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Second Crop Rice Harvest Begins

The first cuttings of the second crop of 1976 rice were reported this week in the Eagle Lake and Garwood areas.

Howard Wiese began combining second crop rice Monday, bringing the rice to the Eagle Lake Rice Dryer.

Bob Cook was expected to begin combining rice Tuesday or Wednesday.

Kallina Dryer reported its first load of second crop rice Tuesday from Ed Lee Schneider with Lazy K Ranch due to begin combining Wednesday.

Garwood Rice Dryer received second crop rice from Rudy Till, Jr., Frank Popp and W. A. Braden, Jr., this week.

Combining is expected to begin generally in the rice-producing areas by the first of next week, provided the weather remains dry. Monday night's rains are expected to slow down the drying processes for a few days.

Outlook for the yield is good with the second crop production expected to be about one-fourth of the first crop yield or an average of from 8 to 10 barrels per acre. However the market remains down although there has been some slight gain in prices paid for better quality grain during the past few weeks. Prices offered for top quality rice went up from around \$7.10 per cwt. to around \$7.70.

County Ag. Bldg. Bids To Be Opened Mon.

Colorado County Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session Monday at 10 a.m. and among the business to be considered will be the opening of bids for rebuilding the Colorado County Agricultural Building.

Also, the court will consider bids for the purchase of a new 1977 model dump truck for Commissioner Louis W. Stiles' Precinct 4. A used truck will be traded in on the new vehicle.

Tentative plans are for rebuilding the agriculture building along the same lines as it existed prior to being destroyed by fire earlier this year, with the addition of central heating and air-conditioning and a new truss-type roof instead of a flat roof, and other minor changes.

Holiday Decor Total \$1454; More Needed

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce's holiday decor committee received word from the supplier of the decorations that an additional week may be taken to raise the \$1500 needed for the down payment on the \$4500 worth of fixtures proposed for purchase for the 1976 holiday season in the downtown area.

The committee reported Monday that the donations continue to come in, and the drive has reached \$1454.00, and it is hoped that the amount necessary for the down payment will be reached by the end of the extended period, this Friday, Oct. 8th.

Those who have not given are urged to do so. Any amount will be acceptable and will be appreciated. Make your contributions at the

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3 Injured In Gas Well Explosion Fri.

Three persons were injured, one critically, in a gas explosion at a drilling site on the Kennedy Section farmed by Leo Korenek and Sons three miles west of Nada around 7:00 p.m. last Friday evening.

The accident occurred at a well being drilled by F.T.W. Drilling Co. of Wichita Falls, a subsidiary of Texas Oil & Gas Co., for Prairie Producing and Texas Oil & Gas. The well had blown out when an attempt was made to complete the well at around 2300 feet after a deeper test for oil had been unsuccessful. The blowout occurred at 2 p.m. last Thursday and mud, water and some gas spewed from the hole. Workers at the scene were able to lower the rig and it was removed from the area.

Mike Ryan of the Ryan Well Service of El Campo and Wilbert Dvorak of Columbus brought bulldozers to the scene to assist in removing pipe and equipment from the area of the blowout. Dvorak was working away from the scene and Ryan was on his caterpillar dozer with two oil rig employees, from Victoria, on the dozer with him. They were attempting to throw up a levee to contain water about 20 to 30 feet from the blowout.

County Judge Lester Craneek and Joe Korenek were standing on a road about 150 feet from the well when they heard a mild explosion apparently caused when gas fumes were ignited by the dozer and they saw the two men on the dozer with Ryan running from the scene and Ryan was in the mud and water. They rushed to the area and assisted in removing Ryan from the mud and Judge Craneek called the Garwood Emergency Unit which was standing by at the Rice-Hitchcock football game.

Judge Craneek said Ryan was badly burned about the face, arms and body. He and the other two men were rushed to Nightingale Hospital in El Campo and Ryan reportedly was rushed to Houston where he was said to be in critical condition.

For Emergency Ambulance Service Call 234-5311

M. K. Johnson Asks Write-In For Dist. Atty.

Macklin K. Johnson has announced that he is an Independent Write-In Candidate for District Attorney for the 25th Judicial District composed of Colorado, Gonzales, Guadalupe and Lavaca Counties.

Mr. Johnson believes that the people of the District should be entitled to a choice of candidates on election day, and his candidacy presents an honest alternative. He is ready, willing and able to serve our District as its District Attorney. He believes that the person who holds the position should put the best interests of the District ahead of his own personal gain and will act accordingly.

Johnson is an attorney who has been a resident of Hallettsville, Lavaca County, Texas, since July, 1975, having previously resided in Houston where he practiced law for four years.

Anyone desiring to assist in Mr. Johnson's write-in campaign for District Attorney or desiring to contribute to his campaign may write to the Macklin K. Johnson Campaign Fund, Post Office Drawer "K", Hallettsville, Texas 77964.

Talent Show, Fairest of Fair Features of Garwood Fair

Plans continue for the Garwood Lions Club's 29th annual Community Fair and Carnival to be held at the Garwood school grounds on Saturday, October 16th and the public is invited to attend.

There will be entertainment for all ages from the opening parade at 10 a.m. to the closing event, the Fairest of the Fair program and competition beginning at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in the talent show of the Fair at 4 p.m. is asked to contact John Engstrom, 758-3617 or Bobby Hunt, president of the Club, 758-3311 not later than Sunday, October 10th.

"Entry is open to anyone who wishes to display his or her talent," noted Mr. Hunt. "There is no age limit and there will be no competition. Just come and share your talent with us and join in the fun for all portion of our fair."

Fairest of Fair Deadline
Bill Carpenter, chairman of the Fairest of the Fair event, reminds civic and service clubs in the area that Wednesday, Oct. 13th is the deadline for entries in the competition. Entries must not have won a similar contest since attaining the age of 15; must be in high school or a graduate in the spring of 1976. Entries are restricted to Garwood-Nada area businesses and to civic and service clubs in surrounding communities.

A practice session for

Theo Schultz Named Man Of Year In Agriculture



Theo Schultz of the Boggy Branch and Frelsburg communities became the eleventh Colorado County agriculturalist to win the Columbus Rotary Club's annual Man of the Year in Agriculture Award. The award was made at the club's annual Rural-Urban Banquet held Tuesday night in the Columbus School Cafeteria. Mr. Schultz, at left, is shown accepting the plaque from Bonnie Holesovsky, president of the Columbus club. Mr. Schultz has been an outstanding farmer and he was one of the original members of the board of directors of the County Farm Bureau and still serves on the board. He is also on the Farm Bureau's building committee; is active in the Frelsburg fire department; and Boggy Branch community activities. Other winners of the award have been, in the order received, Hugh Wilson, Arthur Koehn, Robert F. Potter, David R. Wintermann, Dr. Lester J. Craneek, George Sebesta, Henry Sunderman, Crockett Leyendecker, Charles Kearney and Kermit Kickler.

City Hires Engineer For Sewer Extension

Eagle Lake City Council in session on Tuesday evening of last week hired an engineer to complete reports and eventually to design plans for the extension of sewer systems to the only area of the city not currently serviced by the sanitary sewer system.

The firm of O'Malley and Clay of Brenham was hired to complete final reports leading to the sewer extension program to be financed through a \$97,000 grant from the Community Development Program. After final reports are approved by HUD, the firm will design and draw up final plans for submission of bids for the work. The project includes the extension of sewer lines to the Hubbard-Ferry Road and West Main Street by extending a sewer line across the golf course to those areas.

O'Malley and Clay will receive a fee of 8 1/2% of the total costs with the city receiving a credit of 10 percent of the engineer's fee for payment made earlier for the firm's engineering work on the project two years ago.

Richard O'Malley of the firm met with the council on Tuesday night of last week and discussed work that needs to be done before the program can be submitted to the bidders. He told the council that it might be possible to get all of the work proposed done within the \$97,000 approved for the project even though costs have gone up since the original application. He noted that a lot will depend on the amount of work available to the contractors at the time the bids are submitted.

CPL Rate Increase
Joe N. Frazier, who submitted an open letter to the council and the same was published in last week's Headlight, asked the mayor and city council if there was any response to his proposal that Central Power and Light Co. be required "to reduce, not raise, their already exorbitant rates to within 10 or 15% of the rates charged by Houston Lighting and Power Company." He further charged the mayor and council with the responsibility of either attempting to find another source of power for this community or requiring CPL to be "tative in their rates."

Mayor Elmer Strass is (Continued on page 2)

Stray Dogs Kill 2 Show Pigs At FFA Student Farm

Methodist Ch. Cornerstone Laying Oct. 17

Colly Memorial United Methodist Church members will have a "Laying of the Cornerstone Service" for their new church, at their 10:55 a.m. service Sunday, October 17th at the Colly Church. The United Methodist Church on Prairie Street, a block south of the Colly Church, is nearing completion.

The entire congregation and friends are invited to join the building committee, architects and contractor on the site of the new building around noon for the service, said the Rev. David Edgar, pastor.

Tax Group To Be Here Mon., Tues., Wed.

County Tax Assessor and Collector Henry J. Hajovsky and his deputies will be in Eagle Lake Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 11, 12 and 13 to collect 1976 taxes. The group will be at the council room of the Municipal Building from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The tax group will be in Garwood, at Hopkins' Office, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. next Thurs., Oct. 14th; at the Oakland Community Center the morning of Fri., Oct. 15; and at the Sheridan School from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and Rock Island Community Center from 1:15 to 3:00 p.m. on Mon., Oct. 18th.

Lissie Group To Hold Garage Sale

The Lissie Community Improvement Association will hold a garage sale this Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the corner of Franklin and Ashley streets in Lissie. Bargains of all kinds will be offered for sale.

Free Classes On Holiday Decorations

The Rice High School Homemaking Department will offer free classes on holiday decorations at the high school. Any homemaker who is no longer enrolled in school is invited to attend. These classes will begin on October 19 and proceed on Tuesday nights thereafter for a total of five nights. The dates are Oct. 19 and 26, Nov. 2, 9 and 16. It is planned to begin classes at 7 p.m. and have them last until 9 p.m. Babysitters will be provided for small children.

Projects to be covered include: dried arrangements and cornshuck dolls; wreaths and small trees; centerpieces, wall and mantle decorations; gift ideas; and gift wrapping. All the classes are free; however, those who wish to construct a project to take home will be charged for the supplies.

To enroll fill out the following form and send to Homemaking Dept., Rice High School, Altair, TX 77412. Do this immediately; size of class will be limited.

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____
Date: _____



KEITH AUSTIN
At Rice FFA Show

Patrol Car, Vehicle Collide at Altair Fri.

Damage was heavy but fortunately injuries were not when a Texas Highway Patrol vehicle, on an emergency call, and another vehicle were in collision at the intersection of Highways 90A and 71 at Altair around 7:00 p.m. Friday evening.

Highway Patrolman Randy Baish of Eagle Lake was traveling south on 71 with emergency red lights and sirens going in response to an emergency call at an oil well fire in the Nada area and hit an automobile driven west on Highway 90A almost broadside. The driver of the 1976 Oldsmobile Cutlass was Linda Mae Schmidt, 19, of Houston and formerly of Yoakum. She reportedly stopped at the intersection and started across the intersection failing to see the oncoming patrol car.

The patrol car hit the Cutlass near the front door on the passenger side. Miss Schmidt and her sister, Sandra Schmidt, 16, a passenger in the car, were taken to Eagle Lake Community Hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises and were released. Patrolman Baish escaped injury. The patrol car was a total loss; heavy damage resulted to the Cutlass.

Contrary to rumors which have prevailed in the city for the week-end, neither of the young ladies in the vehicle were seriously injured. The patrol car hit the Cutlass near the front door on the passenger side. Miss Schmidt and her sister, Sandra Schmidt, 16, a passenger in the car, were taken to Eagle Lake Community Hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises and were released. Patrolman Baish escaped injury. The patrol car was a total loss; heavy damage resulted to the Cutlass.

Immunization Clinic Fri.

The Free Immunization Clinic sponsored by the Texas Department of Health Resources, held in Eagle Lake every second Friday of each month, will be held on October 8th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Primary School on East E Street.

Immunization for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP), Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella will be given to infants, pre-schoolers and school-age children. Tetanus, Diphtheria will be given to adults.

Mahalite Bros. Thank Fire Depts.

Mahalite Bros., Joe and David, were owners of the hay barn and equipment which were destroyed in a fire in the Elm Grove area in the early morning hours of Sept. 25th. Last week our story said the barn belonged to Joe Mahalite. The Mahalites extend sincere thanks to the volunteer firemen from Eagle Lake and Garwood for their valuable assistance at the fire and commended their efforts at the scene.

You might have a hard time justifying the existence of stray dogs this week to Rice High School Vocational Agriculture student Keith Austin, who had two of his young show pigs killed by stray dogs at the Rice FFA student farm on the eastern edge of the city.

On Thursday of last week, a pack of three dogs chased the young pigs, a gilt and a boar, out of a pen at the student farm, and the dogs ran the four or five weeks old pigs down and slashed their jugular veins. Vocational agriculture teacher Troy Krenek arrived on the scene too late to save the two animals, but he did manage to chase the dogs away before they could get to six other young pigs in the litter.

RHS Vocational Ag instructor Ronel Roberts said the two animals which were killed came from a breeding gilt purchased by Austin in Kansas and was bred to a boar owned by Woody Jones, Jr., of Garwood and his boar also was purchased in Kansas.

Keith showed and sold the grand champion Duroc-Chester Hampshire cross hog at the Rice FFA show and sale last February. He and other members of the Rice FFA have been striving to improve the quality of animals produced locally and the loss was a big set-back to the young man. He had planned to sell the two animals for show hogs and it is estimated that they were worth \$65 each and probably would have brought much more than that if they had survived to be shown at a local or other show in this area.

Keith's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Austin of this city.

The City of Eagle Lake is considering a stronger dog control ordinance and this incident reflects the urgent need for immediate consideration of the ordinance. It's a terrible thought, but it might just have been some of our young school children who were attacked by these savage animals.

Nada CDA Benefit Dance Sat.

The Nada Court of the Catholic Daughters of America will hold a benefit dance at the Nada KJL Hall on Saturday, October 9th and one and all are invited to make plans to attend.

The Westbeats will provide music for dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission will be a \$2.50 donation.

Table reservations may be made by calling 758-3270 or 758-3433. There is no charge for table reservations.

Swine Flu Vaccine Begins To Trickle In

Dr. Raymond Thomas of Eagle Lake, County Health Officer, advises that some swine flu vaccine is beginning to trickle in. The first delivery of the vaccine was made Tuesday and was distributed to local doctors in the county for administering to the very aged and handicapped only at this time.

Dr. Thomas said that more vaccine is expected soon and plans will be announced later for a county-wide vaccination clinic. Meanwhile he advises that you contact your local doctor if you think you qualify for early inoculation.

Bank, PO Holiday Mes.

The United States Post-office and the First National Bank in Eagle Lake will be among those closing for the Columbus Day observance next Monday, October 11th.