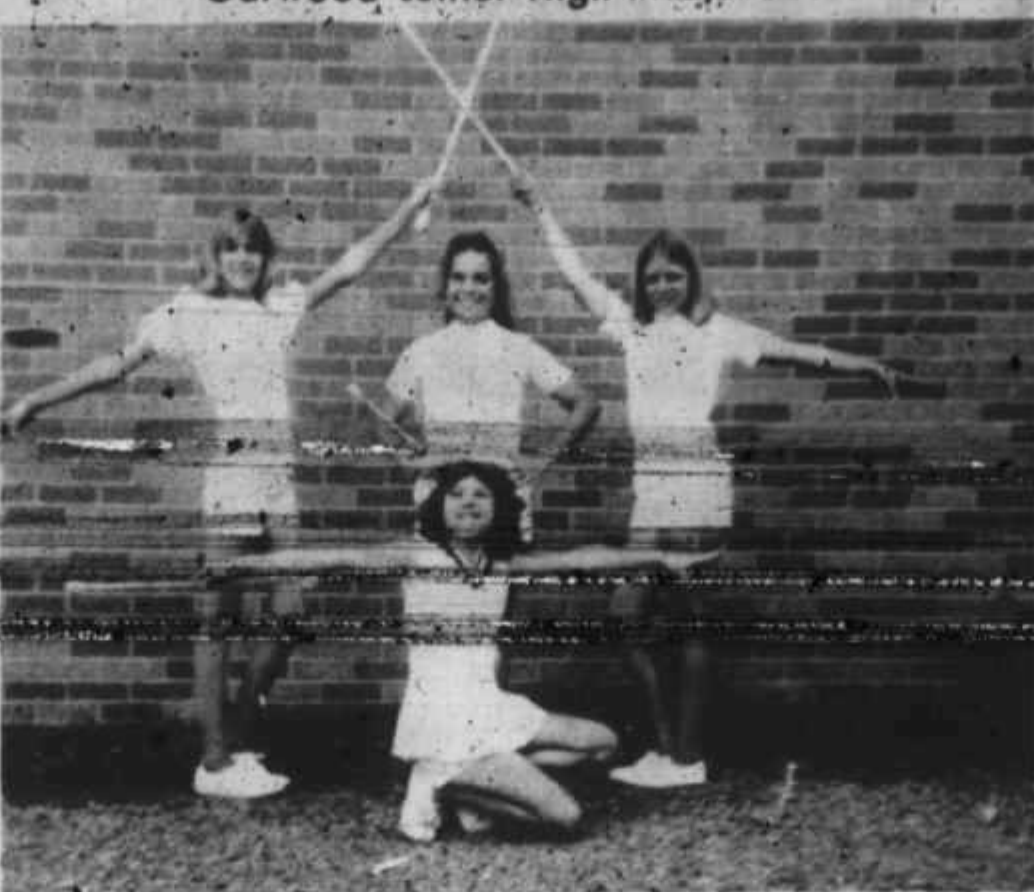
Picture were taken throughout the evening for a lasting memory of the happy event. The guests enjoyed visiting and later in the evening admired the many lovely gifts that the couple received. Relatives of the immediate family present were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mills of Katy, court Aug. 14th against Jacob Salazar and one on Aug. 17 against Conrado Cardenas, Jr. Both cases are pending trial.

Andy Anderson Gets Visit From Vice Pres. Ford

Eighteen year old Andy Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson of El Paso and grandson of Mrs. M. L. Anderson of Eagle Lake, was visited by Vice President Gerald R. Ford (now president of the United States) dropped in at the New Orleans hospital where Andy is confined for a visit August 4th.

Andy wrote to the vice president letting him to visit the Crippled Children's Hospital in New Orleans and to submit some copy for a column for the hospital's newspaper. Vice President Ford made a surprise visit to the hospital at Andy's invitation and visited with the children. Andy serves as associate editor of the newspaper. So unexpected was the visit of Mr. Ford that Andy and his family went on a camping trip and he was not at the hospital at the time the visit was planned. The hospital reached them and said Vice President Ford wanted to meet Andy and the family, made a quick trip back to the hospital.

Garwood Junior High Majorettes



The Garwood Junior High School Band, under the direction of Edward Potnick, will be led by their pretty young ladies. They are, from left to right, Misses Sherry Knepp, Carolyn Davis and Mary Ann Miller. Misses Berger, Knepp and Miller are also in the band. They will perform at the Garwood Junior High School Band concert on Saturday, Aug. 24th at 8:00 p.m. at the Garwood Junior High School.

John Hopkins, Sr. Rites Held Last Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Columbus Funeral Home for John J. Hopkins, Sr., age 83. The Rev. Robert Haller of the Columbus Church of Christ officiated, with burial in Lakeside Cemetery at Eagle Lake.

John J. Hopkins was born at Jeddo, Bastrop County, Texas June 21, 1891, son of John Dennis Hopkins and his wife Mary Adair Hopkins. On July 10, 1907 he married Kate Gillespie at San Antonio, Texas, who died on Sept. 10, 1973, the marriage passing the 66th anniversary.

Mr. Hopkins was an outstanding cowboy and rodeo performer. For a while he was with the Jack McInnes Wildwest Show that toured the United States.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Kate Waters of Corpus Christi, Mrs. John Clark (Mary Francis) of Cincinnati, Ohio; and two sons, John J. Hopkins Jr. of Columbus, Ohio; and James G. Hopkins of Garwood, also a member of grandchildren and great grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

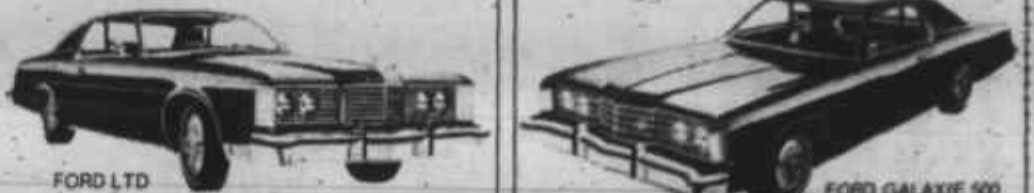
Deepest sympathy is extended to the family in this great loss.

Visits in New Hampshire. Mrs. Mary Beards of Eagle Lake recently returned from an 11-day vacation trip to Campton, New Hampshire. She spent the time visiting



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Anderson Mfg. Officials Discuss Product



Everett Anderson, owner of Anderson Manufacturing, Inc., of Eagle Lake, at right, checks plans for construction of a grain auger cart, one of a number of popular farm equipment pieces manufactured by the firm, with Allen Marquart, left, president of Anderson Manufacturing. The miniature cart shown is an identical replica of the 50-, 100- and 140 barrel carts produced by the firm in small quantities.

Anderson Mfg., Inc. Is Growing Industry In EL

Hire 20-30 In Manufacturing Farm Products

The growth of the Anderson Manufacturing Company into one of the community's leading industries in the area, was described by directors of the Chamber of Commerce at their meeting last week in the Municipal Building.

Everett Anderson, owner of the firm, and Delton Holman, sales manager, were on hand to describe the company's operation in conjunction with the chamber's new policy of giving emphasis to local industries and their growth in economic development of the community.

Mr. Anderson explained that the firm, while it has been in operation for only three years, has doubled its sales volume in each of the years and looks for another sizeable increase in the 1974-75 year. The firm operates on an August 1st to July 31st fiscal year.

The firm was founded as Anderson's Farm Equipment Repair and Design in the Anderson subdivision on Glen Flora Road on the southeast edge of the city with a building of approximately 6000 square feet. The firm completed this year the erection of a new 10,500 square foot metal building designed to take care of the production operation. The original building is being converted to five spaces, 1300-square feet of air-conditioned offices, for a parts department being established for service department and storage facilities.

The manufacturing of farm products is a specialty of the firm and it has all the equipment necessary, sheet-

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St. Mary's Home Coming Sunday

St. Mary's Parish in Nada has completed plans for the annual Festival and Homecoming to be held at the Nada K.J.T. Hall this Sunday, Sept. 1st. Masses will be said at St. Mary's at 7:30 p.m. Sat., Aug. 31st and at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 1st. Refreshments will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Plates for adults will be \$2.25 and for children eight years and under, \$1.75. All plates to go will be \$2.25. Refreshments will be served throughout the day and night and barbecue sandwiches will be sold beginning at 1 p.m. There will be entertainment for young and old. A Country Fair and Auction sale will be held at 2:00 p.m.

Music will be provided during the day and for a dance from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight by the Silver Wings Orchestra. There will be a parking lot for the fair and the fair will be open to all.

Any taxpayer may appear and show cause why their tax values should not be changed. The percentage of assessment of fair market value will remain at 40% as in past years, and the City Council has accepted earlier this year a \$1.50 per \$100.00 value.

ANOTHER WED FIRE Another of those regular Wednesday afternoon fires alarms sounded at 2:15 last Wed., Aug. 21 in response to a reported truck fire near Alhambra. A call was received that the fire was under control before the fire trucks could get rolling.

BOOSTERS MEET TUES. The Rice Raider Boosters will meet at the Shell Creek Lodge at 8 p.m. Tuesday night and all parents of all Riders are invited and urged to attend.

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City Bd. Of Equal. Meet Thurs., Fri.

Grand Jurors Called At 10 a.m. Tues.

Twenty persons have been called to appear for the selection of a grand jury for the September term of District Court in this county, beginning at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

Included among those called were: Mrs. Gail Bradshaw, Domingo Castillo, Alex B. Wainwright and Joe McCreary of Eagle Lake; Kerry Kahlan, Ewald E. Friedrich, James C. Hager, Mrs. Loretta Deane of Weimar; Mrs. Margaret Golia of Alleyton; Dennis Neundorff of Cat Spring; Eugene Pekar, Bill Bartley, Mrs. R. V. Marx Jr., Huelon Braden, Herbert Aschenbeck of Columbus; Mrs. Albert Board of Sheridan; G. Russell Burke III and Robert Hooper of Rock Island; Clifford Austin, Sr. of Alhambra; and Joe J. Kallina, Jr. of Garwood.

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Donors To New Hospital Listed On Page 5

The new Eagle Lake Community Hospital construction is progressing very well and work is being completed for the Contributors Plaque and Memorial. Contributors, reports Administrator Donald Reed.

On Page 5 of this issue you will find the names of those contributing to the Building Fund and these will appear on the Contributors Plaque to be placed in the lobby of the new hospital. In the event anyone has contributed and their name does not appear on the list, or an error is noted, please contact Don Reed, Administrator, at the hospital.

Also anyone wishing to contribute to the Building Fund may still do so and their name will appear on the plaque if they so desire. Funds are still needed for the Building Fund, and any additional contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Reed added that there are various rooms still available to contribute toward the construction and equipment in the new hospital. Plaque will be placed on the doors of these rooms that the contributors designate their contributions for.

"The Board of Directors and the Administrator wish to express their appreciation for the interest and support that everyone has shown toward the success in building the new hospital," the Administrator concluded.

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CITY AUDIT REPORT IS APPROVED

Wm. Pierce Arthur Jr., certified public accountant, Columbus presented an audit of the City of Eagle Lake funds for the year ending March 31, 1974. The report, approved by the council, revealed the city funds in good condition.

The balance sheet in the audit shows the city has a total of \$268,000 in general obligation bonds outstanding and interest on these will run \$64,819 by the time the final payments are made in 1988.

In revenue bonds, the city has \$207,000 in bonds outstanding and interest on these will be \$29,703 by final payment in 1987.

A review of the assessed value and ratio of assessed values of taxable property for the past ten years shows that in 1965 the city had assessed values totaling \$3,247,215 and this increased in 1974 to \$4,236,370 for real property, and from \$1,040,775 to \$1,855,000 in personal property.

Allocations of the tax rate for the past ten years have changed as the debt service requirements reduced. In 1964 almost half of the tax rate (72%) went to debt service as compared to .525 in 1973.

City expenditures for the ten year period have increased correspondingly with the revenue received, since \$79,691 was spent in operation of the city in 1965 and \$144,751 in 1973.

Bonds still outstanding for the city include: \$69,000 in 1961 street improvements; \$150,000 in 1965 water and sewer refunding; \$35,000 in 1967 city hall bonds; \$112,000 in 1968 waterworks and sewer refunding bonds; \$15,000 in 1960 street improvement bonds; \$95,000 in 1964 waterworks and sewer refunding bonds.

In the past ten years the number of water customers increased from 1,111 to 1,307 and \$708 revenue in water and sewer from \$11,241 to \$107,912.

City Manager T. J. Smith made the following report to the Council and it is incorporated in the budget.

"Materials, supplies, and labor continue to cost more. We find that it is most important to examine all the municipal operations very closely to furnish the best possible service with the monies

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AARP Crime Prevention Clinic Opens Mon.

A Crime Prevention Program will be sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons in the First Baptist Church Recreation Hall at 2:00 p.m. Sept. 2, 3, 4, and 5th and everyone is invited to attend the information.

Mon, Sept. 2 Street Crimes by Game Warden Sam Center.

Tues, Sept. 3 Initiation to Burglary by Bill Elkins of Houston police department; Wed, Sept. 4 Criminals by Police Officer Lester J. Crank.

Thurs, Sept. 5 Community Police Relations by County Judge Lester J. Crank.

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Monday, Labor Day, Is A Holiday Here

Next Monday, Sept. 2nd will be an official holiday in Eagle Lake and most business firms will be closed all day in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

The postoffice and the First National Bank will be among those closing. The offices in the county courthouse in Columbus will also be closed in observance of the holiday.

All schools in the Big District will be closed all day, Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

Annual Staff To Sell Ads

The members of this year's annual staff at Rice High School will soon be making trips to each of the surrounding communities to sell ads. These ads are very important to them as they help pay for a large amount of the costs that go into the making of an annual, said Larry Bowen of the Rice Raider News Staff.

The annual staff and all members of Rice High School will greatly appreciate the cooperation of all local businessmen in this activity.

No Garbage Pickup Mon.

The city's sanitation department will observe the Labor Day holiday. The usual pickup service rendered on Monday will be moved to Tuesday instead. The Tuesday route will be served on Wednesday, the Thursday and Friday routes will be served as usual.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Compete For Miss MAYC Title

Here are the fourteen pretty young ladies to compete for the title of MAYC Queen at the Mexican American Youth Council's first pageant to be held at the Community Center Saturday evening. They are, from left to right, Carla Morales, Diana Morales, Susan Olvera, Sylvia Burela, Sophia Morales, Marcelita Gutierrez, Sonia Lopez, Linda Morales, Yolanda Godino, Janie Rodriguez, Mary Alvarado, Alma Munoz, and Carolina Perez.

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1975 County Budget Includes 10% Pay Hikes

Officers Compare Arrest Sheets Public Hearing On Record Budget Sept. 9

An estimated \$1.6 million budget, including ten per cent salary increases for county employees and county officials, has been submitted for consideration to the county commissioners' court. It is a public hearing set for 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30 in the county courtroom in Columbus.

Members of the Commissioners' Court reviewed the budget submitted by County Judge Lester J. Crank, the official budget officer for the county, and auditor, Mr. L. Briscoe, in a special session Monday, and the recommended budget is now on public file in the county clerk's office in Columbus.

The new budget is just under \$160,000 more than the 1974 budget. Final expenditure figures were being completed by the county auditor's office Wednesday morning.

Although wage changes were made on the recommendation of the commissioners Monday, the final adoption is not effective until after the public hearing Sept. 30. Any persons who wish to participate in the budget discussion are invited and urged to be present at that time.

ANTICIPATED REVENUE The budget is predicated on a 9% collection of the 1975 tax roll which is estimated at \$53,000,000 for the additional ad valorem levy of 50c per \$100 valuation and on the total valuation of \$84,000,000 and a levy of 50c per \$100. The assessed values are based on 25% of the true market value.

Total revenue from the ad valorem tax roll is estimated at \$440,000, based on the 50c rate; and \$190,500 on the additional ad valorem roll at the 50c rate; at a 100% collection. The 90% collection figure was adopted due to the fact that the county allows discounts for early payment of taxes October through December and this reduces the percentage of collections. It is estimated that the 90% tax collection figure will bring the county a total of \$477,450 in revenue.

The county has no outstanding bonded indebtedness. The budget proposes that the 80c total tax rate be divided as follows: 1c to the Jury Fund; 15c to Road and Bridge; 12c to the General Fund; 52c to the General Fund; none to the Permanent Improvement and 30c to additional ad valorem.

There was also some discussion on moving 2c from the general fund to bolster commissioners' road and bridge precinct funds to help offset rising costs in order to enable the commissioners to comply with the state constitution.

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Helicopter Used To Nab Speeders

Speeding motorists on Highway 90A, westbound, and on Farm to Market 1956, southbound, last Thursday found themselves in a heap of trouble, much to their surprise, when the Department of Public Safety used a helicopter to clock motorists on both of these arteries into Eagle Lake community.

The DPS helicopter, one of six owned by the department, is assigned to this region and normally is used on interstates and other busy highways.

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Miss MAYC Pageant Saturday

14 In Pageant; Dr. Blakely To Be MC

The public is invited to attend the first annual Miss MAYC Beauty Pageant at the Eagle Lake Community Center this Saturday evening, August 31st beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Fourteen pretty young ladies of Mexican American descent in the 14 to 17 year age group will be competing on the basis of appearance, talent and personality. All fourteen are enrolled at Rice High School.

The contestants are: Mary Alvarado, Sylvia Ann Barila, Marcelita Gutierrez, Sonia Lopez, Diana Morales, Linda Morales, Sophia Morales, Carla Morales, Susan Olvera, Carolina Perez, Janie Rodriguez, Alma Munoz, Sandra Jean Vera and Yolanda Godino.

Master of Ceremonies for the event will be James Blakely, Ph.D., widely acclaimed as the county's most popular radio personality.

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