PART TWO

Interior Dept. Files DES On Refuge Management

(Continued from last week)

The operation of the system of 357 National Wildlife Refuges in 49 states--currently a subject of debate within the conservation community--is described in detail in a draft environmental statement (DES) filed recently by the Interior Department's U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service with the Council on Environmental Quality.

The DES considers six different levels of management of the entire system over the next 10 years and describes what results can be expected at three levels of funding and with three different kinds of program emphasis.

CUSTODIAL LEVEL: This alternative would reduce programs to the minimum needed to protect basic land and wildlife resources from unauthorized uses. Essentially, it is a standby or nothball level of operation which would require only about $7.3 million annually by 1985. The current level of funding is over $8 million annually. This course of action would reduce the system's capability of producing and maintaining wildlife significantly. Currently, refuge operations are "measured" by what is known as "outputs". With reduced management activities on refuge lands and waters, the outputs produced by the refuge system in 1985 would be:

--endangered species usedays would decrease by 17 million from a current level of 142 million to 127 million usedays.

--waterfowl production would decrease by 125,000 from a current level of 1,554,000 to 1,439,000 birds produced.

--wildlife oriented recreational opportunities would decrease by 21 million hours from a current level of 45 million to 24 million.

MID-RANGE BENEFIT: This alternative would substantially improve waterfowl production and endangered species protection, accommodate the trend of expanding numbers of refuge visitors, and halt deterioration of refuge facilities. It would require an annual expenditure of $33.9 million by 1985. Minor increases would be noted in environmental effects as a result of this stepped-up activity. Some adverse economic impacts would occur due to the reduction in non-wildlife recreation. This moderate increase in management activities and staff additions would by 1985:

--increase endangered species use-days by 23 million.

--increase waterfowl-produced by 900 thousand birds.

--add 11 million activity hours of wildlife oriented recreation.

MAXIMUM CAPACITY: This alternative calls for operating the refuge system at its maximum capacity to produce migratory birds, endangered species, and resident wildlife without degrading the environment. Some increase in adverse environmental effects would take place. It would require an annual expenditure of $112.9 million by 1985. While providing for a doubling of public use of refuges, this alternative provides for new facilities, rehabilitation of existing facilities, and the necessary staff to accommodate the anticipated maximum levels of public use with safety to the public and protection to the wildlife. Operating at this level would:

--increase endangered species accommodation by 34.2 million use-days.

--increase waterfowl production by 1.8 million to 3.1 million birds produced.

--provide the necessary facilities and enforcement capabilities to meet Service standards for increasing recreational opportunities by 40 million hours.

ENDANGERED SPECIES EMPHASIS: An alternative would fulfill the needs of endangered species using refuge lands. It would also attain a moderate level of productivity for other forms of wildlife. It would require an annual expenditure of $35.2 million by 1985. The increased adverse environmental impacts would be minor. This shift in program emphasis would by 1985:

--increase endangered species accommodation by 34.2 million use-days.

--increase endangered species production by 900,000 birds.

--add 11 million hours of wildlife oriented recreation.

SHIFT REFUGE MANAGEMENT: This alternative would delegate the operation of refuge units to those Federal and State agencies which might feasibly accept management. It would require an annual expenditure of $28 million by 1985. This alternative would result by 1985 in:

--a decrease in endangered species use of 7.3 million days.

--a decline in waterfowl production of 200,000 birds.

--a shift in emphasis in wildlife oriented recreation from non-consumptive to consumptive use.

Public comments are invited on the Draft Environmental Statement through February 7, 1976. Comments should be addressed Jo Director, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Wildlife Refuges, Washington, D. C. 20240. Copies of the DES may be obtained by writing to the above address.

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Wintermann Library NOTES

Plans Started For New Quilting Classes Here

Plans have been started for a beginners' quilting class to be held in the meeting room of the Library in the near future. The classes will be held Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m or Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The class will be for four 2-hour sessions and cost will be $30.

The class will enable students to mark, cut, sew, assemble, piece, applique, quilt and finish quilts in a technique that does not require a quilting frame. Participants will be required to bring scissors, thimble, ruler, needle and thread for basting and a hard lead pencil.

Interested persons may contact Mrs. John Adkins, 234-2047 or Mrs. Robert Wells, 234-3105.

Beulah Class Hears Devotional By Mrs. Larsen

The Beulah Sunday School Class met on Monday afternoon, Feb. 2nd at the home of Mrs. H. J. Campbell. There were nine present.

The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Guy Engelhard and roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were given with Mrs. R. L. Duncan presiding over the meeting. Group leaders, Mrs. Selma German and Mrs. Gay Engelhard, gave their reports. There was some discussion whether to change meetings to afternoon hours instead of evening hours, but no decision was made.

Mrs. Dora Larsen gave the devotional on "Belief," taken from 2nd Corinthians, and also "Little Things That Mean a Lot." This was very interesting and enjoyed by all present.

The meeting was adjourned and a game contest on different magazine ads was shared by each one present. Mrs. H. Boothe had the most correct answers and an all-day Valentine sucker was the prize. Cards were signed and sent to sick ones.

Everyone was invited into the dining room where the table was decorated in the Valentine motif. Delicious cakes, nuts, candy and coffee were served. Everyone enjoyed sitting around the table and visiting.

The next meeting will be held March 1st with Mrs. Elma Clark as hostess. --Reporter.

WEEKEND GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Winkler of Lockhart were weekend guests of Mrs. Bob Curry and Lee Porter.

Friendship Club Has Program

On the afternoon of January 21 Mrs. Tommie Neiswender and Mrs. Hazel Havens were hostesses to the Eagle Lake Women's Friendship Club.

The meeting was opened with the club's prayer. Mrs. Havens read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the reports which were approved.

Mrs. Elma Clark showed a beautiful quilt and explained how it was made. The quilt, entitled "A Little Dutch Girl," was made by Mrs. Paul Powers. The club wishes to thank Mrs. Powers for sharing this work with them. The ladies brought handwork to work on which was all very interesting.

The group was invited into the dining room for refreshments of cake, cookies, sandwiches, punch and coffee. After this the ladies departed for home saying that they had a most enjoyable afternoon. – Reporter.

Ernie Sommerlatte Hostess For Xi Pi Psi

Xi Pi Psi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in regular session on Tuesday, January 27th at the home of Ernie Sommerlatte. President Jo Ann Gertson asked for committee reports and conducted the business meeting.

Cherry Corman, service chairman, has planned for the group to do volunteer work at the Heritage House. There was much enthusiasm shown as they hope to help with visits, games, crafts, and refreshments.

The members and invited guests are looking forward to the Valentine Dance to be held February 13 at the Community Center. Jo Ann Mahalitc and Lynda Appelt gave the social report that invitations, refreshments and decorations are in the making.

The cultural program, taken from the program book "Heritage and the Woman," was presented by Jean Williams and Jo Ann Gertson. They used a fake clock with a swinging pendelum, costume, and group participation to carry out the topic, "The Pendelum Swings." The story was told of how the woman's role has swung from the strong, hardy pioneer role to the Victorian "Lady" in her long dress and bustle, back to the now time with the female working to be independent and equal.

An informal social followed the program and refreshments were served.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Has Top Safety Record

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's excellent on-the-job safety record in this area was the theme of a special dinner held January 19, 1976 at the Station in East Bernard.

The location honored was District 17, East Bernard, Tex., for completing 15 years without a lost-time injury, covering the period from Aug. 19, 1960 to Aug. 19, 1975.

District 17 maintains a natural gas compressor station and some 236.49 miles of large diameter pipeline.

Scout Council Membership Drive In Feb.

Sustaining members in the San Houston Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be enrolled in the month of February as a part of a plan to support the council's operation in this area which is made up of Austin, Colorado, Waller and Washington counties.

Wm. Bill Manning, who is the David Crockett District enrollment chairman, reported that the enrollment chairmen in each county have been given their prospect cards and are now working them. The enrollment organization is on target with the deadline of February 25 for completion of the drive.

Leaders of the district sustaining membership enrollment include Verlin Argo and Mike Duarte in Eagle Lake.

Sustaining membership starts at $25.00. Plaques will be presented to all gifts over $100. Levels of giving suggested are $5,000 and above, $2,500, $1,000, $500 and over a 10 month period, it is also tax deductible.

The amount to be raised is $304,000. It will come when thousands of men, women and business people make a monthy investment in the future of our nation: our youth.

A pledge of $10 a month makes an annual gift $120, a $25 a month will be $300.

You may become a sustaining member by contacting any of the above or sending your check to: Boy Scouts of America, P. O. Box 733, Bellville, Texas 77418. Checks should be made out to San Houston Area Council Boy Scouts of America.

"The sustaining membership is conducted annually by the Sam Houston Area Council, B.S.A. It is recognized as Scouting's way of supplementing United Fund allocations so the developmental programs of Cubbing, Scouting and Exploring may continue to be a viable part of our community way of life. Naturally, participation in Scouting's Sustaining Membership Enrollment should be over and above a United Fund fair share pledge," says Manning.

New Mrs. James H. Clipson Is Complimented at Coffee Friday

Mrs. Catherine Powers Clipson was honored with a coffee in the lovely home of Mrs. Louise Brunner Friday morning, Jan. 30. A host of friends and future friends greeted Mrs. Clipson, welcoming her to Eagle Lake where she will make her home upon her recent marriage to Jim Clipson, Sr.

Assisting the hostesses, Frances Powers and Louise Brunner, were Dianne Blake, Jane Clipson, Judy Reese, Alice Schmidt and Claudette Powers, all of Eagle Lake, and Vicki Powers of El Campo.

Coffee and spiced tea were served with lemon squares, sausage rolls, peanut sticks, bran muffins and cranberry bread.

Garden Club To Meet In Zoeller Home Feb. 11

The Eagle Lake Garden Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Sophie Zoeller on Wednesday afternoon, February 11th at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Edith Duty as co-hostess.

Grass Fires, Truck Fire

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen were kept hopping again this week with lots of grass fires.

On Wednesday of last week the firemen were called at 4:25 to a grass fire near the Eagle Lake Primary School; at 3:30 Friday they went to a grass fire on Conner Street; Saturday morning there was an alarm to a grass fire in Sheridan; and Monday there were two alarms one to a truck fire on Highway 90A near Lissie and at 5:10 p.m. Monday to a grass fire at Mathews.

Citizens are cautioned once again about burning grass or trash during the current dry spell.

WANTS PEN PALS

The Headlight received a letter from Bill Crawford who says that he is an inmate in a London, Ohio Correctional Institution and he would like to correspond with pen pals from this area. Crawford said that he lived here before going to Ohio about five years ago. Interested persons may write to him by addressing mail to Bill Crawford No. 141-194, Box 69, London, Ohio 43140.

WCJC To Begin New Welding Class Monday

Wharton County Junior College in Wharton will be recruiting students for a 20 week welding program to begin Monday, February 9 according to Ramon Vela, WCJC Coordinator-Counselor for CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act).

Vela reports a survey reflects great need for qualified welders in this area.

"Upon successful completion of the course, every effort will be made to place students in gainful employment," said Vela.

The course offers 800 hours of instruction with a curriculum that includes occupational orientation, safety, blueprint and building practices, basic math and measurements, welding, tach and flame cutting.

Applicants accepted into the program are paid tuition, book, fees, hand tools, plus a $2.30 per hour allowance.

To qualify, applicants should [illegible]

Applicants will be interviewed this Friday, February 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Eagle Lake City Hall.

Interested persons may arrange to be interviewed by Vela at his Wharton County Junior College office in Wharton at any time. Call 532-4560, extension 66, for an appointment.

Burgess Is Top Distributor

C. Patrick Forster, President, Conveyor Division of Hewitt-Robins, has announced that Burgess Power Equipment is his company's number one distributor in sales of Hewitt - Robins conveyor equipment in the Southwest for 1975. The award presentation was made to George A. Fix, Jr., President of Burgess Power Equipment, by M. F. Millner, Area Manager for Hewitt-Robins, a Division of Litton.

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RICE DISTRICT SCHOOL MENUS

Mon., Feb. 9: Beef Stew, Cheese Wedges, Creamy Cole Slaw, Brownies, Corn Bread;

Tues., Feb. 10: Fried Steak, Polka-Dot Corn, Collard Greens, Kiss Me Cake, Lunchroom Bread;

Wed., Feb. 11: Hamburgers, French Fries and Catsup, Hamburger Salad, Chilled Pears, Cinnamon Crispies;

Thurs., Feb. 12: Baked Turkey, Dressing with Giblet Gravy, Frozen English Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Hot Rolls;

Fri., Feb. 13: Beef Tacos, Pinto Beans, Pineapple Tidbits, Valentine Dessert.

Jury Called To Hear Civil Suits Monday

A list of petit jurors has been called to appear in District Court in Columbus at 10 a.m. Monday, February 9th to hear any of three civil suits that have been set for trial on that date. Judge E. W. Patteson will preside.

Set for trial are the damage suit of E. G. Cornelius vs. Columbus Animal Clinic; Norman L. Brown vs. Allstate Insurance Co., a workman's compensation suit; and John H. Massey, trustee, vs. Ruth Jones Guidry et al, seeking to settle a boundary dispute.

Called from this area are: Mrs. Ruth Hemphill, Malcolm Perry, Miss Lena King, Delano J. Frnka, Gardner A. Seaholm, Jr., Mrs. Irene Shropshire, Herman Maxie, William Penn, Mrs. Othel L. Pirtle, Jr., Mrs. Fred M. Owens, Mrs. Cecilia Luna, Miss Debbie Sherrer, Mrs. Hortencia Cordova, Mrs. Milynda F. Birnham, Frank Bowen, Willie B. Christal, Miss Beverly Ann Jackson and Bill Virnau of Eagle Lake.

Also, Olga Lundquist of Rock Island; Martin Dancy, Mrs. Dora Dervin, Mrs. Hope Frnka Raley, Stephen Schurring and Mrs. Estoria Nichols of Garwood; Mrs. Lucille M. Blanchard and Sharon Grahman of Sheridan; H. B. Fogel, Jr. and Henry F. Kaiser of Cat Spring; Clement F. Labay of Nada; and others.

2 Couples Are Honored

On Wednesday evening, January 28 two couples were honored with a Steak Dinner at the Branding Iron in El Campo. The honorees were the newly married, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Causey; and Dianne Blake and Terry Causey.

Hosts and hostesses for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. McCreary, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Everitt, Jr.

Also present for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. George Causey, parents of Terry and Paul; Miss Julie Everitt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Herbert McCreary, Mr. and Mrs. George Matthys, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Waddell, and Gary Waddell.

The group met at the Bruce Waddell home for a social hour before going to El Campo.

Lissie Church Winter Revival Feb. 15-19

Lissie United Methodist Church announces their Winter Revival, to begin Sunday, February 15 and run through Thursday evening, February 19.

Preacher for the services will be Dr. Lowell O. Ryan, Southwest Area Representative for Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Dr. Ryin has been a United Methodist minister in the Southwest Texas Conference, serving prominent congregations, and on the Bishop's Cabinet as District Superintendent. He will be remembered locally, as the preacher a year ago in revival services at the Garwood United Methodist Church.

The Lissie services will be preceded by extensive visitation and prayer times, both group and individual. The climax of this period of preparation will be a prayer vigil beginning at noon February 15 and "concluding at midnight.

A church covered dish supper will be held at six o'clock on Sunday, February 15, to introduce the preacher to the people. Evening worship will begin at 7:30 each evening. A unique feature of the week will be a breakfast service at 6:30 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Special music and good singing will feature the week. Nursery facilities will be provided, and the entire community is urged to be a part of the fellowship, preaching and worship of the week, said the Rev. Paul A. Wallace, pastor.

Grandmother Of Mrs. Carl Seaholm, Jr. Dies

Mrs. Dudley Barron, 86, grandmother of Mrs. Carl Seaholm, Jr. of this city, passed away Friday, January 30 in the Hays County Hospital in San Marcos following a stroke on Thursday, January 29th.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. P. D. Beaven of San Antonio; one son, Duane Barron of Georgetown; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 31 from the Pruitt-Pruitt Funeral Home in San Marcos.

Pallbearers were Carl Seaholm, III, of Austin, Jeff Seaholm of this city, Dudley Beaven of Houston, John Beaven of San Antonio, Jack Lumley and Joe Spicer of Austin.

Sympathy is extended the family in the loss of this loved one.

Suprise Birthday Dinner Honors Vetta Hinton

A surprise birthday dinner was given for Vetta Hinton Sunday, Feb. 1 at the home of her daughter, Johnny and Betty Swanner. It was given by her children: Martha Provo of Galveston and Johnny and Betty Swanner of Eagle Lake; grandchildren, Herbert and Lois Scott of Texas City, Allen and Cleotha Aldridge and Harrison and Ruby Johnson of Houston.

Chicken, ribs and sausage and all the trimmings were served along with a birthday cake. Some 50 guests were present. Both of her sons who live in California called to wish her a happy birthday.

Live Oak Art Club Citation Show Feb. 12-27

The Columbus Live Oak Art Club is sponsoring the Texas State Citation Show from February 12 through February 27 at the Art Studio adjacent to the Mansfield Library. This show is presented by the Texas Fine Arts Association. It travels around the state to various towns. Columbus is receiving the show from the Houston Art League and will transfer it to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. The public is cordially invited to attend this showing. The exhibit will be open during library hours and Sunday, February 15th and 22nd, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is no charge. To make special arrangements for groups, such as clubs or other interest groups, please contact Judy Youens, president, phone 732-3405.

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SPORTS CORNER

Raiders Cinch Tie For Zone

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The Rice High School Raiders basketball team cinched at least a tie for the West Zone championship in District 13AAA with a win over the Columbia Roughnecks on Tuesday night of this week in West Columbia gymnasium. Coach Jack Grammer's Raiders are now 8-0 for the season and have only two games remaining to play, hosting Edna Friday night and in Sweeny on Tuesday night of next week. The loss to Rice 68 gave the Roughnecks a 6-2 record and just an outside shot at a share of the zone [illegible] and the Raiders lose their last two.

The zone winner will meet Hitchcock the east zone winner for the district title in a game yet to be set. The district must be decided by Feb. 21st, so probably the game will be played around the 20th.

Seniors on the Raider team will be honored at a special ceremony prior to the varsity game with Edna Friday night in Raider gym. The freshmen will open play at 4:30, the JVs play at 6:00 and the varsity contest begins at around 7:30 p.m. Raider fans are invited out to cheer the Raiders to a victory that will clinch the zone championship for the second year in a row.

In Columbia Tuesday night the Raider varsity cinched a tie for the zone title with a 61 to 55 win over the Roughnecks despite a 22 point second half by Sam Goodwin of the Columbia team. Dancy led Rice scoring with 26 and had 14 rebounds while Glover added 12 and had 16 rebounds and James Parker contributed 10 points. The Raiders hit 49% from the field and 53% from the free throw line.

The Raider freshmen continued their win streak with a 59 to 43 win with John Grammer scoring 19 and Sommerlatte 10.

The Rice JVs lost their game 48 to 41 with Prihoda collecting 13 points and Charles Hatton and Ollie Moore 10 each.

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Sweep 3 Games With Yoakum

In Yoakum last Friday night the varsity rolled to a 99 to 64 victory behind good defensive play against a hot shooting Yoakum quintet. The Raiders connected on 56% of their shots from the field and 69% from the free throw line and continued to control the backboards with 63 rebounds. They also chalked up 31 assists.

Darrell Dancy led the Rice scorers with 32 and he had 19 rebounds and 6 assists; Kenneth Dawson scored 19 and had 9 rebounds and 5 assists; while Ronald Glover collected 16 points, 10 rebounds and 5 assists.

Coach Grammer called it one of the Raiders' best performances of the year.

In the freshman contest, Rice won 68 to 34 with Keith Sommerlatte leading the scoring with 15 and Lonniel Blunt son and Michael Thomas had 11 points each.

The Rice JVs won handily 83 to 58 with Troy Davis the top scorer with 37 and Anthony Prihoda had 17.

KCs Set Dance May 8 For Shriner's Hospital

The Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus has announced that the annual dance staged by the council for the benefit of the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital in Houston and the Burns Institute in Galveston will be held on Sat., May 8th in the Riverside Hall in East Bernard.

League action last week with a 216-621 series. Top women's scores were posted by Janet Barten with the 572 high series and Ernie Briscoe with the 235 high game. Shirley Insurance rolled the high team game of 862 and Tuesday Nite Special the high series of 2367.

Other high scorers were Floyd Spenrath 520, Margie Knippel 509, Erwin Knippel 507, Butch Schmidt 540, Ben Castillo 526, Tommy Tumis 210, Leroy Janda 508, Calvin Roensch 214-544 and Nick Arnold 201.

Shirley Insurance leads the league with 49 wins followed by the Catfish Farmers with 45 1/2 and Rice Birds with 44.

INITIAL LEAGUE

Argo Auto moved to the top of the league standings in the Initial League at the end of play Jan. 29th with 327 wins. Eagle Lake Imps are in second with 309 1/2, Altair Dryer is third with 305 (Altair Dryer and Eagle Lake Diesel have make-up games to bowl); and Pabst Beer is fourth with 303 1/2, while S&W Parts is fifth with 299.

In action last Thursday, Jerry s Arco rolled the top series with a 3037 and S&W Parts had top game of 1070. Glen Wesselski rolled the high series with a 223-598 and Lawrence Dungez posted the top game of 227 in a 538 series. Other top scorers were Draper Stephens 217-580, Ben Castillo 565, Butch Schmidt 222-554, Ricky Holden 203-544, Joe Trojan 532, Frank Bowen 515, Jerry Thranek 513, Gary Waddell 201-512, Bill Brown 509, and John Clipson 501.

BOWLING

COMMUTERS LEAGUE

The Fireballs hold a game and a half lead in the Commuters League with 51 wins at the end of play Jan. 29th. In second is Sheridan Drilling with 49 1/2 wins, tied for third are the Mohsts and Bugaloos with 46 wins each; and holding down fifth are the Comets with 43 wins.

Sheridan Drilling rolled the top series last week with a 211 and the Fireballs had the top game of 769. Elaine Sonntag posted the high individual series with a 197-518 and Mary Obenhaus had high game of 211. La Verne Graham rolled a 180-500.

SKULL CREEK MIXED

Mano Graham led the men's scoring in Skull Creek Mixed

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Raiders To Meet Columbia For District

The Rice High School Raiders girls basketball team clinched its first zone basketball championship with a clean sweep of three wins over the Edna girls on Thursday night of last week; and on Monday night, they walloped the Sweeny girls to make it an undefeated record of eight wins and no losses in zone competition.

The Rice Raiders, coached by Reuben Wunderlich and Fran Mayer, now will meet the Columbia girls, winners of the east zone of District 13AAA in the district championship contest. The Raiders met the Columbia girls in a non-district game Dec. 15 in Columbia and the Raiders emerged victorious by a score of 69 to 51 but it took a 45-point effort by Rice forward Mary Jo Spanihel to spark the victory. Hence an exciting contest is anticipated when the Columbia girls and the Raiders meet for the district title. A meeting is scheduled on Thursday morning of this week to set up the date and place for the district play-off game. Probably the game will come off late next week, either Thursday or Friday.

Take Three From Edna To Cinch Title

On Thursday night of last week, the Raiders won all three games from the Edna girls in Edna as the varsity and freshmen cinched the zone title with perfect 7-0 records and the Rice JVs upped their record to 6-1 in zone play.

The Rice freshmen won the opener 34 to 14 with Annette Axel, doubling as guard and forward, leading the scoring with 18 and Sylvia Briscoe netted 10. Other guards were Sandra Flowers, Roberta Tomchesson and Vivian Banks.

In the JV's 67 to 43 win, Jane Dostal sparked the locals with 35 points and Evelyn Fry scored 24. Good defensive play came from Latanya Pratt Tammy Walker and Virginia Scott.

All of the Raiders saw action as the varsity walloped Edna 77 to 26. Mary Jo Spanihel scored 31, Elisa Keeter netted 26 and Mary Lou Banks had 16. Starting guards were Beryl Shorter, Debra Parker and Mae Hurd.

RICE GIRLS CAGERS WIN WEST ZONE TITLE

Seniors Honored At Final Girls Tilts Monday

The Outriders pep organization of Rice High School honored senior members of the girls basketball team prior to the final game with Sweeny Monday night in Raider gym. After the seniors were introduced, the Outriders presented the seniors with an inscribed cake. Senior players represented were: Carol Botard, D'Ann Davison, Mary Lou Banks, Mae Hurd, Debra Parker, Beryl Shorter, Denise Wiese and Mary Jo Spanihel and senior managers are Patricia Woodard and Bernadine Smith.

The Raider varsity chalked up a 62 to 44 win to end the west zone competition of District 13AAA with a perfect 8-0 record. Spanihel led the scoring with 29, Elisa Keeter had 20 and Banks 13. Turning in good defensive play were Latanya Pratt, Hurd and Cynthia Tomchesson.

The freshmen won the opener with Sweeny 32 to 18 with Sims getting 10, Banks 8, Farrow 8 and Axel 6. Guards were Axel, Roberta Tomchesson and Sandra Flowers.

The most excitement of the night came in the JV contest when the Raiders won a close 42 to 41 decision. Dostal had 37 points in the game and Emily Stiles 5. Starting at guards were Pratt, Walker and Scott and Hoffmann and Van De La Cruz contributed to the defense.

The varsity finished the regular schedule with a record of 26 wins and 2 losses; the JVs compiled a 15-5 record; and freshmen a 16-2 record.

The Raider varsity is due to travel to Bellville for a practice game this Friday night as a tune-up for the district playoffs. In previous encounters Bellville won the first game by 3 points and the Raiders won the second by 8 points so a good contest is anticipated.

Rockets Home For 4 Games

The Houston Rockets begin the post All-Star Game portion of their National Basketball Association schedule with four straight home games at the Summit, beginning Thursday night against the New Orleans Jazz. Following the Jazz into Houston will be the Chicago Bulls on Saturday night, the Kansas City Kings on Monday, February 9, and the Boston Celtics on Wednesday, February 11.

Garwood-Sher. Cagers Champs Of Tourney

The Garwood-Sheridan junior high school Raiders basketball team closed its season in fine fashion by winning first place in the Schulenburg junior high school tournament held Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 26-28. The Raiders have a record of two first places and one second place in the three tournaments in which they participated in the 1975-76 season.

Last Thursday they defeated the Shiner B team 39 to 4 with Kyle Mackey netting 10 points, Darrell Axel 6, Dennis Dinkins 6 and Craig Wicks 6. On Saturday they defeated Flatonia 52 to 27 to advance to the finals. Mackey had 14 points, Dinkins 14, Axel 4, Wicks 3, and Arno Rodriguez and Melvin carter had 2 each.

In the championship game the Raiders defeated the host Schulenburg team 35 to 27 in a hard-fought contest. Blunson tallied 11 points, David Long 6, Axel 6, Wicks 6, Mackey and Carter 4 each.

Coach Henry Kalich praised the young men for their fine efforts and determination.

The Raiders finished the season with an impressive record of 12 wins and 2 losses. They won the championships in the Shiner and Schulenburg tournaments and finished second in the Eagle Lake tourney.

Garwood Girls Win Schulenburg Cage Tourney

The Garwood junior high girls basketball team ended their 1975-76 schedule in impressive fashion last weekend by winning the championship of the girls division of the Schulenburg tournament.

Coach Mike Stanzier's girls wound up the season with a 13-3 record.

During the final games of the season, the Garwood girls lost to Wharton 43 to 13 on Jan. 21st.

They bounced back with three fine victories to win the Schulenburg tournament. Thurs., Jan. 29th they defeated St. Rose by a score of 18 to 14, then they slipped by Shiner 18 to 17, and won the title with a 32 to 10 win over Schulenburg, Saturday.

In the game with St. Rose Sherry Krenek had 6 points and Sherry Johnson 5. Against Shiner, Krenek scored 14 and Johnson 4, and in the finals, Krenek tallied 18 and Johnson 4 and Long, Pratt 4, Turning in good defensive play as guards during the tournament were Kelly Mackey, Carolyn Pavlu and Kathy Perry.

Coach Stanzier said that the girls played some of their best basketball of the season in the tournament especially in the 18-17 win over Shiner which previously had defeated Garwood in the finals of the Shiner tournament.

Bobcats Drop 3rd One-Point Tilt

The Southwest Texas Bobcats of San Marcos dropped a close ball game Saturday night in Nacogdoches to the Stephen F. Austin basketball team by a score of 72-71. It was the third game to be lost by a single point in the final minute of play. This brings the Bobcat record to 5-5 in East zone play and third place behind East Texas and Sam Houston. The Bobcats are in second place in overall play for the season.

They met St. Mary's in San Antonio Tuesday night and on Saturday night, Feb. 7th will go to Commerce to meet the zone leader, East Texas State.

Senior RHS Girl Cagers Honored

Seniors on the zone champion Rice High School Raider girls basketball team were honored for their outstanding performance during the season at the final zone games with Sweeny Monday night in Raider Gym. The seniors were introduced by the Outriders pep organization and presented with a large cake in the shape of a basketball. Honored were, left to right, Patricia Woodard, mgr.; Carol Botard; D'Ann Davison; Mary Lou Banks; Mae Hurd; Debra Parker; Beryl Shorter; Bernadine Smith, mgr.; Denise Wiese; and Mary Jo Spanihel.

ELMS 7th Graders End Season With 15-6 Record

The Eagle Lake seventh grade boys cagers closed out the basketball season with a big win over Weimar 40-8 in Weimar Monday night. Scoring for the locals were as follows: Victor DAVIS 16 points, Justino Moreno II, David Grammer 7, Roger Fry, Robert Barrios and Troy Grounds 2 points each.

Coach Butch Watson is very pleased with his team, and commended each player for playing an outstanding defense and good offense throughout the season. He feels next year will be another good year for the boys.

They ended the season hitting 42% from the three line and field. They averaged 36 points per game and held their opponents to 18. Each starter scored at least 2 points in each game.

Davis ended the season with a 12.2 average, Moreno 8.5 Fry 6.0, Grammer 4.0 and Barrios 3.0.

The season record for the seventh grade team is 15 wins and 6 losses.

BOWLING

MONDAY NITE MIXED

The Pinbusters bowled the high team scores of 839-2458 series during Monday Nite Mixed League play Feb. 2nd. Sam Davidson rolled top game for the men with a 204 and Lonnie Sommerlatte had high series of 504. For the ladies Crete Somerlatte posted the 213 high game and Alma Davidson rolled a 201-524 for high series.

The Sharpshooters still hold the league lead with 49 1/2 wins with the Pinbusters breaking a tie for second with the Buds with 42 wins each and gaining second position with 45 wins. The Buds and GCOC are now tied for third with 43 wins, followed by the Gutter Kings with 41 1/2.

ELMS 7th Grade Girl Cagers

Eagle Lake Middle School seventh grade girls basketball team is shown above: top row, left to right, Jane Yanez, Sharon McTear, Carol Crabb, Debbie Perry; Shelba Parker, Michele Sibley; middle row (l. to r.), Vickie Eberhart, Claudette Parker, Delia Rodriguez, Dora Jaramillo; last row, Pearl Castillo, Deanne Cardenas. The 7th graders, coached by Kay Slater, completed a successful season Monday night against Yoakum.

ELMS Girls Drop Pair To Yoakum

The Eagle Lake Middle School seventh grade Raider girls lost their basketball game with the Yoakum Bullpups or January 26 by a score of 32-17. The leading scorer was Sharon McTear with 8 points; Shelba Parker had 7 points; Claudette Parker 2. Mary Jane Yanez also played a good game. The guards during the game were Debbie Perry, Dora Jaramillo, Vicki Eberhart and Michele Sibley.

The eighth grade Raider girls lost to Yoakum by the score of 30-15. The leading scorer was Kathy Couts with 6 points; Lana Mahalitc had 5 and Vicki Fry, 4 points. Gwen Black and Lori Mahalitc also played a good game. The guards during the game were Lisa Frazar, Lupe Morales, Madonna Hamilton, Annette Munoz, Theresa Torres, Brenda Jones, Janis Moore, Mary Young and Brenda Rucks.

GIRL SCOUTS

TROOP 188

Girl Scout Troop 188 met on Monday, February 2nd. The Troop Leader, Mrs. Jerry Fajkus, showed the girls how the Indians made "The Eye of God" out of sticks and yarn. Each girl then started one of her own.

Delicious refreshments of cookies and punch were served by Rhonda Treks.

Men's City Bowling Tourney Feb. 20-22

The annual Men's City bowling tournament for the Colorado County Bowling Association, will be held Fri., Sat., and Sun., Feb. 20-21-22 at the Skull Creek Lanes in Altair.

Entries must be submitted to Doyle Waldrop