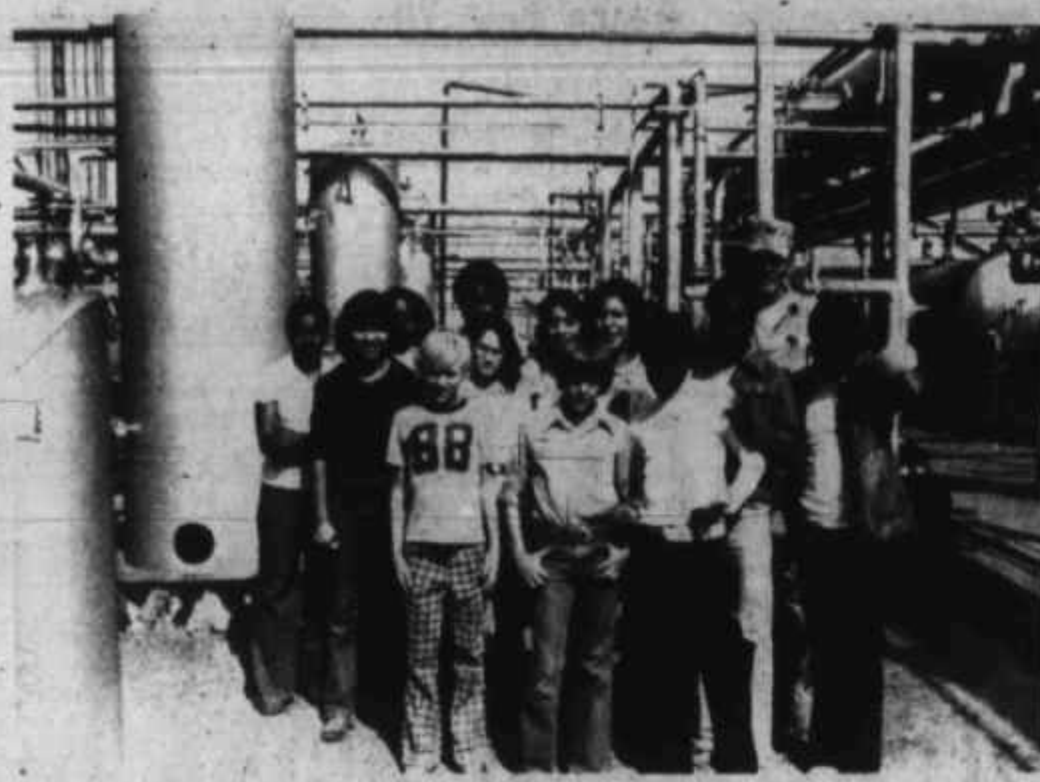


Eighth Grade Tours Tenneco Oil Plant



Make Field Trip To Chesterville

(By Sheila Parker, John Stephens, Keith Matcheki and Michele Sibley)

A group of Eagle Lake Middle School eighth grade students is shown with Mr. Seals, Jr. at the Tenneco Oil Plant. The field trip was taken as a segment of the earth science classes taught by Jack Seals, Jr.

Some interesting points that the students learned are:

1. When the gas first enters the plant, it is a vapor. It goes through purifiers, condensers, heaters, coolers, compressors, and many other stages before leaving the plant. The different kinds of gases are: propane, butane, isobutane and methane.
2. The plant generates its own electricity to run the plant and also treats its own water which is used for cooling gas in the various cooling stages throughout the plant.
3. The gas starts out at about 45 pounds of pressure and ends up at about 800 pounds of pressure. The temperature is up to 400 degrees Fahrenheit before entering the cooling tower, but when it enters, the vapor is turned into a liquid and may get down to as low as 4 degrees Fahrenheit.
4. Gas, actually, is odorless; but for safety reasons, the government requires it to

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have a scent, so before it leaves the plant ammonia is added. Gas from the Chesterville plant is shipped to many areas of the United States. Some gas is shipped as far as New York.

An interesting fact about the plant's mechanism is that, in an emergency, such as if a pipe breaks and causes a gas leak, there is an emergency valve which can shut off every one of the valves in the plant.

At the end of the tour the students were taken into the gas laboratory where samples of gas and oil are cooked. The gas samples are boiled and turned into vapors, then they go through some water which condenses and cools them, and they are finally turned back into a liquid.

The students enjoyed the tour very much and would like to thank the plant workers and Clyde Brown for taking the time to show them around.

OFFICE ASSISTANTS
(By Mark Ostrom)

At Eagle Lake Middle School this year there are seven eighth grade students designated as office assistants. These assistants are: Mark Ostrom, Alice Matur, Raymond Mahalite, Patty Morton, Janie Clipson, Michele Sibley and Dennis Reyes.

They pick up attendance slips from each room, answer the phone and run errands. This was an elective course

that was chosen by these students at registration last year.

GIRLS SOLD TUMBLERS
(By Vickie Eberhart and Debbie Perry)

The seventh and eighth grade athletic girls sold tumblers to raise money to buy warm-up jackets for the girls' basketball team. The tumblers consisted of three different designs: one set was for Christmas, a white plastic glass with a red design and "Noel" written on it; the second set was a black plastic glass with gold print that had all twelve zodiac signs and "Zodiac" written on it; and the third choice was a yellow plastic glass with a black smiley face and the words "Happy Day" written on it.

The voting took place on November 2nd, National Election Day. Out of the sixth grade 79 voted, out of the seventh grade 57 voted and out of the eighth grade 65 voted. President and vice-president candidates for the Republican party received 90 votes. The Democratic candidates, Carter and Mondale, received 105 votes. For the U.S. Senate, Bentsen received 97 votes and Steelman 84 votes. For the U.S. Representative, J. J. Pickle received 119 votes and McClure received 44 votes. For Railroad Commissioner, Jon Newberry, out of the sixth grade, 90 students registered; out of seventh grade,

ELMS STUDENTS VOTE
(By Claudette Parker and Mary Jane Vance)

On October 28 and 29, the Eagle Lake Middle School students from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades registered to vote. The Student Council along with Mrs. Miller sponsored this activity. Out of the sixth grade, 90 students registered; out of seventh grade,

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Daughters Of Confederacy Hear Of Rangers

The Shropshire-Upton Chapter No. 361 United Daughters of the Confederacy met in the Central Power and Light guest room in Columbus Nov. 5th.

Allen Johnston, Past Commander of Terry's Texas Rangers Camp No. 1330, spoke on "Terry's Texas Rangers". This group commonly called "Cavalrymen of the Confederacy" and officially known as the 8th Texas Cavalry Regiment was named for Colonel Benjamin Franklin Terry. Terry was an unusual man; having joined the 8th in their rush to California; he returned to Fort Bend County, Texas with his gold earnings and purchased several thousand acres of land and planted sugar cane as the main crop. This was so successful he started a sugar and molasses mill at Sugar Land; this was later recognized as the Imperial Sugar Industry.

In June of 1861 he headed for Virginia and joined as a scout under General Longstreet.

In August he returned to Texas with the authority to form a Cavalry Regiment, the 8th Texas. This regiment of 1170 men headed for Virginia. General Albert Sidney Johnston had asked that Terry's Regiment be attached to his army. He supplied 1200 horses for Terry's men.

Their style of combat was unorthodox as a combat unit, as their main weapons were double barrel, muzzle loading shotguns, two to four pistols apiece and a Bowie knife. The saber attached to the saddle

was used as a last resort. The regiment was composed of all volunteers. Many were wealthy ranchers, cowboys and expert horsemen. Terry was killed in Kentucky on December 17, 1861. He was buried in Houston, Texas. A State of Texas granite marker was unveiled at the gravesite on April 28, 1964.

A Civil War gun was shown by Mr. Johnston, also a replica of the Terry's Rangers flag that was made and presented to the camp by Mrs. S. C. Bell. The original is in the U.D.C. Museum in Austin. A large scrapbook of interesting Confederate sites was on display. Shropshire-Upton's Confederate Museum was included.

The chapter was honored to have as a guest Mrs. S. C. Bell, Corresponding Secretary of the Texas Division, U.D.C. and a member of the John B. Hood No. 2147 Chapter, Pattison. Also welcomed was Mrs. Allen Johnston, president of the Robert E. Lee Chapter, Houston.

Chapter members were reminded of the Christmas luncheon which will be held on Friday, Dec. 3rd at the Lutheran Hall. Each member may have two guests and reservations must be made with Mrs. Edgar Litzmann by Monday, Nov. 22nd.

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Cindy Stapleton Elected Pres. WCJC Tech Club

Cindy Stapleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stapleton of Katy and granddaughter of Mrs. T. W. Scott of Eagle Lake, was recently elected president of the Med. Rec. Tec. Club at Wharton County Junior College.

Cindy is majoring in medical records and also is presently working as a statistical clerk in the medical records department at Memorial City General Hospital in Houston.

Ladies in the Rice Consolidated School District Food Services organization are taking orders for Stanley Products as a fund-raising event.

You may contact any of the ladies in the school cafeteria or call 234-3990, 2308, 3200, 3783 or 758-3259. Your patronage will be appreciated.

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Governor's School Plan Would Help Rice Dist.

Taxpayers of the Rice Consolidated School District would benefit considerably if Governor Dolph Briscoe's recommendations on public school financing in Texas were approved. Prospects for complete approval of the proposal is uncertain, but it is anticipated that even a compromise offer would be beneficial to the Rice District.

Supt. E. A. Krivakia reported to the board, in session Monday night, that the plan proposed by the governor would result in this district's local fund assignment (for the portion of school costs borne by the local taxpayers) being lowered by some \$372,000.

The governor's plan proposes that the state should assume 90 percent of the cost of the foundation programs and the individual school districts assume 10 percent.

The current ratio is 75 percent financing by the state and 25 percent by the local school district. The additional funding of the foundation program would be financed by approximately \$480 million out of surplus state funds and will not require additional state taxes, it was reported.

"It was interesting to note that the Governor committed

all of the state funds for education, without consideration of teacher pay increases to relieve the burden to the local taxpayer and some of the state funds will be available for salary increases," reported the superintendent.

He also told the board that the Rice District's true market value on all properties in the district is set by the state education agency at \$338 million with an adjusted value based on agricultural production to \$240 million.

Krivakia said that the teacher salary increase issue may come before the Texas Legislature in a separate bill that is expected to be contested and probably delayed to the end of the session.

Five Year Plan
The superintendent also reported to the board on the Read (R2R) program being implemented in grades one and two and three in all schools in the Rice District. She acknowledged that the program is off to a good start and teachers are showing good cooperation.

Mrs. Brown discussed some results of tests taken in the district's reading program. She reported that the 1976-77 school year began and reported that all grades tested well above the average. She especially praised the progress of second and third graders, but noted that grades above the third grades showed progressively lower progress in reading.

She attributed this to a change in the reading program and availability of reading materials. Mrs. Brown stressed that the program works to "get children to like to read."

No Loan Necessary
A review of the accounts and the financial statement disclosed that a total of \$181,000 in 1976 taxes was collected during October and it was not necessary to make a short term loan from the First National Bank to meet the October payroll, as had been anticipated.

Among other distinguished guests were Joe Williamson of the T.H.C. National Register program, Mike Yancy, Joe Oppermann, both of the Texas Historical Commission, also Doyle Sebesta of the Galveston-Houston Area Council.

The members of the Stafford Opera House Players included LeRoy Stein, John Parks, Tony Heines, Dennis Holcomb, Chuck Hall, Tom Gaylor and Sam Echols of Columbus and Dan Mear of Hallettsville; also Leah King, pianist of Columbus; L. E. Clark, Director of Schulerberg; Nita Heines, coordinator of Columbus, and most of the players' wives and husbands.

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