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City Council

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more per day.

The resolution passed by the council indicates the city's willingness to participate. It is anticipated that in the future the Texas Highway Department will install traffic counters on streets which might qualify for the marking provisions. Mr. Smith said that the city might have four or five busy streets that could qualify for the markings, some for center stripes only and others for center and side markings.

OTHER ACTION

• In other action the Council authorized City Manager T. J. Smith to act as the administrative officer for the Community Development Block Fund program. The city has received word that it is in line for a possible $97,000 grant for sewer extensions on West Main, Austin Road, and the Hubbard Ferry Road in the western portion of the city.

• The council discussed a request from the Eagle Lake Recreation Center to place the caretaker at the facility on the city payroll. The city contributed $3400 to the operation of the center for the last two years. The caretaker at the center is paid $100.00 per week plus benefits, at this time.

• Also a request was heard from the Wintermann Library on the possibility of placing a certified librarian on the city payroll. With a certified librarian, the library would qualify for more extensive aid programs from the state and other organizations. City Manager Smith said that it has been reported that the difference between the $1200 which the city now pays toward operation of the library and the cost of a certified librarian would be made up by a local foundation, hence there would be little, if any, additional cost to the city. This matter also was tabled for later consideration.

NEW BUDGET STUDIED

• The councilmen received preliminary copies of the proposed new budget for the 1976-77 fiscal year which began April 1st, but due to the laleness of the hour decided to delay consideration of the budget until the April 27th meeting. It is anticipated that the formal budget hearing will be called on Tues., May 11th.

Utility Rates

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that the bill for water, sewer and garbage service would go up from $6.12 to $9.60 per month.

Following is a comparison of the rates that prevail in neighboring cities (based on 6,500 gallons of water consumption for a residence with four sewer units):

	WATER	SEWER	GARBAGE	TOTAL
Eagle Lake (old rate)	3.62	1.00	1.50	6.12
(new rate)	4.60	2.00	3.00	9.60
Sealy	4.25	2.50	2.00	8.75
El Campo	4.90	3.25	3.00	11.15
Weimar	5.60	2.50	—	8.10
Wharton	5.83	2.20	2.75	10.78
Columbus	3.23	3.70	2.25	9.18

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Damages Asked For Collision With Bull

A suit was filed in District Court April 20th by Robert Lee Anderson against Melton Schneider and Edward Schneider for damages alleged received when his 1974 Ford pickup hit a bull which he contends belonged to the Schneiders.

Anderson said that he was going west on Highway 90A 2.8 miles west of Rock Island when his truck collided with a Hereford bull. He contends the Schneiders were negligent in keeping the bull off the road and asks the court for all damages and costs of court and interest, but no specific amount is mentioned.

Bank Nears Conversion to Computer

The First National Bank is near the complete changeover to computer programmed process and aspects that the change-over will be completed by the end of this month, William H. Harrison, the president of First National, reported in a recent letter to customers that a big step was made toward converting checking accounts to the computer program March 15th when counter checks were removed from circulation. He expressed appreciation in behalf of the bank for the receptive manner in which the transition is being accepted.

His letter noted, "The changeover will be completed by the time you receive your April statement. The bank statements will be mailed April 27 for all accounts except those which require end of the month posting. These will be mailed in the first of the following month," He added that if you are presently on a monthly mailing schedule, your bank statement will be mailed alphabetically during the last week of every month thereafter.

"Other mailing schedules will remain the same as in the past unless we are notified of a desired change," noted Mr Harrison.

EGYPT NEWS

(Mrs. B. H. Tolliver)

Miss Elizabeth Krenek returned to Beaumont Monday to resume her studies at Lamar University after spending the spring holiday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Mortensen of Houston were visitors with relatives and friends here one day last week.

Young John Dobson of Mansville, Okla., spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Dobson.

Mrs. A. J. Kallas and her daughter, Mrs. Walter Treyhig, Jr. of Houston were in El Campo visiting with relatives and friends Wednesday of last week.

Miss Ginny Duncan, a student at the University of Texas, spent the Easter weekend with her grandfather, F. B. Duncan.

George H. Northington III went with the Brazoria County Cattlemen's Association on their tour to Mexico last week.

Easter Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Krenek, Jr. included Mr. and Mrs. Anton Zahn, Miss Margaret Zahn, and Mesdames Lillian Guenther and Millie Krenek of Hungerford; Mr. and Mrs. Ludy Zahn and family of Wharton; and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zahn and son Tommie of Corpus Christi.

Miss Jane Dobson of Austin was at home for the Easter weekend.

Raymond and Bobbie Kallas of Houston visited with their mother, Mrs. A. J. Kallas, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray of Houston were spend the night guests in the home of his uncle, George Krenek, Jr., recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wobbe attended a Short Course at Texas A&M University this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Klump spent the weekend in Palacios with relatives.

Friends of George Krueger regret that he is a patient in Gulf Coast Medical Center for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Pelkert visited with relatives in Sour Lake during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wobbe were guests of his mother, Mrs. L. R. Pyssen, and Mr. Pyssen in Boling, Sunday.

CANASTA CLUB

The Canasta Club enjoyed a pleasant afternoon Thursday, April 1st with Mrs. Eva Marshall when she had two tables of players at her home in Eagle Lake. High and low scores went to Mesdames Albert Pustejovsky and C. E. Carter. After the games, delicious salad and sweet courses were served. Included in the sweet course was Mississippi Mud Cake which was thoroughly enjoyed.

HALL RITES

Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel Hall were held Thursday afternoon, April 8th, in the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with burial in the Mt. Gilead Cemetery. The Rev. Henry Davis officiated. Mrs. Hall was 75 years old and had lived in Egypt for a good many years.

Her survivors include her husband, Russell Hall; two children; one step-daughter; fifteen grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; three nieces; and a host of other relatives and friends. Pierce-Boone Funeral Directors were in charge of the services.

VISIT IN DALLAS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frazar, Jr., Kathy and Lisa spent the Easter holidays, Friday through Sunday, in Dallas with the family of their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Frazar.

VISITED IN GANADO

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sunderman spent Easter Sunday in Ganado with her mother, Mrs. Jewel Dutcher, and other family members.

2 Brothers Tangle on IH 10, One Gets Cut

Two brothers, riding motorcycles, got into a family argument last Friday night on Interstate 10 about two miles west of Columbus and as a result one is in the Ben Taub Hospital with a cut on his neck.

According to officers who investigated, the two had argued and one of the brothers had accidentally cut the other on the throat when the victim moved as his brother held a knife at his throat.

No charges were filed.

Suit Asks Accounting On Rental Property

A suit was filed in district court in Columbus April 16th by L. W. Stiles, Jr. and others against Glenda Altman Eberhart Mahalite and others seeking an accounting of proceeds from rental property.

The plaintiff alleges that he holds an interest in rental property, also partially owned by the late Elo Beckman and willed to Mrs. Mahalite, and Stiles asks that an accounting be made of revenue from rental on such properties.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. John Frnka of Houston visited during the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Frnka. Mr. and Mrs. Delano Frnka and Sherri joined the families Sunday.

BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

• If you're wondering where your money that was in the First National Bank went to when we published the statement in the paper last week fret not, it hasn't disappeared. The typewriter ribbon used on the figures listed on the report apparently was too light and the photographic process used by our printer failed to pick up the figures. The report is reprinted in this issue and you are assured that it didn't disappear, even though the ink used last week apparently did.

• The Houston papers carried news last week that John M. Johnson, Jr., real estate broker of Houston, has been elected to the board of North Houston Bank. Johnson is a member of Eagle Lake Rotary Club. Mrs. Johnson is the former Judy Shuart, sister of Willard W. Shuart of this city.

• A visitor in the Headlight office last Friday was Charlie Duddleston, Jr. He and his family were here on a visit with his parents. Charlie was once a prominent member of the Eagle Lake and Columbus baseball teams in the South Central Texas League. A southpaw, he threw one of the most wicked curves we've ever seen. He also was manager of a local teen baseball team that won the highest honors ever won by a local team.

• A note of interest reported in last week's Columbus Citizen: Former U. S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough of Texas was the victim of an unfortunate incident in Columbus on Tuesday of last week. His car caught fire. Yarborough was traveling south on S.H. 71 when he noticed smoke coming from his car. The Columbus Volunteer Fire Dept. put the fire out, and Yarborough continued on his way.

• Citizens of the community join in extending best wishes for quick recovery to good health for Mrs. Kate McRee, long-time insurance business woman in the community and to Ed Hanly, retired rural mail carrier and realtor. Both are confined to Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

$25,000 Damages Asked In Columbus Wreck

A total of $25,000 in damages are asked as the result of an accident in Columbus on August 8th of last year. The plaintiff Billy Tidwell asks the damages from the Jim Ned Valley Supply Co. He alleges that his vehicle was stopped behind a line of vehicles in an underpass in Columbus. He was traveling north and a truck tractor driven by Thomas Charles Ray and owned by the company, also going north, hit the back of his stopped vehicle.

Tidwell alleges that his van was worth $1200 and was totaled and he suffered injuries and had medical expenses of $2,175.45. He asks the court for a judgment totaling $25,000 for the damages, medical expenses and for other relief.

Nemeth, Noska Taken To Pen

The County Sheriff's Department took Sherrill Lee Noska and John Nemeth to the state penitentiary in Huntsville Tuesday to begin serving eight year terms.

Noska received the term of eight years for taking shots at two law officers in this county; and Nemeth was sentenced to serve eight years on a revocation of probation. He had received the eight years of probation for taking part in one of the Loessin implement burglaries in Weimar.

Wharton Garden Club Flower Show Apr. 30

Members of the Wharton Garden Club will be on hand to "Welcome you to Georgia's Home" for their annual Spring Flower Show Friday, April 30th in Wharton from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The show will be held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Herman Wolff, 536 Lily Lane.

Refreshments will be served. A free-will donation will be appreciated.

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BOB MORGAN

CARMEN STALLMAN

DEBRA PARKER

CHRIS KLEKAR

ELLANA JOHNSON

MARY JO SPANIHEL

MARY ANN SEIFERT

JANICE KALLINA

Alien Deported Following Cutting Sun.

A Latin-American alien was deported back to Mexico following a cutting in the vicinity of Maple Street at around 1:25 a.m. Sunday morning, reported the local police department.

Patrolman Steve Skinner was called by a local resident that there had been a cutting at the Hector Garnillo residence on Keith Street in that area. Upon investigation he found that Oscar Perez, 18, had received severe gashes on the arms and neck and he was taken to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the patrolman.

He told the officer that Jesse Vasquez had done the cutting. A search for Vasquez, who resided at Nu Courts, failed to reveal his whereabouts, but later at 3:25 a.m. Skinner and Chief Roy Chisum were called to the Nu Courts where a group of men had surrounded Vasquez and was holding him for officers.

Vasquez was arrested and turned over to the State Border Patrol and was deported back to Mexico. Perez was confined to the hospital for treatment of the severe cuts on his arms and neck.

Presidential Delegates On May 1st Ballot

When you go to the polls this Saturday, you will have an opportunity to decide on the delegates to represent your party at the Presidential Nominating Conventions to be held later this year.

The Democratic ballots will carry the names of three delegates each from the Tenth Cong. District for 3 Democratic presidential hopefuls, Lloyd Bentsen (who since the ballot has made up has withdrawn from the race but is actively seeking support of delegates to the National Convention), George C. Wallace, and Jimmy Carter. You may vote for any three delegates and do not necessarily have to vote for all three delegates for the same candidate. Listed as delegates for Mr. Bentsen are J. Ralph Meadows, Ann Smith and Dwayne Holman; for Mr. Wallace, C. W. Kennedy, Rick Rivard, and B. L. Thornton; and for Carter, Jacqueline T. Donovan, Glen Maxey and E. Larry Dickens.

In the Tenth Congressional District of Texas, the Republican ballot lists four delegates each for Gerald Ford and for Ronald Reagan. Again you may vote for any four of the delegates of your choice. Listed as delegates supporting Gov. Reagan are: Sue Briscoe of Eagle Lake, R. Miller Hicks, Rhoda Benson, and Judge St. John Garwood. Listed as delegates favoring President Ford for re-election are: Jay Anderson of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Beryl Buckley Milburn, Millard K. Neptune and Byron Fullerton.

Heavy Vote Expected In Primary Elections Saturday

Top Rice HS Seniors

CYNTHIA BERGER

PHYLLIS KORENEK

Cynthia Berger, Phyllis Korenek Are Top RHS Graduates

Senior Awards Assembly At 10:30 AM May 7

Rice High School has named the top honor graduates for the 114 - member Senior Class of 1976 and plans have been started for the end-of-year exercises.

Valedictorian of the Class of 1976 is Miss Cynthia Marie Berger, daughter of Mrs. Leon Berger of Nada. She achieved a 4.315 grade point average in her high school career.

Salutatorian of the Class is Miss Phyllis Jean Korenek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Korenek, with a grade point average of 4.3139.

Nine other seniors who are also honor graduates included: Miss Carol D'Ann Davison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Davison of Eagle Lake 4.183 GPA; Miss Mary Jo Spanihel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Spanihel of Eagle Lake, 4.14; Bob Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan of Hempstead, 4.0763; Miss Janice Mary Kallina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kallina of Garwood, 4.0745; Miss Carmen Grace Stallman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal E. Stallman of Garwood, 4.0671; Miss Mary Ann Seifert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Seifert of Garwood, 4.0026; Miss Ellana Irene Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson of Eagle Lake, 3.938; Christopher Stephen Klekar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Klekar of Eagle Lake, 3.7947; and Miss Debra Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Parker of Eagle Lake, 3.75.

END OF YEAR EXERCISES

Commencement exercises for the Class of 1976 will be held at Rice High School gymnasium at 8:00 p.m. Monday, May 24th. The seniors will put on the program for the capacity crowd of parents, relatives and friends.

The annual awards assembly for the members of the senior class will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 7th. The awards for underclassmen will be held following week at a date and time to be announced.

At 8:20 a.m. this Thursday, April 29th, the annual sports award presentations will be made at Rice High

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Demo. Voting Here At Fire Station Sat.

Presidential Primary Voting For First Time Ever

Heavy voting is anticipated in the Democratic Party Primary Election to be held this Saturday, May 1st, with interest mounting daily in this county in the three-way race for the office of Sheriff of this county, and in the three-way battle for County Commissioner in Precinct No. one.

Also it will be the first time for Texans to cast their ballots on delegates supporting a specific candidate for nomination as president in the general election coming up next November.

In Eagle Lake the Democratic Party Primary voting will be done in the new Fire Station Building with the polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Precinct chairman Tommy Pilkington said that the Community Center, where the voting is usually carried out, will not be available due to another commitment.

He added that the party precinct convention will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the council room of the Municipal Building.

Polls will be open in this county at eighteen polling places with voting from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Absentee voting ended Tuesday with a total of 125 absentee ballots applied for at the office of County Clerk Lester Schneider giving emphasis again to the fact that the voting Saturday is expected to be very heavy.

All voters are urged to bring their registration slips to the polls Saturday, if at all possible, noted County Democratic Party Chairman Sam K. Seymour, Jr., that in the event you have misplaced your slip, you will be permitted to sign an affidavit stating that the registration slip could not be found, however slow down the voting procedure, noted the county chairman.

SHERIFF'S CONTEST

Incumbent Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller is seeking re-election to a third four-year term as sheriff and he is being opposed by Bill Eason of Rock Island, a peace officer in this county since 1969 and a former chief deputy sheriff in this county; and by Thomas D. Wall of Columbus who had six years of law enforcement experience in the U. S. Armed Forces and also some with the Columbus police department.

Also drawing interest in this area is a three-way race for the position of Constable in Eagle Lake Justice of the Peace precinct eight where incumbent J. T. (Jimmie) Frnka is opposed on the ballot by LeRoy Briggs and John Perry.

There is also a contest for

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Republicans Vote Here At Rice Office

5 Referendum Issues On GOP Ballot

Republicans will vote at 4 polling places in this county in the Primary Election to be held this Saturday, May 1st. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Eagle Lake at the offices of the American Rice Growers Association. Other polling places in the county, as announced by county chairman Jim Clipson, Jr., will be: Alleyton and Altair will vote in Eagle Lake at the rice office; Garwood, Nada, Rock Island and Sheridan voters will cast ballots at the Rawhide Corral in Rock Island; all of Commissioner's Precinct 2 and

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County Has 1st Case Of Screwworms

(By P. Johnnie Cooper, County Extension Agent)

Colorado County's first 1976 screwworm case was collected April 12 between Columbus and Bernardo. The sample was collected from the navel of a newborn calf.

This is even earlier than the epidemic 1972 screwworm year.

With many calves being born, screwworms have the potential of becoming a severe problem.

The first case in a wound is seldom fatal, and can often go undetected resulting in large fly population buildups. The time interval from egg laying to larvae drop from the wound can be less than one week, so cattle should be checked regularly.

Livestock producers can perform several functions to reduce problems. Newborn calves' navels can be treated with a chemical or the navel clipped and treated with

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Ambulance Corps Offers Enlistment

The Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps is accepting applications for a new enlistment plan. Applicants will be screened by the membership committee and those qualified will be asked to commit themselves to a non-binding contract of two years of service to their community.

The training requirements are: completion of a basic Eight Hour Red Cross First Aid Course to start. Further training sessions are held bimonthly on a voluntary basis, and more advanced courses are available. Service can be as little as one twelve-hour shift per week.

"The convenience of carrying a pager means a Corps member's time is actually restricted very little," note Corps officers. "He need only be available within five minutes of the ambulance. When vacations or other activities are planned the schedule is drawn up around them. When unforeseen difficulties or activities arise, he can always find someone willing to trade shifts or even carry the pager for the tour or a few hours. This program should be especially attractive to young people, both men and women, as a practical means of extensive emergency first aid training most beneficial to them in their roles as parents."

Interested people may apply, or call for more information at Emily's Realty 234-3420 to Carolyn Roeprin, secretary. This is an equal opportunity organization.

Eagle Lake Library Board Is Expanded

Pre-Schoolers Story Hour May 5

The Eagle Lake Library announces that the library board has been expanded to ten regular members and two ex-officio members and plans are also announced for a Story Hour for the pre-schoolers next Wed., May 5th.

Father George Welsch, rector of Christ Episcopal Church; Bruce Waddell, prominent rice farmer; James Crabb, principal of the Eagle Lake Middle School; and Don Bendy, associated with the Shuart and Bendy law firm, are new members of the board of the Eula and David Wintermann Library.

These gentlemen join six others to comprise the li-

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Reading Program Primary Project of Rice CISD Plan

District-Wide Needs Assessed

The Planning Council appointed to make a needs assessment of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District and to develop a Five-Year Plan of Action has completed its work and submitted its findings and the report has been accepted by the Rice CISD Board. The report is discussed in a two-part series, the first of which appears in this issue.

"The entire committee held eight meetings during the period May 1975 to March 1976 in which members of the professional staff, citizen groups and resource people were involved. We were favorably impressed with the attitude of the school personnel and with their efforts to deliver a meaningful program. The citizens that appeared before the Council were helpful in identifying needs and establishing priorities," said C. W. DeShazo, chairman of the Planning Council.

Other members included board members Mrs. Jane Clipson and Anthony Kallina; former board member Arthur Anderson; Obie Rhodes of special education; Beryl Shuver, president of Rice High School Student Council; Principal James Crabb; and counselor William P. Carpenter.

The report (in part) follows:

The Rice CISD was formed by a consolidation of Eagle Lake, Garwood, and Sheridan Independent School Districts. The goal of the merger was to improve the educational opportunities of the students and to broaden the tax base.

As a result of a grass roots study and identification of needs a $2.5 million bond issue was passed overwhelmingly to construct a central high school and to air condition all the existing facilities in the district together with renovation of buildings and campus realignment.

All of these have been accomplished. Rice High School was constructed to handle 600 students and opened in 1970. Initial enrollment was 565, and the fall enrollment in 1975 was 597.

This enabled the Sheridan Elementary to occupy the structure which had been shared with the high school. The current enrollment is 112 students and sufficient facilities are available to handle 200 students. The closing of Garwood High School enabled the Garwood Elementary to occupy a secondary facility constructed in 1964 to handle 250 students with a current enrollment of 160. Both of these facilities are excellent by any standard of measurement.

The Eagle Lake Primary and Middle Schools are adequate to handle the programs that are currently being offered. However, the addition of any new programs in Eagle Lake or Rice High School will require additional facilities.

The enrollment in this district has declined somewhat during the period of 1970 to 1975, District fall enrollments are as follows: 1970, 1832; 1971, 1806; 1972, 1775; 1973, 1677; 1974, 1678; and 1975,

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RICE ALL SPORTS FETE TUES., MAY 11

The Rice High School's Annual All-Sports Banquet is calendared for Tuesday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons area of the school.

Vernon McDonald, basketball coach for the Southwest Texas State University Bobcats in San Marcos, will be the principle speaker and plans to have two young men from the SWT basketball team accompany him to the banquet.

Tickets may be purchased for $2.50 each at the Rice Drug Store in Eagle Lake, Woody's Drive-In Grocery in Garwood and the Post Office in Sheridan. There will be no sale of tickets at the door and they must be obtained by May 6, said the Rice High athletic director Jack Grammer.

Alamo Lumber Entered But Nothing Missing

Eagle Lake police investigated the entry of the Alamo Lumber Company sometime during the early hours Sunday morning, but so far it has not been determined if anything was taken or not, reported Chief of Police Roy Chisum.

Night Patrolman Steve Skinner noticed a side window was open. Later investigation revealed a padlock on a back door had been cut off apparently with bolt cutters. The police are still looking into the matter.

Hearing On Record City Budget May 11

Eagle Lake City Council in session Tuesday night set May. 11th as the date for a public hearing on a record $384,500 city budget; approved the first reading of a utility rate increase ordinance; sold 9065 square feet of surplus city property to the Oscar Millers; rejected the first reading and killed for the time being a proposed ordinance to make a portion of Commerce street a one-way street

Full details on these stories in next week's paper.

Registration at St. Mary's May 2-9

Registration for St. Mary's School will be held from May 2nd thru 9th May 9th.

Parents of beginners and new students should come to the school office for the initial registration. All other students will be given re-registration slips.

Non-discriminatory guidelines for private schools will be observed.

Steeple Placed at Methodist Church

A memorable day for members of the Methodist Church here came about last week with the raising of the three-story tall steeple and five foot cross on the top of the new building under construction. The steeple and cross raised the top of the new United Methodist Church building to a height of six stories. Work continues on the new building, being constructed on the former site of the Eagle Lake High School with an early fall completion date anticipated.

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Briggs To Open Chuck Wagon BBQ Friday

Le Roy Briggs announces the opening of a new business for Eagle Lake in the Chuck Wagon BBQ to be located at the intersection of East Main Street and Glen Flora Road.

Briggs said the business will be open at 10:30 a.m., every Thurs., Fri., Sat., and Sun. and will serve barbecue of all kinds and barbecue and sausage sandwiches, all to go.

Prominent Resident Mrs. McRee Dies

One of the community's most beloved citizens, Mrs. W. E. (Kate) McRee, closed her eyes to a peaceful rest in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 9:20 a.m. last Sunday, April 25th after five weeks of illness.

Mrs. McRee was one of the community's longest residents, dating her residence here back to around 1906. She was engaged in the insurance business here for over fifty of those years.

She was born Kate Rebecca Ernst, the daughter of Ed and Ida Ernst in Coldspring, Texas on December 7, 1890. The family moved to the Columbus area in 1903 and came

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