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24 YEARS AGO

The Way It Was. .

(November 22, 1951)

Lois Marie Kopecky is named Eagle Lake FFA Chapter Sweetheart. . .PTA votes to accept cafeteria equipment as yearly project. Mrs. V. T. Matthews is president. . Beverly Jo Mathis is complimented on third birthday. . .Jochetz family gathers at George Roesner home in Houston for family dinner. . Pfc. James Gertson attends Army Leadership school . . .Patsy Stobt and Betty Kay Mattson entertain with twirling at halftime of Eagle Lake-Giddings football game. . .Mrs. Glen Sanderman is host for Thanksgiving reunion of her family. . .R. S. Hensleys and Raymond Taylors visit with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reuther.

(November 29, 1951)

Funeral services held for Albert Walter Earl Dutcher of Lissie who died suddenly. . .Legion commander Louis Balas says that four members and families will have a barbecue supper at the next meeting. . .Mrs. R. T. Westmoreland, Eagle Lake science instructor, attended the TSTA meeting in Houston last week. . .LaVonne Johnson has surprise eleventh birthday party at home in Rock Island. . Garwood Wesleyan Guild met in home of Mrs. W. H. Pinchback. . .F. T. Kollmann and grandson Joel celebrated birthday anniversaries at turkey dinner here. . H. J. Kretschmars honored at dinner on 25th wedding anniversary and Milton Salazon on third wedding anniversary. . Mrs. M. M. Jones presides at meeting of Study Club in home of Mrs. J. H. McCreary. . Family gathering held at Eddie Hansen home here. . Mrs. Lee Frasiere is a new employee at First National Bank. . .Ed Burds is scoutmaster of new Rock Island Scout Troop 219 with eight members. . Mrs. R. L. Clipson hosted a hospitality complimenting guests of Mrs. J. C. Pidgeon. . .B. D. Fussell's dun stallion "Jesse James" is the national reserve champion cutting horse. .Roy A. Van Norts and son Dean are new residents of this city. .Carol Ann Beseda is honored on birthday anniversary. . .Daughter, Karla Jane, born for Lorraine Austins. . Mrs. Joe Strieder is buried at Mentz. . Big bobcat killed by Glen Kveton in Frelsburg area. .Cpl. Joe Bottino is home for a ten day furlough from Camp Pendleton where he is stationed with the Marines.

PEACE IN 1976

May good fortune reign throughout the New Year.

Garwood Laundry & Cleaners
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GARWOOD

48 YEARS AGO

Let's Look Back

(Sept. 27, 1927)

J. C. Studeman dropped in at the Headlight office Saturday bringing a picture of two big catfish. "Here's proof that we caught 'em," he said. Why, anybody can get pictures of big fish. Show us some of the real fish meat--let us smell it in the frying pan--that's the only positive proof of a successful fishing trip . . .Noel Parker suffered a severe scalp wound and painful bruises and Ed Hardy was more or less bruised and "bunged up" when a scaffold on which they were working fell with them. They were at work on a two-story building in Hanly addition, being erected for lease for a Mexican hotel. . .Miss Addie Johnson and her guest, Miss Bertha Peek of Greeneville, Tennessee, returned Monday from a delightful visit to San Antonio and Laredo. . .First football game of the season will be Friday afternoon between Somerville and Eagle Lake. . . Horton & Horton have shipped approximately 200 cars of gravel from their pits recently opened here on the King place. . .Henry Dostal celebrated his birthday last Friday with a party, ice cream and cake were served to Walter and Raymond Taylor, Charlie Jochetz, Rudolph Balas, Alfred and Elsie Reuther, Frank Paul Balas, Louis Balas, L. J. Spanihel, Anton Pavlik, Jr., Lydia Reuther, Johanna Balas, Betty, Mary and George Jochetz, Mary Alice Kollman, Henry and Alice Dostal and Gracie Marie Spanihel. . .Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lenhart and Miss Gertie Malcomson motored to Houston Sunday in the Lenhart Packard, taking Ernest Lenhart who has entered Rice Institute. . .Erehat, who was bitten on the foot by a snake three weeks ago, is able to discard his crutches, but his foot is still badly swollen and discolored. . .The biggest alligator ever known to have been captured in the lake measured 20 feet and 2 inches. This monster was caught in a steel trap something over thirty years ago. Alligators have been trapped, shot and gigged by hunters on the lake, but it remained for an Eagle Lake boy to catch a big one on a hook and line. Hurbert Hamilton, in his spare time, is hunting alligators, skinning them and preserving the hides. Using three large hooks, Hamilton made a triple-hook line, using a line as large as a man's finger. Alligators are said not to be particular what they eat, so Herbert baited this line with a buzzard. First alligator caught in this manner measured 7 1/2 feet; the following night he caught one measuring 11 feet and 2 inches. . .With one week of training gone, prospects for Coach Hinton's football team are a little brighter. Terry Wallace will see service both in the backfield and at fullback. He should have a great year. Willton Wallace, his brother, will be used in the backfield, and "little brother" may show "big bud" some of the fine points of the game. Mayor R. T. Westmoreland visited the fair grounds Wednesday night and immediately the gambling games began to close up. Regardless of what some people think of the Mayor's actions in closing these gambling dens, the Headlight commends him for it and believes he [illegible] was right. . .

We're swinging in with our sincere hope that every day will be in step with your every wish on New Year's Day!

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EAGLE LAKE

STAR-SPANGLED HISTORY

HISTORICAL DRAWINGS BY JOSEPH BOGGS BEALE (1861-1943)

"EVACUATION OF BOSTON"

American troops, under the command of Gen. George Washington, had surrounded and were bombarding the city of Boston daily. British troops in the city under the command of Maj. Gen. William Howe, seeing no other possible escape, evacuated on March 17, 1776, taking with them any Americans loyal to the King who wished to leave. Gen. Howe sailed for Halifax, Nova Scotia. King George III reacted to the forced evacuation by declaring the American colonies to be in a state of rebellion, and authorizing a naval blockade of the colonies. From the collection of American National Insurance Company, Galveston, Texas.

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BABSON FORECAST

GNP To Be Up 11% In '76

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as 1976 progresses. But the key is that the trend will be upward throughout the entire year.

GNP TO BE UP 11%

In terms of "current dollar value," the nation's Gross National Product in 1976 should score an advance of some 11% over the 1975 totals that look as though they, in turn, would barely eclipse those of 1974 when final tally is made. While an increase of 11% may seem impressive, the force of upthrust will not be all that great. The broadest year-to-year gain will be seen in the first three months because this quarter is compared with the deepest point of the recession when the rate of inflation was still intolerably high. The moderate and low-key nature of the business uptrend can be better appreciated by projecting the GNP on a constant-dollar basis (1958 as the base period), adjusted to remove the influence of inflation. Business reports projects the "real" GNP for 1976 at 4% above that for 1975. This upshading is only a bit greater than the basic growth rate of the economy and surely does not merit a "boom" label.

EYE ON INFLATION

By and large, 1975 witnessed a fair degree of success in damping the fires of inflation. While this corroder of purchasing power remains uncomfortably high, its impact has been materially reduced in the course of the past 12 months. In early 1976, inflation should be moderately well contained, but with the advent of the spring months upward pressures will again strengthen. As was the case in the past two years, this will be due to cost-push rather than demand-pull factors. The latter, however, could compound the problem somewhat in the middle and latter parts of the year as business makes headway. In the initial months of 1976, inflation will not build in direct proportion to the amplitude of new wage hikes, since the substantial reservoir of underutilized production capacity in many industries and the cautious buying policies of consumers and businessmen militate against free and unrestricted price markups.

But that barrier against inflation will be increasingly difficult to maintain as 1976 proceeds. The cumulative effects of boosts in labor costs, shipping charges, and other operating expenses will gradually offset some of the benefits of higher production and sales, squeezing profit margins to such an extent that only compensating price boosts can alleviate the situation. Also, continuing massive deficits in the federal budget will add potent fuel to inflation, both psychologically and to the degree that such deficits are monetized. We envision inflation averaging some 7% in 1976.

INVENTORIES LESS DOMINANT

Sudden changes in the policy of business toward inventory holdings in the year ahead will not be the dominating influence on economic activity that they have been in the past two years. The Arab oil embargo created fear of supply shortages and price increases. The ensuing splurge of inventory accumulation served to buoy 1974's business for the better part of the year before it was

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PRAY FOR PEACE

Let the light of peace warm the hearts of the nations and insure an everlasting peace for all peoples of the world to live together in harmony.

Mrs. Marsalia Cited For Mental Health Work

Mrs. Becky Marsalia of Eagle Lake received a certificate of commendation from Carroll S. Bryant, president of the Texas Association for Mental Health.

Mrs. Marsalia raised the highest per capita, 10.5c, in Eagle Lake for communities with a population between 3000 and 4000.

The Texas Association for Mental Health is a volunteer agency with over 10,000 members in Texas.

"The association works for better mental health services, particularly in community settings," said President Bryant.

As citizen "watchdogs" the association members work to see that government funds are spent effectively. Members would like to see more state dollars specifically earmarked for children's services.

Our New Year Wishes...
ring out so true to all our friends, old and new!
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Best wishes to all our friends and neighbors. Have a good year.

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Evening Worship 6p.m.

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Eagle Lake, Texas
Rev. J. Melburn Sibley, Jr.
Sunday Services:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice 8:30 p.m.
Nursery facilities open!

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Sunday Services:
Morning services 11 a.m.
Bible services 10 a.m.
Evening worship 6 p.m.

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Eagle Lake, Texas
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Thurs: Prayer Meeting and Teachers Meeting 7p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sheridan, Texas
Wade Graves, Pastor
Phone 234-3136
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service Wed 7:00 p.m.

LISSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Paul Wallace, pastor
Lissie, Texas
Sunday Church School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Primary, Junior, Youth Fellowship groups 6:00
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Adult Choir practice Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN
Rev. Charles Meyer, pastor
Sundays:
9:15 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Divine Worship
The members and pastor of Grace Lutheran welcome you to come worship with them.

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Nada, Texas 77460
The Rev. Henry Rolf, Pastor
Mass will be said at 7:30 p.m. each Saturday.
Mass on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Confessions from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

COLLY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST
(Rev. Davis Edgar, pastor)
Sunday services:
Church School 9:40 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50
Sr. High MYF 6:30
Wednesdays:
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Glen Kennell, pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
P.Y.F. 5:30 p.m.

ROCK ISLAND METHODIST CHURCH
Worship service 8 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. George T. Walsch
10:00 a.m. Sunday - Holy Communion and Sermon
10:00 a.m. Wednesday-Holy Communion

GARWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Thomas W. Hogan, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday Church School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
3:30 p.m. Wed. Children's Bible Hour
3:30 Wed. Junior High MYF
6:30 Wed. Sr. High UMYF

EAGLE LAKE GOSPEL MISSION
Revs. Emil and Selma Burger, pastors
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday at 8 p.m. Evangelistic service

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Revs. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Davis, Pastors
Sunday Services:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Nightly service 7 p.m.

ROCK ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Edward Geiser, pastor
Guadalupe Terrace Addn.
SUNDAYS:
Mass at 10:30 a.m.
Tuesdays: and Fridays
Mass at 7:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Edward Geiser, pastor
Mass at 6 a.m. every Mon. and Fri. and 7:00 p.m. Wed.
Mass at 7:00 a.m. Thurs. and 7:00 p.m. each Sat.
Mass at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
Devotional Services each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
First Friday of each month Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
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Sunday, 7 and 9 a.m.
Weekdays 6 a.m.
Tues., & Thurs., 6 p.m.

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Rev. Raul Ortiz, pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching service 11a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Preaching 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
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Prayer Service 6:00 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary

MR. AND MRS. W. A. HUNT

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hunt observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary at a reception Sunday, Dec. 21, 1975 between the hours of one and five o'clock at the Muscotene Street in Jacinto City.

W. A. Hunt and Mollie Jane Stapleton were married in Columbus, Texas, Dec. 24, 1925 and lived in the Chesterville community until 1942 and have lived in Jacinto City since. Mr. Hunt retired from the Goose Creek Independent School District several years ago. Mrs. Hunt is a charter member of the First Baptist Church in Jacinto City.

The couple had five children: Waldo Hunt of Humble; Joy Simmons who is deceased; Mrs. Audrey King of Houston; Mrs. Nancy Morland of Brownwood; and Mrs. Betty Easter of Rogersville, Ala.

Friends and relatives were in attendance from Florida; Alabama; Brownwood, Highlands, Baytown, Eagle Lake, Chesterville and Humble, Texas.

BABSON FORECAST

Business Outlook

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realized that consumers had altered their spending pattern and that high borrowing costs were negating the cost benefits of stockpiling. The resultant turnabout in policy in favor of retrenchments in inventory holdings and bank loans triggered the sharp slump in industrial activity in late 1974 and early 1975. And, here again, in some segments of the economy businessmen overreacted. So, as signs of a loosening of consumer purse strings were seen, overly deep slashes in inventories had to be corrected. It was this move to replenish stocks of raw materials and finished goods which brought about the unexpectedly early and steep business climb starting in the second quarter of 1975.

Such pronounced swings in business inventories are not likely to be repeated in 1976. There may be some stockpiling early in the year to hedge against the debilitating effects of a possible protracted tie-up of the nation's trucking industry by the Teamsters early next spring, but for the most part labor negotiations during the year ahead do not involve industries which would require intensive strike-hedge inventory accumulation. Moreover, the somewhat more liberal consumer spending pattern is neither deep-rooted nor extensive enough to encourage merchants to load up. And manufacturers and retailers still haunted by memories of the surplus goods of the past 18 months are not anxious for a repeat of that fiasco.

Industrial Production On Upward Trend

The last major cyclical uptrend in industrial production peaked in the latter part of 1973. Except for a moderate adjustment, factory operations were sustained at that top level for almost a year owing to the scramble for inventories. Finally, however, the stagnation in consumer demand forced a drastic liquidation of surplus stocks during the second half of 1974 and, triggered the nosedive in production. In the six months encompassing the final quarter of 1974 and the first quarter of 1975, the economy was battered by an awesome sequence of events: production curtailments, shortened workweeks, employee layoffs, and plant closings. But since the upturn last May, the Federal Reserve Index of Industrial Production has advanced steadily and somewhat more steeply than was thought likely a year ago.

What with the gathering momentum of the fledgling recovery phase, 1976 makes its debut enjoying a brisk pace of factory operations. While the strength is not evenly spread across the industrial spectrum, the cyclical advance of automobile output and the more positive signs in the long-subdued home building sector are optimistic. Consumer demand for apparel, appliances, and home furnishings is also contributing to the industrial improvement. So even with allowances for possible strike interruptions, it now looks as if 1976 can manifest an overall upward trend, although factory production may not exceed the close-to-3% long-term growth rate of the economy. Year-to-year comparisons are likely to be most impressive during the first four months since corresponding 1975 figures were in the cyclical trough of the recession. Thereafter, gains will narrow even as factory operations continue to make progress--ex strikes. This may not seem impressive, but a predominantly upward trend at approximately the rate of the nation's basic growth is surely far more acceptable than the adverse experiences suffered in parts of the past two years.

BUSINESS CAPITAL SPENDING

A more ambitious projection of both the real GNP and industrial production is not warranted at this time since business capital expenditures for the expansion of productive capacity are likely to remain limited. Such spending, particularly when superimposed upon powerful consumer demand and aggressive inventory accumulation, is a prerequisite for a business surge of boom proportions because it takes this type of activity to hike demand sharply for manpower and materials. But there is still a sizable amount of productive potential in American industry either underutilized or idle. Until the impetus of full-scale production is felt and business confidence is again running strong, it is unlikely that budgets for capital investments will be liberalized to any appreciable extent. This may apply especially to 1976 inasmuch as the high level of factory operations will doubtless be reached in the second half when profit margins will feel increasing pressure and the monetary climate may well present a considerably less expansive posture.

True, political overtones will be strong in much of the new year, and there may well be a push for business capital expenditure incentives. Capital spending policies, however, are not likely to anticipate any such favorable legislation but rather to wait and see. The total of capital spending in 1976 may top that of 1975, but the edge should be small and contain a substantial inflationary content. It should be noted, too, that many such outlays will be for compliance with environmental improvement regulations rather than for raising production. So, this aspect of economic activity in 1976 should prove to be more of a sustainer of business than an upthruster.

CORPORATE PROFITS

Corporate profits in 1975 did better than had been anticipated because of the unexpectedly sharp and early business recovery and the decline in some raw materials costs. With the prospect of even further advances in business during the new year, corporate profits after taxes could well run 20% above the 1975 levels. Most of the gains are likely to occur early in the year, however, as the bite of costs will tend to deepen as the year proceeds. Profit margins will find it difficult to move up along with the higher level of sales in the second half of theyear since the cost squeeze will tighten and interest rates will likely be on the upswing again. The widest year-to-year gains will be chalked up in the early months of 1976 because the comparisons will be made with the recession lows in profits. Also, the business advance will still be in that stage where productivity improvements, increased use of idle facilities, and strict cost controls will help to provide favorable profits. In an effort to speed up the economy as an antidote to the high level of unemployment, it is a reasonable bet that the federal corporate tax structure will be kept as it was in 1975. Any broad sweeps of the threatened tax reform will not take place in 1976 although there are likely to be hikes in levies by some states and municipalities.

Possible Labor Pitfalls Seen

1976 will be a busy year for new labor contract negotiations. In fact, parleys are scheduled to hammer out fresh labor agreements virtually from the beginning through to the very end of the year. Among the talks will be those involving workers in clothing, electrical machinery, construction, and retailing. But the most crucial for the economy as a whole will be in trucking and automotive production. Both these lines have far-reaching effects on the economy, and they are also rated as pattern setters for other bargaining sessions in 1976 and subsequent years.

While some labor observers express hope that depleted war chests of labor groups and flattened pocketbooks of workers because of the recession and inflation may discourage long and bitter walkouts, this is by no means certain. Labor representatives cite the costly spurt in living costs since the last contracts were signed, and they seek not only compensatory wage hikes but also raises in anticipation of further inflation. Demands of union leaders will, moreover, be heightened because of a healthier business climate along with the issuance of good corporate profits reports.

But managements will be mindful of their profit margins and put up sufficient resistance to hold final wage settlements in the 6%-10% range. Even though raises will average less than union leaders seek, there will be a persistent push for such costly fringe concessions as health and death insurance, shorter hours with the same pay, more liberal vacations and holidays, and other benefits.

PERSONAL INCOME

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, as a per-

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IT'S TIME TO WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Another year is beginning . . . we hope it's a good one for you!

W. F. MEITZEN 66 STATION
W. F. MEITZEN, JR. BOB MEITZEN
EAGLE LAKE

Warm wishes for the New Year, the very best to our friends and patrons.

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ALTAIR, TEXAS

Tax Packages For '75 Mailed

Some 1040 Filers To Get 1040-A

The Internal Revenue Service mailed out about 2.5 million 1975 tax packages to southern Texas residents this week as part of a nationwide mailing of over 61 million packages, Robert M. McKeever, IRS district director for southern Texas, said.

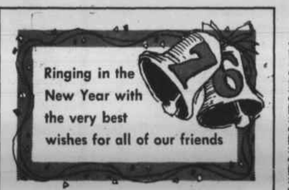
Of the total packages to be sent out nationwide, McKeever pointed out, 43 million will be of the 1040 type and 18 million of the short form 1040A variety.

McKeever explained that the number of taxpayers being sent the 1040A package includes 16 million who received the 1040 package last year. The reason for the change, the IRS district director, said is that IRS records show the taxpayer could have used the form 1040A based on his or her particular financial situation.

In previous years, the IRS automatically sent taxpayers the package containing the type of return they filed the previous year. If the tax status of taxpayers receiving the 1040A package for the first time has changed since last year and they expect to itemize deductions, they can call the IRS and request the 1040 tax forms and instuctions, he said.

Both the 1040 tax packages contain forms, instructions, and additional tax information such as a listing of local IRS toll-free telephone assistance numbers. Taxpayers can call this number, if the instructions do not answer their tax questions. Each tax package also contains an order blank which can use to obtain additional tax publications and forms.

McKeever said that the 1975 forms reflect changes primarily due to changes in tax law. The form changes reflect a special housing credit, a $30 tax credit for exemptions, earned income credit, changes in the standard deduction, and provisions for contributions to an individual retirement program. The tax return contains boxes which taxpayers can check for participation or nonparticipation in the Presidential Election Campaign Fund, he said.



Ringing in the New Year with the very best wishes for all of our friends

Farmers Insurance Group
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and Stella
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May the New Year bring to you all your fondest wishes and hopes and luck follow you throughout '76.

Canaris Nursery & Garden Center
JANETTE, PETE, PETER AND MICHAEL
EAGLE LAKE

Wharton Co. Cotton, Grain Clinic Jan. 13

The Wharton County Cotton and Grain Clinic Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the El Campo Pan American Ballroom will have "something for everyone" according to this year's committee which invites the public to the annual El Campo Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture event.

"Our program this year includes grain marketing specialists, a cotton fire resistant demonstration, a food specialist, screen presentation entitled 'We Stewards of the Soil' and a fashion review of a cotton clothing from the 1940s to 1976," announces General Chairman John Arnold.

Displays and exhibits of farm machinery, seeds, and agri-businesses will be open for free public viewing beginning at 10 a.m. when registrations for the clinic also start.

The meeting will be called to order at 11:40 a.m. and a free barbecue dinner is to be served at noon courtesy of many clinic sponsors.

Dr. Roland Smith, a grain marketing specialist, is scheduled from 1 to 1:45 p.m. "We Stewards of the Soil" is to be shown from 1:45 to 2:15 p.m. followed by the fire resistant cotton demonstration.

Judy Green, a Food Research Specialist from Texas A&M University, will address the group from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.

The style show, Cotton from the 1940s to 1976, will conclude the clinic from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Free Pizza

W. J. BRUNNER, this is your ticket for a free pizza at the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, where you get the finest foods including delicious pizza. Clip this out and present at the Dairy Delite for your free pizza not later than Jan. 6, 1976.

Sgt. Mike Meitzen Wins Air Force Commendation

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meitzen have received word that their son, Sgt. Ronald M. (Mike) Meitzen, received the United States Air Force Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster on December 15th, 1975, for outstanding service while stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida.

The citation accompanying the commendation medal read as follows:

"Sergeant Ronald M. Meitzen distinguished himself by outstanding achievement as a Member of the 4756 Munitions Maintenance Squadron, Air Defense Weapons Center Weapons Loading Team, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, from 16 June 1975 to 20 August 1975. During this period, Sergeant Meitzen's dedication, outstanding professional skill, and ceaseless efforts combined together with those of his team members, enabled the Air Defense Weapons Center's Loading Team to place fifth among twenty-one teams entered in the 1975 Aerospace Defense Command Weapons Loading Competition. The distinctive accomplishments of Sergeant Meitzen reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

BEST WISHES
Have yourself a great New Year. Thanks for your patronage and good will.
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