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Record Year For Rice Assn.

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production averaged just over 28 barrels per acre and the second crop just over 7 barrels per acre.

J. R. Thomas, president of the association, presided at the annual meeting which was held after a delicious steak dinner was served by the staff of Marvin's.

David R. Wintermann presided at the presentation of a beautiful engraved plaque to Mr. Causey, who is retiring after 40 years of service on the local and central boards for the rice association. Mr. Causey had been elected as a lifetime director on the local board since he has retired from active production requested that he be allowed to retire from the board after 40 years of service.

Mr. Wintermann recounted the service of Mr. Causey on the local and central boards from 1935 to date and praised him for his work in guiding the association to many successful years of operation.

In accepting the plaque, Mr. Causey expressed appreciation for the confidence placed in him in the years past. He said that the operation of the association today is a "far cry from the old days." He said that members should not sell the association short for it has been a guiding force in making the rice industry the great business that it is today.

DIRECTORS ELECTED

Members elected directors for the 1975-76 year including Ted Brunner, LeRoy Guthman and Gayle Thomas to the local board of directors; D. R. Wintermann and Bruce Waddell to the Central Board; R. L. Clipson, Jr., to the American Rice Growers Exchange board; and Mr. Thomas as a voting delegate and John Clipson as alternate to the annual meeting of the American Rice Growers Association.

Mr. Wintermann discussed with the members the proposal made by American Rice Industry (ARI) to purchase the Blue Ribbon Mill which is currently owned by the members of the ARG Association. ARI has offered to purchase the mill for $20 million and the member-owners of the Blue Ribbon Mill will vote in a special meeting June 12th on the proposal of whether or not to sell the mill to ARI.

ARI is a sales organization which is one of seven or eight organizations that have been an outgrowth from the American Rice Growers Association.

GEN. MGR. SPEAKS

George Blair, general manager of the parent American Rice Growers Association, was on hand to discuss some of the activities of the association and its subsidiary organizations. He also discussed possible rice legislation commenting that the status of future rice legislation is indefinite at this time. He added however that the rice industry is the envy of all other phases of agriculture for the success that the industry has had in cooperation in administration of programs such as the forest service programs, soil conservation, acreage allotments, marketing quotas, price support programs, such as the forest service proposal and others.

He urged the farmers to let their Congressmen and Senators know of their wishes on matters affecting the industry.

He said that the administration predicts a 27 million hundred-weight carryover from the 1974 crop but added "nobody has been able to find this surplus rice." He predicted that there will be no large carryover from 1974 despite the reduction in purchases under P.L. 480 which he said takes up from 35 to 40 percent of rice production in this country for sale to foreign countries.

Blair said that world production of rice is up but the rice available for export is down due primarily to the growth in population in many of the underdeveloped countries of the world.

He pointed out that U. S. still has the top quality rice in the world and this is the type and quality of rice that is in demand in the Far and Middle East countries where many of our dollars are going for the purchase of oil. Increased purchases of rice will return many of those dollars back to this country, he predicted.

The general manager said the outlook is favorable for another record year for the rice producers in this country.

EXP. STA. OPEN HOUSE

Dr. J. W. Stansel, director of the Texas A&M Rice Experiment Station, Western Bell, just west of Eagle Lake, was a guest and he invited the rice producers to make plans to attend a Field Day and Open House at the experiment station facilities in this area on Wed., July 2.

He discussed briefly the successful use of Bolero in the control of the sprangletop weed in rice. He pointed out that farmers should read information sent out by his station on practices to follow during the crucial panicle differentiation period which is coming up in the growth of the current rice crop.

Stansel predicted that with continued good weather and lots of sunshine that the rice producers in the western belt will have record production again this year.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Other special guests at the meeting included Bob Spreen, the executive state director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service; L. D. Aten, the district director for ASC, both of College Station; and Don Steckler, executive director of the ASCS office in Columbus; Tom Cone, representative of the Texas Department of Agriculture; and bankers serving the rice area; managers of the rice dryers in the area; and the press.

City Council

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ment across his properties, also as per the original agreement. No action was taken on a proposed street and for utilities laid in the street not included in the original agreement.

TRAILER PARK

City Manager Smith also reported to the council that the city's cost for installing water and sewer lines in the proposed Frazer trailer park near Guadalupe Addition would be around $5000. If the city decided to grade and gravel a street another $2000 would be the city's cost. The council indicated that it would agree to lay the water and sewer lines but is expected to ask the developer Joe N. Frazar, Jr., to remove dirt and to sub-grade the street on the east side of the subdivision. He told the council at a previous meeting that he plans to pave a street on the west and south sides of the park and would also pay for the asphalt paving on the street on the east side. It is estimated that his costs of paving and for curb and guttering will be in the neighborhood of $18,000 estimated the city manager.

The council and Mr. Frazar are expected to discuss a final agreement at the June 10th meeting.

The council approved a motion to accept the offer made by the three incorporated cities in this county to pay B. R. Taylor $7.50 per load for hauling trash and garbage into his landfill for the next six months period. The city manager commented that the city will be losing money for the six month period at the current garbage collection fee of $1.50 per residence and this will need to be revised upward in the future but conceded that perhaps now is not the time to do this and suggested the council wait for this action until after the end of the six month period to see what developments might arise then.

VISITS IN BALTIMORE

Mrs. Rudolph Herman returned home this week from a three week visit in Cumberland, Maryland with Dr. and Mrs. Sam Harshburger and family. She went especially to make the acquaintance of a new grandchild.

Fire Destroys Home Near Bonus Early Monday

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen responded to the Clarence Shelton home 13 miles south of Eagle Lake near the Bonus community in Wharton county at 1:40 a.m. Monday, but the home and other belongings were completely destroyed by the fire.

Eight persons, three adults and five children, were in the home when the blaze started apparently in a utility house attached to the house and containing a butane gas water heater and a freezer.

One of the Shelton children, Bruce, 17, discovered the fire and moved the children to safety. He suffered some cuts on a hand and arm, while waking his grandfather, Clarence Shelton, who also lived in the home.

Otherwise all occupants escaped without injury but the home and property was a total loss. The fire was visible shortly after the firemen left the city limits, but by the time they arrived on the scene it was too late to save the home and efforts were centered on saving a butane tank and other buildings.

The same family suffered a similar fire some three years ago in the same community.

DR. WILLIAM M. HARRIS

Ground Breaking

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versity, and Doctor of Laws from Southern Methodist University.

He was elected bishop at the South Central Jurisdiction Conference in San Antonio in June of 1960 and was assigned to Kansas Area with headquarters in Topeka; and was assigned to Northwest Texas Area, San Antonio in June of 1964; and then to the San Antonio Area in 1968. He has a wide listing of special *service participation and is listed* in Who's Who in America, Whoo Who in the South and Southwest and Who's Who in United Methodism.

Dr. Harris will also participate in the morning worship service, along with the pastor of Colly Church, the Rev. David Edgar, and also in the ground-breaking ceremonies at the site of the new Methodist church.

Dr. Harris received his D.D. degree from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin in 1972. He was assigned to the position of Austin District Superintendent in 1971. He currently serves as chairman of the Southwest Texas Conference.

Following the ground-breaking ceremonies at 12:15 p.m., a covered dish dinner will be enjoyed on the new church site along with games and recreation throughout the afternoon. Members attending the covered dish dinner are asked to bring a covered dish and eating utensils. Cold drinks will be provided by the church. There will also be tents and awnings available for shade and music will be presented throughout the afternoon. In the event of rain the ground-breaking ceremonies or the entire event will be held on the new church site but the remainder of the festivities will be moved to the Udmar Hall.

"It will be a great day in the life of the Methodist Church in Eagle Lake," commented the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Edgar, and "we hope that Mi members and friends will take part in the day's activities in celebration of the ground-breaking for our new church."

He reminded that a special Charge Conference will be held at the Colly Church at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 16th with the special purpose of the conference being to name the new church. Dr. Harris will be present for the conference.

EAT MORE RICE

Burglary

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ed in the drive-in grocery until all other persons with the exception of the cashier had departed. He approached the cashier and well behind the counter, and threatened to kill her if she screamed and told her to open the cash register. She did so and then ran from the building. The man took the cash from the register and was seen by a witness to get into a blue pickup truck with camper and left the scene.

Eagle Lake police were called to the scene immediately and searched for the man in the entire flat area of the city before getting information from a witness that the man was hearly two hours after the robbery, efforts to locate the truck by city and county officers failed and at press time Wednesday the man was still at large.

Chief of Police Roy Chisum said that a statewide alert has been put out seeking a truck of the description of the one which was reportedly seen here Monday. Investigation of the robbery continues.

Fortunately the cashier escaped any injuries but was shaken by the experience.

Entries Being Taken For July Art, Craft Show

Plans are moving along rapidly on the arts and crafts show planned for July 4th at The Farris 1912. Helyn Farris, co-ordinator of the show, reports that 31 local artists and crafts people had agreed to exhibit at of Monday of last week. Interest is running very high in the show and indications are that many others will be registered in the next few weeks.

Thus far the exhibit will include macrame, oil paintings, watercolors, etchings, pen and ink sketches, handmade rugs, afghans, stained glass panels, embroidery, hand painted ceramics, quilts, needlepoint and crochet work.

If you work in any of these art forms or any others not listed and wish to exhibit, please call Helyn Farris at Helyn's Flower Basket, 234-2422, for full information on the show. This will not be a judged show—it is planned entirely as a community interest event.

2 Charged With Non-Payment of Gasoline

Two persons arrested for purchasing gasoline at the Phillips Exxon Station at Columbus paid fines of $72.55 each following their arrest at Sealy on Monday of last week.

The county sheriff's office reported that the two, apprehended in Sealy, will face charges there on being drunk, and were brought to this county and tried in justice of peace court for theft of services and were fined $72.55 each. They are Virgil Chapman, 26, and Laycon Terrel, 27, both of Dayton.

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City Finances In Good Shape Says Auditor

The Eagle Lake City Council heard a review of the audit of city finances for the year ending March 31st, 1975, when it was reported that the city's finances were in excellent condition.

William Pierce Arthur, Jr. of Columbus, Certified Public Accountant, commented during the review that the finances of this city are better at this time than he has ever seen them.

City Manager T. J. Smith included in the audit report a letter to the mayor and city council commenting on the operation of the city and some of the future projects. Portions of his letter follow:

"Product availability and inflated prices are some of our many problems. It is absolutely necessary to use good business judgment as we concentrate our efforts to give good service to our citizens. We are nearing the time when we may have to increase our rates and charges to keep up with the increased costs. I receive notices regularly of 10%-15% increases on municipal products. The costs of our production and distribution are certainly going to skyrocket despite good management practices.

"We continue to reduce our bond indebtedness on schedule. All laws regarding bond debt have been complied to with diligence, and we have maintained a good rating. Our goal is to work towards having Eagle Lake a debt-free city.

"The Federal Revenue Sharing Funds and the State Sales Tax have been most helpful in obtaining better facilities and equipment. These funds have generally been used for capital expenditures, while the ad valorem taxes have been used for bond payments and maintenance purposes. Hopefully, the ad valorem tax can be kept at a reasonable level. Mere senior citizens are enjoying their $3,000.00 tax exemption each successive year.

"The new equipment purchased this past year will be most advantageous. We are extremely proud of the new items will provide safety, cleanliness and sanitation for many years to come. We will budget our future needs on a priority basis for added machinery.

"I recommend we continue to operate the Eagle Lake Gas Distribution Company on a contract basis. It is very compatible to the City's operation, and we do enjoy a profit from our contract fee arrangement.

"I want to again commend my co-workers for their support and accomplishments. The employees, administration, and citizens have been wonderful to work with, and all the cooperation makes one appreciate being a city manager in Eagle Lake. I pledge to serve this community in the best possible manner. Eagle Lake is certainly a respected community, and I enjoy being your public servant and city manager."

The report showed that revenue in the general fund was $222,320 or $32,320 over the budgeted figure of $190,000. Due primarily to the collection of $19,407 in non-property taxes over the budgeted figure. Expenditures for the year totaled $184,855 or $9,145 under the budget. This left the city with an excess of $37,465, primarily in undesignated revenue sharing proceeds.

In the water and sewer department, revenue was $114,683 or $2,683 more than was budgeted.

Expenditures during the year on debt service included $32,901 in payment on bonds and interest. $14,280 went to the 1951 street improvement bond issue, $4,500 to the 1955 water and sewer refunding bonds, $8,221 to the 1957 city hall bonds, and $5,900 to the 1960 street improvement bonds.

The City has outstanding as of March 31, 1975 a total of $418,000 in general obligation and revenue bonds of original issues of $963,000. Outstanding on that date in the 1951 street improvement bonds is $70,000; the [illegible] city hall bonds, $28,000; in the 1955 waterworks and sewer refunding bonds, $120,000; in 1960 street improvement bonds, $20,000 for a total of $238,000 in general obligation bonds; in revenue bonds, outstanding are: $95,000 in waterworks and sewer revenue bonds, 1956; $85,000 in waterworks and sewer revenue bonds, 1964.

The report showed that the tax rate this year increased over the 1974 roll and collections to March 31, 1975 totaled $[illegible] 216.85 or 93.34 per cent.

In 1966 the city had estimated full value of properties for taxes of $12,686,688, with an assessed value of $9,440,341; as compared to $17,001,870 on the full value roll for 1974 taxes and assessment values of $6,800,750.

In 1966 the percentage of assessment was 35% and this advanced in 1967 to 40 per cent.

Machinery Parts Stolen at Prihoda Pit

Alfred Prihoda reported to the county sheriff's office on Thursday, May 29th that his gravel pit near Altair had been burglarized the night before.

Missing were some large equipment parts, estimated by mr. Prihoda at $900 in value.

The county sheriff's office reported this week that it has a suspect in the case and investigation continues.

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County OKs $220 Mo. To Landfill

Aid To Taylor For 6 Months

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in regular session Monday, approved financial aid of $220 per month for the next six months to the B. R. Taylor Trucking Co., operator of the Colorado County Sanitary Landfill located between Altair and Columbus. *Week before last* the mayors of the three incorporated cities committed their cities, pending approval of their governing bodies, to pay $7.50 per load to the landfill operator for the next six months, beginning June 1st, and ending Nov. 30, 1975. It was estimated at that time that Eagle Lake and Columbus haul around 50 loads each and Weimar around 10 into the landfill each month.

Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek reported to the court Monday that in the period of January 2 through May 30th, private citizens in the county had dumped 681 loads (ranging in size from a sack full to a two ton truck load) or an average of 7.6 loads.

Because of the variance in size of the loads the court declined to take action on assistance on a per load basis, as had the cities, and elected to offer $220 per month which in effect is about $1.50 per load based on the total for the past five months.

Judge Cranek finally made

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No Sign Of Dick's Armed Robber Yet

Eagle Lake Police Chief Roy Chisum reports this week that the disappearance of the armed robber who walked away from the Dick's Minute Stop on Monday of last week with over $200 in cash, remains puzzling. He said the local authorities have few clues in the case and are hoping for a further break and would appreciate information from anyone who could shed some light on the description or whereabouts of the robber.

Chief Chisum said that investigation indicates that the two men arrested Tuesday afternoon less than an hour after armed robbery of the Rice Package Store, apparently had nothing to do with the Dick's Minute Stop robbery.

The two men arrested for the Rice Package Store robbery are Fred Douglas Penn, 20, and Thomas Hudson, Jr., 26, both of Houston and they are charged with armed robbery and are under $50,000 bond each on the charge and are confined this week in the county jail pending action by the September grand jury. They are also being held, under $20,000 bond each, for armed robbery in the City of Houston, added Chisum.

G.S. Troop 71 Mothers Plan Thrift Shop

Mothers of the members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 71 will open a Summer Thrift Shop at the corner of McCarty and Main this summer and the shop will be open each Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the summer months.

Persons who have items they would like to contribute to the sale are asked to call 234-2535 or 234-2063 and the girls will pick up your items.

Nada KC Annual Festival Sunday

The Nada Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual KC Festival Sunday, June 15th and citizens in the area are invited to make plans to attend.

Entertainment by the C.Y.O. will open the festivities at 3:00 p.m. at the Nada K.J.T. Hall. There will be games and entertainment for young and old.

The barbecued beef supper will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at $2.00 per plate for the adults and $1.50 for children.

Concluding the festivities of the day will be a dance at night featuring the music of Sammy and the Midnighters.

The dance will be from 8:30 to 12:30 and admission will be a $2.00 donation per person.

PLANS STARTED FOR BI-CENTENNIAL JULY 4TH PARADE

The Bi-Centennial Committee, which is planning a year-long program of activities for this 200th birthday celebration of the founding of our country, met on Friday night at the council room for another enthusiastic session with 12 persons present.

The Bi-Centennial program will officially kick off in this community this July 4th at 10 a.m. with a big downtown parade with Bill Appelt named chairman of the parade committee. Theme of the parade will be along the Bi-Centennial line and awards will be given for best decorated bicycles, best costumes, and best decorated wagons and small floats depicting the Bi-Centennial theme.

NEED ENTRIES

Entries in the parade are being solicited. Any one who wishes to participate in the parade is asked to contact the C. of C. secretary, Dianne Blair, at the chamber office in the Municipal Building or to call 234-2780.

Another activity this Fourth of July will be an Arts and Crafts Show at The Farris 1912 and another story in this issue discusses this program and an entry blank for entry in the show may be found on page three of this issue. If you need more information contact, Mrs. Helyn Farris, the show chairman at Helyn's Flower Basket in The Farris 1912 (the former Ramsey Hotel).

All of these activities and others that will be carried out throughout the year under the auspices of the chamber and the Bi-Centennial Committee will be leading up to the Bi-Centennial celebration planned in July of 1976. Organizations in the city are planning programs and projects throughout the year along the Bi-Centennial theme, said Mrs. Emilly Stiles, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

In the 1976 celebration tentative plans call for all business places to decorate their stores during the Bi-Centennial week-end and especially on Saturday, July 3rd. Another parade will be held at 6:00 p.m. on that date and another Art and Craft Show will be held at The Farris 1912. Organizations and clubs in the city will be asked to erect and to man booths during the period following the parade. The chamber of commerce and the

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Rice Board Hires 9 New Teachers

Accepts Five Resignations

The Rice School District's board of education Monday night accepted five resignations and hired nine new teachers for the faculty for the 1975-76 school year. Assistant Supt. C. W. DeShazo reported to the board that the district has had a total of ten resignations, which he said was about normal for the district. He added that he had only one position to be filled, that of a fourth grade teacher at Eagle Lake Middle School.

Mr. DeShazo added that he has received many applications from good prospects and

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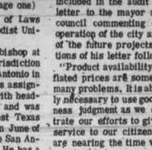

ELIZABETH MILLER

Elizabeth Miller, Outstanding Elem. Teacher

Elizabeth Norwood Miller has been selected to Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America for 1975. Nominees were selected on the basis of their professional, personal and academic achievements.

Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America is an annual awards program honoring distinguished men and women in the field of elementary education. Each year, the complete biography and record of achievements of each outstanding teacher are presented in the awards volume, Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America.

These educators are now in competition for one of the five national Outstanding Elementary Teachers of the Year Awards. Each national winner will receive a $500.00 unrestricted grant and an award commemorating their selection. Judging for the national honors will be done by the distinguished Board of Advisors who guide the program.

S.P. Asks To Abandon 9 Mi. Gravel Pit Line

Southern Pacific Transportation Co. has filed a request with the Interstate Commerce Commission to abandon 9.02 miles of railroad from a point near Altair in a northerly direction to the railroad milepost near Helms in Colorado County.

The railroad company alleges that the gravel deposits in the area serviced by the railroad, Lone Star Industries' operations on the Tait Ranch, have been depleted and that it is no longer economically feasible to continue the line. The company says in its notice of abandonment on page eight of this issue that no shipments have been made over the line since November of 1974 and the producers in the area have no objection to the abandonment.

If any persons wish to protest the abandonment they must contact the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D.C., 20423 not later than July 31, 1975. The notice published in this paper sets out requirements for such protest information.

CC Float Project Progresses; Donations Needed

The Chamber of Commerce reports that progress is being made on the project of constructing a permanent float to advertise this community in area parades and other events.

Mrs. Emilly Stiles, president of the C. of C., has named Mrs. Raymond Thomas as chairman of the Float Committee and the committee is busy developing plans for the float.

A number of individuals and businesses and organizations have already donated to the float project and these gifts are appreciated said the chairman. Others who wish to contribute, no matter how large or small your contribution may be, may send them to the Chamber of Commerce, Box 216 Eagle Lake or to the First National Bank.

Mother, 4 Children Ask $854,000

The wife of a man who was killed in an oilfield accident in this county May 24, 1974 and four children seek a total of $854,000 in a suit filed in District Court this week.

Linda Swan Hill, the widow, Weldon Hill, [illegible] marriage and two others by a former marriage, are plaintiffs in the suit and Stewart Well Service, Inc. of Manuel, Texas is the defendant.

The plaintiff alleges that damages are due since "death was caused by wilful act of omission and gross negligence on the part of the defendant."

Hill was employed by Stewart Well Service as a roughneck on a drilling site in this county when a cable broke and he fell to the drilling floor, a drilling block fell on him, crushing him, and a piece of pipe penetrated his chest, allegedly causing his death.

The plaintiffs ask for a total of $654,000 in actual damages, plus $200,000 in punitive damages, plus interest and costs of court.

Arts and Crafts Show July 3-5 At Farris 1912

Plans are progressing rapidly on The Farris 1912 Arts and Crafts Show which will be staged to kick off the Bi-centennial observance in Eagle Lake July 3-5, 1975.

A wide variety of art forms and needlecraft will be exhibited. The number of persons who have indicated plans to exhibit has grown to 37. A number of these artists have indicated they will have items marked for sale. The exhibit will be varied and visitors will find many interesting, unusual and beautiful works of art.

If you work in any art or craft form please join the large group who are sharing their hobbies and vocations with the community in celebration of this country's 200th birthday.

A registration form appears in the Headlight on page three. Please complete the form, mail or bring it to The Farris 1912 (former Hotel Ramsey) with the registration fee of $1.00. There is no limit to the number of items you may exhibit. Helyn Farris, co-ordinator of the show, asks that you notify her in advance of the number of items and their sizes so appropriate display space can be provided. If you elect to sell works of art in the show, a 5% commission will be charged. The funds collected from commissions will be set aside in a special fund to be used for application of State historical markers for The Farris 1912 and its site. Hostesses will be on duty throughout the show to handle sales. It will not be necessary for the artist or craftsman to be present.

Immunization Clinic Here 10 to 1 Friday

The Free Immunization Clinic, sponsored by the State Department of Health in Eagle Lake every 2nd Friday of each month, will be held Friday, June 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Primary School.

Immunizations of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, and rubella will be given to infants, preschoolers, and school children. Tetanus, diphtheria will be given to adults.

Mrs. Pat Covington from the State Department of Health will give the immunizations, assisted by Carolyn Frederick, Immunization Service Aide, from Waller County.

Social Sec. Office Changes Hours

The Social Security office in Brenham announces a change in the hours that the office will be open to the public.

Beginning Monday, June 16th the office hours will change from an opening time of 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The office will remain open until 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays).

The only change in service will be the opening time of the Brenham office.

A representative will continue coming to Eagle Lake the first and third Tuesday morning of each month or you may contact the office in Brenham at 702 West Alamo or by phone at 713-836-4581.

Pink Ladies Bake Sale Saturday

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary of the Pink Ladies, will hold a bake sale on Saturday, June 14th in front of the former Brenham State Bank.

Delicious baked items of all kinds will be offered for sale. The Pink Ladies invite your patronage in support of their fine volunteer work at the hospital.

Mrs. Zboril New Pres. Of Pink Ladies

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary met Monday, June 9th in conference room of the hospital. The main order of business was to elect a president to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Mabel Ware. Mrs. Ware had graciously agreed to stay on as president through the complete move to the new hospital. She has served the auxiliary faithfully through the past several years. The members unanimously elected Mrs. Viola Zboril to fill the president's office. Mrs.

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Rice CISD Tax Valuations Due To Rise $10 Million

Fund Assignment Under New Law To Absorb Most

The board of equalization for the Rice Consolidated Independent School District has completed its work and Tax Assessor and Collector Ray Marshall told the board of education Monday night that the 1975 tax valuations will increase by some $10,305,000 over the 1974 tax roll.

Mr. Marshall said that a very preliminary tally shows that the district should have total tax values for the year of $85,250,000 as compared to $74,948,000 in 1974. The bulk of the increase came about in oil and gas and utility values, said the tax officer. He estimated an increase of $9,575,000 in oil and gas and utility values, due primarily to increased production and to the increased prices being paid today for oil and gas. He estimated that another $737,000 increase will come from local properties, through new construction and by bringing some valuations up to a more realistic market value figure. The district sets valuations on the basis of 40% of market value.

SAME TAX RATE

Mr. Marshall told the board that under the same tax rate that was in effect in 1974, $1.34 for local maintenance, the increased valuations will give the district some $13,050 in additional revenue. The 27c rate for debt service may be lowered by some [illegible]

The board of trustees will need to meet increased costs and increased obligations under new school finance legislation.

Supt. E. A. Krivacka and Mr. Marshall expressed confidence that the district will be able to hold the line with the same tax rate that was effective for 1974 despite increased requirements under the local fund assignment under the new legislation passed by the past Legislature.

Supt. Krivacka told the board members that the local fund assignment to this district will increase for the 1975-76 school year from $366,000 to $595,000 or by some $209,000.

He explained that some of the increase is absorbed in refunds by the state that were not previously covered in old legislation with the result that the district will be required to raise estimated $95,000 more money toward operation of the school under the state funded programs. He added that this did not include any raises in pay that may go to auxiliary personnel nor for increases that will go to the fourteen teachers who are hired by the district above those approved under the state foundation program.

Supt. Krivacka said, "The district will be able to withstand increased obligations, without the probability of a tax increase, only because of the $10.3 million increase in tax valuations. We consider ourselves very fortunate to be able to hold the same tax rate since many schools in the area are faced with increasing rates or even reducing pay to teachers over the state schedule."

He estimated that the district will be able to continue paying the $700 over the state schedule to the teachers, as

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COUNTY OIL, GAS VALUES UP $7.3 MILLION

Colorado County oil and gas valuations for the 1975 tax roll are expected to be up by some $7.3 million it was reported at the conclusion of public hearings with the oil and gas interests last week.

Colorado County Tax Assessor H. J. Hajovsky said that the total oil and gas valuations (not including utilities) should run about $34,890,435 or some $7.3 million more than the 1974 total of $27,518,586. He said that increased prices paid for oil and gas made up most of the difference with the biggest part of the increase coming from Shell interests in this county.

He anticipated that increases may also be expected in local properties and the total should run well over the $60 million mark. The total valuation in 1974 however that taxes were collected on just over $71 million since about two million was listed to persons with over 65 years of age exemptions.

Final figures will not be available until early fall when the complete tax roll has been completed.

City Asks Bids For W. Main Street Bridge

Eagle Lake City Council in session Tuesday night authorized the advertisement for bids for the extension to both sides of the concrete bridge on West Main St. The city plans to widen the bridge with 8-foot by 10-foot concrete box structures on each side in order to accomodate increasing traffic on West Main following opening of the new hospital on connecting Austin Rd.

Bids for the work will be accepted until 7:30 p.m. on Tues., June 24th. Specifications for the work to be done are available from the city manager's office.

Old Hospital Bldg., Land Offered On Bids

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital is offering the old hospital building and land with 161.5 feet of Highway 90A frontage and 504 feet on Laughlin Road for sale under bids to be opened at the July 21st meeting of the board of directors at 8 p.m. in the conference room of the new hospital.

Interested persons can inspect the building and property by appointment with administrator Don Reed or instructions for bidding may be obtained from directors Wm. H. Harrison, Chas. D. Stephens or J. H. Clipson, Sr.

The property includes the building, suitable for housing or commercial development, and three acres of land in an advantageous location. Bids must be submitted in writing to Mr. Reed or Mr. Harrison before 8 p.m. July 21st. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any bids or consider split bids on land only without that portion occupied by the building.

Methodist Church Ground-Breaking Ceremony

San Antonio Area Bishop O. Eugene Slater, right, presided at the ground-breaking ceremony initiating the construction of a new United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake Sunday morning at the site for the new church (the former location for Eagle Lake High School.) Others participating in the ground-breaking ceremony were members of the Building Committee, left to right, Alvin F. Wiese, J. R. Thomas, Henry Sunderman, Bob Ashby, chairman, and Dr. R. R. Thomas; also architect Frank C. Dill of Houston; contractor Weldon Scholtz of La Grange; pastor of Colly Memorial United Methodist Church the Rev. David Edgar; and Dr. William M. Harris, Austin District Superintendent. See story on page six.

C. of C. To Meet Monday

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce directors, members and others interested in community progress are invited and urged to attend the next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the council room of the Municipal Building.

Final plans will be approved for the Bi-Centennial observance for this community and also plans will be discussed for a permanent float to represent the city in area activities and parades.

During the meeting the chamber will hear a discussion by Taylor Trucking Co. of this firm's activities in the community.

Nada Coop Gin To Operate, Say Directors

Directors of the Nada Farmers Co-operative Society in Nada advised the Headlight last week that plans at this time are for the continued operation of the cotton ginning facilities at Nada.

The Headlight published a report which it had received recently which indicated that the gin would be closed.

Ernie Genz, one of the directors of the society, said last week that this this is erroneous and that plans are to continue the gin.