ROCK ISLAND NEWS

Mrs. M. I. Nicewander

Shower Honors New Mrs. John Hooper

A miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. John W. Hooper, a recent bride, was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hooper Jr. on Saturday evening, Sept. 28th at 7:30 o'clock.

Out-of-town guests registered from New Iberia, La., Sealy, Columbus and Sheridan.

The new bride was assisted in opening her gifts by Tammy Waits and Norma Sue Hooper.

After the gifts were passed around and admired by the guests, refreshments were served in the dining area from a table covered with a blue cloth overlaid with lace. Chips, dips, mints, nuts, cake, coffee and punch were served.

Hostesses for the shower were Mesdames Dan Hooper Jr., Eunice Venghaus, Dorothy George, Bernice Henry, and Evelyn Speck.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Waits and three daughters of New Iberia, La., Mrs. J. E. McDonald and Miss Florence McShan of Conroe were guests here this week with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Waits and the Norman Hoopers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Moss' visitors this weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moss and sons of La Marque, Betty Langston of Lufkin and Karl Ohlenbusch of Houston.

Mrs. Winnie Hand and Mrs. Laura Starkey returned to their home in Houston Saturday after spending a few days with friends here and near Weimar.

Scott Moore Is Birthday Honoree

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moore and two sons of Pasadena were weekend visitors here. On Saturday, Sept. 28th Scott Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moore, was honored at the Lake Sheridan home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore, on the occasion of his sixth birthday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Monica; Mrs. Lanier Ripple, Lannie, Laura and David of Houston; Mrs. Vivian Douglass, Vivian and Bonnie of Columbus; and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Girndt of Rock Island.

EAT MORE RICE EVERY DAY!!

Tickets On Sale For Crockett Scout Show

Tickets will be distributed to all Cub Packs, Scout Troops, and Explorer Posts on Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the covered area at the Austin County Fair Grounds it was announced by Joe Battle, District Show Chairman and Jack Pickett, District Scout Executive.

The Scout Show this year will be one of the largest and best according to the Show committee.

Scouts, Cubs, and Explorers will be selling tickets all during the month of October for the show which will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Austin County Fair Grounds. Each seller will be working for prizes for his self and 20% commission cash for his own unit to help with the unit's operational expense or any other way they care to use the money.

The Scout Show will have displays by the Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, F.F.A. groups, Explorers, Cubs, and Scouts. This year's show is going to be one of the best because other youth groups will have a chance to participate.

A representative from all groups and units need to pick up their tickets and selling kits at the Austin County Fair Grounds between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 5.

Many Attend Jehovahs Wit. Meet In Bryan

The two-day seminar held by Jehovah's Witnesses at the Bryan Civic Auditorium in Bryan was considered "a great success" according to D. Youngblood of Eagle Lake, who was among the 1171 present.

The program that was held on September 28th and 29th was developed around the theme, "What Sort of Persons Ought You to Be?" Saturday saw the ordination of 27 new ministers for Jehovah's Witnesses.

Paul D. Mosks, District Supervisor for Texas and parts of New Mexico and Oklahoma, delivered the main discourse on Sunday entitled "What the Near Future Holds".

All of those in attendance at the two-day conclave were encouraged to make a close examination of the Bible to find out what the future holds for them.

Married In California

MRS. JOHN W. HOOPER

Miss Sheryl Howard, John W. Hooper Wed.

(Mrs. M. I. Nicewander)

Miss Sheryl Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chaney of San Diego, California, and John W. Hooper of the U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hooper of Rock Island, were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, Sept. 21st at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel on the Navy base in San Diego. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Webber.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose for her wedding a white embossed silk organza gown fashioned with a scooped neckline and long sleeves. She wore a mantilla of white illusion and carried a cascade bouquet of yellow roses.

Attending the bride as Maid of Honor was Miss Susie Polak who was attired in a delicate green dress and carried a bouquet of white carnations.

Serving the groom as Best Man was Mark Crawford.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson in San Diego.

The groom's sister, Miss Norma Sue Hooper; his uncle, Harold Waits of Houston; and June Frnka of Garwood flew to California for the ceremony.

The happy couple left shortly after the wedding for Rock Island where they spent a few days with relatives. The newlyweds returned to San Diego Saturday evening, Sept. 29th.

TOPS Report

TOPS TX 697

TOPS 697 met Wednesday, Sept. 25 at : 9 o'clock. Nineteen members weighed in.

Jo Ann Gertson was queen for the week and Rita Sunderman was best loser for the week.

The program was presented by Judy Reese. Some facts about weight, calories, etc., follow:

Don't be lonesome! 79 million American people are obese. Eighty percent obese children become obese adults. The pattern is set from birth to age 2 and from age 8 to age 12.

Fat cells may shrink as diet is controlled but they never go away.

The important thing in losing weight is to use up more calories than you take in.

Larger people burn more calories than smaller people doing the same thing.

You use 4.5 calories a minute walking at 3 mph; 7.5 calories playing tennis; 8.5 calories swimming; and 2.5 to 10 calories cycling.

To burn 410 calories in a piece of apple pie would require 48 minutes swimming or 55 minutes of tennis or 91 minutes of walking. Was the pie really worth it?

-Reporter.

Elec. Campaign Expense Reports Due Oct. 7

Texas Secretary of State Mark W. White Jr., reminds candidates and political committees in the Nov. 5th general election that their first campaign contribution and expense reports must be filed by 5 p.m. on October 7th.

The reports, covering all political contributions received and expenditures made since either the appointment of the candidate's or committee's campaign manager or the last primary election report, may be filed as early as Sept. 27th. Candidates seeking local offices and state offices where the district is located solely within one county must file with the county clerk in that county.

Candidates without opponents in the general election are not required to file the reports. Political committees contributing to any candidates are still required to file even if the candidate they are supporting is unopposed.

NW Garwood Field Is Extended

A dual completion by the Seagull Energy Corporation of Shreveport has extended the Northwest Garwood Field.

The No. 1 Line was completed on a 640 acre tract in the J. H. Longley Survey A-399 6.5 miles south of Rock Island.

The well had a maximum flow rate of 614,000 cubic feet of gas per day with a pressure of 726 pounds per square inch and had absolute open flow potential of 2.13 million cubic feet of gas per day at 1834 - 1844 feet and absolute open flow potential of 2.13 million cubic feet of gas per day from 2365 feet.

Another completion in the area is the Prairie Producing Co. No. 1 Alma L. Penick as a dual gas well on a 75 acre lease in the I&GN RR Survey A283 a mile southwest of Rock Island.

It had open flow of 6.7 million cubic feet of gas per day from 9214-16 feet and open flow of 6.7 million cubic feet daily from 8448-58. Both completions are in the Wilcox zone.

Study Club To Have Library Program Tues.

Eagle Lake Study Club will meet next Tues., Oct. 8th at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Center for a Library Orientation program.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Mesdames Joe Parker, Steve Balas and Wilburn Ash.

All interested persons are invited to attend the session.

Plans will be completed for the annual Bazaar which will be held on November 1st.

HOSPITAL NEWS NOTES

Patients this week (Sept. 30)

Mrs. Arella Keiner, city
Gilbert Gonzales, city
Mrs. Rose Tillman, city
Mrs. Manuela Cumpian, city
Miss Brenda Yell, city
Julius Rodriguez, city
Mrs. Viola Judson, city
Mrs. Joyce Christal, city
Mrs. Trula Garner, city
Ralph Walker, city
Mrs. Margaret Mc Donald, city
Mrs. Katy Farthing, city
Antone Kocurek, Garwood
Mrs. Lavada McCoy, Odessa
Mrs. Clara Bell Reed, Sheridan

Dismissals:

Mrs. Henrietta Matthews, city
Miss Martha Parker, city
Mrs. Ada Gunn, city
Chas Stephens, city
Rhonda Norris and son, city
Mrs. Luisa Hernandez, city
Harvey Pustjovsky, city
Mrs. Hattie Mahaffic, city
Eddie Nohavitz, city
Edward Satsky, city
Sandra Collins and girl, Columbus
Mrs. Brenda Hill and girl, city
Mrs. Gladys Schiurring, Garwood
Mrs. Donna Venghaus, Rosenberg
Billy Everett, LaGrange
Morris Hernandez, El Campo
C. A. Holt, Sugarland

DWI CHARGES

A charge of driving while intoxicated was filed in county Court Sept. 26th against Troy Allen Taylor and one on Oct. 1st against John Bell Wilson. Trial of both cases is pending.

Register By Oct. 5 To Vote Nov. 5

Absentee Vote Begins Oct. 16

Texas Secretary of State Mark W. White, Jr. issues a reminder to any qualified persons wishing to participate in the Nov. 5th general election that they must be registered by Oct. 5th. A voter registration application may be obtained at the County Tax Assessor-Collector's office in Columbus. The application may be filed either in person or by mail. Locally you may register at the Republican headquarters in the former Mose Thomas home on West Main Street.

Sec. of State White noted that a registration is valid for three years and is automatically extended for the succeeding three year period by voting in a primary or general election. Consequently, many voters who have participated in prior elections need not make application to renew their registration.

He added that all voters wishing to cast an absentee ballot for the Nov. 5th election may do so beginning Oct. 16th.

Those persons who expect to be absent from their county of residence only on the day of the election may vote by personal appearance during the regular office hours at the county clerk's office in Columbus.

Those persons who expect to be absent from their county of residence both during the time for voting by personal appearance and on election day can make application to their county clerk requesting that an absentee ballot be mailed to them at an address outside the county.

In addition, those persons residing within the county but unable to vote on election day due to sickness, physical disability, religious belief, or incarceration for less than a felony, can also make application to their county clerk requesting that an absentee ballot be sent to them.

Absentee voting period for the Nov. 5th election will continue through Fri., Nov. 1st.

City Taking Bids For Grazing On Airport Land

Eagle Lake City Council authorized last week the advertisements for bids for grazing rights on 159 acres in the Airport area. The lease will not cover the area being used by the Rice High School Agriculture Dept. student farm.

Bids are to be made on a per acre per year basis with payment for the first year to be submitted with the bid.

Bids will be accepted at the city manager's office until 7:30 p.m. Tues., Oct. 8th.

NEWS FROM HERITAGE HOUSE

By Betty Swanner

Sunday services were held by the Christ Episcopal Church with the Rev. George Welsch as the speaker.

PARTY

We had a pie and coffee party Thursday and had a wonderful time. Some of the residents' families came and had pie and coffee with us. We would like to thank every one who donated pies. We would also like to thank Mrs. Thelma Johnson, Mrs. Lois Boone and Mrs. Emma Thomas for helping with the serving of the refreshments.

We are glad to have Mrs. Henrietta Matthews and Monroe Johnson back from the hospital.

VISITORS

Mrs. Lillie Schilling's sister, Mrs. Nellie West, was here to visit her. Also visiting here were Mrs. Mamie Shultz of Wharton, Mrs. Schmeckle of Rosenberg, and Mrs. Merle Carry of Weimar. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Semora visited with Tom Semora.

County Farm Income Hits $31,493,000

Harvest Of 2nd Rice Crop Underway

The harvest of the second crop of rice is underway in the Eagle Lake and Garwood areas and reports are that good yields are anticipated.

The Eagle Lake office of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Assn. held a sale of rice, most of which was offered for the second time, on Wednesday of last week and the top bid of the day was $11.41 per Cwt. or $10.52 per barrel offered for rice grown by Fred and Nelson Isenhower. All but three of the seventeen lots up for bids were repeats on the bid table.

Some excellent fall weather is giving empetus to the harvest of the second crop which should be in full swing throughout the area by next week.

Sam Houston Council Pres. To Meet

Roy Dye, president of the Sam Houston Area Council, Boys Scouts of America, and William E. Corder, Scout Executive of the Sam Houston Area Council, will be in Bellville, Thursday evening, October 3 to meet and visit with the Adult Scouters in the David Crockett District. Mr. Dye and Mr. Corder would like to have an opportunity to visit with the volunteer Adult Scouters and exchange ideas and find out how the Council can better serve the communities and its leaders.

The meeting, known as a fireside chat, will be at Mewis Cafe in Bellville at 7:00 p.m. Those that would like to eat may order as they arrive.

How did the average farmer in Colorado County make out in the past year?

The answer is very, very, far better than right now.

According to the final figures for 1973, recently compiled, his gross receipts were the best in a long time. For some local growers, they were the best ever.

Their overall income from the sale of crops, livestock and other farm products compared favorably with the returns reported for many other parts of the country.

The figures are from a national survey released by the Standard Rate and Data Service. It shows that farm receipts in the local area were $1,245,000 larger than in 1972, which was a relatively good year itself.

The increase was due to the big upsurge in foreign orders for American food products. Exports jumped from the $9 billion recorded in 1972 to more than $17 billion as a result.

The good growing conditions that prevailed, in contrast to this year's ruinous drought, made it possible to meet the unexpected demand.

In Colorado County, the SRDS figures show, farm income in the year came to $31,493,000, as compared with the previous year's $30,248,000.

That was the gross amount, before deductions for taxes, labor, supplies and other operating costs.

Included in the gross income figure are the cash receipts from farm marketings, government payments and "income in kind," which is the value of home-grown products that are consumed on the farm.

Of the amount received by local growers from the sale of farm commodities, the latest Department of Agriculture breakdown reveals that some 54 percent of it came from crops and 46 percent from the marketing of livestock, poultry and dairy products.

The sharp gains made in the year by American farmers and ranchers are attributed to the unprecedented worldwide demand for their products. It led to much higher prices.

Gross receipts, as a result, rose $21.6 billion as against a $15.2 billion rise in operating costs. The net gain was $6.4 billion.

BANDITS

(Continued from page one)

Chief Ed Potter, Patrolmen Bobby Friedrich and Tom Wise and chief deputy sheriff Bill Esterling conducted the investigation that led to the arrest of the trio.

Two of the men, with faces covered with silk stockings and armed with a .22 caliber rifle, entered the grocery store just as the lone attendant Margaret Sundquist, 19, was about to close the business. The men demanded money from the cash register and they walked away with an estimated $210 to $220 in cash.

The officers were interrogating some suspects Monday night and got a tip that led to the arrest of three men involved in the robbery. They were George Wright, 18, Floyd Denley 26, and Robert H. Waddle, 19, arrested Tuesday of this week.

The men had some of the money in their possession. Officers said the men told them that Wright and Waddle had entered the business earlier to size up the situation. Later Wright and Denley entered the building while Waddle set up watch outside.

All three are charged with armed robbery and face action by the next grand jury. Waddle is under probation on a previous crime.

Joe Willrodt is owner of the store.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Garwood Deputy Ed Wine Cites Reasons For Resignation

To the many fine and loyal friends that it has been my good fortune to have made in the Garwood-Nada and Eagle Lake communities, I wish to take this opportunity to extend to each one of you my heartfell thanks and sincere appreciation for all your cooperation and the wonderful help that you have so willingly given at every opportunity, while I was serving as your resident deputy sheriff in the Garwood-Nada area. I would especially like to thank the many young people and teenagers who worked with me so closely in order to make our streets and highways a safer means of travel. These young people will surely be tomorrow's very best citizens and I am very proud to number them as my friends.

I have this week tendered my resignation to the County Sheriff after serving the people in my area for the past 15 months. Before taking office here in the Garwood-Nada area I believe the records will show that the citizens here were the victims of numerous burglaries, street travels, prowlers, window peepers and other assorted criminal offenses, including drag racing through the streets of Garwood in particular. Many people here complained that they could not even sleep at night.

I was contacted by Chief Deputy Bill Esterling and Sheriff Doc Mueller and my wife and I came to Colorado County and were shown the Garwood-Nada District where I was offered the job as resident deputy and I accepted the position. At the time of accepting this position I was informed by Sheriff Mueller that he had checked my qualifications and that the Garwood and Nada area was to be my responsibility for maintaining law and order and that he considered me the sheriff under him for this end of the county. Sheriff Mueller told me that if he never heard from me he would consider that I was satisfying the voters in this district.

I came to this area as an experienced and trained police officer dedicated to the principles as set forth in the Police Officers Code of Ethics. I began to apply the procedures of Modern Police Science to the conditions of this locality and always treating our citizens with respect and the dignity that they have every right to expect. Our young people are also citizens and have the same rights and privileges as their elders have. I made every effort to see that their rights also received every consideration. I enforced the laws of our state equally and fairly among all the people in my jurisdiction and I received nothing less than the finest cooperation from all the good citizens of Garwood and Nada. The young people and teenagers nearly all became good friends, of which I am very proud. In the 15 months I have served here we have not had a single burglary in Garwood, we have had no brawls or knifings in our taverns, there have been no molestations on our streets, no teenagers have been involved in liquor and beer violations, no young people have been arrested on dangerous drugs or marijuana charges. Only a small number of traffic offenders have been brought before the courts and I have found Garwood and Nada a pretty wonderful place to live. I like to believe that my activity here as a police officer working in harmony and cooperation and understanding with the fine people of the communities have all contributed to the relationships of peace and respect for the other person's rights that we now have going for us.

Our community has a number of elderly ladies who live alone and I have made special efforts to add a feeling of security and peace to their lives as well and I sincerely hope that my presence has brought them some measure of comfort.

My deepest gratitude is extended to the many merchants and store owners in the area, and I am grateful to the hands of friendship that every one of them have given me. I am very proud to have been a member of the Garwood Lions Club and as long as I am around I will continue to support the Lions Club and do whatever I can for this wonderful community group.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Judge W. A. Hefner of Garwood and Judge M. M. Jones of Eagle Lake. As long as the common man has representatives in Justice Courts in our great country, of such gentlemen as these, our just causes will be handled by capable and equitable rule.

I owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to the wives and mothers of Garwood and Nada for their deep belief in the things that were affected here to insure the well being, safety, and the making of good citizens out of our youth. Without the loyal support and encouragement of these kind and wonderful women none of my efforts would have ever gotten me off the ground. I would also like to express my thanks to them for the many other acts of support and kindness extended me.

My resignation is a culmination of a series of events that seem to have originated several months ago at about the time a group of citizens appeared before a special session of the Commissioners' Court and requested a pay raise for my position that was equitable to the pay rate of any other deputy sheriff in the county. At this time the facts were presented to the court that I was an experienced; certified police officer, with more than 700 hours of specialized training in fingerprinting and identification, police photography, forensic ballistics, handwriting identification and comparison, criminal and civil investigation, basic police science, crime scene investigation, homicide investigation and completion of the school of intermediate criminology on the New Criminal Code and Juvenile Code. The Commissioners' Court at this hearing apparently felt that the request was justified and unanimously granted a raise to $574.00 equal to that of any of the other deputies. The minutes of this meeting should also show that I offered my time and special training to the court without extra compensation and in addition to my duties in the Garwood and Nada area, in the capacity of an investigator for the county. Under such an arrangement I would have been available to the County Court, the District Attorney, and to the Sheriff's Department. For these duties I have been specifically trained and am fully qualified. A valuable service would have been made available to our criminal division at absolutely no cost in wages. Sheriff Mueller immediately opposed this function and he was the one person who could have received the most benefit from such an arrangement.

After this special meeting was ended and I received my pay raise a very apparent rift developed between the sheriff and myself. I worked at my job harder than ever before. I even worked most of my off days (Mondays) and I rode the back roads of my district during many daylight hours to prevent loss of farm machinery and tools. At night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. I did my regular patrol over Garwood and Nada.

After assuming my duties here I was never asked or instructed to maintain any kind of log or report form except in instances where an arrest was made and an offense report for legal proceedings then had to be filled out. Later on the County Patrol Unit was added to the Sheriff's Department and it is my understanding that this officer was required to maintain a log for the County Commissioners. But in my own case the use of the police radio was so infrequent that no log was ever required to be kept. I maintained a tight patrol over my area using every method of modern police procedures to deter and eliminate the burglar, night thief, prowler and other type of criminal activity. In the daytime during my off duty time I have spent many, many hours riding the back roads, often times driving my own pickup and burning my own gasoline in order to offer protection to the ranchers' farm machinery, tools and their fuel and to work at preventing cattle theft. I often explained my activities either to the Sheriff or to the Chief Deputy. I was often told that I was doing a good job and there were no complaints from my department heads. I was given leeway to work my area in my own way and I at all times tried to get the job done in a way that would bring credit to the Sheriff's Department. Public relations were good in my area and there was no serious problems of crime in the Garwood-Nada district. All the citizens in this area were well aware of the fact that I often left the police car at my home and either patroled the target areas of the town on foot or often drove about in my own pickup. Would-be thieves or other offenders could not know where or how I might show