

## Fire Destroys 2 Businesses In East Bernard

Two East Bernard business places were totally lost in a fire early Tuesday morning, Feb. 25th. The alarm sounded about 12:30 a.m.

Lost in the major blaze were Ruck's Beer Parlor and the Bank Cafe; the business places adjoin each other and are located in the middle of East Bernard original business area on Highway 90-A (Main Street).

The property belonged to Mrs. Maxine Means; loss was estimated at \$60,000, including all the contents.

Although the wind was very light, the temperature was about 35 degrees and fire-fighting was difficult. The Wharton, Rosenberg and Wallis fire departments were called to assist East Bernard firemen. —East Bernard Tribune.

## Reeves Is Soil Conservationist In This County

Joe Reeves, formerly with the Alice, Texas, Soil Conservation Field Office, has assumed his new position as Soil Conservationist with the Columbus Field Office.

Reeves has been with the service for five years. Prior to being at Alice, he worked at Rondo, Texas.

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## FM 949 Bridge To Be Replaced



WOODEN BRIDGE OVER CHURCH CREEK TO BE REPLACED WITH NEW STRUCTURE

## Plans Laid For Church Creek Bridge Project

A pre-construction meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. last Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Texas Highway Department Maintenance Office in Columbus to discuss construction plans for a project recently awarded to H. D. Riddle Construction Company, Inc. from Dallas.

The Riddle Company was successful low bidder at \$85,806.53 for construction of a new concrete bridge on FM 949 (Bernardo Road) at Church Creek, 1.5 miles north of Interstate Highway 10. There were seven bidders on the project when bids were opened January 24, 1975.

Robert Zajack, Resident Engineer in charge of the meeting, said, "The old timber bridge was left in place when this section was reconstructed by the Highway Department in 1951 and designated as FM 949. This is one of the weaker bridges on our highway system with a gross load limit of 34,000 pounds. It is only nineteen feet wide, which is not adequate for today's traffic of 300 vehicles per day."

EAT MORE RICE

## Mother Of Jiggs Kana Passes Away

Funeral services will be held at 9:45 a.m. Thurs., Feb. 27th from the Hubbard Funeral Home in Wharton for Mrs. Mary Kana of Wharton, the mother of V. J. (Jiggs) Kana of this city.

Following will be a Requiem Mass in St. Michael's Catholic Church and interment will be in the Holman community cemetery.

Surviving are five sons, four daughters, 46 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren. A complete obituary will be published next week.

## All-Risk Crop Insurance In Wharton Co.

The recently announced expansion program of All-Risk Federal Crop Insurance on rice in Brazoria, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton counties, got underway February 11 when sales representatives began explaining provisions of the program and taking applications for coverage of the 1975 crop.

District Sales Supervisor Ron Loran reports that program activities will be controlled through the Federal Crop Insurance District Office, 100 N. Fulton St., Wharton, although several locations will be established throughout the four counties to aid in providing information to all those interested. These locations will be announced soon.

The new rice program joins current Federal Crop Insurance All-Risk plans on cotton and grain sorghum now operating in Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton counties. Only rice coverage will be available in Brazoria County.

Good news also is announced for cotton and grain sorghum growers in the three-county area. Increased benefits of up to 40 percent are available for the 1975 crops, Loran says.

The highest increase is in the cotton program where the price paid for losses has been raised to 35 cents a pound from a previous high of 25 cents. Increases have been made in the grain sorghum program with prices up to \$2.50 a hundredweight from \$2.00 a year ago.

The All-Risk rice insurance plan will provide protection for insured crops from the time of planting until harvest.

Growers interested in the rice, cotton or grain sorghum programs are asked to telephone the Wharton District Office, 713/333-3381, to arrange an appointment. All of the insurance programs are voluntary and there is no obligation to buy.

## August Schmidts Are Honored On 25th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schmidt were hosts to a celebration on Sunday, Feb. 24, honoring their parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Schmidt on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives gathered at the Richard Schmidt home to share in the special occasion. Bessie Schmidt, stationed at Fort Bliss, was unable to be present for the event.

## RICE BANDSMEN SCORE HIGH IN SOLO, ENSEMBLE CONTESTS LAST SAT.

Rice High School band students did an outstanding job in the Region XVII Solo and Ensemble competition held at Braestown High School last Saturday, Feb. 22nd reported director Floyd Spennath.

Rice bandmen brought back a school record of 71 first division awards. Fifteen of the soloists made Division I and 56 members in eleven ensembles also made First Division ratings. Fifty-three of the members of the band made first with eighteen of the group making two first division ratings.

In addition to the firsts, seven soloists had the excellent rating of Division II and four made Division III. Also 48 members in six ensembles made second division.

Mr. Spennath added that 30 members of the band qualified to go to the state meet which will be held in June in Austin.

**WIN FIRSTS**

Soloists receiving Division I were: Jane Rodriguez, Frankie Rodriguez, Wayne Pirtle, Laura Rohrer, Laurel Anderson, Connie Crowe, Sheryl Abell, Michael Cotton, Denise Wise, Russell Scott, Cecelia Brown, Susan Keel, Cindy Kinsey, Lisa Mahalic, and Sharon Hoffman.

Soloists receiving second were: Alan Kriestuk, Janet Kerah, Robert Abell, Bryan Johnson, Larry Munoz, Mike Gertson, and Russell Scott.

Ensembles making Division I rating were: Kathleen Hamilton, Holly Jones, Penny Sowell, Cindy Weggman, Margaret Wilcox, a flute quartet; Also, Laurel Anderson, Donna Dinkels, Paul Mathis, Denise Rucka, a clarinet quartet; Mae Hurd, Debra Parker, Denise Rucka, Sheryl Smith, a clarinet quartet; Don so Dinkels, Pearl Delacruz, Sherry Falpus, Paul Mathis, Jane Rodriguez, Sheryl Smith and Debbie Sommerlatte, a clarinet ensemble; D'Avonson, Sarah Mathis, Jim Walker, trumpet trio; Kathy Frenzel, Alan Rohrer, Penny Szymanski, Julie Thomas, horn quartet.

Also, Carol Bolland, Guy Hemphill, Elaine Johnson, and Sheryl Smith, brass sextet; D'Am Davidson, Jane Dostal, Kathy Frybert, Janice Kallins, Bob Morgan, Alan Rohrer, brass sextet; Thomas Carter, Pearl Delacruz, Becky Gertson, Janet Kerah, John Konechek, Debra Newson, Debbie Sommerlatte, Wesley Wick, Sharon Zbranek, Lisa Mahalic, Denise Wise, and Dana Weiss, percussion ensemble.

Ensembles making Division II ratings were: Regina Brice, Denise Graham, Laverne Taylor, clarinet trio; Denise Hagendorf, Lisa Mattheski, Robin Abel, Nina Zbranek, trumpet quartet; Judy Ashby, Chris Kiekar, James Young, trumpet trio; Becky Gertson, Frankie Rodriguez, Beryl Shorter and Patricia Woodard, saxophone quartet; Elana Johnson, Crystal Jones, Rhonda Kochwep, Dina Kolliefel, horn quartet; Robert Abell, Brenda Argo, Michael Axel, Kathy Frenzel, Mike Gertson, Guy Hemphill, Clifford Hodde, Bryan Johnson, Chris Kiekar, Debbie Salinas, Russell Scott, Penny Szymanski, Wesley Wick, James Young, brass quintet.

## REFLECTIONS ON International Sunday School Lesson

(Hebrews 13-4; 2:1-9)

Religious served as the basis for a recent forum at a large university. Various speakers pointed out the common concepts of a number of world religions. One stated that he believed that the ideas of true value were the same in all religions.

He said that the basic for understanding man's religious ideas would be the common factors in all of them: "one speaker maintained, a Christian leader responded: 'A clear understanding of Christianity can never come on that basis. The chief claim of the Bible is that Jesus Christ is completely unique.'"

Various religious represent man's efforts to know about God. Christianity claims that the only way that men can know God is for God to reveal himself to man. In the first chapter of the Book of Hebrews, the writer explains that God revealed himself in a variety of ways through the years. Something of the personality of God shines through his creation. We know that there must be an intelligent designer behind the order in nature. The writer of Hebrews claims that God gave even more detailed information about himself by speaking through the prophets. Scripture reveals much about the characteristics of God.

God's full and final revelation of himself came in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ existed eternally. He served

as the agent of God in creation. His presence and power sustain the universe. He died to save us from the bondage of sin. His resurrection served as God's stamp of approval on the entire life and work of Christ. God took on humanity in the person of Jesus and showed us exactly what we need to know about God through Christ. Because Christ is both eternal and became a man, he is the most unique personality in history. He makes Christianity unique.

Because of Christ's uniqueness, Christianity is unique. Followers of other faiths are those who know about the faith and accept it. A Christian is one who has become personally related to Jesus Christ. Simple acceptance of the facts is not enough. God revealed enough for anyone who approaches themselves with an

open mind to believe in Christ and commit his life to him. Miracles, teaching, and compassion combined in Jesus to prove that he was God's revelation to mankind. Now we are to respond and receive the gift of eternal life from him.

A noted scientist spent years studying the world's religions. He finally became a Christian. "I could not get away from the awareness that to every other faith I was being challenged to accept some facts. In Christianity, I was called to relate myself to a person. The truth is that Jesus was no unique person. I simply could not reject him," he explained. Whether we accept or reject him, Christ is the unique feature of the Christian faith.

## Texas Exes Meet Mar. 8 To Award Scholarship

Colorado County Texas Exes will make their annual scholarship award to a graduating high school student at their annual meeting Saturday evening, March 8 at the Davis Grader home at 407 Brasher in Weimar.

Ernie Roy Jr. of Delville will be guest speaker at the 8 p.m. dinner. A social hour will begin at 7 p.m. with all profits from the cash bar going to the scholarship fund. Officers will be elected during a short business session.

ing a short business session. Dinner tickets are \$3.50 each and reservations may be made with Dr. David Moore, Box 667, Columbus, or Davis Grader, 407 Brasher, Weimar. Checks for reservations must be received by March 4.

All ex-students of the University of Texas at Austin are invited, whether or not they are members of the Exes club. Henry L. Beken, president, said.

**VISIT FATHER**

Lawson L. Swearingen and wife Jean of Boston, Mass., and their daughter Carolyn and children of Houston, Tex., will bring a visit to his father, H. D. Swearingen of 2623 North Walnut in this city, Saturday afternoon.

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EXHIBITION GAMES			
NO. OF TICKETS	DATE	TEAM	TIME
Friday, April 4	Texas	7:35 PM	
Saturday, April 5	Texas	7:35 PM	
Sunday, April 6	F. Texas	2:05 PM	
REGULAR SEASON GAMES			
NO. OF TICKETS	DATE	TEAM	TIME
Monday, April 7	Atlanta	7:35 PM	
Tuesday, April 8	Atlanta	7:35 PM	
Wednesday, April 9	L. Atlanta	7:35 PM	
Thursday, April 10	L. Atlanta	7:35 PM	
Friday, April 11	Los Angeles	7:35 PM	
Saturday, April 12	Los Angeles	7:35 PM	
Sunday, April 13	F. Los Angeles	2:05 PM	
Monday, April 14	San Diego	7:35 PM	
Tuesday, April 15	San Diego	7:35 PM	
Wednesday, April 16	L. San Fran.	7:35 PM	
Thursday, April 17	L. San Fran.	7:35 PM	
Friday, April 18	San Francisco	7:35 PM	
Saturday, April 19	San Francisco	7:35 PM	
Sunday, April 20	F. Pittsburgh	2:05 PM	
Monday, April 21	Pittsburgh	7:35 PM	
Tuesday, April 22	Pittsburgh	7:35 PM	
Wednesday, April 23	L. St. Louis	7:35 PM	
Thursday, April 24	L. St. Louis	7:35 PM	
Friday, April 25	Chicago	7:35 PM	
Saturday, April 26	Chicago	7:35 PM	
Sunday, April 27	F. Chicago	2:05 PM	
Monday, April 28	New York	7:35 PM	
Tuesday, April 29	New York	7:35 PM	
Wednesday, April 30	L. New York	7:35 PM	
Thursday, May 1	Philadelphia	7:35 PM	
Friday, May 2	Philadelphia	7:35 PM	
Saturday, May 3	Philadelphia	7:35 PM	
Sunday, May 4	F. Montreal	2:05 PM	
Monday, May 5	St. Louis	7:35 PM	
Tuesday, May 6	St. Louis	7:35 PM	
Wednesday, May 7	F. St. Louis	2:05 PM	
Thursday, May 8	Chicago	7:35 PM	
Friday, May 9	Chicago	7:35 PM	
Saturday, May 10	San Francisco	7:35 PM	
Sunday, May 11	L. Pittsburgh	7:35 PM	
Monday, May 12	Pittsburgh	7:35 PM	
Tuesday, May 13	Cincinnati	7:35 PM	
Wednesday, May 14	Cincinnati	7:35 PM	
Thursday, May 15	Cincinnati	7:35 PM	
Friday, May 16	New York	7:35 PM	
Saturday, May 17	New York	7:35 PM	
Sunday, May 18	F. New York	2:05 PM	
Monday, May 19	Philadelphia	7:35 PM	
Tuesday, May 20	Philadelphia	7:35 PM	
Wednesday, May 21	Philadelphia	7:35 PM	
Thursday, May 22	Montreal	7:35 PM	
Friday, May 23	Montreal	7:35 PM	
Saturday, May 24	F. Montreal	2:05 PM	
Sunday, May 25	St. Louis	7:35 PM	
Monday, May 26	St. Louis	7:35 PM	
Tuesday, May 27	F. St. Louis	2:05 PM	
Wednesday, May 28	Chicago	7:35 PM	
Thursday, May 29	Chicago	7:35 PM	
Friday, May 30	San Francisco	7:35 PM	
Saturday, May 31	San Francisco	7:35 PM	
Sunday, June 1	F. San Diego	2:05 PM	
Monday, June 2	San Diego	7:35 PM	
Tuesday, June 3	San Diego	7:35 PM	
Wednesday, June 4	L. San Fran.	7:35 PM	
Thursday, June 5	L. San Fran.	7:35 PM	
Friday, June 6	San Francisco	7:35 PM	
Saturday, June 7	San Francisco	7:35 PM	
Sunday, June 8	F. Cincinnati	2:05 PM	
Monday, June 9	Cincinnati	7:35 PM	
Tuesday, June 10	Cincinnati	7:35 PM	
Wednesday, June 11	L. Pittsburgh	7:35 PM	
Thursday, June 12	Pittsburgh	7:35 PM	
Friday, June 13	Cincinnati	7:35 PM	
Saturday, June 14	Cincinnati	7:35 PM	
Sunday, June 15	F. Cincinnati	2:05 PM	
Monday, June 16	San Diego	7:35 PM	
Tuesday, June 17	San Diego	7:35 PM	
Wednesday, June 18	L. San Fran.	7:35 PM	
Thursday, June 19	L. San Fran.	7:35 PM	
Friday, June 20	San Francisco	7:35 PM	
Saturday, June 21	San Francisco	7:35 PM	
Sunday, June 22	F. Cincinnati	2:05 PM	
Monday, June 23	Cincinnati	7:35 PM	
Tuesday, June 24	Cincinnati	7:35 PM	
Wednesday, June 25	L. Pittsburgh	7:35 PM	
Thursday, June 26	Pittsburgh	7:35 PM	
Friday, June 27	Cincinnati	7:35 PM	
Saturday, June 28	Cincinnati	7:35 PM	
Sunday, June 29	F. Atlanta	2:05 PM	

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