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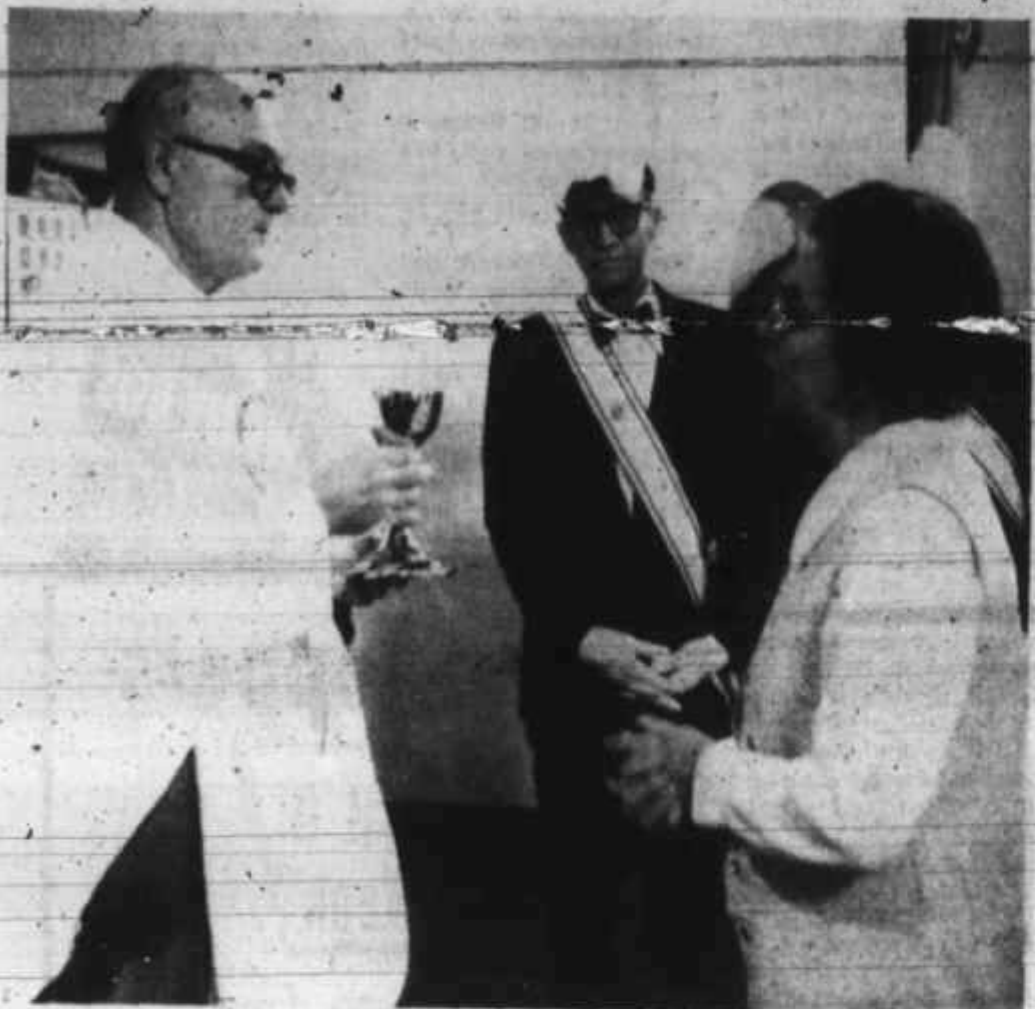
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4th Degree KC's Present Chalice To Faykus Family



The Christopher Columbus Assembly No. 2971 of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus presented a chalice to the family of the late A. G. Faykus of Garwood, a charter member of the Assembly who died during the past year, in impressive and colorful ceremonies at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church last Saturday evening. The presentation was made following the Mass said by Father Edward Geiser, V. J. (Jiggs) Kana of Eagle Lake, Faithful Navigator of the Assembly, shown at center, presented the chalice in behalf of the Assembly to Father Edward Geiser, who in turn made the presentation to Mrs. Faykus. Mrs. Faykus in turn presented the chalice back to Father Geiser for use in his ministry. A number of Fourth Degree Knights, in colorful regalia, formed the honor guard during the presentation and for the entrance and recessional prior to and after the Mass. Also present for the ceremony, was Mr. Faykus' daughter, Mrs. Viola Zboril of Garwood.

Rice Sales Here Down \$5 Million Last Year

Members of the Eagle Lake Division of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association held their annual dinner and annual meeting at Marvin's in Altair Monday night and heard a report from manager Donald Obenhaus that total sales in 1975 were down by some \$5 million.

Mr. Obenhaus, in his annual report, told the members and guests that the local office handled a total of 2,119,494 Cwt. or 1,308,330 barrels of rice in 1975, produced on 38,600 acres. He noted that the association's rice producers had an average yield of 42.24 Cwt. per acre or just over 26 barrels of rice per acre from the first crop and 12.65 Cwt. or 7.8 barrels per acre from the second crop.

The average price received for the first crop rice was \$10.02 per Cwt. and for the second crop, \$7.97.

Total sales for the year were \$19,490,153 down some \$5 million from the record sales of \$24,185,000 in 1974. In the 1974 crop year the office handled a total of 2,275,000 Cwt. of rice for an average of \$11.08 per Cwt. Average yield for the 1974 crop, combining first and second crops, was 35.35 barrels or \$7.45 Cwt. per acre.

John Clipson, president of the Eagle Lake division, presided at the meeting. Joe Anderson gave the opening invocation, after which a delicious steak dinner was served by the staff of Marvin's.

Gayle Thomas, chairman of the nominating committee, reported that nominees for the three directorships for the local division were Henry Sunderman, Donnie Wiese and Vernon Gertson and they were elected to the local board. Elected to the Central Board were D. R. Wintermann and John Clipson.

Wm. H. Harrison gave the treasurer's report; and Lonnie Sommerlatte reviewed the minutes of the last annual meeting.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Jim Williams, assistant executive secretary for the Central Office of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association, Lake Charles, La. Mr. Williams told the group that the general manager of the central office, George Blair, is recuperating nicely from a

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Ye Old Towne Shoppe Opens Here Thurs.

Mrs. Joe Herbert (Candy) Creary announces this week the opening of her business in Eagle Lake. Ye Old Towne Shoppe on East Main Street in the former location of the Beekman Drug Store. The entire building has been renovated into an exciting new business that will cater to the young and old.

Candy invites one and all to come by for a visit at any time from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, to listen to old-time tunes on the player piano in a pleasant

atmosphere and shop among the wide variety of handcraft and hobby items, as well as gifts and decorative pieces.

Ye Old Towne Shoppe also plans to have a custom made frame department to be operated by Marsha and Ritchie Cunningham and this feature and others promise to fill a long-standing need in this community.

Pink Ladies To Meet Wed.

Members of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, the Pink Ladies, will have a meeting beginning at 2:30 p.m. next Wed., June 7th at the conference room of the hospital, and all members and prospective members are urged to attend.

Audit Shows City Finances Good

Eagle Lake City Council will meet on Tues., June 8th for a review of the audit of 1975-76 city funds and for final approval of the audit. Certified Public Accountant William Pierce Arthur met with the council last week to give a brief summary of the budget noting that all funds are in good condition.

The auditor noted that the city is increasing net assets each year and commented on the fact that tax collections have continued to increase, with a total of 96.9 per cent of the total tax roll collected during the 1975 tax year.

The audit shows that the city had on March 31st, 1976 a total of \$64,738 in unallocated revenue sharing funds, all on certificates of deposit. The funds are due to be earmarked for a major sewer plant improvement project coming up in the next year or so.

The audit also shows that the city had at that time a total of \$114,934 in funds from the general fund on certificates of deposit; \$24,757 earmarked for debt service requirements also on C.D.s; and a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$4,704 in the contingency fund. Of the funds on C.D.s in

the general fund, it was noted in the discussion last Tuesday night, \$21,522 is in 4 certificates earmarked for future purchase of new fire equipment; \$8,329 for future purchase of a garbage truck; \$12,516 in parks and recreation; \$5,354 in streets and drainage; and \$67,213 in general fund certificates that are allocated in the budget but are not needed at this time and are in C.D.s to draw interest until such time as they are to be spent.

A statement of the revenue for the past year showed the city had budgeted an anticipated \$187,000 with an additional \$21,000 in transfers for garbage collection from the water and sewer fund, for a total anticipated revenue of \$208,000 but actually the revenue for the year totaled \$207,969. Under expenditures, the 1975-76 budget anticipated spending a total of \$208,000 and actually \$241,658 was spent.

The city had a total expenditure for the year on interest and bond payments of \$52,000.

Water and Sewer Funds. In the water and sewer department, the budget

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Aulton Kingsley Dies of Heart Attack

Citizens of this community were deeply saddened this week to learn of the death of Aulton Kingsley, 51, a long-time resident here and an employee of the production department of Shell Oil Co. in the Sheridan area.

Mr. Kingsley, one of the area's finest trainers of quarterhorses and paint cutting horses, was working with a horse on a "walking machine" at the Jim Clipson Ranch, just west of the city Monday afternoon, May 31st. When he failed to return to his home when scheduled, Mrs. Kingsley went to the ranch and found her husband there. It is believed that he suffered a heart attack since he had had previous heart

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Garwood Man Loses \$1500 To Swindlers

At approximately 11:35 a.m. Thursday, May 27th J. T. Ward of Garwood reported to personnel of the Colorado County Savings and Loan that he had been swindled out of \$1500.00. The County Sheriff's Office was called to investigate and filed the following report:

"Mr. Ward stated that some colored subjects had talked him into taking some of his money from the bank to prove that a colored man's money was safe in a white man's bank. They then took his money and disappeared. Some time passed before police were on the scene due to personnel calling the City Police Office where there was no answer, then calling the Sheriff's Office at 732-2424, a number which has been changed for over two years. They then called Bobby Friedrich at his residence, and Friedrich in turn called the Sheriff's Office at his residence and relayed the information to him.

"The Sheriff's Office received the call on the correct number at that time and relayed the information to the Chief of Police who was already en route to the scene. It took two minutes from the time the Sheriff's Office received the call until the time the Chief of Police arrived at the scene.

"A description of possible suspects was relayed by radio, teletype, and telephone and at approximately 4:30 p.m. May 27th twelve possible suspects were arrested east of Katy, including the ones that were seen in Columbus at the time of the swindle. Mr. Ward was transported to the scene where these subjects were being held and stated that none of the subjects were the ones involved in the swindle."

Investigation in the case continues by the Columbus police department.

Sewing Classes Begin at Rice HS Tuesday

Sewing classes will be offered again this summer, free of charge, to adults and out-of-town residents. The Homemaking Department of Rice High School, Mrs. Joyce Davison, homemaking teacher will be the instructor.

Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. beginning June 8th and continuing through June 24th. Mrs. Davison said the class is designed for those who know how to sew, but would like to improve their sewing skills and techniques; however beginners will be accepted.

If interested, please contact Joyce Davison at 234-3535 to register or for more information.

New Shipment Cooks Tour II Book Arrives

A new shipment of 500 of the popular Cooks Tour II cookbooks prepared by the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary, the Pink Ladies, arrived this week and the books are available again at the hospital and at several business places in the city.

The first shipment of 1000 Cooks Tour II books "went like hotcakes" and the second shipment of 500 books replenished the supply. The books may be purchased by contacting Mrs. Frank Higgins at the Beauty Box, Rice Package Store or Upper Room Books or at the Auxiliary's snack room in the hospital.

If you missed getting a book in the first shipment of Cook's Tour II, they are now available once again, reminding Mrs. Higgins.

3 Vehicles Hit Bull On 90A Friday

Three vehicles collided with a large bull on Highway 90A five miles west of Altair around 9:30 p.m. last Friday, May 28th causing considerable damage to the vehicles, critically injuring the animal requiring that it be killed to end the story.

Highway Patrolman Alton Adecock of Columbus investigated the collisions. The first vehicle involved was a 1967 Dodge driven east on 90A by Sam E. Pettus of Gonzales. His vehicle collided with the bull, owned by Jimmy Bell of Rock Island, causing minor damage to the vehicle and injuring the bull only slightly. Behind the Pettus vehicle was a 1975 Ford Ranchero

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Sheriff's Race Highlights Run-Off Election Saturday

Gunter Retires as Teacher



Marcus Gunter and his wife, Eunice, admire the plaque which was presented to Mr. Gunter by the Rice Consolidated Independent School District at his retirement luncheon held on the Eagle Lake Middle School Campus last Wednesday, May 26th. The inscription on the plaque recognizes Mr. Gunter's thirty-four years as an educator of the youth of Texas. Mr. Gunter began teaching in Como School in Hopkins County, later went to Pickton, to West Lamar and Glover and came here in 1957 to teach history, math and science and has been with Eagle Lake schools since. During the first fifteen years of his teaching career he was a vocational agriculture instructor. The faculty presented Mr. Gunter with a rod, reel and tackle box and he plans to put these to good use in his days of retirement.

Virna & Sons Heavy Rainfall 15th Anniv. In Violent Open House Fri. Storms Tues.

W. A. Virna & Sons, Inc., the Massey Ferguson dealer in this area, including Eagle Lake, will hold an open house from 2 to 7 p.m. this Friday, June 4 in observance of the firm's 15th anniversary. The Virna firm has been the Massey Ferguson dealer in Eagle Lake for twelve of those fifteen years.

W. A. Virna, Jr., said this week that his company has a lot of good customers in this area and in appreciation for the fine business afforded to his firm in the past and for future consideration, he hopes that all will come to the open house in Seely this Friday.

There will be hourly attendance prizes and a grand door prize at 7 p.m. and you do not need to make a purchase to register.

Other features of the open house will include antique car displays and rides, tractor pull hot rod displays, children's rides, covered wagon rides and other entertainment. Also the firm will offer a discount on many items during the open house.

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Heavy rain drenched this area during violent electrical storms early Tuesday morning and again at midday Tuesday.

The lake plant of the Lakeside Irrigation Co., measured 2.1 inches of rain during the early hours of Tuesday and another 1.2 inches at midday Tuesday. Reports up to four inches of rainfall were reported in areas to the east of the city.

It was reported that lightning struck near the Vernon Gertson home on Lakeside Drive early Tuesday and tree limbs shattered some windows and other damage.

"PI, manager Frank Sherer said that the lightning caused several transformer fuses to cut out and other minor interruptions. A regulator was put out of commission in Garwood Monday afternoon.

Montezuma Dance Sat.

Club Montezuma will hold a dance this Saturday, June 5th from 9 to 1 in the Community Center and all members and guests are invited to attend.

The Fathers and Sons Orchestra will provide music for dancing and entertainment.

Voting To Be Done Here

In Municipal Bldg.

Fairly heavy voting is expected in this county in the Democratic Party Primary Runoff election which will be held this Saturday, June 5th with only three contests listed on the ballot, one for the election of a sheriff for this county and the others for the election of a State Railroad Commissioner and for the election of a Judge to the Court of Criminal Appeals, unexpired term.

Most of the interest in the election will be centered in this county in the sheriff's race where the incumbent George "Doc" Mueller is opposed by Bill Esterling a former chief deputy sheriff and later employed with the Columbus police department. Mr. Mueller drew the most votes in the May 1st primary election, 2255, but failed to reach the majority required for re-election since Mr. Esterling received 1746 votes and the third candidate, Tom Wine of Columbus, received 638 votes. Of Mr. Mueller's 2255 votes in the first election, 977 came from his home town of Weimar. Mueller led in voting in six of the 18 precincts. Wine carried one and Esterling carried the remaining eleven precincts.

Both candidates have been actively campaigning county-wide and another close race is contemplated when the ballots are tabulated Saturday night.

In the two other races in the Democratic runoff will be between Jerry Sadler, who led the field of eight candidates for the office of Railroad Commissioner, and Jon Newton; and Carl Dally and W. T. Phillips are opponents for the nomination as judge of the court of criminal appeals, unexpired term.

Tommy Pilkington, the Eagle Lake precinct party chairman, announces that the voting will be carried out in the run-off election in the council room of the Municipal Building with the polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting in the first primary election was held in the fire station.

Polls will be open at all eighteen polling places in the county at the same locations and with the same election judges as for the first primary. The ballots are bilingual, printed in English and in Spanish. A sample of the ballot may be found on page 9 of this issue.

Absentee voting started last Wed., May 26th and closed Tuesday with a total of 90 ballots applied for as compared to 125 in the first primary election May 1st.

Election officials remind citizens that those who voted in the Democratic Primary May 1st or those who did not vote in either of the elections, will be eligible to cast ballots in the election Saturday. If you voted in the Republican Primary May 1st and your ballot was stamped accordingly, you will not be eligible to vote in the Democratic Primary run-off this Saturday.

Notice To Classified Ad Users

Effective with this issue all persons or firms placing classified advertisements in this paper, and who do not have an established account, will be charged a fifty cent service charge. The charge will apply only once for ads that are run more than one time in a month.

To escape payment of the service charge you may make payment for your ad at the Headlight office prior to the time of publication.

Troop 71 Senior Girl Scouts Say 'Aloha'



Senior Girl Scouts in Troop 71 of Eagle Lake and their leaders are shown above just before departing on their ten-day trip to the Hawaiian Islands on Thursday morning of last week. The Scouts send greetings and thanks to the many citizens of the community who helped the girls to raise funds for the trip in an advertisement on page 6 of this issue. The group is expected to return to Houston International Airport at 2:22 p.m. this Sunday. Shown are, left to right: Denise Marks, troop leader Mrs. Raymond (Pete)

Thomas, Susan Perry, Sylvia Barga, Peggy Austin, Debra Newsum, Anna Ruhwer, Debra Cooper, Julia Thomas, Lisa Mattheski, Debbie Brune, Beth Haley, Kathy Frenzel, Lisa Keeter, Penny Szymanski, Berta Ramirez, Ann Duncan, Judy Ashby, Mrs. K. R. (Mary Lou) Szymanski leader, Sherry Faykus and Barbara Baker. Also on the trip are Dr. Thomas and Mr. Szymanski. Last week our story erroneously reported Lisa Mattheski instead of Lisa Mattheski in the group.