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Hospital Bids

In the planning stage, the "spirit of '76" was the theme for the convention with the "76" being the "76" year of the hospital's 100th anniversary. The hospital is being dedicated to the state and national registered for the convention. The grand finale for the convention was the President's Banquet and Ball on the closing night. The Grand Imperial Ballroom was transformed into a setting of magnificent splendor with over 10,000 red, white and blue decorations combined with hundreds of vibrant and colorful table linens and stage. Joining the Parrises for the closing event were their daughter Melody Leight, Michael Greig, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Melton and Leight Editor and Mrs. Fred R. Franks of Eagle Lake.

During the eight years of experience in the floral industry, Mrs. Farris has become well known by her peers as a designer and decorator in state, regional and international design schools. She is active in TSA and is presently serving on the association board as second vice president.

Expenses Run High

Administrator Donald Reid reported to the board that some big bills from Central Power and Light Co. have brought about some reductions in use of air conditioning and power at the hospital. He said that the bill for May was \$4700 and for June it was \$5500. Reid said that he has been meeting with electrical engineers to determine areas where the use of electricity may be reduced without affecting operation of the hospital and the convenience of the patients.

The administrator also discussed the reduction of medical care assistance to the hospital and commented that the hospital will need to raise the rate of charges as compared to expenses in order to receive a \$9000 payment which is being withheld by Medicare. He noted that it might be necessary to raise all rates in order to recover these funds, but no recommendation or action was taken pending a meeting with Medicare auditors scheduled for this Wednesday.

The administrator noted that the hospital budget is set up on revenue from an average 85% complete occupancy, but to date the occupancy has been well below that figure, some thing closer to 50%.

Annette Rogers

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The original members of the board of directors of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital foundation and has served as the only president of the board since its inception in April, 1967. She was one of those who worked so hard for the erection of the beautiful new Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

She was also active in the Texas Nursing Association and participated in a representative of members of the Houston-Galveston Area Council. She took pride in her affiliation with the University of Texas East Texas Association and in the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a faithful member and worker in the First Presbyterian Church in Eagle Lake.

At Rice High School she was the sponsor of the Health Club and participated in the state programs. She and her husband owned and operated the A. H. Grocery, in the location of the Mill-Sauer Funeral Home at 3:30 p.m. this Wednesday, July 23rd with the Rev. Glen Kennell, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment was to follow in the Masonic Cemetery, Pailbeers were to be Ted Bruner, Raymond Wadell, Jim Clasen, William H. Harrison, Dr. C. A. Laughlin and Dr. Raymond R. Thomas.

Dearest sympathy is extended to the family in their great loss. Her passing leaves a heavy feeling of sadness in this community.

Helyn Farris

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Surviving to mourn the loss of this loved one are her husband, Earl Rodgers, Jr.; two sons, Larry Rodgers and Ernie Rodgers, both of this city; her mother, Mrs. Ernest Seaborn of Eagle Lake; two sisters, Mrs. Loy (Louise) Spaulinger of Eagle Lake and Miss Ernest Seaborn of Santa Antonio; and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Larry (Charlene) Rodgers of this city; and other relatives and friends.

LAST RITES WED.
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Rice CSD Rooms Show Profit

Board Hears Annual Reports

Rice Consolidated Independent District School District cafeteria operated at a sizeable profit during the 1974-75 school year, but the costs of transportation were considerably higher than for the previous year. It was noted in annual reports made by Mrs. J. M. Franklin, superintendent of the Rice School Board and reviewed at the meeting last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Franklin, supervisor of cafeterias for the Rice District, reported that in the 1974-75 year a total of 14,235 adult lunches were served by the four cafeterias operated by the district, as compared to 108,533 in 1973-74. Also, a total of 85,475 free lunches were served up from \$4,812 the previous year; 9,914 paid lunches were served as compared with 9,950; and 5,970 adult lunches were served to custodians, maids and cafeteria personnel. It amounted to 4,235 paid lunches for a total number of lunches served amounted to 215,519 as compared to 206,543 the year before.

The district opened the year with a cash balance of \$21,955.40 in the cafeteria fund and had income of \$77,764.28 from federal reimbursement, \$57,005.71 in children's payments and \$45,418.82 from adult lunches and \$1,000.00 for bar and snack machines. This compares with total expenses of \$103,006.13 for a profit for the year amounting to \$14,000.75.

The average paid student lunches served per day was 629 and an average of 475 free student lunches per day were served. The total number of lunches served on an average per day was 1104 including 104 for children and 88 for adults.

Mrs. Franklin noted that the \$8,000.04 gain in profit over the previous year was about due to increased sales in the snack bar operation of refreshments during the school year. Federal reimbursement after December 1974.

She estimated that the district received a total of \$21,541.56 in surplus commodities from the government and \$47,495.45 was paid to the Rice district for labor of the cafeteria workers at \$1.00 per hour.

In a breakdown by cafeteria the report revealed that a total of 56,305 (free and paid) lunches were served at Rice High School cafeteria and the cafeteria ended the year at a profit of \$2199.59. The average number of lunches at Rice was 205 paid students, 78 free adults and 30 paid and free adults or a total of 313.

The manager at Rice High School ended the year with a profit of \$1,543.44.

Eagle Lake cafeteria serving as a primary and middle school, served a total of 11,026 lunches, \$1,369 at the elementary school or an average of 218 per day and the Middle School served 53,867 or an average of 353 per day. The cafeteria operated at a profit of \$12,985.30 for the year.

Garwood school cafeteria operated for the year at a loss of \$1,995.75 while serving a total of 26,763 lunches for the year or an average of 148 per day.

Sheridan cafeteria served an average of 99 lunches per day or 17,523 for the year and operated at a loss of \$39,210.67 for the year.

It was noted that repairs to a freezer, dishwasher and hot water heater contributed to the loss at the Garwood School.

TRANSPORTATION
The superintendent noted in the transportation report that the total number of miles traveled by district school buses during the year went up from 155,000 to 172,000 miles and the total number of miles increased from 12c to 16c per mile. He noted that additional use of buses for returning athletic participants and for homes following practice and some increased travel due to the basketball playoffs contributed to the increase. Increased costs of fuel, repairs and additional pay for the bus drivers contributed to the loss at the previous year. The cost per mile traveled increased from \$1.00 to \$1.16.

Construction Begins On Methodist Church

Construction on the foundation for the new First United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake is underway on the site of the former Eagle Lake High School.

Contractor Scholtz Construction Co. of La Grange has been selected to prepare the foundation for the beautiful new structure. He estimated at the bid opening the construction would take about a year. Scholtz was low bidder on the project with a bid of \$253,950.

Workers of the Dymally Construction Co. are working on the foundation for the Blue Goose Hunting Club, which is the site of the new restaurant for the opening of the 1975-76 hunting season late in October.

Women of Anderson Manufacturing Co. are doing some renovations to the former Klockman Service Station building on East Main in Eagle Lake. The building will house the Enchanté restaurant work business owned by George Lambert.

George Lambert, who recently completed the erection of a large section of storage facilities at the rear of the firm's facilities on Glen Flora Road in this city.

Damage Suit

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Amount to be assigned to them plus \$70,000 in punitive and exemplary damages.

They ask the court to enjoin the defendant from production from the Frederickson-Dreik well and ask for \$5,000,000 for natural gas which was allegedly drained from their properties and an additional \$5,000,000 for the cost of exemplary damages for the draining of such gases with "gross and utter disregard for the rights of the plaintiff."

As an alternative to the \$9,617,000 and \$70,000,000 damage figures asked for in the suit, the petitioners pray that the defendants be permanently enjoined from production at any level above 3000 feet in the Eagle Lake field.

Plaintiffs include Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Crank, Sr., G. F. Aberdross, H. B. Carroll, Robert P. Evans, the 1974-75 partnership, "A" Limited Partnership, the 1974 Galbraith "B" Limited Partnership, E. L. Hilliard, The Succession of C. H. Lyons, Sr., H. Lyons, Jr., A. T. Palmer, R. L. Naumann, William O. Watson, Jr., Floyd G. Miller, Jr., and Don Kling. The defendants include the Estate of A. O. Phillips, Truston Shaw, Peoples National Bank of Tyler, Tex., as executor and trustee of the will of A. O. Phillips, also Truston Shaw doing business as Hi-Oil Co., B. F. Phillips, Jr., W. C. Pickens, and R. H. Pickens.

School Board

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the old Garwood school building, now being demolished, grossed \$4,403.86 and after the loans received their contribution to the district totaled \$3,152.72 from the sale of the surplus equipment and furnishings in the building.

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First Cable TV Hook-Ups To Begin Aug. 4

Free Sign-Up Continues

Eagle Lake city officials were given an opportunity to see the equipment and facilities of the new Eagle Lake Cable TV station located at the 490-foot tower on Old Alvin Road in the New Town area last Wednesday evening. The station is being constructed by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce on Monday afternoon.

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Subscribers may enroll for a limited time for the service without having to pay the normal \$12.50 installation charge. This is for the initial installation and there is a \$5.00 charge for additional outlets and also for FM service which are not waived during the enrollment period, pointed out Arlitt.

He said that nearly 100 persons had subscribed for the service by the end of last week and the enrollment is going very rapidly. Arlitt encouraged those who plan to subscribe to the service or would like to get more information to contact the office manager, Cheryl DeYoung at the Cable TV office in the Foster Building, next to the Canair's capshop and the Dairy Queen.

Twelve channels of entertainment, news and weather will be provided, the technician explained to the council and he also demonstrated the excellent reception to be obtained on television sets in the station building. Also he demonstrated the weather, time and special message features to be offered on Channel 4.

Arlitt told the councilmen that the cable television service is optional to citizens of Eagle Lake and is not mandatory and the cable TV will not affect normal reception for those who wish to continue use of their own antennas. With the Cable TV service an antenna is not necessary.

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EARLY RICE PRODUCERS FACE RISKS, SAYS CC SPEAKER

Dr. Stansel Discusses Work

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Brasher Birds At Library Here

An outstanding exhibit of bird paintings by nationally famous artist, Rex Brasher, will be on display for two weeks at the Eagle Lake Public Library at the Eagle and David Winterman Library in Eagle Lake. The public is invited to view this fine collection of birds which inhabit the United States.

Rex Brasher inherited his skill as a bird painter from his father, Philip Brasher, an amateur ornithologist and a master admirer of John James Audubon.

Eagle Lake Headlight

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Tractor Stolen At Eagle Lake Implement Co.

Eagle Lake city police are investigating the theft of a John Deere tractor and wood mower, attached to the tractor, from a lot beside the Eagle Lake Implement Co. sometime during Wednesday night of last week.

The John Deere 1590 tractor and mower, owned by Frank Higgins, was almost new with only about thirty hours of use, and had been brought to the implement company for repairs.

Draper Stephens of the implement company said that the equipment was parked near the display area on the east side of the company's lot next to Lake Avenue. Employees reported that they had noted a large Aerial Rental Truck with two occupants, believed to be blacks, parked on Lake Avenue for most of the day but did not think much of the matter since lots of equipment comes and goes into this area.

It was reported that the rental truck, with covered body, was believed large enough to hold the type of equipment stolen.

Nevertheless the equipment was found missing the next day. Since Eagle Lake police did not get a report on the theft until around 3 p.m. Friday, they had few clues with which to work. Investigation continues by city officers and Sheriff Steve Skinner in the absence of police chief Roy Chism who is attending the state police officers conference this week.

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Rice Harvest Moves Rapidly, Price Drops Some

State FFA Star Chapter Farmer

The Board of Directors of the Colorado County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3, at Garwood, at their July meeting, authorized an increase in water and waste water rates to become effective on August 1st, said Joe J. Kallman, Jr., secretary of the board.

The business water rate will advance to \$7.00 for the first 4,000 gallons of water used; the residential water rate will go up to \$4.00 for the first 4,000 gallons. After 4,000 gallons of water used, the rate for the next 1,000 gallons will be 75c and for all over 5,000 gallons the rate will be 40c per 1,000 gallons.

The waste water rates for both business and residential will advance to \$3.25.

Vic Loberman, manager of the water district, added that there will be a \$5.00 discount fee if the district is required to make a disconnect.

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Former Lakeside Sugar Refinery

This is the former Lakeside Sugar Refinery which was located on property just south of Eagle Lake on property now owned by the Waddell and Brunner. At the left is the large boarding house which was moved, following dismantling of the plant, to the Eagle Lake Rod and Gun Club. The building is right of the boarding house was the company office and this building was moved to the Lower Lake Club on FM 108. The remainder of the metal clad building was dismantled after going into receivership and was shipped out of the country, presumably to Cuba. Foundation and one building of the refinery facilities still remain on the Lakeside Drive property on Lakeside Drive.

—Photo courtesy of James G. Hopkins

Eagle Lake Was Once A Prominent Sugar Producer

Storm, Freeze, Labor Problems Bring Downfall In Early 1900's

(By Kathryn McElroy, Member, Colorado County Hist. Survey Committee)

PART ONE OF TWO PARTS

In a paper written by Stephen F. Austin in 1831 to encourage settlers to come to Texas, he said that there were 70,000 square miles adapted to the growth of sugar cane. Even today, there are sugar mills in Brazoria County which soon became known along with Matagorda and Colorado Counties as the "Sugar Bow."

Perhaps the first attempt to produce sugar in Texas was in Stephen F. Austin's colony in 1829. Some of the colonists working together planted about one hundred acres of sugar cane. The yield was 1400 bushels (approximately one thousand pounds each) of partially crystallized molasses. The sugar product obtained throughout the 1830's was described as a brown or black sticky mass.

In 1834, William Starnford erected the colony's first permanent sugar mill in Fort Bend County. Mrs. Dithus Harris who later lived in both Columbus and in Eagle Lake and who was the grandmother of Miley, John and Cleveland Guym and Mrs. W. A. Dallas, recalled Starnford's sugar mill in her memoirs, dated February 1834. She said that in 1830's Mercer began planting sugar. His plantation was in what is now Wharton County, but that county was not established until 1836. It was to Ell Mercer that Texas is indebted for "the early 1830's sugar deluge."

Mr. Starnford made sugar in his mill, but he was not a sugar producer. He was a trader and he gave a



Al Mahalitic Wins State FFA Star Chapter Farmer Award

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Appearance Of Blast Found In Some Area Rice

A strain of the blast rice disease, better known as "red neck", is beginning to show up in some fields of LaBelle and LeBonnet rice in the western-rice area. The disease is causing the rice to ripen quickly and said that farmers should permit the green rice to ripen before cutting. Moisture is causing the rice to ripen quickly and said that farmers should permit the green rice to ripen before cutting. Moisture is causing the rice to ripen quickly and said that farmers should permit the green rice to ripen before cutting.

City Accepted For Flood Ins. Program

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced that effective July 30th the City of Eagle Lake has been accepted into the National Flood Insurance Program.

This means, said Acting Federal Insurance Administrator, J. Robert Hunter, that individual property owners here are now eligible to buy flood insurance protection at affordable federally-subsidized rates, offering more extensive coverage under the expanded program.

Grand Opening Mart IV Shoes Saturday

The new Mart IV Shoes, located in the former Kleier Shoe Mart location at 230 East Main Street in Eagle Lake, will have its grand opening this Saturday in a bright new surrounding.

The entire store has been completely remodeled and is now open for business. The store is located in the former Kleier Shoe Mart location at 230 East Main Street in Eagle Lake, which was recently remodeled and is now open for business.

Tractor Stolen At Eagle Lake Implement Co.

Eagle Lake city police are investigating the theft of a John Deere tractor and wood mower, attached to the tractor, from a lot beside the Eagle Lake Implement Co. sometime during Wednesday night of last week.

The John Deere 1590 tractor and mower, owned by Frank Higgins, was almost new with only about thirty hours of use, and had been brought to the implement company for repairs.

Draper Stephens of the implement company said that the equipment was parked near the display area on the east side of the company's lot next to Lake Avenue. Employees reported that they had noted a large Aerial Rental Truck with two occupants, believed to be blacks, parked on Lake Avenue for most of the day but did not think much of the matter since lots of equipment comes and goes into this area.

It was reported that the rental truck, with covered body, was believed large enough to hold the type of equipment stolen.

Nevertheless the equipment was found missing the next day. Since Eagle Lake police did not get a report on the theft until around 3 p.m. Friday, they had few clues with which to work. Investigation continues by city officers and Sheriff Steve Skinner in the absence of police chief Roy Chism who is attending the state police officers conference this week.

Value of the tractor and mower was estimated at around \$6000.