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Garwood Bridge

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approaches to the bridge, the load limit on the bridge is 15,000 pounds, and the height restrictions, that the bridge is far from adequate.

He also noted that there are seven accidents in the vicinity of the bridge in a three year period, two of them head-on collisions. He added that the overloads being carried over the bridge are putting a stress on the structure.

Plans Discussed
The four alternative routes were discussed by Mr. Riha, and he indicated that Plan A is being considered as the more feasible of the routes, although only very preliminary studies have been made to date.

Plan A proposes that the bridge leave Highway 71 on the north edge of Garwood, near the present abandoned canal system, go east and cross the river just south of the present location. The bridge structure at this point would be about 750 feet long. A 40-foot wide bridge with overhead structures and 100-foot right of way approaches, would require the purchase of approximately 16 acres of right of way (by the county). Estimated cost of the project using Plan A would be \$2,180,000. The routing goes east from the bridge to an intersection with FM 900 east of Garwood.

Plan B calls for the approach to leave Highway 71 2.5 miles north of Garwood and go northeast for 1.1 miles crossing the river upstream 300 to 350 feet. A connection link with Garwood would need to be added. Riha said that route would cost \$80,000 more than Plan A and would require more right of way, 18 acres.

Plan C would leave Highway 71 at the present routing and go east and cross the river bridge below the present location and would require 7 acres less of right of way.

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FB Contest

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along with Shirley Kiel and Paul Stallman of Columbus and Terri Suech and Donna Beck of Waco. They will be judged on style, personality and appearance, and the winner will advance to district competition to be held later this summer. Judges will be from Wharton County-Farm Bureau.

Seven little girls will parade in the Little Miss event. They are Larlene Pence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pence of Rock Island; Cynthia Engstrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Engstrom of Garwood; and Jodie Gully, Stacey Dalchau, Shannon Skutes, Tanya McQueen and Lisa Stredick of Columbus. Mrs. Betty Hajovsky of Columbus will interview the Little Misses.

Mrs. Gerri Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill of Bernardo, will compete in the Talent Program and will automatically represent Colorado County in District competition later this summer at a place to be determined.

Ted Wiese, chairman of the County Farm Bureau, said the contest is a "Bancroft Committee," will be local master of ceremonies. Mr. Ted Wiese is chairman of this year's Queen Contest program.

Brenda Kallina of Garwood, 1975 Queen, will be on hand to crown the new queen.

A summary of the activities of the local Queen candidates follows:

Patti Mathis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mathis, Sr. of Eagle Lake, will be a senior during the 1976-77 school year at Rice High School where she will be going on her second year as a sophomore and fourth year in the Rice Raider Band. During her junior year she participated in the All-District and All-Region bands. She received an outstanding musician's award for her participation in tennis for three years, and was active in the National Honor Society.

Patti plans to attend the University of Texas upon graduation from high school. Julia Thomas will also be a senior at Rice High School where she is active as a member of the Health Club and National Honor Society. Last year she represented her school as cheerleader and she has been chosen as cheerleader for the coming school year. During her junior year she was honored with being named as Football Sweetheart and she served as vice president of her class. She is a member of the Eagle Lake Community Choir and also the local Girl Scout troop that went to Hawaii this summer. Julia is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Thomas of Eagle Lake.

Barbara Baker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker of Eagle Lake. She will be a senior at Rice High School where she has been active in the Future Teachers of America, the Health Club, Rice Raider Band and annual staff. Recently she attended Girls State representing Rice High School and she also is a member of the local Girl Scout troop that went to Hawaii this summer.

Tammy Louise Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean F. Walker of Sheridan, will be a junior at Rice High School this coming school year. She is a member of the United Methodist Church, Colorado County 4-H Home Club and Junior Brahman Association. She also participates in school sports.

Sheri Smith, a 1976 graduate of Rice High School, has been involved in such clubs and organizations as band, Office Education Association, Future Homemakers of America, Business Club and National Honor Society. She won a District Area level, thus qualifying for State contest in which she won fifth place. This fall she plans to attend Abilene Christian University where she will be an Accounting major and will be in the "Big Purple" band. Sheri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith of Garwood.

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Response To Blood Appeal Is Overwhelming

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Response to the appeal for blood for leukemia patients, Mrs. Laura Friska, last Friday was overwhelming, report sponsors of the project.

Forty-eight pints of blood were contributed Friday and the mini-unit from the Houston Blood Bank completely exhausted its supply of materials.

Another list of donors who still wish to give to this worthy cause is being compiled and it is anticipated that the unit will return here in the immediate future.

Garwood Lions Club, Garwood Fire Dept., and Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club and the Fire Department here assisted in this worthy project.

Mrs. Frank, an out-patient at the St. Joseph Hospital in Houston, is residing here with the family of her daughter, the Pete Canaris. Friska and members of her family joined those who worked with the project in extending sincere thanks for the overwhelming response to the appeal.

HOSPITAL NEWS NOTES

Patients this week (July 5): Nick Marsala, city; Miss Louise Forster, city; Mrs. Cressie Williams, city; H. D. Grewe, city; Miss Winnie Armstrong, city.

Brenda Mitchell, city; Lou Ella Hodde, city; Mrs. Berlie Parker, city; Mrs. Doris Hernandez, city; Robert Olson, city; Mrs. Francis Seasholtz, city; Ervin Trellie, city; Dallas Hodde, city; Janie Munoz and baby girl, East Bernard.

Charles Schmitt, Austin; Mrs. Pearl Heckman, Austin; Mrs. Martha Stoltz, Columbus; L. B. Botard, Sheridan; Mrs. Olga Foster, East Spring.

Mrs. Lou Mott, Bellville; L. V. Crank, Garwood; Lonnie Blumston, Garwood; Miss Sadie Abel, Garwood; Mrs. Mary Williams, Kenton; Mrs. Lisette Rosenberg, La Grange.

Discharge this week: Fred Whitfield, city; Mrs. Oralia Gonzalez, city; Morris Milligan, city; Robert Miller, city; Mrs. Alice Barrow and baby boy, city; Mrs. Ann Duncan, city; Daniel Braden, Nader; Mrs. Margie Tanner, Yocum.

John Hauer, Carrollton; Mrs. Marilla Shook, Columbus; Messy Duncan, Columbus; Mrs. Doris Stover, Columbus; Mrs. Joie Blount and baby girl, Altair.

Carroll Marshall, Alletton; Mrs. Katherine Parham, Sheridan; Joe Mike Crane, Lissie; Miss Lisa Rosner, Brenham; John Higlowder, Brenham; Mrs. Shirley Moss and baby girl, Rock Island.

Mrs. Grace Mareah, Bellville; Mrs. Cora Smith, Garwood; Gregory Machala, La Grange.

Balloon Sale at Rice Paddy Fri., Sat.

The Rice Paddy in Eagle Lake will hold an unusual sale this Friday and Saturday, July 9th and 10th, called a "Balloon Sale."

You will be able to select any item in the store and can pop a balloon inside of which will be found reduction slips from ten to one hundred percent on the item purchased.

The Rice Paddy at 101 West Livestock is open to come by for a visit and enjoy the savings!

Mrs. W. C. Alley Dies Of Heart Attack

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Relatives and friends were deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. W. C. (Alma) Alley Saturday morning, July 3 between 7 and 7:30 in her home due to a heart attack. Mrs. Alley discovered her death about 8 a.m. when he went to tell her he was leaving for work.

Funeral services were held from the chapel of the Mill-Buys Funeral Home Monday, July 5th at 10:00 a.m. Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery. The Rev. George Welsch, pastor of the St. Joseph Hospital in Houston, officiated at the services.

Favorite recorded hymns were played prior to the service. Pallbearers were Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Alley, Sam Davidson, T. J. Smith, Dr. Curtis Laughlin, Harold Thomas and Jack Rhodes.

Mrs. Alley was born April 11, 1918 in the White Hall Community near Navasota. She lived there and since 1945 in Eagle Lake.

She and W. C. Alley were united in marriage October 11, 1937 in Anderson, Texas. Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Doris Laughlin, her husband, the Rev. Roger Rodriguez, pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church.

The Rev. Mr. Edgar and the Rev. Mr. Sibley, program chairmen, extended thanks to Klekar and Stephens and others for the sound system and for use of Stephens' organ. The Methodist Church for use of the piano; Joe Herbert McCreary and Kurt Thomas for assembling the stage; Brice Stephens, Glen Sunderman and many more for their hard work and assistance; to the Central Power and Light Co. for its cooperation; and the Eagle Lake Middle School for use of the facilities.

Eagle Lake firemen were at the scene to assist local officers in directing traffic. The program—musical and vocal—was a fitting celebration to such a memorable event as the 200th birthday of the United States of America.

Mrs. John Dullahan and Cathleen.

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It makes us real proud to be a part of a community which so wholeheartedly gave of its time and effort to put together such a successful celebration on such a momentous occasion.

One incident came out of "Spirit of '76" parade which few citizens were aware and few felt worthy of mention. The four-member Continental color guard coming from Houston had one of its members called back to Houston because of illness in his family. The three remaining members of the group from the 7th Maneuver Area Command in Houston, conscripted one of our local citizens to be the fourth member of the color guard. Ernest Moore one of this community's young men, volunteered for the duty and did an admirable job in keeping step with the veterans in the parade route. He is to be commended for this cooperation and ability. Dressed in one of the colorful Continental uniforms, the spectators realized that "one of their own" was in the color guard.

The headlight staff was overwhelmed with the many words of kindness about our Bicentennial edition. It made every bit of the time spent in its preparation well worth it. We have several hundred extra copies which are available, first come, first served, at 25c each. Sorry, but we cannot mail them for you at that price. Pick them up at the headlight office any time from 8 to 12 mornings and 1 to 5 afternoons.

We appreciate the cooperation of every person and business which helped in making the edition possible.

Attwater Youth Corps Has Busy Schedule

The Attwater Youth Conservation Corps has just completed the fourth week of its eight-week summer program. The group, which has been busy working on a number of projects such as construction of a new entrance sign, building a pump house, painting, constructing photo blinds, building a loading ramp, erection of a new flag pole and other work, is now working on a rip-rap project located across the street from the Eagle Lake primary school.

In addition to this, the YCC members had a field trip to the Eagle Lake Bicentennial Parade on July 3.

The enrollees recently enjoyed a one-day trip to the new federal fish hatchery in San Marcos after which they spent an afternoon at the Aqueduct Springs Park.

First Combining Monday

It has been difficult to ascertain exactly when the combined first, since several farmers began cutting Monday.

Altair Rice Dryer received rice from Raymond Korenek and Leo Korenek and Sons were to begin cutting Tuesday and Smith Ranch and Arlin Miller by mid-week. Korenek harvested LaBelle rice from a 75 acre field near Garwood.

Kalling Dryer at Altair began taking rice Monday from Larry K Ranch and Ed Lee Schneider. Larry K was harvesting 140 acres of LaBelle and Schneider 40 acres of LaBelle, both in the Garwood area. Rice was expected Tuesday from Swoda Bros. and B. and J. Walgren.

Garwood Rice Dryer began drying rice Monday for L. J. Ranch, for Joe Popp and Rudy Till.

Stallman Dryer at Garwood began taking rice Monday from William Zboril.

Heavy rains in the Garwood and Nader area Monday afternoon curtailed the combining operations.

Prairie Rice, Inc. at Cheesterville was due to begin drying rice Tuesday for Frank Hough from the Linder area. Rice Industries, Inc. expected to get rice Wednesday from John Clipson from the Rock Island area. Eagle Lake Rice Dryer expected rice by mid-week from Steve Balas and J. R. Thomas, Henry Sunderman, Johnny Kaluza and possibly others.

Reports are that the rice brought in to date has good appearance and the yields are expected to run good.

What the rice farmers need now is several weeks of good sunny days and by the end of that period most of the first crop rice will have been harvested, resulting in probably one of the shortest and most successful seasons in several years.

High Yields Expected As Rice Harvest Begins

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The 1976 rice harvest, with all the promises of being a record one, got underway this week with combining in the Garwood and Nader area. Rice was received by at least four rice dryers Monday and by Tuesday more were receiving the golden grains of rice for drying.

It is anticipated that the harvest will be in full swing by the middle of next week and it is further anticipated that it will all be over in about three weeks since most of the rice was planted at the same time this spring.

Dr. James Stansel, director of the Texas A&M rice experiment station here, expects this year to set a record or near record and estimated that some fields in the area will yield last year's crop by 12 to 15 percent.

However, the rainfall during much of the past week could cause some damage, particularly as far as the second crop is concerned. Harvesting with combines in the wet fields cause deep ruts which damage the stubble required for the second growth of rice.

The big question in the rice industry is the rice market. A large-carryover and increased acreage outside of the target price program, especially in Arkansas and other states, could flood the market with rice and affect the price.

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Guadalupe BBQ Dinner Sunday

Members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eagle Lake are completing plans for their annual chicken barbecue picnic to be held at the air-conditioned Andrew Hall in the Guadalupe Addition this Sunday, July 18th.

The chicken barbecue dinners will be served beginning at 11 a.m. for \$1.50 per plate. You may dine in the hall or plates will be available in a quick curb service.

Entertainment and amusements will begin in the hall at 12:30 p.m.

Citizens throughout the area are invited to join the barbecue dinner, said the Rev. Edward Geiser, pastor of the Guadalupe Church.

Ag Bldg. Bid Opening Delayed

Bids for the reconstruction of the County Agriculture Building which was destroyed by fire earlier this year, will be received by the Commissioners' Court at the August 9th meeting of the court, it was decided when the commissioners and County Judge Lester J. Crank met in regular session Monday.

The bids had been called for in the July session but were delayed due to the fact that plans for the work to be done had not been completed.

Judge Crank said that it is anticipated that the plans will be sent to the contractors in the next couple of weeks, hopefully, and the bids are called for at this time at the August session.

The commissioners and judge pointed out that completion of the plans has been delayed by information that the ASC and Soil Conservation Offices will need to be combined into one office area, calling for a revamping of the former plans.

Judge Crank noted that the USDA has been unable for each work to be done on the interior renovations but the court indicated little favor on federal assistance and possible controls on the project.

Final approval or rejection of the county's proposed plans for combining the two offices is due this week, said the judge.

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Council Airs July 5th Incident Here

Commanded Local Officers For Handling Situation

Eagle Lake City Council spent over an hour Tuesday night airing an incident involving local police officers and a group of local citizens on the night of July 4th and in conclusion the council passed a resolution supporting the action taken by the police officers.

The vote on the resolution, which was suggested by Editor Fred R. Friska and applauded loudly by most of the 25 officers and visitors present, was 4-0 with Councilmen Alvin Kohleff, Gene Baker, Dick Oehaus and Bennie Miller voting in the affirmative. The fifth councilman, David Eueras, was absent because of his involvement in the incident.

The incident occurred shortly after midnight on the morning of July 5th when the officers stopped a van loaded with local citizens who reportedly were discharging fireworks from the van, often in the path of motorists and once in front of the city police vehicle.

Patrolmen Buford Ashley and Steve Skinner presented their side of the situation and it was noted that they had warned the group on two occasions and had been the victim of abusive language from some of those in the van on the second warning. After a consultation with Mayor Elmer Struss, they and other state officers, stopped the van on the parking lot of Austin Grocery on East Main Street and announced that arrests were being made.

Later Chief of Police Roy Chisum was called to the scene and several city councilmen also appeared at the scene, in addition to Eueras, but the latter was not a bystander. The van was disarmed by Chief Chisum without charges being filed. He indicated Tuesday night that had he been fully apprised of the situation, his action might have been different.

Several of those present at the meeting as guests of the city council were invited to attend the annual chicken barbecue at the Menz's Parish Hall Sunday, July 18th and one and all are invited to attend. The barbecue chicken dinners will be served beginning at 12 noon for \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 years of age.

The Rev. will be entertaining for young and old throughout the afternoon and evening and music until 7:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be used for equipment and supplies for the volunteer fire department in the Menz and Bernardo communities.

Same County Tax Rate Approved

The same tax rate which was in effect for the 1975 year will prevail for 1976 taxes voted the Colorado County Commissioners' Court in session Monday.

The tax rate must be set according to law before July 20th. The rate for ad valorem taxes will remain at 50c per \$100 valuation and for additional ad valorem, 50c per \$100 valuation.

The total valuations for the 1976 roll are still being tabulated but it is anticipated that the valuations for 1976 and gas properties will increase this year by some \$4.5 to \$5 million and other individual valuations are expected to be up by some \$500,000 bringing the total to near or over \$85 million mark.

Election Officials Named in other action the court approved the list of election judges and set pay for election officials for the forthcoming November general election which will be financed by the county.

The election code sets out that election officials not replaced remain in effect, hence the same election judges who presided at elections earlier this year will be in effect with the exception of Bernardo Precinct 15 where Herman Ray Braden, presiding judge, expired and he was replaced by A. J. Hill. The court left it up to the discretion of the judges as to the number of clerks required at each precinct and set pay at \$2.00 per hour (it was \$1.85 in previous general elections).

The court also set the system, following a large brush fire in this county when control of the fire fighting equipment at the time of the fire was due to lack of communication.

County Judge Lester J. Crank and Roland J. Balisek of the General Commissioners' Court, in session Monday, authorized the purchase of 20 surplus radios from the Texas Highway Department. The radios will be paid for out of the revenue sharing funds allocated to this county.

The court also authorized the purchase of Ambulance Group insurance to cover the equipment and personnel operating the four emergency ambulances in the county, at a total of \$1300 for the 30

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