Sen. Tower Urges "Fair Share" For Mex.-Americans

Speaker At MAYC Reception, Banquet Here Last Sat.

MAYC (the Mexican American Youth Council) in Eagle Lake held another impressive Scholarship Dinner in the Eagle Lake Community Center last Saturday evening when the Honorable John G. Tower, United States Senator from Texas, was the guest speaker.

The senator told the audience gathered for the benefit dinner that the Bi-centennial year is a good time to reflect on the past. He stressed the importance of bi-lingual and quality education.

"No matter how hard a man works, he must have the tools to work with," Sen. Tower stated as he called for a higher standard of life for Americans.

"It is time to move more of our Mexican-American citizens into the mainstream of the enterprise system," he noted. "It is appalling that such few members of the Mexican-American origin are in the enterprise system."

Senator Tower said during his visit here Saturday that government and the private sector must work together to make it possible for Mexican-Americans to obtain "their fair share of the American dream."

Poverty, language differences, prejudice and discrimination have been barriers in the path of Mexican-Americans seeking equal opportunity, Tower said at the Third Annual Mexican-American Youth Council Fund Dinner. here.

WORK TOGETHER

"It is incumbent upon all of us--Anglo and Chicano, government officials and private citizens--to work together to eliminate those barriers," Tower said.

Education and jobs are the two keys that unlock the door to opportunity, the Texas Republican said.

"With a good job, an American--whatever his age, race, sex, or ethnic background--can make a good life for himself or herself and his or her family," Tower said.

Good jobs in our increasingly complex society cannot be obtained without good education, he said.

"A willingness to work hard is no longer enough to get ahead in America," Tower said. "Americans must be trained in the skills necessary to perform the jobs that are available.

Government has done much to encourage bilingual education and job training opportunities, said Tower, who has sponsored or co-sponsored all major bilingual bills that have been approved by Congress.

But, ultimately, only the private sector can make equality of opportunity a dream come true for Mexican-Americans, he said.

"Government can give handouts and create makework projects, but only in the private sector can there be created the sound, productive jobs that Mexican-Americans need," Tower said.

He praised the work of MAYC among the Mexican-American community.

The senator was the guest of honor at a $50-per-person reception at the Jay Anderson home preceding the banquet.

MAYOR WELCOMES

Mayor Elmer Struss made the official welcome address at the banquet pointing out that MAYC proposes "to be a self-help organization."

"Many of our organizations are 'help me or do it for me' organizations," said the mayor, "but not MAYC."

He praised the work of the organization among the youth of the community and commended Jay and Fay Anderson for their guidance and work in the organization. Mr. Anderson was one of the founders of MAYC and serves as chairman of the board.

Joe Barela, president of MAYC, served as master of ceremonies. After a brief welcome by Mayor Struss, Joe Salinas gave the invocation. Following the meal served by the ladies for MAYC under the direction of Mrs. Marcy Salinas and Mrs. Archie Salazar served a delicious menu of Mexican foods. Entertainment was provided during the meal by the folk dancers, Los Jovenes de la Cultura Mejicana under the direction of Tony Cerrillos; and Mariache Dinner Music was provided by "El Trio de Los Aguiles" of Rosenberg, Texas.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Miss Sandra Vera and Miss MAYC for 1975 Miss Sylvia Barela led in singing "God Bless America" with Mrs. Kenneth Belyeu providing piano accompaniment.

Mike Duarte, educational director for MAYC, introduced the guest speaker. The closing benediction was given by the Rev. Father Edward Geisler, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Special guests for the banquet were Mr. and Mrs. Manuel San Miguel. He serves as the executive director for the Houston Lulac Educational Service Center.

Proceeds from the $10 per plate dinner will be used to defray expenses of scholarships awarded to Rice High School graduates with the class of 1975. They were also special guests for the event and included: Janie Rodriguez, Susan Olvera, Sophia Morales, Sonia Lopez, Delia Castillo and Leroy Alvarado.

Sam Smith Surprised On Birthday

On Sunday, September 28 a surprise birthday party was given in honor of Sam Smith in his home. The day before his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Smith of Kingsville were here to celebrate his birthday.

Those present at the party were the honoree and Mrs. Smith, the Bill Kells, the Jack Grammers, the Henry Garzas, the Winn Hollas' and the the Butch Watsons.

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Soto Wins Salesmanship Trophy

Phillip Soto, local agent for the Southern Life and Health Insurance Co., received the beautiful trophy which he is shown holding above for "Outstanding Salesmanship for the month of September." Soto and his family were in Victoria last week to attend an informal dinner party honoring agents in the Victoria district who achieved this high honor. Soto, whose sales profiles also qualified for free vacation trip next summer, was one of the top agents with the Southern Life for the past five years.

State Ag. Commr. Sums Up Current Rice Situation

Suspension Of Exports Causes Drop In Prices

Texas rice farmers have completed the first cutting of the 1975 crop just in time to see market prices drop to $9.80 per hundredweight--down almost 30 cents from earlier prices.

"This is 80 cents off a year ago," Agriculture Commissioner John C. White reported, "but then last year the export market did not look so dim. The federal suspension of all grain exports has hurt this year's rice market, and many Texas growers are not anxious to sell their product. Most producers are taking a wait-and-see attitude while they hope a new agreement can be made for an export policy agreement.

The loss of Viet Nam and Cambodia as markets has also added to the general gloom of the market price."

First-cutting yields in the rice producing area west of Houston are off from last year as a cool spring and cloudy, wet weather during the critical heading and bloom period combined to cut into this year's production. In the region east of Houston to the Louisiana border, yields will probably equal those of 1974.

Texas rice production is estimated at 24,855,000 hundredweight (cwt.) compared with 25,258,000 produced in 1974. The current market price is expected to have some affect on Texas production as some farmers have found it uneconomical to fertilize and and flood their fields for a second cutting. "The true impact of the current market situation might not be felt until the end of the production year," White noted.

Nationally, the rice production is projected at almost 125 million cwt. -- a nine per cent increase over last year and 28 per cent above the past three-year average.

The quality of the first cutting appears to be good, White noted, although some of the late planted rice has received some smut damage.

As of August, Texas rough rice stocks in all positions totaled 577,000 cwt. -- 75 per cent above a year earlier. Milled rice stocks reached 445,000 cwt. -- down 165,000 from 1974.

Mrs. Jewell Brewer, Retired Teacher, Dies

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. last Wednesday, October 8, 1975 from Christ Episcopal Church for Mrs. C. A. (Jewell) Brewer, a native of this community and a resident in Eagle Lake and Eldridge communities for most of her life.

Mrs. Brewer was a retired teacher having taught for several decades in the Willow Springs and Matthews schools. She attended Rice University, Texas University, and Sam Houston State in her educational training.

The Rev. George Gibbs, rector of Christ Episcopal Church where Mrs. Brewer was a faithful member for many years, officiated at the services. She was placed to final rest in the Masonic Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Fulton Dromgoole, Arty Rolf, Johnny Vasut, Charlie Vasut, Sidney Perry and Les Bunge, Jr. Mill-Bauer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She was born Jewell Vineyard, the daughter of Harvey S. and Jessie Montgomery Vineyard in Eagle Lake on June 28, 1898. On December 30, 1918 she was united in marriage with Claude A. Brewer in Houston.

Surviving are her husband; and one son, Claude Brewer, Jr., both of Eagle Lake; and one sister, Mrs. Anna Lynn Hash of Rockport; and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers in infancy, and one sister, Jessie, who died in 1970.

Mrs. Brewer was a kind person, always showing concern about her family and friends. She shall be missed dearly by all who came to know her.

Daughters of Confederacy Enjoy Meeting at Garwood

Hear Review Of Chapter's History

The Shropshire - Upton Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, met Thursday, Oct. 9 at the home of Mrs. W. R. Frnka in Garwood with Mrs. Robert Raley as cohostess.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Jack Draper.

Miss Lee Nesbitt, curator, stated that the Leesemam family, early residents of Columbus, had contributed a number of articles to the museum, some of which were displayed.

Mrs. Draper reported on the Texas Division Convention, U.D.C., held in Lake Jackson.

Members were reminded to send in their recipes for the Magnolia Homes Cook Book by November 1st.

Mrs. Edgar Litzmann introduced Mrs. O. A. Schade who gave a most interesting talk on "The Early Days of Shropshire-Upton Chapter." Her report follows:

"Shropshire - Upton Chapter, number 361, was organized February 1, 1900 and chartered February 27, 1900.

"The first slate of officers included the following: Miss Mittie Oakes, President; Mrs. Jennie C. Baker, Recording Secretary; Miss Byrd Wesson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. S. V. Wesson, Treasurer; Mrs. Kate Hansen, First Vice-President; Miss Lillian Reese, Second Vice-President; Mrs. S. L. Green, Fourth Vice-President; Miss Ella Ilse, Registrar; Mrs. Hattie Middlebrook, Historian; Mrs. George Gegenworth, Librarian; Miss Bennie Baker, Standard Bearer; Miss Adelia Dunovant, State Historian.

"Miss Dunovant composed the hymn, 'Our Southland,' sung at conventions and used by several schools in the South. She also sent out 2100 pamphlets, magazines, and circulars to every division in the South at her own expense, edited columns for the Galveston and Dallas newspapers and wrote the Ritual for Decoration and Memorial Days used by most chapters.

"On May 25, 1896 several chapters met in Victoria to organize the State Division, and the constitution and by-laws of the Georgia Division were adopted.

"Members of the newly formed Shropshire - Upton Chapter attended the Annual Convention of the U.D.C. held in Corsicana, December 4, 1900.

"Officers and special guests, Governor George T. Jester, the Honorable John Reagan, member of the Confederate Cabinet, and Mrs. Rosenberg of Galveston, were seated on the platform.

"The meeting opened with prayer followed by the hymn 'Our Southland.'"

"After a poetic address of welcome and committee and officers' reports, there was a tour of the city in public and private vehicles.

"The local chapter members gave a reception in the home of Governor and Mrs. George T. Jester. There was also a memorial service and a 'Musicale' at the Merchants Opera House honoring the U.D.C.

"Among the earlier accomplishments of the organization were the following: it supported the Confederate Women's Home in Austin, located soldiers' graves on battlefields, put pictures of Southern heroes in public schools, helped erect monuments and memorial tablets, established Texas Confederate Museums, obtained a room in the state capitol for relics of the Confederacy and other wars, stressed the study of Southern literary works, and helped with Confederate Veterans' work.

"Of the five U.D.C. chapters organized in this area only the Shropshire-Upton Chapter is still active."

Mrs. Schade passed around invitations sent to young ladies of Columbus for social functions as far back as 1894.

Following the business session Mrs. Frnka and Mrs. Raley served a delicious brunch to 36 members and six guests, Mrs. Fred Frnka of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Robert Schiurring of Garwood, Mrs. Elbert Tait of Columbus, Mrs. Charlyne Williams and Mrs. Edith Huvar of Garwood, and Mrs. Irene Meyer of Ellinger.

The entrance hall console of the Frnka home held an arrangement of yellow Fujii mums, daisy mums, celosia and autumn foliage.

Throughout the reception rooms were autumn arrangements of mums, celosia and dried foliage coordinated in each room.

The catered buffet brunch was served at the conclusion of the meeting. The long mahogany dining table was centered by an antique glass compote filled with yellow Fujii mums, bronze and gold pom mums, gypsophila and ginger foliage. All silver appointments were used to serve Shrimp-au-gratin over crisp pastry, marinated asparagus spears, brandied mince sprigcots; Zuchini, ribbon and Jalapeno cheese party sandwiches; cheese mold and assorted crackers; seasoned parsley onion biscuit twists, coffee and spiced tea, French silk chocolate and cherry almond pastries.

Wilma Minarcik Opens Lazy Creek Salon, Garwood

Wilma Minarcik announces the opening of a new beauty salon, the Lazy Creek Beauty Salon, three miles north of Garwood on the Minarcik Farm on Highway 71.

She will feature precision scissor cutting and blow drying, along with manicures, facials, and pedicures, permanents, tints and organic treatments, and will have a line of modern merchandise.

The owner invites friends to come by for a visit Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday mornings.

VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lee Henske and son Kevin Michael of McAllen enjoyed the weekend in Eagle Lake visiting their parents, the Sonny Breithaupts and Fred Henskes, and other friends and relatives.

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Voter Assistance In Local Area?

What adjustments, if any, will have to be made in Colorado County to conform with Federally-mandated changes in election procedures, enacted this year, to aid voters who have language difficulties?

How many are there in the local area who have trouble voting intelligently because of an inadequate grasp of English?

Many of the problems that led to the 1975 amendments to the Voting Rights Act stemmed from the relaxation of immigration restraints in 1965. It resulted in a big increase in the number of foreign-born in this country.

Most of them have adapted, or are adapting, to their new surroundings and to the language. Some still need help, however.

Essentially, the special assistance comes into play, states the Department of Justice, in places where more than five percent of the citizens of voting age are members of a single-language minority and where the illiteracy rate is higher than the national average.

In such cases, the communities are being required to furnish bilingual election materials and special monitors at polling places.

The latest figures for Colorado County show that 0.8 percent of the local population is foreign-born.

In other parts of the country the average is 4.9 percent and, in the State of Texas, 2.8 percent.

The picture of the local area, viewed from another angle, is one of a population in which 88.7 percent of the residents are native-born Americans, three generations or more in depth.

Thus far, the Census Bureau reports, communities in several of the states, where the illiteracy rate is high, have been ordered by the Government to provide special voter assistance to those needing it.

Similar determinations are being made for the other states, using data from the last census, the statistics on the percentage of people who cast ballots in 1972 and estimates of the voting age population.

The illiteracy rate, defined as the proportion of the adult population with less than five years of schooling, has been dropping steadily in Colorado County. The latest figures put it at 12.7 percent.

Alpha Delta Phi Meets In Bendy Home

The Alpha Delta Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Sandy Bendy on Thursday, Oct. 9 with 12 members present.

Members were reminded by Sandy to make sandwiches for the Eagle Lake Study Club Bazaar. Diana Brunner informed the chapter that six members will be going to the Beta Sigma Phi area convention which will be held on November 8th, 1975 at the Houston Coliseum.

Charlotte Reed gave the program on "Voices Behind Us." She introduced to the members three American women who through determination and love for their fellow beings accomplished a great deal. Dorothy Pix who came from a very poor family fought through books and became a nurse and went on to care for the mentally ill and fought for their rights for she felt that they were misunderstood and mistreated. Elizabeth Stanton, the daughter of a prominent lawyer, was another great woman. She was told that she had no rights in this world but to be a wife. That did not seem to be enough for Ms. Stanton, so she ended up being an American suffragist and fought for women's rights. Elizabeth Blackwell who became a doctor even though it was hard for her to enter university because of her sex was told that women could only be teachers or wives and mothers. Charlotte went on to say that everyone around us influences our lives. Parents, teachers, books and television commercials all affect our thinking and our behavior; they tell us what to eat and drink, what to wear and how to wear it. What is our future? Well, our attitude is based on who and what touches our lives and when we know who we are we can do anything and accomplish it well. --Reporter.

Miss Kathryn Kurtz, Walde W. Schiurring Exchange Wedding Vows

MR. AND MRS. WALDE W. SCHIURRING

Miss Kathryn Kurtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kurtz of Bay City, became the bride of Walde W. Schiurring in a quiet wedding ceremony held last Friday, October 10th in Bay City. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Schiurring of Garwood.

The nuptial vows were exchanged in the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Bay City with only immediate family members in attendance.

Mrs. Schiurring is employed in the office of Dr. James Foster in Bay City. Mr. Schiurring is associated with the George Brown Lease Service in Bay City.

Free Car Wash

Mrs. Joe A. Gray, this is your ticket for a free car wash at Johnny's Kwik Kar Wash located next to Johnny's 66 Station in Eagle Lake. Clip this out and present at Johnny's for a free car wash effective thru Oct. 21, 1975.

8 Hour First Aid Course Completed

An eight hour First Aid course was completed October 8th, sponsored by the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Doris Meinecke; Jewell Law; Ozie Buehler; Cindy Foster; Bonnie Foster, employee of John Mahalitc, Jr.; R. O. Jochec, employee of Rice Industries; and Paul Causey all did well on their tests and will receive First Aid cards.

Instructors and helpers were Jo Ann Gertson, Nell Ash, Joe Herbert McCreary, Emily Stiles, June Mahalitc and LaVon Toliver.

There will be another class starting at 5:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, Oct. 15th at the Ambulance Hall.

HOSPITAL NEWS NOTES

Patients this week (Oct. 13)

Ramon Galvan, city
William E. Lenhart, city
Clement Watson, city
Dan Thornton, city
Miss Mary Flores, city
Mrs. Gay Martin, city
Miss Madeline Cearnal, city
Mrs. Mary Lou Birdwell, city
Louis Schneider, city
Milton Matthews, city
Richard Molano, city
Mrs. Cipriana De Luna, city
Mrs. Viola Judson, city
Mrs. Jean Williams, city
Mike Flores, city
Mrs. Callie O'Neal, Lissie
Mrs. Kathryn Stahala, Garwood
Mrs. Lina McMahan, Columbus
Edgar Heinstchel, Columbus
Frank Heal, Michigan
Ben Cobb, Fayetteville

Dismissals:

Oscar Bullow, city
Mrs. Sally Salinas and girl, city
Mrs. Nancy Zinger, city
Miss T. [illegible], city
Troy Stone, city
Ralph Yanez, city
Stephanie Blake, city
Walter Herman, Lissie
Mrs. Cordella Hollien, Garwood
Mrs. Delores Banegas, Columbus
Bruce Thompson, Alleyton
August Pilsner, Alleyton
Mrs. Eula Pouncey, Rock Island
Sandra Machart, Wallis

Mrs. Ethel Konvicka Hosts Medical Personnel At Seafood Supper Sat.

Mrs. Arnold (Ethel) Konvicka was hostess to a delightful outdoor party at her Circle K country home at six o'clock on a beautiful autumn evening, last Saturday, October 11. Guests were the office and medical staffs of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, Laughlin and Thomas Clinics and close friends.

A delicious seafood menu was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Broesche, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Moss and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hemke. The large group in attendance enjoyed boiled shrimp and red sauce, fried oysters, frog legs, fried fish, slaw, hush puppies, coffee and cold drinks.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mahalitc assisted her mother with hostess duties.

Special guests were Mrs. Konvicka's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bunte of Arcadia.

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at the Pioneer homecoming game with Henderson County Junior College.

Denice Rees of Garwood is one of the nominees, sponsored by the Sophomore Class.

Other homecoming week activities feature a bop fire and pep rally at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16 east of the East Parking Lot and a homecoming parade through downtown Wharton Saturday, Oct. 18 at 4 p.m.

Denice Rees Vying For WCJC Queen

Twenty-two attractive and active Wharton County Junior College coeds have been nominated by their student organizations for 1975 Homecoming Queen honors.

The student body votes this month and the winner will be announced Saturday, Oct. 18

Sheridan PTS Halloween Carnival Oct. 25

The annual Sheridan Parents and Teachers Halloween Carnival is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, announce members of the association.

A parade will start off the activities of the evening followed by a bicycle judging contest. The coronation will be at 5:30 and then the judging of costumes will be held.

A play, "Flapper Girl," performed by an all female cast, will delight its audience.

At 7:00 p.m. game booths and a booth of foods, such as hamburgers, hot dogs, chili pie and cake, will be opened.

Everyone is invited and urged to attend.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

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Our store in Weimar will be our twelfth in Texas. Part of the reason for our growth and success is our basic policy - Give the customer quality products at low prices with friendly service.

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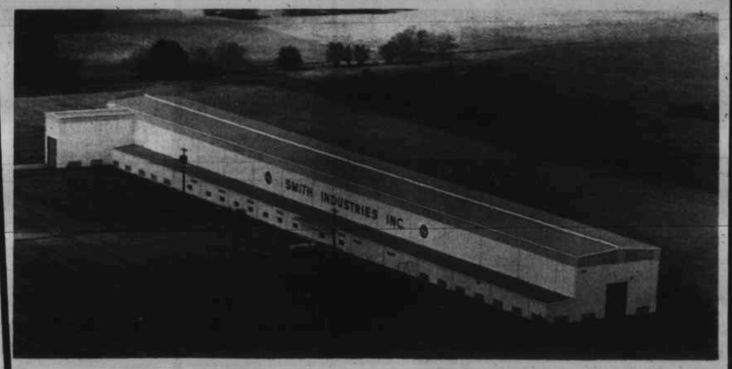

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