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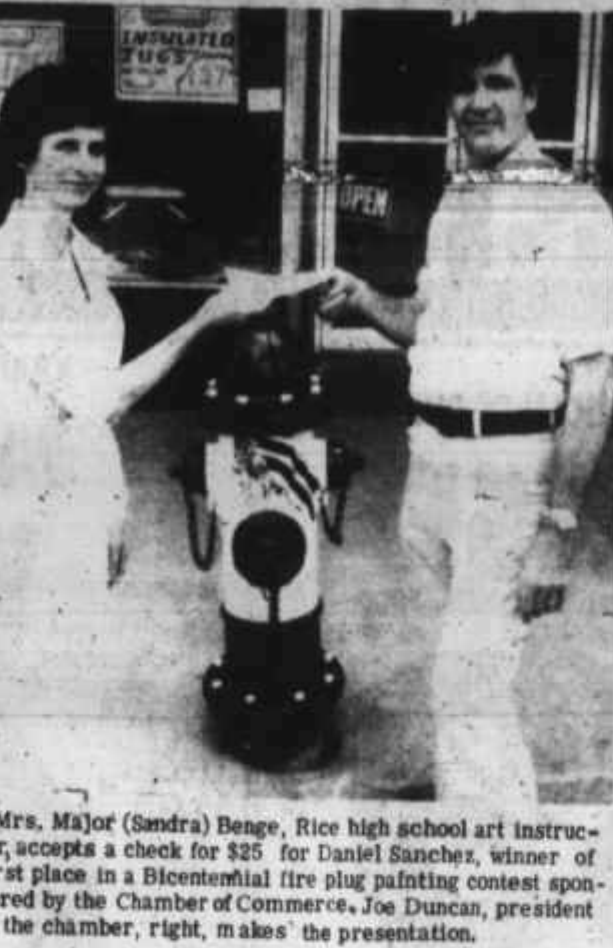
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Mrs. Major (Sandra) Bengt. Rice high school art instructor, accepts a check for \$25 for Daniel Sanchez, winner of first place in a Bicentennial fire plug painting contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Joe Duncan, president of the chamber, right, makes the presentation.

Winners Named In CC Fire Plug Painting

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce has sponsored a contest for painting down town Eagle Lake fire hydrants, a common practice for towns as part of their commemoration of the Bicentennial year. The Chamber received permission to have seven downtown fire hydrants painted.

Rice High School art students submitted examples of proposed designs for the painting of the fire hydrants. A committee of Chamber of Commerce members selected the designs turned in by Judy Ashby, Kathy Frenzel, Chris Klekar, Herman Powell, Daniel Sanchez, Mary Ann

Seifert, and Jo Ann Schimek. Judy painted the "Fire Chief" in front of the "Rice-Paddy" house. Kathy painted the "White House" in front of Eggs, Chris, in front of Stuart and Benny Law Firm. Herman painted the "Eagle and flag" in front of Minimax. Daniel painted the "Horse and Rider" in front of Bill's Dollar Store. Mary Ann painted the "Flag" in front of Miller's.

Chamber of Commerce judging was done the first last week. Awarded first place of a \$25 prize, was Klekar.

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front of Miller's. Jo Ann painted the "Rocky" in front of John Deere Farm Implements.



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Anderson Top Lion In District 2S-3



Dexter Anderson, member of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, and a past District Governor of 27 clubs and 4,000 members, is shown at center with the Harry Reasonover Award which was presented to him at the District Convention held in May at College Station, recognizing him as the "Outstanding Lion in District 2S-3". Shown with Anderson, at left, is Roy Dean Van Nort, retiring president of the Noon Lions Club; and at right, Clyde E. Farthing, the new president of the Noon Lions. For more information on the installation see page six of this issue.

\$4.5 - \$5 Million County Tax Valuation Increase

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, sitting as a board of equalization, held hearings with taxpayers last week and preliminary indications are that there will be about a five million dollar increase in values for the 1976 tax roll.

County Judge Lester J. Crank said Monday that an increase of from \$4.5 to \$5 million is anticipated in oil and gas valuations and about another \$500,000 increase in values of other properties. He noted that values of Shell's properties in the Sheridan area remained about on a par with 1975, that the Cities Services interests north of this was absorbed by an increase in valuations in the Chesterville area to the south and east of Eagle Lake. The valuations for the three major taxpayers in the county remained about level with last year.

The increase in oil and gas valuations is expected to come from new production and also in the increased value on gas reserves with some contracts increasing from \$20 to as high as \$1.80 per 1000 cubic feet.

The increase should put the county's valuation total near or past the \$85,000,000 mark since a \$7.3 million increase in oil and gas valuations last year boosted the total valuations past the \$80 million mark for the first time.

County Tax Assessor and Collector Henry J. Hajovsky and his staff are still compiling the valuation totals and final figures will not be available until the roll is completed late this summer.

County Asks Bids For Ag. Bldg.

Columbus. Bids for rebuilding the building will be opened at the July 12th meeting.

Two groups from Precinct 3 were on hand to discuss with Commissioner Leyen-decker, and the court, road problems.

Mrs. Henry Boehme was on hand to renew her request for the reopening of the Frelsburg-Alleyton Road that leads to the Kansteiner, Boehme and Henicke family cemetery. She told the court that if the road is not reopened by Sept. 1st, that she planned legal action to get the road reopened.

County Judge Lester J. Crank noted that the commissioners' court official, by closing the road a number of years ago and that to be reopened.

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City Council OK's Audit, Drainage Work

Eagle Lake City Council in session on Tuesday night of last week approved the annual audit of funds for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1976; accepted a petition from residents at the Waverly and Warwick Street intersections asking for improvement of the drainage situation at the intersection.

The audit, as presented by Wm. Pierce Arthur, CPA, was approved, noting the funds of the city in good condition.

Petition Accepted

The petition, signed by those in the neighborhood of the Warwick and Waverly Street intersection, complained of the drainage at the intersection where water stands most of the time, noting that pedestrians must walk through yards to get around the area.

City Manager T. J. Smith noted that the project is included in the 1976 budget.

A survey of the situation was started in November of 1974 by the late S. A. Russell, consulting engineer and completed by his successors, O'Malley and Clay, Inc., of Rosenberg. It was noted at that time that the cost would be around \$6,000 but inflation has increased this cost to something like \$8,000 at this time, said Mr. Smith.

The project calls for extension of a storm sewer from Center Street to Waverly along a 20 foot right of way in order to carry away the water.

Mr. Smith said that city crews will be used to do most of the work. Some of the materials are already on the scene.

Cancer Insurance

Gardner Sealhorn, representing the Family Cancer Plan, explained to the council the program offered by the plan and asked members to contact city employees about participation in the program.

The matter was tabled by the council, pending a study of the proposals by a committee of employees.

Also plans to teach the art of ceramics and will provide free nursery facilities for students.

She invites citizens to drop by for a visit and a cup of coffee any time.

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Stop and Go Light Going Up On 90A Bypass

Bennie Holesovsky, Maintenance Supervisor in Colorado County for the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, reports that a traffic signal will be in the City of Eagle Lake this week to begin construction of a stop and go light at the intersection of U. S. Highway 90A and F.M. 102 (Main St.). This existing flashing signal at this location. The estimated cost of construction is \$12,000.00.

Motorists are urged to exercise caution when driving through the signal area. Adequate signs will be present to inform motorists when work is in progress.

Lissie Youth Ice Cream Social Sat.

For the past 25 years the young people of the Lissie Methodist Church have been staging their annual ice cream social. This year the event is scheduled for Saturday, June 19th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lissie Church.

Good ice cream, pies and cakes are the trademarks of a good ice-cream social, but at a good ice-cream social, it is also an entertaining program to make your evening complete.

This year "Anything Goes" is the program theme and it is taken from the TV program of the same name. For example, how many balls can you catch with one hand while tied to a post with an elastic cord?

This and other events are planned to begin at 7:15 p.m. There will be fun for all ages to participate in or watch as you wish.

The public is invited. There is no admission charge but donations will be used in the youth program.

Nada KC's Dance Sunday

The Nada Council of the Knights of Columbus will stage a big dance in lieu of their annual festival this Father's Day, Sunday, June 20th, and they invite one and all to attend the event.

The dance will be in the Nada K. J. T. Hall with Sammy and the Midnights providing music from 8:30 to 12:30. Admission will be a \$2.00 per person donation.

FB Rice Meet In Garwood Wed.

Roy Stallman, Colorado County Fair, has rice committee chairman, has set up a Rice Policy Development meeting for Wed., June 16th at 8:00 p.m. in Garwood at the Garwood Lions Club Hall.

Tommy Bureau, Associate Director of Activities, of Waco will be on hand to help rice producers to formulate new policies with reference to the rice situation.

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Bd. Upholds Decision To Combine Garwood Grades

Three new teachers were hired and one resignation was accepted to complete the faculties for all schools in the Rice School District for the 1976-77 year when the board of education met Monday night. This action was taken, along with others, discussed in the following article.

The resignation of Sam Smith who had taught social studies and was an assistant principal at Rice High School, was accepted. He said in his letter to the board that he has accepted a position to teach and coach at a school in Hardin County near Beaumont.

Contracts were approved for: Glen Luther Wallace, 28, who has a BS degree in physical education and biology from Texas A&M University. He taught for one year at New Caney School District. Mr. Wallace will replace Mr. Smith as coach and he will teach biology at Rice High School. Wallace is married and his wife will teach at Seely High School.

Willard A. Moore, 25, of Pasadena, and Michael L. Weeden, 24, of Magnolia were taken before Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt in Precinct 11 and were fined \$212.50 each on the charge.

CC To Finalize Bicentennial Plans Monday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will have an important meeting at 2:30 p.m. next Monday, June 21st to finalize plans for the two-day Bicentennial observance to be held here on July 3rd and 4th. All directors, members and other interested citizens are invited and urged to be on hand for the meeting, said Joe Duncan, president.

He added that organizations which plan to have booths for the Saturday, July 3rd event are urged to register their booths with the Chamber of Commerce office.

Also Monday, June 21st is the deadline for placing entries in the July 3rd "Spirit of '76" Bicentennial parade to begin at 6 p.m. on July 3rd.

Budget Spelled

Suplt. E. A. Kruse told the board and a number of visitors from Eagle Lake and Garwood at the meeting Monday night that the 1976-77 budget will probably be up by some \$30,000, increased costs of utilities, increased costs of supplies and materials, he added that the district's local fund assignment (the amount the district will be required to raise in addition to state aid) will be up \$20,000 in 1976-77 making anticipated local fund requirements up by some \$130,000. He noted that just a rough estimate since the budget for the next year is still in the making.

The reduction of two teachers and the addition of one side to give each of the two teachers in the combined grades one side, will result in a saving of about \$13,000.00.

The superintendent also estimated that the 1976-77 budget will call for an increase in taxes from 6 to 7 cents per \$100 valuation in order to meet anticipated local operation costs.

Board Members Speak

Mr. Kallins, one of two board members from Garwood, summarized the situation at Garwood, thusly.

"The first year that Garwood School operated up to the Junior High level in 1970-71 the teaching force consisted of nine members. State funds provided support for 7 1/2 teachers with 1 1/2 coming from local funds."

"Since consolidation, Kindergarten and a remedial reading instructor plus two additional aides have been added at Garwood. Over this same period of time, enrollment has decreased by."

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MYF Ice Cream Social Sun.

The Junior and Senior High MYF of Colly Memorial United Methodist Church will sponsor an Ice Cream Social this Sunday, June 20th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

Bob Hudson
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which he hopes to expand soon to include custom picture framing.
Despite the fact that he must remain in a wheel chair at all times, he has used his ingenuity to develop a working area suitable for his handicapped position. His shop at the present resides both aluminum and wooden

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