

## Rotary Hears Rice CISD Supt. **Discuss School Legislation**

Members of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club and guests heard an informative and timely discussion of proposed school legislation when Supt. E. A. Krivacka was guest speaker at the meeting of the club Wed., Dec. 29th. Louis J. Balas was program chairman

Balas was program chairman - perintendent stated that the for the day.

the effect that proposed provisions of various school financing bills would have on local eitizens and also the inequities that exist is collection of property taxes

being the inequities in an one level of value for all administration of the proper appencies of the county and ty tax and another in the the assessments would be multitude of complex laws contablished by a trained which make administration append to be a lay citizen difficult, he commented. He board.

value, an assessed value or ratio in open meetings, the productive value of the which have been well iand, thereby bringing about advertised, each, taxpayer a vast difference in methods of sould have to be notified in administering the tax. A the event a change in the simplification is a must," he ratio is made from year to

Supt. Krivacka discussed taxpayers more remedies and SUPT, ED KRIVACEA for the City of Eagle Labo Gumbo Supper Jam. 21st

inequilies that exist is in the assessment of property collection of property taxes over the state of Texas. The present system for the collection of property taxes in this state has many inequilies, two major obeat being the inequities in the data administration of the property in the collection of the property inequilies in the data many is and the data administration of the property is the data one level of value for all of the more state of the property is a state of the property inequilies in the data one level of value for all of the property is a state of the property is the data of the data of the property is the data of the property is the data of the property is the data of the data of the data of the property is the data of the data

added that property taxes is As a protection to the are now administered in this rangayer, the new bill state under either of three proposes that in addition to methods, using a market the setting of the assessment

The speaker noted that in the question and answer although there has been some measure which followed, he although there has been some talk among legalative circles that the property tax will be abolished. Krivarka said that it was his opinion that this will never happen, for revenue from property taxes is too great and would create a great tax burden in some other area. The property owners of this state should insist that to bring about equality is per cent of the total tax roll

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Colorado Coal Central Power and Light Company and Colowyo Coal

**CPL** Signs

Company of Denver, Colora-do have signed a 25-year contract for approximately 30 million tons of coal. Colowyo, owned jointly by subsidiaries of W. R. Grace & Co., New York, and the

Hanna Mining Company, Cleveland, is to commence deliveries in late 1979 at the rate of 1.5 million tons a year. The low-sulfur coal is to come from a surface mine

near Craig, Colorado beginning in late 1979. The coal will be used at CPL's Coleto **Creek Power Station now** under construction mid-way between Victoria and Goliad in South Texas.

A unit train system will be used to transport the coal to CPL's 550,000-kilowatt gen-erating station planned for operation in December, 1979. Three 100-car unit trains will supply the one-unit power plant with 1,500,000 tons of coal annually. A rotary dump system will off-load a unit train in four hours. A second generating unit

may be added at the site to meet future requirements for electrical energy. CPL is building the coal-fired electric generating station in an effort to reduce its dependence on natural gas and oil which are in short supply, and increasingly more expensive. Natural gas now

sells for about \$1.95 compar-ed to the estimated \$1.25 per MMBTU price of coal delivered to the site on today's market. Lower fuel cost necessarily mean lower elec-tric cost, noted one CPL official. The higher investment costs for the coal station will probably offset any lower fuel cost. The Coleto Creek Power Station will do more to stabilize the price of electricity and bring down the rapidly escalating trend in CPL's fuel cost which are passed on to

dependable supply of electric power include participation in the nuclear powered South Texas Project, scheduled for operating the first of its 1,250,000 kilowatt generating units in 1980, CPL is also participating in development of a coal gasification system at its La Palma Power Station in San Benito, and issupporting research into geothermal power and fusion power through programs at the University of Texas.

Session Each Week During Jan. The first session of four to be field in a Rice Shortcourse Rotary Gumbo

to be sponsored here by the Colorado County Rice Subcommittee got underway at 2 p.m. this Wed., January 5th. Benefit Supper

In the Community Center. Dr. Arthur Gerlow, extension Dr. Arthur Gerlow, extension Fri., Jan. 21 prospects for soybeans, the conomic prospects of alternate crops considering present equipment and supplies and additional capital needs for fixed and variable expenses. Also Dr. Arlen proceeds earmarked for the Klosterboer, extension ag- benefit of the Colorado ronomist, was due to discuss - County Mental Health and management of soybean Mental Retardation Workproduction.

Thursday, January 13th and worthy project. the speakers will include: R. E. Withers, Extension Agri- will be accepted. Rotarians cultural Engineer, and J. W. will do all cooking- and Sorenson, Experiment Station Agricultural Engineer, make as much of the income Rice drying and storage available to the workshops. including preventing stack burn, air flow requirements, seaters and management: Johnnie Cooper, former Colorado County Extension Agent, Economics of On Farm Rice Drying and Speakers at other sessions

will be: Wednesday, January 19: Dr. Walter Walla, Extension Plant Pathologist, Rice diseases identification and control; Dr. Arlen Klosterboer, Rice weeds and their control. Wednesday, January 26:

Dr. Arthur Gerlow, Results of two years of farm records on home was \$42/79; 'while that rice fields in Colorado County: Dr. Jim Stansel, Scientist in, charge of the Western Division Experiment Station in Eagle Lake, Research results, manage tion Systems Division, HUD. ment practices, recommenda-Linns and research needed.

There will be a "one-time" \$2.00 registration fee to cover the costs of hall rent and coffee for all four sessions. The Shortcourse is being

sponsored by: The Colorado South Texas eastomers, Other CPL programs aim ed at maintaining a continued The Texas Agricultural Ex-tension Service, Texas A&M nsion Service, Texas A&M University and the Colorado Commissioners County Court

## FHA insured Homes Avg. Cost \$32,137

The average sales price of an FHA insured existing home in Texas aduring the second quarter (April, May, June) 1976 was \$21,641, while the average for proposed construction (new) was \$32. 137. The sales prices per square foot were \$17.40 and \$21.79 respectively.

Some indication of the increase in land development costs can be gleaned from the lifferences in the typical market price of the site: \$3,689 or 53 cents per square foot on existing versus \$5,027 or 72 cents per square foot or the new construction.

Those insured under Sec tion 203 (b) as existing homes veraged 2.8 bedrooms with 12 percent having more than one full bath. The proposed cases averaged 3.1 bedrooms with 92.5 percent having nore than one full bath.

Looking at the borrowe tharacteristics we find that the average monthly income of the new home buyer was \$1,689 in contrast to \$1,279 for the existing home buyer. In 58 percent of the cases the wife of the existing home

buyer worked, having an income averaging \$568 per month. 63 percent of the propased cases were process ed with working wives whose income averaged \$863 per total monthly mor

payment averaged on existing, contrast a \$313.54 average on The monthly cost for heat



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shops and the public is The next session will be on invited to support this A \$1.50 per plate donation serving chores in order to

Tickets to the event went on sale this week with all Rotarians or they will be available at the door on the 21st. President Jim Stansel announced that Tommy Pilkington will be general hairman for the event. If you are not contacted for tickets

from Fred Frnka, Robert committee.

and utilities in the existing for the new horris was \$52.02 The above was extracted from State Trends . A Supplement to FHA Trends from Management Informa-While the characteristics

are for Texas as a whole, they very probably closely represent the average for the Houston Insuring Office jurisdiction

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Income Tax Packages Are 2 Weeks Late Local residents can expect to receive their federal income tax forms packages in the mail in the next few days. The tax forms will arrive Henry J. Hajovsky about two weeks later than last year, according to Mollye K. Mitchell, Director's Re-Tax Assessor-Collector **Colorado County** presentative for the Internal



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WEIMAR - Wednesday, Thursday and Felday, Jan. 5, 6, 7, 1977, City Hat 8:45 A.M. to 3:68 P.M. EAGLE LAKE -- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 10, 11, 12, 1977, City Hell, 8:45 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.

GARWOOD -- Thursday, Jan. 13, 1977, Hepkins Office, 8:45 A.M. to 3:45 P.M. SMERIDAN - Friday, Jan. 14, 1977, School House, 9:00 A. M. to 12:30 P.M. ROCK ISLAND -- Friday, Jan. 14, 1977, Community Conter, 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

NOTICE

LONE OAK - Mondage Jun. 17, 1977, Richter's Place, 9:00 A.M. to 12:00

rest Sauke -- Monday, Jan. 17, 1977, Holasoba's Store, 12:30 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

NADA -- Toesday, Jan. 18, 1977, Nada Grecary & Market, 8:45 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.







To Property Owners of Colorado County I, or my deputies, will be at the following places on dates shown being to usess your property fait the year 1977 and to college 1976 texes:

PLEASE BRING YOUR BEED IF YOU BOUGHT ANY REAL ESTATE THAT IS TO BE RENDERED POR THE FIRST TIME IN 1977.

South Texas

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Industrial Guide

The South Texas Industrial

Guide is the only publication

of its type in Texas to be

listed in a new national

directory of industrial direct-

the South Texas Chamber of

Commerce appears in the

new "Sources of State

Information and State Indus-

trial Directories," published

by the Chamber of Commerce

The guide has already been distributed by mail to

hundreds of developers who

have evidenced an interest in.

Texas and was personally

delivered to all prospects contacted on the regional

chamber's recent tourse New

York and New Jersey.

of the United States.

The annual publication

