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Thailand Visitor



A. Stamwalla of Thailand, center, looks through some rice promotion material during his visit in this community last week. With the visitor are, at left, Dr. Warren Grant, economist for USDA at College Station; and at right, Dr. Jim Stansel, director of the Western Belt rice experiment facilities.

Thailand Researcher Visits Rice Facilities In This Area

The Eagle Lake rice producing area had a special visitor on Thursday of last week when A. Stamwalla, economist and researcher from Bangkok, Thailand, was in this area to view some of the rice production facilities. Mr. Stamwalla is doing graduate work at Thammasat University and was in the United States under an agricultural exchange program.

He was accompanied on his visit to Eagle Lake and other facilities in the Western Area of the Texas A&M Research facilities by Dr. Warren Grant who is economist and research scientist for the United States Department of Agriculture at College Station.

The visitor from Thailand was given a tour of the rice experiment station facilities here, some rice being harvested, methods of drying rice, the irrigation system and the local rice sales office. A trip to the Blue Ribbon rice mill in Houston was also on his agenda.

Mr. Stamwalla agreed that there is a lot of difference in the methods of raising and harvesting of rice in this country compared to those used in his native land where much of the work is still being done by hand.

He commented that this is the cool time of the year in his country when the rice is being harvested, with the temperature dipping down to a cool low of 75 degrees at times.

Dr. Grant pointed out that Thailand is the third largest exporter of rice in the world today. The United States leads the world in exports of rice having about 23 per cent of the total rice exported to areas all over the world. Red China has moved into second place ahead of Thailand with from 18 to 19% of the total exports; and Thailand is third with about 16% of the world's exported rice. Thailand is one of the leading competitors with the United States for rice sales and produces a fine quality long grain rice at considerably less expense than the more mechanized production in the U. S., commented Dr. Jim Stansel, the director of the rice experiment station here who accompanied the two on their tour of rice facilities in this area.

Owl Club In Flat Guffed By Fire Mon. A.M.

The recently remodeled Owl Club located at 514 First St. in the "flat" area of the city, was gutted by a fire early Monday morning.

Eagle Lake firemen were called to the scene at 2:15 a.m. and battled the fire for 2 hours before bringing the flames under control, saving much of the framework and roof but the plush, carpeted interior was destroyed by the fire.

The Owl Club is owned by Mary and David Burris. Cause of the fire had not been determined early this week.

Burglars Get Tools, Equipment At Adkins Barn

James (Jimmy) Adkins reported to the Eagle Lake police on Sat., July 26th the burglary of an equipment and tool shed just east of the intersection of Highways 90A and 1093. He reported that the burglary had occurred between July 23 to July 26th and that the door to the place had been left unlocked accidentally.

He reported that wrenches and wrench sets of various kinds, an assortment of power and hand tools, including drills, a battery charger, an air spray gun, oil filters, two saddles and bridles, halters and blankets and numerous items were taken.

City Patrol Officer Bufford Ashley investigated and picked up some foot prints in wet sand and fingerprints and these were sent to Houston for possible identification.

Sugar Industry Flourished In 1908

Sugar Boys Host Ball At Frazar Opera House

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

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Apparently the social life of Eagle Lake community was also affected by the sugar industry in this area for the "Headlight" reported the sugar mill boys' ball which the young men of the Lakeside Sugar Refinery gave in the Frazar Opera House to compliment their young lady friends. The list of out-of-town visitors included Mentor and George Northington and Vance Duncan of Egypt, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harbert, Misses Fannie Rash and Gladys Johnson, Messrs. Henry and Leland Montgom-

Columbus Jewelry Burglarized

Windham's Jewelry in Columbus was hit by burglars in the early hours of Monday and considerable damage was done to the store and items of jewelry were stolen.

Columbus Chief of Police Ed Pottier was the investigating officer. He said that a small sledge hammer was used to break out a front window. Once inside the burglar used the sledge to break into other glass display cases. He scattered material about the store. Among the items missing were diamond rings, class rings and watches. Diamond rings in a nearby case were not taken, according to the officer's report.

Upon leaving the burglar left a cigarette lighter and the sledge hammer and prints were lifted from these and are being checked for identification.

Others assisting in the investigation were Texas Ranger Hollis Sillavan, Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Broussard and Columbus patrolman Bobby Friedrich.

Raymond Korenek Purchases Nada Cotton Gin

Members of the Nada Farmers Co-op Society voted in a special called meeting recently to sell their cotton gin at Nada to Raymond Korenek and Mr. Korenek will operate the gin as the Nada Gin.

He has been interested in cotton buying for the past fifteen years. Mr. Korenek said that he hated to see the gin scrapped and hopes that

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Murder Charged In Death Of Negro Baby

The mother of a six month old black boy has been charged with murder after a preliminary report on an autopsy revealed that the infant died of malnutrition or starvation.

Eagle Lake police officer Bufford Ashley, accompanied by Game Warden Sam Carter, answered a call to a residence at 201 Davitt Street on a possible death in the home. The officers found little six month old Rodney O'Neal Berryman dead in the home. The baby apparently died during the night of last Thursday. The officers made the call to the home at 9 a.m. Friday.

Chief of Police Roy Chisum joined the investigation later Friday morning. He said the body of the infant was taken to Houston for an autopsy by the Harris County Medical Office on order of Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt of Columbus in whose court the case was placed in the absence of Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones of this city.

Prior to leaving the city on a vacation, Judge Jones held a preliminary investigation at the scene.

Dr. Bellas, assistant in the Harris County Medical Office, informed local authorities in a preliminary report that the youngster apparently died of malnutrition. A full report is expected by the local police department later this week.

The mother of the child, Katherine Thomas Berryman, 36, was arrested and charged with murder of the infant and was placed in county jail pending action by the September grand jury under \$5000 bond.

Texas Department of Welfare officers took three children into custody. The woman and a 16 year old brother and placed them in a foster home in Garwood. The father of the child is employed with a trucking company in the Houston area. To date no charges have been filed against him. Chief Chisum said the man told him that he did not even know that the child existed. Investigation by the police officer in the neighborhood also revealed similar information.

Officers investigating said the body of the infant was one of the most pitiful sights they had ever witnessed.

Youth-a-Rama Superstar Events At Baptist Ch.

All Eagle Lake young people in grades 7 through 12 are invited to participate in the first Superstar Competition at the First Baptist Church August 11-14 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Different categories will be established for Junior High, grades 7-9; and Senior High, grades 10-12 - boys and girls. An entry fee of 50¢ will be charged for each entrant and the deadline to register is Sunday, August 10.

Each participant will choose five of eight events to enter and two events will be required of all participants. Listings of the events can be seen at the First Baptist Church.

Following the sports activities there will be some special Christian growth experiences for all of the youth. "Invite all of your friends!" said Craig Butler, First Baptist Church summer youth director.

Mexican Foods At Guadalupe Church Sat.

Ladies of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will sell delicious Mexican foods beginning at 11 a.m. this Saturday at Andrew parish hall. You may select orders to go or dine in the hall.

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Deputy Targac Resigns; Brooks Is New Deputy

Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller announces that Night Patrolman Joey Targac is resigning from the Sheriff's Department to accept a position with the Weimar Police Department. Sheriff Mueller said that Targac had been a loyal and dedicated employee and that he hated to lose him; however, he felt that Targac was bettering himself as far as the duties he will be performing and the pay he will be receiving.

Sheriff Mueller added that he is looking forward to working with Joey in his new assignment.

Sheriff Mueller announces also the appointment of James H. Brooks, Jr. as patrolman for the Garwood-Nada area. Brooks is from Weimar and was recently discharged following a three year assignment in the U. S. Army. Brooks replaced Kenneth Crane who held the position temporarily while getting his on-the-job training in Law Enforcement. Brooks is married and he and his wife - Patricia have one son, Jimmy Ray. The Brooks family now resides in Garwood.

Immunization Clinic Here 10 To 1 Friday

The Free Immunization Clinic sponsored by the Texas Department of Health Resources, held in Eagle Lake every second Friday of each month, will be held on Friday, August 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Garwood Elementary School on East E Street.

Immunizations for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP), polio, measles, and rubella will be given to infants, preschoolers, and school age children. Tetanus, diphtheria will be given to adults.

In view of the law requiring immunizations for entrance to school, parents are urged to start immunization of their children at an early age.

Personal immunization record cards, showing dates and kinds of immunizations received are given so that parents will have the immunization record of each child. Any questions on immunizations can be answered at the clinic.

Mrs. Pat Covington from the Texas Department of Health Resources will give the immunizations, assisted by Sandra Blackford, Immunization Service Aide from Waller County.

1975 Rice Sales Begin To Hit Peak

With the big majority of the 1975 rice crop already harvested, sale of the rice now holds the spotlight in this area. Heavy rains in many areas in the Eagle Lake and Garwood communities caused a delay in the harvest.

The Eagle Lake office of the American Rice Growers Coop Assn. held its second sale of the season on Wed., July 30th with seven lots of rice up for bids. The top bid of the day was \$10.65 per Cwt. or \$17.34 per barrel, equal to the top bid at the first sale held here.

The top bid was made by West Indies Mill for LaBelle rice grown by Cal Gertson and Son. Loan value on the good quality rice, milling 64 pounds of whole grains per Cwt., was \$9.15. Second highest bid of the day, also made by West Indies was \$10.62 per Cwt. offered for LaBelle rice grown by Sam Marasala.

The Eagle Lake office planned to have another sale on Wednesday of this week with 13 lots of rice going up for bids.

Garwood Rice Sales Co. held a sale Tuesday offering 12 lots of rice with top bid of the day being \$10.36 per Cwt. or \$16.78 per barrel, offered by Comet for LaBelle rice grown

Hearing Set On Record Rice CISD Budget Mon.

STATE BOARD REJECTS 28 TRANSFERS INTO RICE DIST.

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District received some disturbing news this week with the rejection of the transfer of some 28 pupils from the Altair, Rock Island and Sublime areas who had asked for transfer from the Columbus School District to the Rice District.

The applications had been accepted by the Rice District and the staff prepared to take on this many additional students, said Supt. E. A. Krivacka.

He said the rejection was made under a ruling that transfers that change the ethnic percentage in a school by more than one per cent, are to be rejected. Since most of those requesting transfer into the Rice District are Anglo-Americans, the ethnic percentage at the Sheridan school, which enrollment

is predominately of Anglo students, would be altered by some four per cent hence the rejection was made, the State Education Agency advised the Rice District officials.

Supt. Krivacka quickly appealed the decision to the State Education Commissioner, but word on this appeal was not available early this week.

The action taken by the state agency will affect only those transferring to the Sheridan School and will not affect those transferring to the Rice High School, Eagle Lake or Garwood schools.

Since the district had anticipated taking in these 28 applicants, provisions had been made for providing facilities and staff members for them since the 1975-76 school year begins on August 18th.

Rice Dist. Preps For Opening 18th

Teachers Begin Workshops Tues.

Final preparations are being made this week for the opening of the 1975-76 school year. The Rice Consolidated Independent School District on Monday, August 18th, classes will officially begin at all schools in the district at the regular hour on the morning of August 18th and the classes will be in session all day. All cafeteria services will be operating and buses will run on regular schedule the first day of the new school year.

All Rice District faculty members will begin workshops next Tuesday morning, August 12th, and the workshop will continue through Friday, August 15th.

Football workouts will begin at 7 a.m. Monday and will be held once each day at 7 a.m. until the start of school at which time the practice sessions will be held at the end of classes. Band students will begin their first practice sessions on August 18th, said music director Floyd Spenrath.

A list of classroom assignments for the elementary schools in the district will be published in the next issue.

By R. R. Stallman, Comet was high bidder or shared the top bid on 11 of the 12 lots.

Butch Martin, manager of the Garwood office of the American Rice Growers Assn. said he has not held a sale yet this year. Most of the association members' rice is going to ARI or into storage in Houston he said. The harvest in Garwood is over 85% complete and the ARG office does not expect to have a sale until later this month in hopes of an improved market.

Final Story Hour Thursday

Youth To Hear "Legend Of The Lake"

Children attending the story hour at Eagle Lake Library this Thursday, August 7th will be taken to the D. R. Wintermann home on the lake for the presentation of the final Story Hour session entitled, "The Legend of the Lake." The interesting program will be presented by Mrs. Helen Craig and her group, Kyle Walker, Susan Kell, Becky Bengt, Darrel Appelt and Stephen Spanhel.

RHS Student Schedules Pick Up Aug. 14

Students who will be attending Rice High School for the 1975-76 school year are notified that they are due to pick up their schedules on Thursday of next week, Aug. 14th.

Counselors for the high school will be at the following locations to issue the schedules and to discuss other school activities with the students:

Eagle Lake Middle School at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 14th;
Garwood School at 11 a.m. Aug. 14th;
Sheridan School at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 14th.

Altair students may pick up their schedules at either one of the three locations. Nada students are asked to get their schedules at the Garwood school.

Each student must present himself or herself in accordance with the grooming and dress code of the school when picking up their schedules.

The counselors will answer questions at the three locations on information that might be needed for the opening of the 1975-76 school year at 8:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18. Also any changes that need to be made in the schedules should be done at that time.

If for some reason a student is unable to pick up his or her schedule on August 14th at either of the three locations, the schedules may be obtained at the Rice high school Friday, August 15th.

\$2,444,129 Budget Proposed For 1975-76

The public is invited to attend a hearing on the proposed new 1975-76 budget for the Rice Consolidated Independent School District at 7:30 p.m. Monday night, August 11th in the Administration Building in Altair.

Supt. E. A. Krivacka and Assistant Supt. Charles DeShazo and Business Manager Roy Marshall have prepared a record \$2,444,129 budget for consideration of the board of education Monday night. The board members and administration are due to meet in a closed workshop session tonight Thursday, to iron out final details for the budget and to get a complete report from Supt. Krivacka on the effect of recently passed state legislation on school financing in this district.

The new budget includes \$322,210 for debt service, just above the 1974-75 requirement of \$320,984 and \$42,245 for capital outlay; and \$2,079,674 for the operating fund for a total of \$2,444,129. This compares with a budget of \$2,185,721 in the 1974-75 year.

Tax Rate To Remain At \$1.61

In spite of the increases in the budget, Supt. Krivacka said that the district will be able to hold the same tax rate of \$1.61 per \$100 valuation but the distribution of the total will be changed slightly. Instead of allocating \$1,840 to the maintenance and operating fund, \$1,38 per \$100 assigned to this function; while the debt service rate is reduced from 27c to 23c per \$100 valuation. It is anticipated that some surpluses accumulated in the debt service fund will be used to offset this reduction.

The superintendent said the regular budget will be balanced and will not have to dip into surpluses in the district. The increase in the budget is made possible through an increase of some \$10.5 million in valuations this year. The total valuations are expected to be up in the district this year to \$65.5 million as compared to total valuations of \$74,949,000 in the 1974 tax year. Mr. Marshall earlier had pointed out to the board that the bulk of this increase comes from a hike in oil and gas valuations, up by some \$9.5 million; and other increases due to new construction and improvements and some equalization cases.

98% TAX COLLECTION

The new budget is set up on the basis of a 98% collection of taxes bringing in \$1,156,300 with the \$1.38 local maintenance tax and \$192,700 from the 23c debt service tax. The district also expects other revenue as follows: \$4,000 from enterprise funds (food services); \$7,650 from the county permanent school fund; \$1,500 from interest on CDs; \$3,000 in rent; \$1000 from the county available and \$500 from other sources; and \$3000 from Special Education.

Revenue from state sources will include \$629,424 to the regular budget, \$271,000 to special education, and \$15,575 to the Title I program.

Expenditures estimated in the new budget include: \$1,000,000 (Continued on last page)

White Cloud, Gr. Rising Star Revival Set

The White Cloud and Greater Rising Star Baptist Churches in Eagle Lake will sponsor a Revival beginning Monday, August 11th and continuing through Friday, August 15th. The services will be held each night at the White Cloud Church beginning at 8:00 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. Asa Sampson, pastor of the Hopewell Baptist Church of Houston.

Host pastors, the Rev. Otis Rhodes and the Rev. Ollie Scott, invite one and all to attend the revival.

St. Mary's Late Registration Set Aug. 15

Classes for the 1975-76 school year for St. Mary's School will begin Monday, Aug. 18th.

Late registration will be held on Friday, Aug. 15th. Payment for tuition plus fare and so on for those who have already registered will also be held on August 15th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. If this time is not convenient, please come at any other convenient time.