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EL Primary School Principal Reports

(One of a series of reports by Principals of schools of the EL District to the board of education. This report is by R. M. Brown, Principal of Eagle Lake Primary School, and is printed in part for information of our readers.)

The Eagle Lake Primary School was requested by the Board of Education to give immediate attention to eleven areas given a Priority A level rating. Five other areas needing improvement or enhancement identified by the Council will also be discussed in this report. These items have been assigned a Priority B level rating.

The formation of a Parent Council to enhance community-school support was the first of the priority items on the Primary School Needs Assessment Sheet. To date all efforts toward the formation of such an organization have failed.

Additional Science equipment and supplies were ordered and received in December of 1976. Distribution of the materials was mainly to the second and

third grades as these levels reflect a greater emphasis on science than the other two levels do.

A water fountain as well as a lavatory were installed in the gym over a year ago to facilitate more rapid return to class on hot weather days. This is in addition to the Kindergarten and the main building indoor drinking facilities. The existing outdoor fountains were renovated so that six children could be able to drink at once.

Curriculum Revision and development began in the 1977-78 school year. It is anticipated that two-thirds of the project will be completed by the close of this school year. From this point forward, a new revision of a given subject area will be adopted. Most of the grade levels (1, 2 and 3) will have only reading left to complete by the close of the 1978-79 school year. This represents an intentional delay in order to incorporate new ideas into the curriculum handbook derived from the Right to

Governor Gets Texan of Year Award



Governor Dolph Briscoe (center) has received the Texan of Year Award for "his outstanding contributions for Texas in the field of public affairs," from the Texas Legislative Conference, sponsored jointly by the Texas State Chamber of Commerce and the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce. Bill Collins of Midland, president of the Texas Legislative Conference (left), presented the award as Mrs. Janice Briscoe (right) looks on. The ceremony was held March 31 at the award reception of the Legislative Conference in New Braunfels.

summer when an exploratory look is taken underneath the floor.

Visits To Library
The final Priority A Needs Assessment suggested scheduled visits to the public library. Last school year the entire campus visited the library by grade levels. This year books are being checked out in large lots for a month at a time and brought to the Primary campus. Plans are to have the grade levels make a scheduled visit to the public library again this year toward the end of school as an attempt to motivate the children into a Summer reading program.

The first Priority B item listed by the Planning Council was playground equipment for Kindergarten pupils. Two slides and one jungle gym were purchased from Out Door Equipment Company of Houston last Fall.

An art incentive program to include the Primary teachers was another area of need identified. This directive is to be attained through incentive activities in the Fall at the beginning of the new school year.

Another Priority B level concern was that of a bilingual teacher who would be able to assist with the Spanish speaking children in the instructional area. No staff vacancies have occurred in the past year to enable the employment of a person of the above description.

Efforts were made this past Summer to obtain parent supervision and class room assistance. No progress was made toward the bus situation, but two ladies served as Kindergarten volunteers at the beginning of the year. Since that time one has left the position leaving only Mrs. Patti Stephens as a regular parent volunteer.

The final Priority B item is the paving of the Southwest entrance to the main building on the Primary campus. Commissioner Stiles has been contacted toward this end. In retrospect this project began two summers ago. The entrance area was bladed, but then word was given that the paving will be done in 1975 actually made the

24 YEARS AGO

The Way It Was...

(March 19, 1953)
Public invited to K's Flower and Gift Shop open house Sunday... Queen's identity to remain a secret until festival night... Drive to collect \$1400 for Red Cross is underway... Club Scouts to hold annual luncheon at Golf Links Sunday... Two damage suits go before District Court Tuesday... J. P. Edgar, U. S. Army, who left Eagle Lake for duty with the Armed Services on July 17th, is now stationed somewhere in Korea with the 26th Signal Construction Battalion in which he has been overseas since the 24th of December... County asks bid for paint on refinishing job... Thomas-Clipsen rodeo opens season Sunday 18... WSCS has Silver tea Tuesday night... County Farm Bu. opposes proposed gas refund cut... Garwood F. F. A. Members sell calves at good market prices... Club Scout has

ing party honors Jerry Clippard's birthday... Girl Scouts' meeting... Doris Patricia Lowman and Doris Patricia Lowman were guests of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club at the noon luncheon Wednesday... presented Ota Poonery, Rotary President, with an associate membership pin in Girl Scouting... Eagles defeat East Bernard in first baseball game 3 to 2... Jerry Clippard, 1910 passed away at the home of his mother, Mrs. Arnold Payne had thirty of his young friends over for a wonderful birthday party... ELHS Band in regional event March 26-27th... County Auditor Lee Weisenhoff nominated Director of accounts... Miss Ethel Kalar, a resident of Rock Island since 1910 passed away at the LaGrange Hospital in Eagle Lake after an illness of several weeks... the 26th Signal Construction Battalion in which he has been overseas since the 24th of December... County asks bid for paint on refinishing job... Thomas-Clipsen rodeo opens season Sunday 18... WSCS has Silver tea Tuesday night... County Farm Bu. opposes proposed gas refund cut... Garwood F. F. A. Members sell calves at good market prices... Club Scout has

County To Apply For CETA Funds

Colorado County Commissioners' Court met Monday in regular session and among a variety of items on the agenda, approved an application of \$7220 in federal funds under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act for use in hiring trainees for county positions.

Crank Judge Lester J. Crank informed the commissioners that the county has been allocated that amount for use between the period of April 1, 1977 and Sept. 30, 1977. At the end of the September date, the federally funded program may or may not be continued.

One of the conditions for employment is that the applicant be a graduate of high school and not recently employed. It is anticipated that the employee will be trained for possible permanent employment at the end of that period.

Three commissioners, Otto Lowman of precinct 1, Rafael Vesilka of precinct 2 and Crockett Leyendecker of precinct 3, indicated that they might be interested in hiring someone under the program. Precinct 1 Commissioner Bill Stiles, a proponent of the use of federal funds in such situations, opposed the proposal.

After the application for the funds has been approved, the commissioners are expected to decide where the positions will be made available.

Student Agreement OK'd
The court also approved an application for state and federal funding for summer employment of economically handicapped students for the 1977 summer program. Judge Crank noted that last year the county qualified for funds for 25 students, five of which went to the Weimar school. Five to Columbus and the balance to Rice School District as per requests made by the respective school administrators.

The Manservant Consortium agreement under which the funds are made available is through the Brazoria County Commissioners' Court which is the contracting agency for participating counties in the Houston-Galveston area. Council with the exception of Houston and Galveston, and the Palacios School District is the coordinator for the funds. It is anticipated that the county will qualify for the same number of student employees as last year. After the application is approved, it is anticipated that the school districts and possibly some county officials, will be contacted for their desired participation.

The court approved a request by Second 25th Judicial District Judge B. B. Schrauf for approval of an application for second year funding under a three year Bailiff Coordinator Grant program. Funds for the program are provided through the Texas County and Justice Council and require no county funds.

Judge Crank pointed out that there is a bill before the current legislature to make the bailiff position a state-salaried position. In the vote on the application, Commissioners Lowman, Vesilka, and Leyendecker voted for and Stiles against.

Qualification Dates Set
The court approved the date of June 3rd at 9 a.m. as the date for the meeting of the county board of equalization with oil and gas interests and the date of June 8th at 9 a.m. as the time for meeting with local and individual property owners on values for 1977 taxes. The court authorized Sheriff

Family Land Heritage Program Resumes May 1

May 1 marks the resumption of the Texas Family Land Heritage Program and additional statewide tours and ranches now have the opportunity to join the 31 Colorado County properties which have already been registered. Agriculture Commissioner Ikegan V. Brown has announced.

Countywide honorees are more than 1,100 registrants who have qualified since the program was started by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) in 1972. All of the honorees can trace continuous production on their historic lands back 100 years or more to family members.

Application forms for the program may be obtained from county judges, county historical commission chairmen, and by writing the Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12447, Austin, Texas 78712. Deadline for submitting completed applications is August 15.

Countywide applicants must receive county judge certification before submitting their completed forms. Final decisions on the program will be made by the TDA staff.

Under the rules of the program, county judges must own the land and reside in Texas, while any land in the process of being sold to a non-relative is ineligible. The line of ownership of the property may be traced through wives and husbands, children, brothers and sisters, and nieces and nephews. Adopted children will be considered equally with blood relatives.

Free Car Wash
Mrs. Lavon Tolliver, this is your ticket for a free car wash at John's Kwik Kar Wash located next to John's 66 Station in Eagle Lake. (Up this out and out printed at John's for a free car wash effective through April 19, 1977)

Cheerleader Tryouts
Try-outs for 1977-78 cheerleaders positions at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton are planned at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 28 in the Pioneer Gym according to Mrs. Dena Gladden, sponsor.

Garrett, in the Seaton Hospital in Austin on March 31. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Garrett of Austin.

Miss Paula Krensek spent the spring holidays from Texas Tech in Lubbock with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krensek.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wobley visited with relatives in Boling Sunday.

Mrs. Paul E. Shwab returned to her home in Nashville Monday after a two week stay with her mother, Mrs. Maynor Northington.

The members of the Bonita Baptist Church enjoyed a picnic dinner in the Peikart brothers' hangar Sunday after church. There was an Easter service at the church.

Messers and Madames George H. Northington III, John Northington, and E. L. McLeroy and family of Wharton were at the Northington lodge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Dowd, Jr. and family of New Orleans, La., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zahn and son of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Lady Zahn, Miss Margaret Zahn, and Mr. and Mrs. George Krensek, Jr. and family of Dallas were hosts at a barbecue dinner Sunday for the family at their home in Eagle Lake.

McMullan Hites
Friends of W. E. McMullan, of Houston, Ark., regret to learn of his passing away on March 26th in Conway Hospital in Marrion, Ark. Services were held in Houston, Ark. with the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dr. J. B. McMillan, officiating.

Mrs. McMullan had been a member of the Masonic Lodge for 64 years, and was 88 years old. His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Eva Harris McMullan; two daughters and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. McMullan were former residents of Wharton.

Mrs. A. J. Kallias spent the weekend in Houston with the family of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Treggier.

Mrs. Will N. Hervey was in Tellico with relative during the holiday weekend.

Donna Lou Thomas Kelley, Douglas Barnes Wed Mar. 12

Accounting By 2 Garwood Firms Sought In Suit

A suit was filed in District Court at Columbus April 9th seeking an accounting of the assets of two Garwood-based firms.

Neal Stallman and wife, Mary, filed the suit against Thompson Fertilizer, Inc. and others.

The Stallmans contend they are one-half owners in the fertilizer company and the one-half owners of Thompson Aircraft Supply Inc. and Leonard and Norma Jean Thompson are owners of the one-half interest in the companies.

The suit asks for an accounting of all assets of the two companies operated by the Thompsons.

Use of Avitrol County To OK'd In 19 Rights On Land

Agriculture Commissioner Ikegan V. Brown has announced that an emergency exemption has been granted for use of Avitrol in 19 rice-growing counties in Texas.

"This chemical is used to repel birds that have caused damage to newly seeded rice fields," Commissioner Brown stated.

The Environmental Protection Agency has given authorization for the application program, which will be monitored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Permission has been granted for the program covering 19 counties: Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Lavaca and Wharton counties in this area.

Strict regulations govern the use of Avitrol. Commissioner Brown said. A buffer zone is established by the cooperating governmental agencies, and the EPA regional office to protect waterways and endangered species. The chemical is not applied in areas where Avitrol's prairie chickens nest or have been sighted.

On-site surveillance is conducted by state or county personnel of the cooperating agencies.

Civil Appeals Court Upholds
25th Judicial District Court at Columbus received a motion filed this week from the Court of Civil Appeals in Houston upholding a verdict handed down by a jury in this case in a trial April 5-12, 1976.

Involved in the case were Zeta Bell et al vs. Mitchell Energy Corp. and it was over an oil lease which was signed in 1939. The plaintiff sought to have the lease cancelled but the jury decided in favor of the Mitchell Co. and found the lease to be legal and binding. This decision was upheld by the appeals court.

El Campo KC Festival Apr. 17

The Annual Spring Festival sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council No. 2490 of El Campo will be held this Sunday, April 17 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Army Road. Dinner will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. with the menu including barbecue beef and sausage with all the trimmings. Most tickets will be \$2.50 per plate, and there will be plates to go. Bulk meat will be sold at the pit by the pound.

The afternoon will see a variety of entertainment, games and amusements. There will also be a big country concert. The day-long festival concludes with a dance at night with music by Little Henry and the Country Boys, with dancing from 7 until 11:00 p.m.

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SUNRISE SERVICE
Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Chestnut Cemetery grounds near Sheridan, Bro. Otto Bortard led those attending in the singing of hymns before the Rev. Bernard Helge, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sheridan, read scripture and presented the early morning message.

Mother's Workshop
Resat April 21
The April Mother's Workshop will not be held April 14th. A tentative meeting date will be Thursday, April 21st. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the Sheridan School with Mrs. Vera Brown in charge. Interested mothers are invited to attend and participate in this activity which is designed to help teachers by providing teaching aids for classroom work.

TO ATTEND CONFERENCE
Mrs. Gerald Reinhardt of Sheridan will be in Austin April 12, 13 and 14th to attend the Foster Parent Conference. Mrs. Reinhardt was elected as delegate from the Houston region.

EASTER PARTY
Tuesday, April 18th, an Easter Party was attended by 18 members of the weekly 10 Hour, held at the Sheridan Community Center at 10:30 a.m., activities included an Easter egg hunt with each youngster finding their own basket filled with "goodies."

After a Pinner Board story about a kidnapping, the children enjoyed slices of an Easter Bunny cake, candy punch and potato chips. Refreshments were furnished by mothers of Story four members.

EASTER VISITS
Mrs. Richard Smith and daughter Laurie visited in Sheridan with the T. Blanche McMillan, two daughters and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. McMullan were former residents of Wharton.

Mrs. A. J. Kallias spent the weekend in Houston with the family of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Treggier.

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Study Club President's Luncheon May 6
The Eagle Lake Study Club will hold its annual President's Luncheon on Friday, May 6 at 12 noon in the Eagle Lake Community Center. Tickets may be purchased from John Alford, East Bernard, Miss Donna Hoffman, La Grange, Mrs. Allyn Morgan, Hempstead, Mrs. Minnie Fling, Garwood, Miss Sherry Krensek, Garwood, Miss Loretta Walker, Altair, Aquila McGrew, Columbus, Mrs. Marlene Wierland and Mrs. Lavinia Gilford, Columbus.

Gustavo Garcia, Houston, Mrs. Edna Haddrell, Franks, Mrs. Mark Bortard and children, Edna Haddrell, Mrs. Kline, the Rickie Hinds and Mrs. and Mrs. Roy Coady and son Correll of Houston visited with Mrs. S. M. Fuller of Sheridan Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Waddell and daughters of Houston visited for the holidays with Mrs. Feb Briskoe of Sheridan.

Elmer Potter drove to Somerville Friday afternoon and spent the night with his daughter, Mrs. Jerry Brocker and her husband, who were camping out for the weekend at Lake Somerville. Mrs. Potter returned to her home in Sheridan late Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Holt and daughter of Houston visited in Sheridan Sunday with Mrs. Tommy C. Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. David Smith and children of Houston visited in Sheridan with Mrs. A. L. Toupe.

Last Rites For Lawrence Carroll
Our sympathy to the family of Lawrence Carroll of Houston, who passed away March 27th in the Veterans Hospital at Marlin, Texas. Mr. Carroll was 84 years of age at the time of his death and had been hospitalized in it for health for a lengthy period of time.

Funeral services were held at the Sheridan Funeral Home in Houston at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 30th. Interment was in the Houston National Cemetery.

Mr. Carroll is survived by his wife, Ora Carroll of South Houston; two daughters, Ann Johnson of La Porte and Jewel Ross of Sheridan; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Carroll's grave was pallbearers.

CONVALESCENTS
Mrs. Joe Schillab is convalescing in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital following surgery on Tuesday morning of last week. She is doing well according to reports from her family.

PTS Meeting
3:30 Next Tues
DON'T FORGET
The meeting of the Parents and Teachers of Sheridan will be held Tuesday, April 18th at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sheridan School with Mrs. Gayle Cobb, president, in charge. This will be the second of two meetings. The future members of the Future Teachers of Sheridan will be present at a style show.

Agg. Assault Charged in Weimar
Colorado County Sheriff's office in Columbus received a call at 2:55 a.m. Sunday, April 10th that a James Clifton Murphy of Weimar, a colored man, was being treated at the Weimar Hospital for a gunshot wound.

A Sheriff's deputy was sent to the hospital and investigation revealed that Murphy, a black woman, Cecil Williams, also of Weimar, had been in an argument earlier in the evening. The woman claimed that Murphy threatened her at that time. She later left and went to her home on Route 3 near Weimar and claimed that Murphy came to her home to resume the argument and she took a loaded pistol with her in this country. The two reportedly struggled for the gun and Murphy shot her one eye with the .22 caliber pistol.

The bullet lodged in the man's head and he was reported in critical condition late Tuesday.

A charge of aggravated assault was filed against the woman and she is out of jail under a \$20,000 bond and will face action by the September grand jury. Officers add however that if Murphy does not recover from the shooting, more serious charges likely will be filed.

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