

# RAIDER CAGERS STATE BOUND

Meet S. Grand Prairie In First Round In Austin 8:30 P.M. Friday

Large Following  
Local Fans To Accompany Team

The Rice High School Raiders will be among the four top Class AAA basketball teams to be competing in the University of Interscholastic League state tournament in Austin Friday and Saturday

with the winner named the Number One Class AAA team in the state.

A drawing held by UIL officials in Austin Monday morning, the Rice Raiders drew as their opponent the South Grand Prairie High School Warriors in a game scheduled for the University of Texas Gregory Gymnasium at 8:30 p.m. Friday night.

Competing in the first game of the Class AAA playoffs will be Cleveland High School and Lamesa High School and that game will get underway at 7:00 p.m.

The Raiders, coached by Jack Grammer and Sam Smith, won the Region IV title last Saturday night by defeating the Rockport-Fulton Pirates 66 to 52 in Victoria High School gymnasium.

The Warriors now boast a 28-5 season record and won District 6-AAA honors;

then defeated Eversman in bi-district play 59 to 52, and last week-end topped Waco

Score 58 to 59 for the regional title.

NO RESERVED SEATS

UIL officials advise that

there will be no reserved seat tickets and the admission price at the door will be \$1.00 for students and \$2.00 for adults. The officials pointed out that Class A and AA boys' competition will also be underway and a capacity crowd is anticipated and suggest that you get to the gym if possible by 6:00 p.m., but no later than 8:30 to assure seating. The admission price of \$1.00 for students and \$2.00 for adults will be good for both Class AAA games.

Since Rice is playing the second game, it would be those who want to be assured of a seat to get to Austin before the first game starts, said local school officials.

Parking is also expected to be a problem and UIL officials say that you can expect to park at least six blocks from the gym.

The winners of the first round of play will meet to determine the state champion at 2:05 p.m. Saturday. There will be only one game in the Class AAA finals, the losers in Friday night's competition will not play for third place.

Class AA semifinals will be played in Gregory gym at 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. Friday and Class A semi-finals at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Saturday.

In addition to the Class AAA

finals at 2:05 Saturday, there

will be Class AA finals at

7:00 p.m. and Class A finals at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

## PROBABLE STARTERS

South Grand Prairie is a relatively new school with a rapidly growing enrollment of some 1300 students in high school, the great majority of which are white students.

Leading the Warrior attack for Coach Pete Thompson are 6-10" junior; James Parker, a 6-0 sophomore; David Banks a 6-1 sophomore; Steve Grammer a 5-11" junior; Samuel Flowers, 5-10" sophomore; Bobby Turner a 5-9" sophomore; and Charles Powell a 5-7" junior.

A large following of Rice Raider fans are expected to make the trip to Austin for the state competition.

Classes To Dismiss at 2 PM Friday

Classes will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. Friday in the Rice District in order that those wishing to make the trip to Austin may do so.

School buses will make their runs immediately after the 2 p.m. dismissal in order to return in time to take the students who desire transportation to the state meet.

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Raider Starters, Coach Map State Meet Strategy



Coach Jack Grammer and his starting quintet for the Rice High School Raiders cage team are shown mapping strategy for the big game with South Grand Prairie in Gregory Gym in Austin at 8:30 p.m. Friday night. The Raiders will be battling for Class AAA state championship honors in the tournament this week-end. In front Coach Grammer is flanked by seniors Allan Higgins, left, and Don Austin, right; while the three starting juniors are standing, left to right, Ronald Glover, Kenneth Dawson and Darrell Dancy.

## School Week Activities At EL Primary, Garwood, Sheridan On 2 County Roads Mon.

Public School Week activities will continue in the Rice School District this week as part of the annual statewide Public School Week observance.

The public is invited to participate in any of the remaining activities this Thursday evening at the Eagle Lake Primary School and at Garwood and Sheridan elementary schools.

Eagle Lake Middle School held its activities on Monday night with a program and open house. Rice High School held its activities Tuesday night

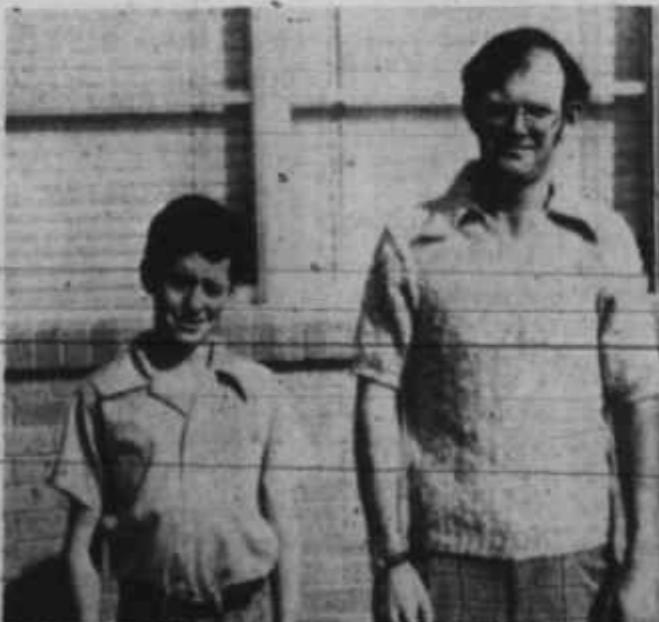
with an open house at 7:00, followed by a Rice Raider band concert at 8:30.

**Sheridan Open House, Dinner Thurs. Night**

The Sheridan Elementary School will hold its open house and chicken supper tonight, Thursday, instead of on Friday, due to the state

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**Russell Johnson Spelling Bee Winner**



Russell Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson, the 1974-75 Eagle Lake Middle School Spelling Bee Champ, is pictured with his spelling teacher, Michael Cooper. Russell won the spelling bee in competition with other students in grades seven and eight. He will compete in the Colorado County Spelling Bee to be held at Rice High School Mar. 19th.

Among the business to be handled at the regular term of Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday, Mar. 10th, will be holding of public hearings on two road petitions presented to the court for its consideration at the February meeting.

The court received a petition from 9 landowners for the designation of a new county road to connect with the intersection of county roads 212 and 230 south of Weimar to a point near Sheridan following a route to be designated by a jury between the West Sandies and Middle Sandies creeks. As an alternate the petition suggested that the road connect with the lower end of the Miller Cemetery road and continue south to Sheridan between the two creeks.

Everett Anderson petitioned the court to accept a 50-foot wide road right-of-way easement in Lake Sheridan area northeast of Sheridan as an extension of County Road 228. The petition was signed by eight landowners in the area.

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A meeting of the Hospital

Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) will be held in the conference room of the new hospital at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, announces the president Mrs.

## Weimar Man Dies In Car-Truck Crash At Vox Populi Thurs.

A Weimar man, James M. Carter, 50, was the victim of a car and truck accident on Highway 71 in the Vox Populi community between Altair and Garwood at 4:25 p.m. last Thursday.

Highway Patrolman Gary Eden was the investigating officer. He reported that a 1970 Peterbilt truck and tractor owned by the Butler Drilling Co. was driven south on 71 by Clarence Floyd Brown now of Houston but formerly of Weimar and a close friend of the deceased, and Carter was driving a car in the same direction.

The officer said that Brown told him that Carter passed his truck near Weimar and the two vehicles remained in that position until reaching the Vox Populi community.

Brown stated, and this was agreed to by other witnesses at the scene, that Carter gave a signal as if to make a right turn off the highway. Brown pulled his truck to pass the vehicle, but instead Carter turned left and the truck rammed into the side of the car. The vehicles skidded some 272 feet down the highway before coming to a stop.

Carter was pinned in the wreckage of the car which was jammed under the front part of the truck. He was declared dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace W. A. Hefner of Garwood.

Workmen from Ted's Wreck Service of Columbus had to literally pry the two vehicles apart and then with two wreckers stretched the automobile in an effort to free Carter from the car.

David Delgado of Eagle Lake took his wrecker to the scene and assisted in this operation.

Brown escaped injury and the truck had some damage to the front and lost a fuel tank but the driver was able to drive the vehicle away.

The officer said that no charges are expected to be filed in the case.

## City Gets \$18,400 Sales Tax

The City of Eagle Lake has received a check for \$18,400.40 for one per cent city sales tax collections for the final three month period of 1974 to run total collections for the year to \$75,376.24. This compares with a total of \$63,654.14 collected in all of 1973.

When the one per cent city sales tax first passed it was estimated that collections would run around \$24,000 per year, but actual collections at this time are running well over three times that much.

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**Joe Frybert  
Pres. of WCJC  
Student Assn.**

Eighteen year old Joe S. Frybert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Frybert of Eagle Lake, has been elected President of the Student Government Association at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

The 1974 Rice High School graduate will assume his duties as presiding officer of the student body next fall during his sophomore year at WCJC.

Fair and Project Exhibit this week-end, Saturday and Sunday, March 8th and 9th.

Exhibits will be open to the public Saturday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and after Mass. Sunday the exhibits will be open from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and after Mass until 4:30 p.m.

The public is invited to view the work done by the students in St. Mary's School.

## A Good Bench Needed For Championship Play



An important part of any championship team is the backing that the team gets from the reserve unit on the bench. Assistant coach Sam Smith is shown working with the Raiders back-up unit in preparation for the state tournament. In front are, left to right, Charles Powell, Coach Smith, and James Parker, standing, l to r. Steve Grammer, Samuel Flowers, James Frazer, Bobby Turner and David Banks.

## Hospital Opening Set For Mar. 23

The formal opening and dedication of the beautiful new Eagle Lake Community Hospital has been set for Sunday, March 23rd and citizens throughout the area are invited to make plans to attend the day's activities.

The hours of directors will host the formal opening and open house from three to five o'clock. Plans are still being completed for the dedication program, said Don Dickey, administrator of the hospital.

Final inspection of the building by medicare authorities is expected to take place during the week of Mar. 24-28th and the hospital plans to move patients into the new facilities on April 1st.

Ground was broken for the new 35-bed hospital on March 28, 1973 and contractors, A&A Construction of Victoria, Har-Con of Houston, Moeller Electric of Brenham and Kitchen Fabricating of Houston began work shortly afterward. Wet weather hampered construction during much of 1973.

The hospital was constructed with funds raised through local contributions and with a \$550,000 grant from the federal Hill-Burton program.

Original bid on the hospital construction was \$1,167,004 but additions and equipment for the hospital have pushed the costs well past the \$1.6 million mark.

More details on the formal opening and dedication program will be announced in future issues of the Headlight.

## CPL Fuel Adjustment Up

Central Power and Light Company announces that the fuel adjustment on this month's electric bills will go up again because of a price adjustment on gas purchased from Lo-Vaca Gathering Company last year.

"With the higher price included, the average cost for fuel to operate CPL power plants in January was \$1.27 per million BTU compared to \$1.12 for the previous month," CPL Manager Frank Sherrer said.

The higher cost will mean an increase of about two dollars in the electric bill of a customer using 1,000-kilowatt hours a month.

Eagle Lake City Council met on Wednesday afternoon of last week and spent most of the meeting hearing representatives of insurance companies present proposals for providing hospital insurance for city officials and employees.

Bill Appelt, local representative, and David Evans and Don Dittman of the Time Insurance Company presented their proposal; and also Robert Griffith of Strickland Insurance Agency presented a proposal from Western Life.

At the conclusion of these presentations, concluding a series of hearings with all interested companies, Mayor Elmer Struss appointed a committee comprised of councilmen Roy Dean Van Nort and Eugene Baker, City manager.

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3 GRASS FIRES SAT. Eagle Lake volunteer firemen last Saturday. One in the afternoon was on Pendergrass Lane south of Bonus, another on FM 1093; and the third in the Altair area, Saturday night.