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RICE CISD COORDINATOR TALKS ABOUT READING PROGRAM

Mrs. Vera Brown, who has been appointed Reading Coordinator for the Rice School District for the 1976-77 year, outlined some of her plans to coordinate the reading programs at the Eagle Lake, Sheridan and Garwood schools in grades kindergarten through the eighth grade at a special meeting of the board of education last week.

She commented, "In reading the name of the game is comprehension." Mrs. Brown stressed that the effectiveness of the program will depend on the teachers. "There are effective teachers for those who teach to read and there are ineffective teachers or those who teach materials." She went on, however, to compliment the faculty members in the Rice District and predicted a good reading program can be developed.

August 9-13th she plans to inaugurate the coordinated reading program with a workshop for reading teachers.

Mrs. Brown noted further that the Rice District more than provides adequate reading materials and commended the board and the district's taxpayers for making these possible.

Houghton-Mifflin Plan

She went on to explain key features of the Houghton-Mifflin program to be used in the coordinated reading program.

Her report to the board follows, in part:

There are twelve levels of the series, starting at Level 1 "Getting a Head Start" and ending with Level 12 "Galaxies", which represents the customary sixth reader.

Fifteen high frequency words are introduced at Level 2: "Getting Ready to Read". These fifteen words account for more than 25% of the more than 105,000 running words found in a nation-wide survey of favorite children's books.

Rebus Reading is introduced to the children in Level 2: "Getting Ready to Read". The use of the rebuses plus the 15 high frequency words enables children to begin *sentence reading in the* readiness book.

Although formal teaching of vowel-sound associations is begun at Level 5; "Signposts", several important teachings regarding vowels are undertaken as early as Level 2.

The skills to be developed are stated in the form of Behavioral Objectives. These Behavigral Objectives have been grouped into four major classifications: Decoding Skills, Comprehension Skills, Reference and Study Skills, and Literary Appreciation Skills.

Levels 2-7, readiness through "Rewards", concentrate almost entirely on Decoding and simpler Comprehension skills. Beginning with Level 8, "Panorama", more of the skills program is devoted to reference and study skills and to more advanced comprehension skills.

At the conclusion of Level 5, "Signposts", the child will have an instant recognition vocabulary of 207 high frequency words that account for nearly 70% of all the running words found in library books popular with young children.

At every level, in every lesson, there is a special section, "Enriching Language Experiences", to suggest ways to build the pupil's general facility with oral and written language. I'm afraid most teachers skip this important part of the program.

Flexible provision is made for the introduction of new words. The authors of the book strongly recommend that such words not be introduced in advance of the reading, but that the pupil be expected to decode them independently. Some groups, however, need to have the words introduced in advance in context in sentences and this is also provided.

From Level 9, "Fiesta", no vocabulary control as such is used with this reading system.

Three types of questions that test different levels of comprehension are provided in each Discussion Section. The three levels are: literal comprehension, interpretative thinking, and evaluative and creative thinking.

Excellent Basal Program

This is an excellent basal program and one that the teachers of these schools chose to use, but apparently from our test scores it is not a program to be used with slow learners or children from so-called "culturally different homes". Not all of our children are paced through this series, we have several different series in the District available to them: Scott Foresman's "Open Highways" is used in our Remedial classes as well as Plan A, but there is no reason why other children cannot use these books if they do not go to these other classes, but certainly they should NOT be used in the classroom if the child attends remedial reading classes where it will be used again.

The fourth grade through the eighth grade chose a multiple adoption (on the Eagle Lake Middle School campus), therefore all of the books that are on the state adoption list are available for use on that campus.

48 YEARS AGO
Let's Look Back

(February 14, 1928)

Partial collapse of two sections in a span of the highway bridge at Columbus resulted in the death of Ed Mills, highway construction worker that was transporting a grader and tractor across the bridge. Deliner Parker also on the rig at the time it fell through the bridge was only miraculously slightly injured. Oil is believed to have been struck on the Johnson Brothers well near Rock Island. Oil is unmistakable quantities appeared in the slush pits and gas pressure is high. The oil sand is said to have been encountered at a depth of 1850 feet. . .Medley Powers, a convict handcuffed to two heavy chairs in the city auditorium, made his escape Wednesday night, taking both of the heavy chairs with him. Sheriff Frank Hoegemeyer and Deputy Sheriff N. W. Callison, being unable to make the trip to Columbus due to the fallen bridge after having come this far from Clemens State Farm in Brazoria County, handcuffed the man to the chairs. At press time no sign of the chairs or convict had been found. . .Three aldermen and mayor to be elected in April election. Retiring aldermen are G. E. Thomas and E. A. Tollver. The unexpired term of J. E. Roberts who moved from the city is also to be filled. Mayor R. T. Westmoreland's term also expires at that time. . .Emil H. Rabel for re-election and Chas. Harder announce for Tax Assessor-Collector and W. F. Causey, Sr. for the office of Sheriff. . Those elected to serve as various officers in the Nada CDA Court were these: Mesdames A. J. Kremling, Walter Braden, T. A. Pinchback, Annie Rek, Robert Schiurring, Ludwig Zbranek, Ludwig Schoellmann and Clarence Martin and Misses Jeanette Schneider and Anna Lou Kremling. . .

Jehovah's Witnesses Plan Convention

R. L. McSweeney, spokesman of the Eagle Lake Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, revealed completion of plans for a four-day district convention of the religious group in Irving, June 10-13.

McSweeney said 30,000 delegates are anticipated to attend the annual convention planned for Texas Stadium. A number of persons will represent Eagle Lake at the seminar.

McSweeney said the theme of the conference is "Sacred Service" and he added that the program will address itself to improving life spiritually within the family circle.

Entries Requested For Bicentennial Parade on July 3rd

Entries are needed for the upcoming Bicentennial Parade, "Spirit of '76" to be staged here on Saturday, July 3rd, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Any merchants, schools, churches, bands, civic groups or others who wish to have entries in the parade and have not already registered with the chamber of commerce, are urged to complete the form below and send it to: the Chamber of Commerce Spirit of '76 Parade Committee, P. O. Box 216, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434, or deliver it in person to the chamber office in the Municipal Building. Entry deadline is June 21st. There is no entry fee for participation.

For more information contact Bill Appelt, Bicentennial Committee Chairman; Joe N. Franz, Jr., Parade Marshal; or the Chamber of Commerce office.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Phone Co. Mgr. Says Bills Would Affect Service

Bills recently introduced with little fanfare in both houses of Congress could decide the future of telephone service in Eagle Lake and throughout the country.

R. L. Oldmixon, manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, said recent decisions by federal regulators will have significant adverse impact on the cost and quality of service to the average consumer.

"These decisions by the Federal Communications Commission were designed apparently to inject competition into two markets-communications equipment and intercity private line business services," Oldmixon said. "What has developed instead is a government-imposed division of responsibility for service and a pricing structure that will hurt the little guy."

Bills were introduced in the U.S. Senate and House last month to protect the interests of the average telecommunications user. These measures are also supported by a wide cross section of the telephone industry labor unions, independent telephone companies and the Bell System.

Western Belt Rice Field Day June 24

Plans for the Western Rice Belt Field Day and Tour are making good progress. The field day will be held June 24 with headquarters at the El Campo High School.

Highlighting the field day will be a tour of result demonstrations in Wharton County, points out R. J. Hodges, agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The tour will be conducted in the early afternoon and will feature field demonstrations dealing with rice and soybeans.

Stops on the tour will be selected from such rice demonstrations as seed treatment, use of micronutrients, fertilizer spreader efficiency, weed and disease control, use of phosphorus and bird control.

As far as the soybean demonstrations are concerned, those being conducted include weed and disease control, variety tests and seed inoculation.

In addition to the tour, educational exhibits will also be set up in the El Campo High School gymnasium, and Extension Service specialists and scientists of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station will be on hand to answer questions.

Other plans call for a keynote speaker to address field day visitors followed by a barbecue.

All producers, agribusinessmen and others interested in rice and soybean production, especially in the western section of the Texas Rice Belt, are invited to attend the field day.

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Lavaca County Bicentennial

Getting in the "Spirit of 76" the Lavaca County Bicentennial Celebration will be held in Hallettsville on June 25 and 26.

On Friday night, June 25 a public dance will be held at the American Legion Hall with music by the Barons. On the morning of Saturday, June 26th, a large parade will be held around the courthouse square and will begin at 10:30 a.m. Following the parade there will be plenty of entertainment and food on the grounds. To finish off this busy day, a large street dance will be held with Barbara Fairchild and her five-piece band to perform.

Plans are also being made for an arts and crafts show on June 26 in Hallettsville. The Beta Sigma Phi Sorority is sponsoring the show and handling reservations for anyone who wishes to enter the show or display and sell their art works or handicrafts.

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10:00 a.m. Wednesday-Holy Communion

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Rev. Thomas W. Hogan, Pastor
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11 a.m. Morning Worship
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3:30 Wed. Junior High MYF
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Livestock Scales Purchased for County's Youth

Youth from agriculturally-oriented organizations in the county are shown above with the new scales provided by the Lower Colorado Farm and Ranch Council. In front are presidents of the three FFA chapters in the county, front, left to right, Gabriel Kulhanek, Columbus; Al Mahaffe, Rice FFA; and Marvin James Hyek, Weimar FFA; standing are, l. to r., an unidentified individual; Tammy Walker of the Rice FFA chapter; Allen Myers, Weimar vocational agriculture instructor; and County Agent P. Johnnie Cooper.

Farm & Ranch Council Buys Scales for Youth

The Lower Colorado Farm and Ranch Improvement Council has purchased livestock scales with grain box for youth and agricultural improvement in Colorado County.

FFA and 4-H members will use the scales to weigh their animals onto the feeding period and where appropriate weigh them at the show. This will allow the youth to learn more about their projects and the economics of agricultural production.

The scales also have a grain box which will be used to weigh agricultural result demonstrations. Tests for fertilizer, herbicide and variety comparisons on areas one acre in size can be weighed for yield and economic advantage.

The Lower Colorado Farm and Ranch Improvement Council originated a number of years ago to promote the use of new farm equipment and technology. They purchased and maintained equipment which was leased to producers. Equipment consisted of grain drills, cultipackers, a grader, a dragline, a gopher burrow builder, fertilizer spreaders, etc. Reserve funds in the account is a result of good management on the part of the directors.

Directors were elected from communities within Colorado County. Many outstanding individuals served as directors through the years. A number of them have moved, retired or passed on.

A list of directors should include all past directors. Records are not available to include all of them, so none are listed.

The organization has been inactive for the last several years and funds left were used to purchase the scales which is an investment in the future of Colorado County.

Soil Conservation News

Mensik Bros., district cooperators of the Weimar area, are in the process of constructing a pond for livestock water.

District cooperator Albert Janak of the Weimar area has completed construction of a pond for livestock water.

Lester Johnson, a district cooperator of the Weimar area, is shaping gullied areas which will be established to Coastal bermudagrass to control erosion.

Bertha Schepps, a district cooperator of the Ellinger area, has sodded an additional thirty-nine acres to Coastal bermudagrass.

District cooperator Sylvester Vacek of the Oakland area is planning to shape eroded areas which will be established to common bermudagrass to control erosion. A pond will also be constructed for livestock water.

Cost-share for these practices is being received through the REAP program. Technical assistance is being provided by the Soil Conservation Service.

The Columbus Field Office provides equal services to all landuseers regardless of race, creed or national origin.

The Veterans Administration health-care system provides care in 171 hospitals, 213 outpatient clinics, 85 nursing homes and 18 domiciliaries.

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Lyndia Engstrom Dance School Recital June 2

Mrs. Lyndia Engstrom of Garwood will present her dance students in the production of "Dancentennial 1976" in the Rice High School Commons area at 8:00 p.m. next Wednesday evening, June 2nd.

The public is invited to attend, without admission. Many students from the Garwood-Nada area and others will be presented in the entertaining and colorful production.

Miss Nancy Ney, Charles Homer III Wed in Houston

Miss Nancy Cherie Ney and Charles Henry Homer, III were united in marriage in a pretty candlelight ceremony in the chapel of the Church of Saint John the Divine in Houston, Texas at seven o'clock in the evening of Thursday, May 20th.

The bride is the daughter of Captain and Mrs. Robert J. Ney of Arlington, Va. and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Dick Ney of Eagle Lake. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Homer, Jr., of Beaumont, Texas.

The Reverend Steven Bancroft officiated at the reading of the nuptial vows.

Attending the bride as Maid of Honor was Miss Melanie Morris of Houston and best man to the groom was Thomas McCutcheon of Houston.

A reception followed the ceremony in the Continental Room of the Houston Oaks.

Among the out of town guests for the ceremony and reception were Mrs. Ney of this city; and the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Wales of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The bride was graduated from Texas Christian University in 1970. The bridegroom attended Rice University and is now at the University of Houston Law School.

After a honeymoon in Acapulco, Mexico, they will reside in Houston, Texas.

Alpha Delta Phi Adopts State Project

The Alpha Delta Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Frances Dromgoole on Thursday, May 13th at 8:00 p.m.

President Glenda Blair called the meeting to order. She passed out registration forms to everyone interested in attending the Beta Sigma Phi State Convention to be held in Houston on June 18, 19 and 20th.

Glenda read a list of submitted projects and the chapter voted on one for the state project for 1976.

Social co-chairman Sandy Bendy reported that members will have a swim party on June 5th at the J. R. Thomas home.

A sterling silver baby spoon was presented to Diana Brunner in carrying out a chapter tradition of presenting a baby spoon to all new mothers. Diana is the proud mother of a new baby boy.

Beverly Taylor gave a very interesting program on "A Woman Speaks", which dealt with self-confidence. Beverly said that "everything we experience from childhood affects our self-confidence." She gave each member a color test that reveals personality through color likes and dislikes. All found the program very entertaining.

After the program, the chapter had the installation of officers. The new officers installed were: president, Diana Brunner; vice president, Charlotte Reed; recording secretary, Sandy Bendy; corresponding secretary, Linda Balas; treasurer, Frances Dromgoole and extension officer, Glenda Blair.

Following the installation ceremonies, members enjoyed refreshments served by the hostess.

Cole Theatre Announces Summer Schedule

With the beginning of summer vacation on Friday, May 28, the Cole Theatre in Rosenberg begins its weekday matinee programming. This will continue every day until school opens in the fall. Their first summer offering is a big vacation special running four hours and twenty-three minutes. This is all family film consisting of Walt Disney's "Treasure Island", "Dr. Syn, Alias The Scarecrow" and "Digby, the Biggest Dog in the World".

June 3rd comes a world premiere showing of "Ode to Billy Joe" based on Bobby Gentry's hit song. Rosenberg area movie fans will be privileged to see this film at the same time it opens in major American cities.

Other fine films are booked for summer '76 showing. Most of these films are geared to family viewing; the few that are unsuitable for children will be shown in the evening only. Special children's matinees will be booked to serve their needs and enjoyment whenever the need arises, said the theatre's manager.

Victoria Sosa Rites Held Last Wed.

Funeral services were held from the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home in Eagle Lake on Wednesday of last week, May 19th, for Victoria Sosa, 59, a long-time resident of this community. She died at her home on Tues., May 18th.

The Rev. Rogilio Rodriguez, pastor of the Gethsemani Mission Baptist Church, officiated at the services. Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery.

The deceased was born August 18th, 1916 in Floresville, Texas, the daughter of Fernando and Severa Sosa. Surviving are her mother of this city; sisters Mrs. Petra Alaniz and Mrs. Tommy Storey of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Lupe Olivarez of Wharton; and a brother, Fred Sosa of this city; and other relatives and friends.

Martha S.S. Class Meets With Mrs. Davidson

The Martha Class of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Frank Norman Davidson the evening of May 13, 1976.

Mrs. Herman Boothe led the group in reading and discussing scriptures which were connected with the following verse from the Bible: All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16.

The hostess served a delicious salad plate and tea or coffee.

Sunshine Class Hears Mrs. Zoeller

Seven members answered roll call with a favorite Bible verse Friday afternoon when Elsie Beane served as hostess for the Sunshine Class of Colly Memorial United Methodist Church. Thoughts and prayers were especially for Hallie Brasher who is in Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

After the business meeting Sophie Zoeller led in the new study, The Humble Women, the first chapter of a study of the Beatitudes. Members feel this book will be a real inspiration to them all.

Nellie Larson will be hostess in June with Jonie Mae Muzny leading the study.

Delicious refreshments of Italian cream cake, chicken salad sandwiches, chips, pickles, coffee and cold drinks were enjoyed by all members present. The Rev. Edgar joined the group for a few minutes and closed with a prayer for Hallie.

NEWS FROM HERITAGE HOUSE

(BY PATRICIA FOSTER)

Employees Get Service Awards

To begin our week at Heritage House, a Coffee and Cookie Get-Together was held Tuesday afternoon. Games of dominoes were enjoyed during the event and refreshments of cookies and coffee were served to the residents. Also, an in-service meeting was called and Mrs. Lois Mills awarded certificates and pins to employees who have worked at The Heritage House for one year to three years. Those who were presented awards for three years are Mrs. Alma Larmer and Mrs. Francis Pennington. Our congratulations are extended to them for the wonderful and outstanding job they have done in the past three years. The following were presented awards for one year of service: Mrs. Beverly Murrile, L.V.N.; George Hemphill; Mildred Jones; Myrna Adams; Thurma Dominee; Erma Douglas and Mrs. Margie Vacek, L.V.N. Congratulations to them for the great work they have done, and for working at Heritage House with pride.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study was held Friday morning with the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Davis as guest speakers. In the afternoon we had a session of poem reading and everyone enjoyed it.

Sunday services were held with the Rev. Obie Rhodes as the speaker on May 16th.

Our sincere thanks to everyone that participated or volunteered in last week's activities.

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Lynn Wheeless Commissioned In Air Force

Thirty-five University of Texas students were commissioned into the U.S. Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy Saturday, May 22 during spring commencement activities.

The students earned their commissions through the University's Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program or through the Naval Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP).

Among those commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force was Lynn B. Wheeless, Route 1, Eagle Lake, as a missile launch officer.

Toll-free telephone service to Veterans Administration offices is available in 31 states and 216 metropolitan areas.

Fort Bend Voc. Nurses League Holds Seminar

The Fort Bend County League of Vocational Nurses of Richmond sponsored a very interesting and informative Mini-Seminar in the Richmond Professional Building on May 15, 1976.

Various lectures presented by members of the medical field included: Peripheral Vascular Surgery, Bicentennial Podiatry, the Pap Smear and Carcinoma of the Cervix, Kidney Stones, and Post Operation Anesthesia.

The Rev. George Kuebler of the Needville United Church of Christ lectured on death and dying.

Attending from this area were Mrs. R. J. Armstrong, Mrs. Billie Hudson and Mrs. Judy Hopkins.

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