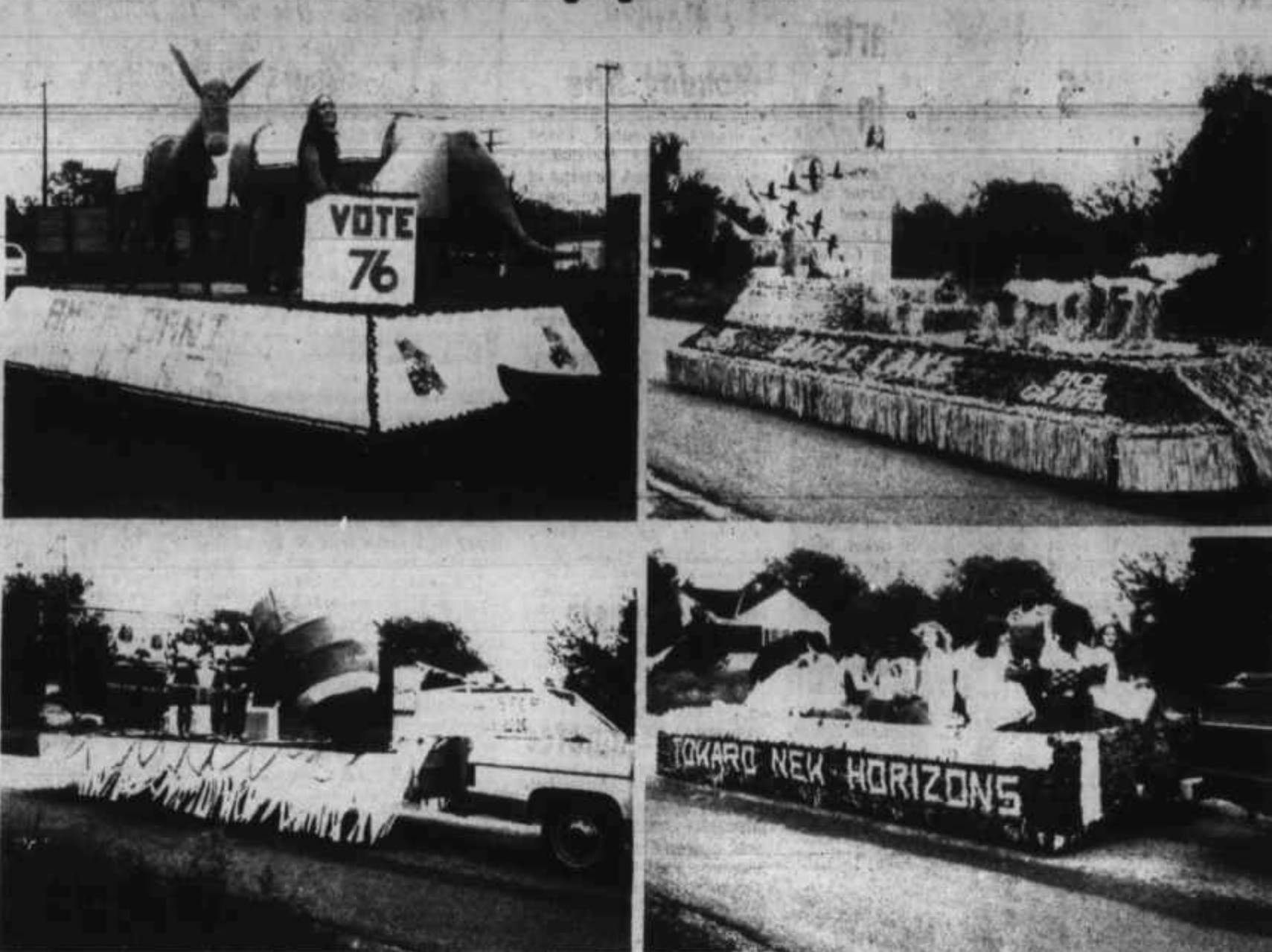


Floats Highlight Fair Parade



Here are pretty float entries in the Garwood Lions Club Parade which opened the 29th annual Fair last Saturday morning. The Garwood Lions Club float, top left, symbolic of the presidential election year, featured the donkey and elephant traditional Democratic and Republican symbols. The float, a second place winner, was entitled, "Americanism is Lionism" and urged citizens to vote in 1976. Crystal Jones was on the red, white and blue float. At top right is the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce float featuring industry and goose hunting with Eliza Keeter, 1976 sweetheart of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, adding beauty to the float.

Lower left is the Rice Raider Boosters Club entry, with its huge football and colors in blue and silver featuring the Rice High School's five cheerleaders, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Brenda Kallina, Sherry Fajkus, Kathy Frazier, Julia Thomas and Denise Rucka. The girls rendered spirit yells along the route and distributed miniature footballs contributed by the First National Bank of Eagle Lake. The Booster float was a third place winner. At lower right is the fourth place winner, the Rice FAH's pretty float, "Toward New Horizons" featuring members demonstrating some of their projects.

NINA ZBRANEK OF GARWOOD NAMED FAIREST OF FAIR

Beauty Pageant Is Outstanding Production

For the second year the selection of the Garwood Lions Club's Fairest of the Fair was "more than just a beauty show" as an overflow crowd watched a colorful and entertaining pageant. The event was a fitting conclusion to another successful Lions Community Fair and Carnival, the 29th such event staged by the Garwood Lions Club.

The Fairest of the Fair beauty pageant was planned and directed again this year by Mrs. Dee (Barbara) Mackey and was presented in the Garwood school gymnasium using a scenic background created by Mrs. Sandra Benge, Rice high school art instructor and her art students, speeches, entertainment and all of the features for a top-notch beauty pageant.

After the singing of the Star Spangled Banner with Alan Kristynik providing music accompaniment at the corner, Mrs. Mackey set the theme for the show as she sang "Sunrise Sunset, Little Girl," the twenty-four pretty contestants were introduced to the audience and the panel of three judges.

Mrs. Herbert Engstrom accompanied Mrs. Mackey at the piano and master of cere-

Happy Birthday

The group joined Mrs. Mackey in singing happy birthday to Mr. Mackey, Rice high school's head football coach, whose birthday anniversary was on that date.

Closing the entertainment was the talented dance performance of "Brothers Under the Skin", Clay Mahalic and Marvin Thomas; and a song, "Follow Me Where I Go" rendered by Mr. Carpenter, accompanied by Mrs. Engstrom.

The master of ceremonies read a letter from Miss Maria Birken of El Campo, the 1975 Miss Fairest of the Fair, in which she expressed appreciation for the great honor shown to her last year and regret in not being able to attend the 1976 event. Mr. Carpenter also expressed appreciation in behalf of the Lions to Mrs. Mackey for her very wonderful support in staging the event and he and Bobby Hunt, president of the club, gave her a gift of appreciation from the club. Thanks were also extended to Mrs. Robert Schuringer for assistance in decorations.

Semi-Finalists

Judy Bunge, Kelly Mackey and Nora Mann of the Lyndia's Dance School; entertainers with a dance in colorful costumes, Brenda Argo, attired as a little girl of six, complete with her teddy bear, gave an entertaining rendition of "Cute Sweet Little Girl."

Alan Kristynik accompanied Greg Koronek as they played cornet and accordion respectively, and then Greg continued several favorite selections on



Mrs. Barbara Mackey, center, directed the beautiful and entertaining Fairest of the Fair beauty pageant concluding the Garwood Lions Fair and Carnival last Saturday evening in the Garwood school gym. She received a gift of appreciation for her fine work from Garwood Lions Club president Robert Hunt, left, and Bill Carpenter, Garwood Lion and master of ceremonies for the pageant, right.

Then came the moment for which all had been waiting, when Mary Ann Miller was named the second runner-up.

Julia Thomas the first runner-up, and Nina Zbrank of the Fair, the three winners received gifts from the Garwood Lions, as did all of

Pre-Construction Meet On FM 949 Project

A pre-construction meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15, 1976 at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation office in Columbus outlining construction plans for a project recently awarded to Wendel Construction Co., Inc. Wendel was the successful low bidder at \$381,947.79 for grading, structures, base and surfacing on FM 949 at the Austin County Line, a division of S.A. Weis.

C. A. Weis, Resident Engineer in charge of the project, said, "The new roadway will consist of a 30-foot surfaced travelway plus 2-4 foot surfaced shoulders. This replaces the present county road with its sharp curves, narrow bridges and inadequate base." Weis further explained the road could serve as a good connector between Bellville and Interstate 10 toward Columbus. He outlined that during construction, local traffic will be routed through the existing facility with adequate passage to be provided by the contractor. Upon completion, this road will carry an estimated 340 vehicles per day.

Daughters Of Confederacy Have Meet

The Shropshire-Upton Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met Oct. 14th in the home of Mrs. Jack Draper.

A memorial for members Mrs. Bennett Hastings and Mrs. Clarence Fowler was given by the chaplain, Mrs. Hollis Massey. Mrs. Oscar Schade reported on the Texas Division U.D.C. Convention held in Austin.

Mrs. Laura Puryear and her daughter Miss Pam Puryear of Navasota presented a program, "Fans of Yesteryear." Mrs. Puryear gave a history of the club and the custom and usage of fans. Among her unusual collection of fans was a black and red Cockatoo feathered one used

by the other twenty-one young ladies in the competition. Addressing in distinguished were other members of the Fairest of Fair committee, Ed Lee Schneider, Dee Mackey and Herbert Engstrom.

The first Fairest of the Fair is 16 and a student at Rice High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Zbrank of Garwood. Miss Thomas is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas of Eagle Lake; and Miss Miller's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Miller of Garwood.

Other entries were, in the order they were introduced: Elizabeth Berger, entry of the Garwood Fire Dept.; Mar-

at a reception in the home of President Theodore Roosevelt. Guests for the meeting were Mrs. Leon Zwiener of Fredericksburg, Mrs. J. T. Simmons of Navasota and

Miss Ophelia Johnson of Eagle Lake, Miss Lee Nesbitt and Mrs. N. J. Mahner were chapter co-hosts.

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New ELMS Teacher



Mrs. Elbel Hammons is shown with one of her students, Edward Escobes, who is the new remedial math teacher at the Middle School. She graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown. Prior to teaching at the Middle School, Mrs. Hammons had taught in Columbus and Garwood. She has been a life-long native of Columbus. She and her husband currently live at 1204 Prairie in Columbus. They have two daughters, one teaches in Richards, and the other resides in Columbus with her husband.

ELMS Report

ELMS Students See Magic Show

(By Michele Sibley)

On October 11, Don and Joyce Brandon entertained the students of the Eagle Lake Middle School with a magic show. Most of the tricks were done with flowers as well as rabbits, ducks and pigeons. Mr. Brandon picked volunteers, Keith Matchick and Fred Young, to assist him.

Keith volunteered his watch, which the magician promptly made disappear. While Fred volunteered his handkerchief which was turned into a "dancing ghost" that would not behave.

The forty-five minute show was fantastic and afterwards the student body expressed their feelings of enjoyment and appreciation with a loud round of applause.

4th Grades Afford Circus

(By Shelley Tise, Royanne Chism, Caroline Morgan)

The fourth graders at the Eagle Lake Middle School had a most enjoyable trip to

the Shrine Circus on Saturday, October 9, 1976. Some of the things we saw were clowns, acrobats, dancing puppies, elephants, trapeze acts, tight-rope walkers, horseback riders, jugglers, a fire swallowing man and many, many more.

We would like to thank the Shrine for making our trip possible. We really had fun!

Universal Lunch

(By Janis Clippard)

This past week of October 11-15 has been National School Lunch Week. Wednesday, October 13, every school in the United States had the same menu on what was named Universal Menu Day. The menu included "Main Attraction" (hot dog on a bun), "Fingerstuffers" (vegetable salad), "Side Show" (orange wedge), "Happy Clown" (tutti-frutti crisp), and "Midway Milk".

The Eagle Lake Middle School tried to have 100% of its students eating in the cafeteria on this day. We did pretty good, with 90% of our students body buying school lunches. The Middle School Student Council members assisted in serving the meals in the cafeteria all week. We

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The ELMS Cafeteria also sponsored a poster contest during National School Lunch Week. The theme for the poster contest was "You Are What You Eat". Judy Know was the first place winner with three silver dollars. Wayne Bowen won second place ribbon and two silver dollars, and Horace Petus won the third place ribbon and one silver dollar. Judy and Wayne are in the eighth grade and Horace is in the fifth grade.

A new analysis of such costs provides some answers. It is based upon studies made by the Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Labor Statistics and others.

The finding is that the amount spent by parents in rearing a child varies from family to family. In general, however, it is closely related to income.

In some families, the outlay in the 18 years is equivalent to as much as 3.6 years of earnings, after taxes. In others, as little as 2.9 years of earnings are so spent. The average is slightly more than 3 years.

The studies show that when the income is in the \$10,000 to \$11,000 range, as it has been recently for the

Youens, Knebl Top Hay Winners

(By P. Johnnie Cooper, County Extension Agent)

Big winners in the 1976 Colorado County Hay Show were Billy Youens and Nick Knebl both of Columbus. Youens exhibited the Champion Perennial hay which had 7.5% digestible protein and was valued at \$2.18 per bale. There were 54 entries in the perennial division.

Knebl exhibited the Champion Annual hay sample. It was a sudan-sorghum hybrid with 7.4% digestible protein and was valued at \$2.05 per bale. There were 17 entries in the annual division, and four in the legume division.

Digestible protein content of hays entered ranged from a low of 0.1% worth \$0.84 per bale to 12.6% worth \$2.91 per bale.

Hay value is established by realizing that average hay is worth about \$1.40 per 60 pound bale. In 1976, it was raised or lowered according to the cost of cotton seed meal.

A producer needs that an animal's winter needs must be met to keep her from losing too much weight in the winter. Excessive weight loss causes weakened cattle and no breeding in the spring. This delays the calf crop in subsequent years. Late calves are sold light and take a beating in both weight and price per pound.

To reduce cow weight loss, the animal's needs must be met with energy and protein. It can be done with high quality hay or poor quality hay with a protein supplement.

Generally, it is cheaper to feed protein in hay rather than "out of a sack". Fertilizer rate and stage of maturity are the major factors affecting hay quality. Variety of grass grown is also a consideration.

The County Hay Show is held to assist producers evaluate hay quality and reduce costs of production. Rainfall patterns had adverse effects on 1976 hay quality across the county.

Considerable weather harvesting produced cuttings exhibiting excessive maturity. The dry July and August produced little grass growth.

Considerable weather restraints, hay quality in the 1976 Show was very high.

The Hay Show was sponsored by the Colorado County Livestock Subcommittee, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and County Feed and Fertilizer Dealers. Plaques awarded to the champion samples were awarded by Heffley's Mill and Zatzek's Feed.

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Judge Crane Heads Carter Texans In Ag. County TSTA To Meet Monday Nite

The state Texans in Agriculture for Carter Committee has announced that Judge Crane, Ph. D., of Columbus will head a special Colorado County organization to demonstrate strong agricultural and agronomics support for Jimmy Carter's Presidential campaign.

Walter Richter of Austin, co-chairman of the Carter Agricultural group, said, "We are pleased to have Judge Crane to join our Governor and other top state officials who have come out strongly for the Carter ticket which offers real hope for a change for our farmers and rural Texans."

Dedating that Carter is the first genuine farmer to run for President since Thomas Jefferson, Richter said, "Jimmy Carter knows what it's like to make a living in the country. He will do what is right to keep our agriculture and our rural communities strong."

He said Governor Dolph Briscoe, Lt. Governor Bill Hobby, House Speaker Bill Clayton, Agriculture Commissioner John White, Land Commissioner Bob Aram, and other top state officials are all rural land owners who recognize the knowledge and new leadership Jimmy Carter will offer to agriculture and the farmers and ranchers of the state and nation.

Judge Crane is also a member of the State Steering Committee for Texans in Agriculture for Carter.

Frederick Leopold of Nada is also a member of the committee heading the county group for Carter.

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One of our friends, who preferred to remain anonymous for fear that he might be accused of spiking his early morning coffee, reported Tuesday that when he traveled east on Postoffice street at around 6:10, a buck deer, estimated at from five to six points, was in the middle of Postoffice Street in front of Johnny Matlack's car wash. The information said the deer ran east, crossed the railroad tracks in front of the depot, turned left at the bank corner and proceeded east on Main right down through the heart of the city, before running north on Lake Avenue at full speed. If there are others who witnessed this unusual incidence we would like to hear from them and maybe help our friend prove that he wasn't "seeing things" early Tuesday morning. There have been other incidents of deer being sighted in the city limits, but this is the first in a few years and probably the first where the deer ventured down the heart of the downtown

business section.

Agriculture and all affiliated with the industry really lost a good friend when Braden and writer Dewey Compton, known to friends as "Dew" and his son, Ronald Ray, known to friends and to the trade as "Little Dew", and their wives were victims of a tragic plane crash in Burleson County near Colton Station early last Saturday morning.

Dew was never too busy to offer words of wisdom from his great knowledge of plant and animal life to those in need. His loss will be felt among the citizens of the Gulf Coast area for a long time.

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 31st as plan to move our clocks back at that time.

Don't be among the millions of Americans who do not make up their mind about when they should vote for Gov. the polls Nov. 2nd and help in choosing our leaders for the next four years.

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