

More in County Self-Employed

The spirit of individual enterprise continues to flourish in Colorado County, judging from the number of local residents who start up new businesses each year.

Despite the hazards involved in launching a business, many are doing so these days. Some of them, desirous of being on their own, are giving up their job and the security of a weekly paycheck to make the move.

Others, who have been out of work for some time because of the depressed economy, are taking the step in the hope of improving their situation.

These entrepreneurs combine whatever they have in the way of savings and whatever they can borrow and make the big move. Some of them buy existing businesses and others start brand new ones.

More than half of them get into retail operations or franchises of some sort. Grocery stores and restaurants are most popular, followed by a variety of service businesses. The chief requirements are small initial investment and low overhead.

According to the latest Commerce Department statistics, there are some 1,000 residents of Colorado County who are making their living from their own businesses or professions.

They are the storekeepers, the doctors, the farmers, the contractors, the gas station owners and such.

Being self-employed, they no longer have such problems as getting and holding a job. Instead they have other problems -- meeting the monthly rent bill, labor costs, supplies, sales volume and competition.

Based upon the most recent figures, approximately 16.5 percent of the local working population are self-employed. The proportion is well above that in many areas of the country.

Throughout the United States, 7.7 percent are in business for themselves and in the West South Central states, 9.5 percent.

The Government lists several ingredients for a new business to succeed. The first is money. There should be enough of a customer reserve fund to carry on for a considerable time, since few of them are profitable in the

Hearing On Pesticide Controls Nov. 20

A public hearing to consider proposed regulations under the Texas Pesticide Control Act will be held in Austin at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

The hearing will be held in Room 117 of the Sam Houston State Office Building at 201 East 14th St.

The new state pesticide control act regulating the sale and use of pesticides was enacted to enable the state to conform to Federal regulations.

The act provides for the registration of pesticides, licensing of dealers and testing and licensing of applicators of restricted use pesticides.

The hearing will be conducted by representatives of the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Water Quality Board, the Texas Animal Health Commission and the Texas Department of Health Resources.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing. Testimony for the public hearing will be received from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday.

Written testimony for the record should be sent to the Director of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

Al Marx's

Worm Farm Means Dollars

Al Marx, Jr., son of Mr. A. L. Marx of Mena, is the owner of a worm farm in the Mena area. The farm was the subject of a story in a recent issue of the Mena Arkansas publication.

Al operates the Fontana Worm Ranch of Mena located at Lake Wilhelm. He is providing with great success that the earthworm has commercial value not only as fish bait, but also as a prime source of top quality fertilizer.

A natural soil-conditioner, and even a solution to the growing international food crisis.

He also works up a special liturgy commemorating the worms. He also worked up a special liturgy commemorating the worms.

His wife, Rose Marie, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brumlow of Lake Wilhelm and formerly resident of this community, also.

For ten years Mrs. Marx was employed by Emerson Electric in St. Louis and the family moved to the Mena area two years ago and he is now devoting full time to worm ranching.

Al and Rose Marie have a son, Randy, a freshman at Mena High School. The whole family is involved in the Fontana Worm Ranch of Mena.

All Saints Day. The fifth and sixth grades represented the twelve apostles, symbolic of the first saints of the early church. Each carried a symbol of the saint and was in the procession with Father before the liturgy began.

The symbol either stood for the instrument with which the saint was put to death or something about the type of work he performed.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES. The Civics Club held its meeting on October 24th. The following topics were discussed: working hours at Fall Festival games, the results of the 1975-76 Lion's Fair, Halloween Get Together, and a project for November.

The committees gave their reports. The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Sister Alfred.

HOMEMAKING. The Homemaking class finally completed the shirts they have been painting. The results were very pleasing. These were exhibited at the fair in Garwood in addition to some other articles they had previously made.

The class is now painting pictures on cup towels, pillows and other articles which will be sold at the Fall Festival.

ARTS AND CRAFTS. The boys have completed their projects of painting on plaques and making stained-glass containers for candleholders. They are now working on string pictures of an Indian head. Some have hampered in 985 nails already!



JOE AL PICONE

Lions Dist. Gov. To Visit Evening Lions Tues.

Joe Al Picone, District Governor of District 2-33, Lions International, will speak to the Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club at its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18th.

Lion Picone, a member of the Breaux Evening Lions, has over 9 years service to Lions. He held many offices in his club and has served as zone chairman, district governor, international president.

He is the president of the Lions Eye Bank of District 2-33.

Kathy Reuther Initiated In Pi-Omega Pi

Mrs. Kathy Reuther, a student at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, was initiated into the Pi Omega Pi sorority during ceremonies October 15th. The sorority is a national business teachers education honor society and a student must have an overall B average in order to be nominated for the society. She has been elected secretary of the organization.

Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Listowski of this city.

VISITORS HERE. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marx of Mena, Ark. are visiting relatives and friends in Eagle Lake, Rosenberg and Seely. They came especially to attend the 40th anniversary of the Grace Lutheran Church here November 2. They arrived October 31 and plan to leave for Mena November 24th. They are former residents of Eagle Lake.

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MANY RICE FFA MEMBERS GET DEGREE AWARDS

39 Greenhands, 33 Chapter Farmers

On Tuesday, Oct. 21 a meeting of the Rice Chapter Future Farmers of America was called to order by the president, Al Mahallie. The main purpose of the meeting was to award pins to FFA members who had reached certain degrees of membership in the FFA.

Thirty-nine members were awarded the "Greenhand" degree. They are: Duane Austin, Leonel Bluntson, Anthony Brown, Clarence Davis, Danny Grace, David Henderson, Keith Inabe, William Kell, Trudi Obenhaus, Kevin Mackay, David Ruiz, Frankie Seals, Bobby Guthrie, Mark Leopold, Daniel New, Bruno Shimek, Larry Snidover, Lewis Tillman, John Underwood, Robert Abell, Mike Berry, Celea Binkley, Carolyn Bowen, John Grammer, Woody Jones, Alka Kohlefeld, Madeline Smith, Keith Somerville, Penny Tate, Michael Thomas, Paul Vaut, Arthur Winder, Dennis Austin, Jerry Davis, Darrell Perkins, John Anderson, Paul Lantry, City Mahallie and Dale Popp.

The "Greenhand" degrees are the first degree to reach in the FFA. The "Chapter Farmer" degree is the highest degree a chapter can bestow on any member. Thirty-three members of the Rice Chapter received this degree. They are: Mike Brewer, Jerry Brocker, Greg Buhels, Herbert Cavazos, Kenneth Coats, Charles Cotton, Mike Gertson, Abel Gonzales, Mike Heisch, Jerry Labay, James Moore, Thomas Gama, Darrell Austin, Keith Austin, Tommy Burns, Clyde Cunningham, Gerald Hurd, Mike Addicks, Kurt Payne, Jesse Young, Robert Abell, Mike Korenek, Tommy Balusek, Kenneth Dankels, Nicky Dierckx, Pertie Foster, Greg Korenek, Ricky Kristynik, Todd Landwehr, Edith McCall, James Perry, Anthony Prihoda and Brian Sanders.

Some of these young people receiving these awards may even go on to obtain the "State Farmer" degree or even the "American Farmer" degree. These degrees are set up as goals for each member to strive to reach and to help build participation in our organization.

Mr. Fred Claassen, the former Rice Chapter president, presented the awards. He was joined by Mrs. Georgia Adams of this city.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Rice Consolidated Independent School District

(EXCLUSIVE OF ENTERPRISE FUNDS)

AUGUST 31, 1975

	10 GENERAL OPERATING FUND	20 DESIGNATED PURPOSE FUND	50 INTEREST & BONDED DEBT FUND	90 GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	(MEMO) TOTAL
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ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

CASH & TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS					
1110 Cash in Bank	\$ 159,703	\$ 8,625	\$ 1,230	\$	\$ 169,558
1150 Imprest Fund	675				675
Temporary Investments					
1172 Certificates of Deposit (Note 1-1AS)	27,300		21,000		48,300
1100 TOTAL CASH & TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS	\$ 187,678	\$ 8,625	\$ 22,230	\$	\$ 218,533

RECEIVABLES

1220 Property Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 74,457	\$	\$ 14,817	\$	\$ 89,274
1260 Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	(53,217)		(10,113)		(63,330)
1230 Due from State	4,869	4,599			9,468
1280 Interfund Receivables	5,047				5,047
1200 TOTAL RECEIVABLES	\$ 21,156	\$ 4,599	\$ 4,704	\$	\$ 30,459

LAND, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

1510 Land	\$	\$	\$ 161,500	\$	\$ 161,500
1520 Buildings and Improvements			4,402,400		4,402,400
Furniture and Equipment;					
1541 Furniture & Other Equipment			721,532		721,532
1543 Vehicles			135,967		135,967
1540 TOTAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT			\$ 857,499		\$ 857,499
1500 TOTAL LAND, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT			\$ 5,421,399		\$ 5,421,399

OTHER DEBITS

1610 Amounts to be provided for Payment of Bonds Principal	\$	\$	\$ 2,330,000	\$	\$ 2,330,000
1620 Amounts to be provided for Payment of Bond Interest - Future Years			760,447		760,447
1600 TOTAL OTHER DEBITS			\$ 3,090,447		\$ 3,090,447
1000 TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$ 218,834	\$ 13,224	\$ 3,117,381	\$ 5,421,399	\$ 8,770,838

LIABILITIES, FUND BALANCES, RESERVES

10 GENERAL OPERATING FUND	20 DESIGNATED PURPOSE FUND	50 INTEREST & BONDED DEBT FUND	90 GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	(MEMO) TOTAL
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CURRENT LIABILITIES

2340 Accounts Payable (Note 2)	\$ 15,851	\$	\$ 15,851	
2130 Bonds Payable - Current			220,000	
2140 Bond Interest Payable			101,800	
2150 Bonds Payable - Matured (Note 1)			20,160	
2100 Interfund Payables			5,047	
2000 TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 15,851	\$ 5,047	\$ 341,960	\$ 362,858

BONDED DEBT

2710 Bonds Payable - Future Years	\$	\$	\$ 2,110,000	\$	\$ 2,110,000
2720 Bond Interest Payable - Future Years			658,647		658,647
2700 TOTAL LONG-TERM BONDED DEBT			\$ 2,768,647		\$ 2,768,647
2000 TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 15,851	\$ 5,047	\$ 3,110,607	\$	\$ 3,131,505

FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES

3100 Fund Balances	\$ 202,983	\$ 8,123	\$	\$	\$ 211,106
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INVESTED RESERVES

3220 Reserve for Retirement of Funded Indebted.	\$	\$	\$ 6,774	\$	\$ 6,774
3310 Allowance for Indirect Costs			54		54
3240 Reserve for Investment in General Fixed Assets			5,421,399		5,421,399
3200 TOTAL INVESTED RESERVES			\$ 5,428,227		\$ 5,428,227
3000 TOTAL FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES	\$ 218,834	\$ 8,177	\$ 6,774	\$ 5,421,399	\$ 5,639,333
2000 TOTAL LIABILITIES, FUND BALANCES, RESERVES	\$ 218,834	\$ 13,224	\$ 3,117,381	\$ 5,421,399	\$ 8,770,838

Footnotes

(1) In March 1967 the former Sheridan Independent School District, now part of Rice Consolidated Independent School District, obtained a check from the First City National Bank of Houston in the amount of \$20,160.00. This money was in a dormant account being held for the payment of \$20,160.00 in bonds and \$2,000.00 in matured (but unrepresented) interest coupons which were due March 15, 1967. These bonds were originally issued in 1947. In accepting this money which had been deposited in this account and had been

dormant since 1967, the Sheridan Independent School District accepted liability for payment of the outstanding bonds and interest coupons if they were presented for payment. The money has been invested in time deposits.

(2) The amount shown is substantially all for expenses of the 1974-1975 school year only. At August 31, 1975 the District was liable for an estimated \$20,000 in supplies, etc., purchased for the 1975-1976 year. The contra account to this liability would be "Prepaid 1975-1976 Expenses."

45 Take Part In CROP Walk, Funds Sought

Many young people of the Eagle Lake area expressed their concern for the hungry of the world by making a seven mile walk to raise funds for CROP last Sunday afternoon. The young people had secured sponsors to pay an agreed upon amount for each mile walked.

Walkers are urged to collect money from their sponsors as soon as possible and turn the money in to Mrs. Carolyn Rose (at 16 B Block), Mrs. Julie Cane (Little Post Office), or Reverend Tom Hogan (Garwood United Methodist Church).

Persons wishing to make contributions to the CROP Campaign can turn their money in to Mrs. Gerald Bradshaw at the First National Bank or one of the three people listed above as money recipients.

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WE SALUTE USA 1776-1976

KRAFT SALAD DRESSING

MIRACLE WHIP

79¢

32-OZ. JAR

LIMIT 1 WITH \$7.50 PURCHASE OR MORE

Ranch Style Beans 4 15-Oz. Cans \$1.00

Chicken Hens 79¢

Texas Oysters 10-Oz. Jar \$1.29

Sliced Bacon 1-Lb. Vac Pak \$1.69

Crown Roast 1-Lb. \$89¢

Sirloin or Rib 1-Lb. \$1.09

Vegetables 20-Oz. Bag 49¢

Green Beans 3 15-Oz. Cans 89¢

Broccoli 10-Oz. Pkg. 47¢

ORANGE JUICE 6-OZ. CANS 5 \$1

MORTON DINNERS 2 89¢

QUARTERS MARGARINE 3 \$1

HALF MOON CHEESE 10-OZ. PKG. 89¢

Classic Pizza 23-Oz. Pkg. \$1.99

Fish Sticks 23-Oz. Pkg. \$1.89

Cool Whip 9-Oz. Tub 73¢

TOWELS 45¢

Applesauce 3 16-Oz. Cans 89¢

7-Seas Dressing 16-Oz. Btl. \$1.13

WASHINGTON EXTRA FANCY

APPLES 4 \$1

MIX OR MATCH

Grapefruit 8 For \$1.00

D'Aniou Pears 3 Lbs. \$1.00

Yellow Onions 1-Lb. 19¢

Mushrooms 1-Lb. 99¢

WINE Louis Martini 1/2 GALLON \$2.49

FLORIDA Sweet Tangelos 4 LBS. \$1

CRACKERS Mary Baker Crisp 16-Oz.