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City Council

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route than would exist if the markings at the Main-McCarty intersection were at the center of the street.

The city manager also reported that timing on the stop light at the Main-Boothe By-pass intersection will be altered slightly to allow a little more time for motorists on Main heading east to clear the crossing. He noted that the change will be minimal because of the possibility of traffic backing up on East Main past the Third Street intersection, where many vehicles exit from the Eagle Lake Primary School. He reported that an effort will be coordinated with the school principal Major Benge to route some of the traffic along Allen Street, exiting onto Main near the Montgomery Ward store.

Phone Co. Report

The city manager reported communication with R. L. Oldmixon, manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., in which Oldmixon reported that the project for the laying of phone cables under McCarty Street in a northerly direction has been abandoned and the extensions will be made overhead.

A report was also given on progress on improvements to the ditch in front of the Primary School and fencing was due to be erected in the area last week to prevent children from the ditch which carries a heavy flow of water during rainy periods.

Decline Sale of Alley

A request from Martin Herman and Ted Reese for the purchase of a city-owned alley between their properties on Airline Road was denied at this time by the council when the city manager pointed out that there are utilities in the alley and also obstructions would add to the drainage problem in that area.

The council tabled a request for possible membership in the Texas Landowners' Rights Association which has been formed to protect landowners' rights, especially as they are affected by the federal flood control programs now in effect. Under the flood control programs, landowners are prohibited from erections on their properties designated as flood-prone areas and federal funds of any kind are not available for constructions in these areas unless a Flood Control Insurance Program is effected. The city council approved such a program, realizing that many citizens would be unable to get financing for construction without this action, noted the mayor.

MARKET REPORT

Columbus Commission Co.

The owners and manager of Columbus Livestock Market reported the market at the August 12th sale was a little lower on most classes of cattle due to the low fat market. Packer cows and bulls were steady with the previous week's market. The firm handled 1181 head of cattle with lots of buyer on hand with cheaper orders to buy without well in line with the major market.

Good to choice butcher calves sold 30 to 36; heifer-ett packer cows went 27 to 30; commercial packer bulls brought 32 to 35; heavy Hereford and Angus steer calves sold 34 to 42 and heifers 32 to 35 while crossbred steer calves went 34 to 40 and heifers 32 to 35. Good stocker cows and heifers sold for $180 to $210 per head; butcher hogs brought 41 to 43 and lambs 25 to 35.

Washington Man Returned To Face Auto Theft

Colorado County Sheriff's Department returned a Washington state man, arrested in Iowa, as a suspect in the theft of an automobile in Columbus July 30th.

Joe Booker of Columbus reported that his 1968 Chevrolet was stolen July 30th and a notice was put out by the sheriff's office and a suspect was arrested in Leon, Iowa.

The man, Charles K. Hinds, 28, has been charged with auto theft and his case will go to the September grand jury.

Mrs. Steve Smith Is Graduate At Texas A&M

Mrs. Steve (Peggy) Smith was among the candidates for baccalaureate degrees at Texas A&M University last Friday, August 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith and Leanne and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Center were among those present for the exercises.

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GARWOOD AND MADA COMMUNITY NEWS

MRS. J. F. STRUSKA - 758-3352

Jack and Dana Struska who spent a week here with their grandmother, Mrs. Ella Struska, returned home with their parents, the John Struskas, last Saturday.

Bridget and Madeline Popp and Gary Crenek of Houston spent the weekend with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. John Popp.

Mrs. Alex Orsak spent a week in Houston with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Jacobs and children.

Word has been received by Mrs. John Popp that her granddaughter and husband, Capt. and Mrs. Stephen Brandt, are now at home at Kingsley Field, Klamath, Oregon. They had spent a month's vacation visiting their parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters in between their home from Florida to Oregon, where they are now stationed.

Mrs. Fred Krpec and children of El Campo visited Mr. and Mrs. Alex Orsak last Monday.

Mrs. Lester Cranek, Sr. had surgery in Nightingale Hospital in El Campo. W. K. Lehrer is in Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake and J. D. Wied is at home after days' stay in the Eagle Lake Hospital. A speedy recovery to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wied were in Houston shopping last Saturday. Jeff Wied spent a few days with his brother, Chris Wied, in Houston last week.

$7.32 Top Rice Bid Wed., But $7.25 Is High Monday

The rice market showed very little change, with a slight drop in prices, as reflected by bids offered for rice at a sale held at the Eagle Lake office of the Americans Rice Growers Cooperative Association. After a sale on Wednesday of this week, over one-half of the first crop rice will have been offered for bids and most of the rice has been sold on the bids offered.

At a sale at the Eagle Lake office on Wednesday of last week the top bid of the day was $7.32 per Cwt. or $11.86 per barrel offered by Riviana for LaBelle rice grown by T. Cutbirth and also a lot grown by Robert Adkins. Twenty-five lots of rice totaling 158,421 Cwt. went up for bids and 20 of the 25 lots were sold on bids offered. Riviana was the leading bidder with high bids on all but seven of the lots.

Monday the Eagle Lake office offered 23 lots totaling 158,195 Cwt. and the high bid of the day was $7.25 per Cwt. offered for four lots of LaBelle rice. P&S Mill bid $7.25 for rice grown by L. R. Guthman, also for lots grown by Sam Marsalis and A. W. Kohleffel. Riviana tied the $7.25 bid on one of the Marsalis lots. All rice offered Monday was graded No. 1 with milling quality ranging from 65-71 to 41-71.

Rains Monday are expected to be beneficial to the growth of second crop rice. Virtually all of the first crop has now been harvested in this area.

Hill, Miller Promoted By 1st State Bank

The Board of Directors of the First State Bank of Columbus announces that Allan A. Hill was elected as chairman of the board and chief executive officer and Gus H. Miller, Jr., was named president of the bank, both appointments effective Aug. 15th.

They succeed E. G. Miller, who expired recently, as chairman of the board and president.

Ronney Frank was elected cashier of the First State Bank to succeed Hill. Frank had served as assistant cashier since 1968. Gus Miller had filled the position of vice president since 1960.

Engstrom Dance Of School To Register Sat.

Lyndia Engstrom of Garwood will take registrations for her School of Dance this Sat., Aug., 21st from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Classes will begin Sept. 7th.

Interested persons are invited to come by her studio in Garwood or to call 758-3617.

Attend Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker of this city spent Sunday at an open house at the home of the family of Mrs. Walker's niece, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gregory and son of Houston. They reported having had a very enjoyable time.

2 Injured In Car-Truck Collision On 90A

Two persons were treated at Eagle Lake Community Hospital and released following the collision of the automobile in which they were riding and a gravel truck near the intersection of Highway 90A West and Calhoun Road at 6:25 p.m. on Tuesday of last week.

Highway patrolman Rodney Green investigated the accident, just outside the western edge of the city. His report showed that a 1976 Mack gravel truck and trailer was heading west and turned onto Calhoun Road into the path of a 1974 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven east by Monica Lynn Zickur of Columbus. The auto was owned by Joe Lee Orsak of Hungerford and both occupants were treated for injuries and released. Damage to the car was heavy while damage to the truck was light. Driver of the vehicle was Carlos P. Rena and he was driving a rig owned by T-Inc.

Truck Turns Over

At 10:20 a.m., Mon., Aug. 9th a 1975 White gravel truck driven by David Lee Brown of Lissie turned over on Highway 90A 1.1 mile east of the intersection with FM 1093.

The driver told the investigating officer, Patrolman Green, that something broke loose under the front of the truck and the vehicle went out of control and into a ditch. The driver escaped without serious injury, but considerable damage resulted to the vehicle.

James Gluecks Have Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Glueck, 717 Garden Acres, Bryan, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Alicea Anne. She was born July 30 in Houston.

Alicea's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ellis E. Glueck, Sr. of Cat Spring and Mr. and Mrs. William J. Beirne of Houston. Her great grandmother is Mrs. Emil Glueck of Cat Spring.

Michael Cooper Gets MA Degree

Some 1,400 students, candidates for degrees or diplomas from the University of Houston for the 1976 summer semesters, celebrated their graduation at commencement ceremonies Saturday, Aug. 14 in Hofheinz Pavilion on the UH Central Campus.

Candidates for degrees or diplomas included from Eagle Lake, Michael Cooper, M.A. English.

Sunday Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Alfonce Vecera of Burleson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Vecera Sunday. They also attended the all day celebration at Praha for the Czech people.

RECORDINGS FILED

Gift Deed, Frank Wesselski Sr., to Frank Wesselski, Jr., et al 71.16 Acres Preston Gilbert League 7-12-76.

Deed, Harry C. Henkaus, Jr., et ux to Glen E. Pitchford et ux Lot 2 Blk. 2 Ward Addition 7-8-76.

Deed, C. H. Evelyn Piling Co. to Lone Star Industries Inc. parcel of land McLain and McNair Survey 6-28-76.

Deed, Colorado County Properties, Ltd to Preston K. Shatto 199.324 Acres Alfred Kelso League 6-24-76.

Deed, Paul K. Lowe, Jr., to Bruce Lowe and Frank Lowe, Jr., Lot 2 Blk. 61 Sheridan, Texas 7-12-76.

Deed, O. E. Berndt et ux to Andrew J. Schobel et ux Lot 12 Blk. 1 Ward Addition 7-14-76.

Deed, John J. Matters et ux et al to John H. Peters, Jr., et ux Lot 2 blk. 58 Columbus, Texas 6-18-76.

Deed, Armond G. Schwartz, Trustee to Lee Roy Lundquist undivided interest in land in P. O'Dougherty Survey 6-11-76.

Deed, Lawrence Hoelscher et ux to Larry J. Herring et ux 9.54 Acres H. H. Oates Survey 7-15-76.

Deed, Larry J. Herring et ux to Lawrence Hoelscher et ux 1.419 Acres W. B. Dewees Survey 7-15-76.

Deed, John Coleman to Diddie B. Smith 16.3 Acres Colorado Co. 7-15-76.

Deed, Henry J. Cordes to A. A. Gertson Part of Lot 4 Blk. 46 P. Reel's Survey 7-14-76.

City Gets $5,002.25 Sales Tax Check

Friday, State Comptroller Bob Bullock mailed checks totaling $14.5 million to 659 cities and towns as their August rebate check of the one-cent city sales tax they collect.

The August remittance checks brought the calendar year total of city sales tax rebates to $173.1 million, he said.

The City of Eagle Lake received a check for $5,002.25 for the period ending July 30, 1976. Checks to other area cities were as follows: Columbus, $5,170.45; Hallettsville, $5,344.35; La-Grange, $4,345.25; Sealy $6,264.46; Wallis, $607.21; Weimar, $2,539.29.

BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

◆ Oftentimes we are almost "attacked" for not giving this or that individual a free car wash, free pizza, or free Mexican dinner, through weekly features of the Headlight. At least once in recent months we asked through this column that anyone desiring to get on the list for a free item to drop us a postcard so stating. You'd be surprised at the few people that thought it worthwhile to do so, yet they continually "fuss" at us for not giving them a free item. We're repeating the offer, if you want to get on the list for a free car wash or a free pizza, drop us a postcard so stating, mailing the card to the Headlight, Box 67, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434; but if you are interested in a free dinner, drop the card to the La Fiesta Restaurant in this city. We think that's a pretty good trade, a nine cent postcard for a free car wash or a free pizza or a free dinner.

◆ Mrs. J. W. Shacklett has returned here to make her residence and friends join in welcoming her back to this community.

◆ School starts today (Thurs.) so be sure to watch for the youngsters when driving in the vicinity of the schools.

Have a "Rice" day.

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Undergoes Surgery

Nicky Dierschke, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dierschke, was due to undergo surgery at St. Luke's Hospital on Wednesday of this week.

Friends who wish to write may address letters or cards to Room 6628, Texas Children's Hospital, Houston. All wish him a fast recovery.

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Attend 40th Reunion Of ELHS Class Of 1936

Members of the Eagle Lake High School Class of 1936 who attended the 40th reunion of the graduation of the class last Saturday evening at The Buckeye are shown above, left to right in front, Louise Seaholm Spalinger of Eagle Lake, Tom Haley of Kerrville, Johanna Balas Payne of Houston, Betty Ney Wales of Houston; standing l. to r., Rosalie Hayden Sims of Houston, Eleanor Reese McCreary of Eagle Lake, Elmer Schindler of Eagle Lake, Ottillee Bock Wright of Houston, Lucille Hough Reel of Eagle Lake, Elizabeth Townley Smith of Houston, Daphene McElhinney Reading of Eagle Lake, and Marvin Lange, who attended a number of years in school with the Class of 1936. One other class member, Lloyd Criswell of Sheridan arrived too late for this picture. See story on page 9.

Rice CISD Opening Day Enrollments Are Down

1645 Expected, 1581 Report On Opening Day Thurs.

Classes for the 1976-77 school year got underway on Thursday of last week with a total of 1581 pupils enrolled in the five schools of the district, a drop of 69 students from the opening day enrollment for the 1975-76 year, and 64 less than anticipated by the principals of the various schools. However, total enrollment is expected to increase slightly as the first full week of school begins this week.

All schools reported very successful openings with a minimum of problems and confusion and classes are now in full swing.

The Rice District will observe its first holiday of the new school year on Monday, Sept. 6th Labor Day.

RHS Down to 523

One of the big drops in the enrollment figures came at Rice High School where Principal Fred Grahmann had expected 555 students, but actually only 523 showed up last Thursday. The principal said that it's possible that 15 to 20 more students could show up this week. Included in the opening day enrollment were: 144 freshmen, 130 sophomores, 124 juniors and 125 seniors.

The Eagle Lake Primary School had one more student than was expected with 371 reporting last Thursday when 370 had been expected by Principal Major Benge. Enrolled at Eagle Lake Primary were: 74 in kindergarten, 8 in a resource class, 111 in the first grades, 84 in the second grades and 94 in the third grades. The 1976 opening date enrollment compares with 389 who reported on opening day in 1975.

Eagle Lake Middle School's opening day enrollment was 443, down by 21 students from the number expected by Principal James Crabb, and down 7 from the opening day enrollment of 449 last year. ELMS listed 84 in the fourth grades, 93 in the fifth grades, 95 in the sixth grades, 71 in the seventh grades, 92 in the eighth grades, and 7 in a resource class. The principal expected the enrollment figure to rise slightly during the first week of school.

Garwood Down Slightly

Principal John Mader said that 131 students showed up for opening day classes at Garwood elementary school, 14 less than he expected and 32 less than were enrolled opening day in 1975. The principal noted however that he knew of at least five students who were ill and unable to attend the first day's classes and he expected the enrollment figure at Garwood to round out at around 139 to 140.

Opening day enrollees included: 12 in kindergarten, 14 in the first grade, 12 in second, 13 in third, 9 in fourth, 15 in fifth, 18 in sixth, 18 in seventh and 20 in eighth. The biggest drops were evident in the fourth grade, down 5; fifth, down 4; seventh, down 6; and eighth, down 6.

Sheridan's opening day enrollment was up by 2 over the 112 expected, but up by 12 over the 102 who showed up on the first day of the 1975-76 school year. Principal William Gohlke listed 9 in kindergarten, 12 in the first grade, 12 in second, 15 in third, 13 in fourth, 12 in fifth, 15 in sixth, 10 in seventh and 16 in the eighth grade. Mr. Gohlke reported however that eight additional students started school by Monday of this week, increasing his enrollment to 122. Increases came this week in enrollment in the kindergarten, first, third and fourth grades.

MAYC Benefit Mexican Dinner Here Sat.

The ladies of the Mexican American Youth Council will serve Mexican Food plates at the Eagle Lake Community Center Saturday, August 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend. There is no advance sale of tickets. Proceeds from the lunches will go to the MAYC Hustlers softball team.

The MAYC Hustlers will also sponsor a dance in the Community Center Saturday night with music by Los Ultimos.

SHIRLEY ROLLINS

Shirley Rollins, New County Ass't. Extension Agent

Miss Shirley Rollins, 22, a recent graduate of Texas Southern University in Houston, has assumed the duties of Assistant County Extension Agent (Home Demonstration) for Colorado County.

Miss Rollins is a native of Bay City and was highly recommended by professors at Texas Southern. She has a great interest in youth activities and will work primarily with the 4-H programs in the county.

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CPL Files Request For Rate Increase

Only 2nd General Increase in 60 Year History

A request for the second general rate increase in Central Power and Light Company's 60-year history was filed with the City of Eagle Lake Monday, Aug. 23rd.

CPL Manager Frank Sherrer said the request for higher electric rates was filed simultaneously in all the 104 incorporated cities served by the company, and will provide an 11½-percent increase in the firm's total operating revenues.

He said the proposed increase would apply to all CPL customers - residential, commercial, municipal and industrial. For the residential customer using 1000 kilowatt hours monthly, it will mean an increase of about $5 a month or 17 cents a day.

He emphasized that the utility company is caught in a "cost squeeze" between the rising costs of "just about everything we buy and the base price of electricity, which has remained the same since 1973."

The CPL manager also quoted the Bureau of Labor Statistics, reporting that the cost of living has gone up 38 percent since the beginning of 1973.

"In the three years since our last rate increase, our costs for power plant construction have gone up 40 percent and labor costs are up 26 percent," the CPL manager said. He noted that interest rates on our bonds have climbed steadily, and that CPL paid $10.5 million in interest in 1973 compared to $17.6 million in 1975.

"Line poles that cost $35 each in 1973 now carry a $66 price tag. Aluminum distri-

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Loessin Imp. Owners Ask $1,210,000

Owners of the Loessin Implement Co. and Loessin Insurance Co. of Weimar filed suit in district court this week asking for a total of $1,210,000 in damages as the result of a series of four burglaries and related incidents last year.

Plaintiffs in the suit, one of the largest ever filed in this county, are: Lawrence G. Loessin, his wife, Johnnie Loessin; a daughter, Jenny Loessin; and Loessin Implement Co. and Loessin Insurance Co.; all of Weimar. Named as defendants in the suit are the Smith Protective Services, Inc., the manager of the protective division, Cal J. Myers; and Deleen D. King, John Deere Implement dealer in El Campo.

The Loessins allege in the petition that King entered into a contract with the Smith Protective Agency on Dec. 18, 1974 to "spy" on Loessin Implement Co. and Gulf States Valve and Compressor Co. of El Campo. They allege that the incidents that followed in the investigation by the protective agency resulted in personal damages to the three Loessins for emotional distress, etc. in the amount of $50,000.00 each. They contend they also suffered loss of business and loss of profit from their businesses in the amount of $30,000.00 each or another $60,000.00; plus exemplary damages in the amount of $200,000.00 for each of the five plaintiffs, or another $1,000,000.00, making the total amount asked for in the suit, $1,210,000.00. They also ask for cost of suit and other relief deemed proper by the court.

Register For Pre-School Classes Today, Thursday

Registration for Pre-Kindergarten Classes will be held this Thursday, August 26, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake.

These classes are for children who will be four years old by September 1st and have special needs.

Councilmen Air Mixed Views On Dog Ordinance

Eagle Lake city council in session Tuesday night spent over an hour discussing the proposal to strengthen the city's dog control ordinance with the councilmen and mayor voicing mixed views on provisions of the current ordinance and amendments proposed to achieve strengthening of the law.

Councilman Dick Obenhaus proposed that a new and stronger ordinance be adopted, on three readings, rather than by amending the current ordinance. This view was supported by councilman Gene Baker who also added that new provisions should be designed, "not to take offense against our poor dogs, but rather to penalize the owners for negligence in allowing the pets to roam at large." He added that he thought that cats should be included but this apparently met with disfavor with most of the councilmen.

Councilman Bennie Miller questioned the effectiveness of a dog ordinance and it was agreed that the ordinance would be "only as good as the enforcer (dog catcher)."

Voicing opposition to a portion of the ordinance which would enable an officer or dog catcher to come onto private property where a pet may be without leash was councilman David Euers. "I do not want to permit dog catchers on anyone's private property," he stated. A proposed amendment provides that a dog must be penned or on a chain or leash sufficient to control the dog, even on the owner's property.

Proposed Changes

It is anticipated that Mayor Elmer Struss and City Manager T. J. Smith will reword this section of the proposed ordinance to clarify the situation that a dog must be under control of the owner on his property without necessarily being on a leash or chain.

Some of the other changes expected to be written into a new dog control ordinance as discussed by the council at length Tuesday night, included:

* Increase of the fee for impounding dogs (for a maximum of three days and then they may be humanely disposed of if not claimed) from $1.00 per day to $2.00 per day;

* Set a minimum fine of $10 for any violation of the provisions of the ordinance; and $30 for each and every succeeding and separate violation up to a maximum of $100;

* Set up an annual "kennel fee" of $50 per year (beginning April 1st of each year) for possession of more than two dogs over six months of age;

* Retain the $1.00 per year fee for mandatory registration of all dogs within the city limits, (Also proof of rabies vaccination annually is to be required for each dog licensed).

The councilmen are due to get drafts of the proposed new dog control ordinance in ample time to give the proposals adequate study for possible action on the first of three readings on Tuesday, Sept. 14th. An attempt by councilman Euers to bring the subject up for discussion again at the conclusion of the agenda, was ruled out of order by Mayor Struss who noted the subject had been discussed thoroughly at its designated spot on the agenda and added Euers would have ample time for discussion and action on the proposals at the Sept. 14th meeting. Euers indicated at that time that he has a petition opposing portions of the leash control program and he said he would put the petition before the council for consideration at that time.

MARK SCHNEIDER

Council Hires Patrolman, Sells Alley

Eagle Lake City Council gave its approval to the hiring of a new patrolman for the local police department on a three month probationary program (as is the city's custom in hiring new officers); reversed itself on the proposal by Ted Reese and Martin Herman to purchase an alley between their properties on Airline Road and approved the sale of the property; and began plans for a sewer extension program to be financed (in part) by the $97,000 Community Development Block Grant announced last week by the Housing and Urban Development Agency.

The new patrolman added to the local police force, expected to begin work immediately, is Mark Allen Schneider, 20 and single, a resident of Needville. He graduated from Needville High School and is a certified peace officer who recently graduated from a 240 hour course in basic law enforcement sponsored by Texas A&M University System's Extension Service in Houston May 10th to July 23th. He was highly recommended by his instructor and by many prominent residents in Needville. The appointment was recommended to the council by City Manager T. J. Smith and Acting Chief of Police Bufford Ashley, under whose supervision the new patrolman will be working.

Sale of Alley OK'd

At the August 10th meeting the council voted not to sell the alley between the Reese and Herman homes because of utilities located there and because it was noted that the erection of stone fences, as planned by Reese, would impair drainage in the area.

Reese appeared before the council Tuesday night and agreed to provide the four utilities with lines in the alley with written easements clearing the city of liability. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., CPL, Eagle Lake Gas Distribution and Eagle Lake Cable TV use the alley for lines. Under franchise agreements with the city, the utility companies are granted easements by the city for use of the city streets or alleys for their services. In return for this, the companies pay a 2% gross receipts tax to the city.

The sale of the 20-foot wide alley for the distance of the Reese property, was made at the standard rate used by the city in previous instances, 5 cents per square foot.

Sewer Extension Grant

City Manager Smith inform-

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Fri. Final Date For Raider Ticket Options

Rice High School Raider football fans who held season tickets last year are reminded that this Friday, August 27th is the final day to exercise the option for the purchase of the same seats held in 1975.

The season ticket sale has been going slowly, reported High School Principal Fred Grahmann but he anticipates a big last-minute rush to obtain the tickets. The cost for the five home games will be $2.00 per game or $10.00 for the season.

Tickets not picked up Friday will go on sale to the general public beginning Monday, August 30th, so if you failed to get seats last year, it might be a good idea to contact the principal's office at Rice High School in person Monday. No phone calls will be accepted for the tickets.

Mr. Grahmann reminds that all tickets sold at the gate throughout the 1976 season will be $2.00 per person both for reserved seats and for general admission. Students will, however, be able to purchase tickets in pre-game sale at the Rice High School for 50c each.

The Raiders open play Sept. 3rd at 8:00 p.m. when they host the Columbus Cardinals. Other home games are all district 13AAA games including: Friendswood, Sept. 24th; Hitchcock, Oct. 8th; Dickinson, Oct. 15th; and Santa Fe, Nov. 5th. All district games begin at 7:30 p.m.

AARP To Have Covered Lunch, Meeting Sept. 1st

The Eagle Lake chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will meet on Wed., Sept. 1st in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church.

The executive committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. and at 11:30 members will gather for a covered dish luncheon and meeting. All members are asked to bring a covered dish and to come to enjoy the day's activities.

Ambulance Corps Training Meet Tonite, Thurs.

The Eagle Lake unit of the Colorado County Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corps will meet this Thursday, Aug. 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ambulance Hall.

It will be a very important training meeting and all members and interested persons are urged to attend.

Primary School Room Mothers Meet Friday

All Eagle Lake Primary School mothers are encouraged to attend a meeting in their respective child's room at 2:45 p.m., this Friday, August 27th, announces Principal Major Benge.

The purpose of the meeting will be to organize for the three student parties to be held during the school year.

Quick Action By Motorist Aids Station Attendant

Jeffrey Berger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Berger, received injuries to his eyes during the week-end when a gasoline hose being used to refuel a vehicle, slipped out of the tank and shot gasoline into his face.

The quick reaction of the motorists in the vehicle was credited with possibly saving Jeffrey's eyesight. The motorist, whose name was not available, grabbed a water hose and washed the gasoline from Jeffrey's eyes and face. He was rushed to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital where first aid was given and attendants praised the quick reaction of the motorist.

Mr. and Mrs. Berger and Jeff extend thanks to the person and others in the vehicle for their wonderful assistance.

FINAL LOAN, PAYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED FOR 1976 RICE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that the final national average loan and purchase level for 1976 crop rough rice will be $6.19 per hundredweight. This is $0.19 per hundredweight higher than the preliminary rate of $6.00 per hundredweight announced April 20, 1976.

The final loan and purchase price level was determined by adjusting the preliminary level for the change in the index of prices paid by farmers for production items, interest, taxes and wage rates during the period February through July 1976.

The loan and purchase rates for whole kernels of the rice classes and for broken rice are being increased to reflect the increase in the final loan and purchase rate for rough rice.

The preliminary and final loan and purchase rates are: Long Grain, whole kernels, final 10.75 cents lb., preliminary 10.44; Medium Grain, whole kernels, final 9.25 cents lb., preliminary 8.94; Short Grain, whole kernels, final

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Tractor Burns At Hanly Home

Eagle Lake firemen were called to the Ed Hanly home on South McCarty at 7:20 p.m. Tuesday to extinguish a fire in an International lawn and garden tractor.

John Young had just finished mowing and was putting the tractor into a shed when the engine backfired and burst into flames. Heavy damage resulted to the tractor, minor damage to the backyard shed where it was stored.