

EL Third Grade Easter Egg Roll



Pictured left to right are Robert Dierckhe, Roger Shick, Cornell Hard, Curtis Rose and Donald Hollas. These students along with 91 other third graders competed for prizes in the annual Eagle Lake Primary School egg roll contest.

AARP HEARS TALK ON "UNIQUENESS OF MAN"

The A.A.R.P. (American Association of Retired Persons) met for a regular meeting (which is always the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m.) on April 6, 1977 in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Davidson led the group in prayer. There were 29 present, including Mrs. Joyce Miller. She and her husband, Lee Miller, are new members. Clyde Brown, vice president, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Rose Langley led the group in singing and Mrs. Enola Phillips conducted the business meeting giving the reports.

The members reached up 144 hours of social service in the community during March. There were five volunteers to assist in an Easter egg hunt at the Heritage House Friday, the eighth of April. Enola asked members to write our Texas legislative body in regard to several bills pending: generic drug substitution; the tax reduction on inheritance tax; also on a bill to improve health and welfare in nursing homes.

There is a need for open meetings with patients, relatives and personnel in the nursing homes. Several topics were discussed, especially one to Claretia, New Mexico, which was founded in 1980. Vice President Brown gave

Fort Bend Czech Fest Begins Friday

Folks in Fort Bend County are bracing for the thousands of visitors due in town for the second annual Fort Bend County Czech Fest, scheduled for April 15-17.

Upwards of forty thousand people are expected to attend this big spring festival at the county fairgrounds on Texas Highway 56 three miles south of Rosenberg.

Czech Fest begins at noon on Friday, April 15, and continues through midnight Sunday, April 17. What comes in between is a weekend filled with fine food, music and dancing, and a great variety of social entertainment in the best Czech tradition.

Inquiries or requests for a detailed schedule of events should be directed to the Rosenberg-Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce, 1919 Avenue H, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. The phone number is (713) 942-5664.

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Apathy Dominates Atmosphere Of State Legislative Session

(By Rep. John Wilson)

This week I wish to depart from my usual objective, unbiased account of the weekly proceedings of the Texas Legislature to comment on my personal, subjective feelings regarding the peculiar atmosphere prevalent in this Session of the Legislature. This unusual atmosphere has been perceived and reflected by members of the Legislature, the news media, and the public at large. This lack of enthusiasm and excitement has certainly never been so prominent in the past two sessions in which I have served.

With the Legislature having only two months left in its biennial session before it adjourns until January 1979 I have finally been able to identify the cause. In November 1972, the voters of Texas approved a Texas constitutional amendment which extended the terms of office for statewide elected officials from two to four years. Thus, in November 1974, the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller of public accounts, and state treasurer were elected to serve until 1978. For the first time in the history of the State of Texas the Texas Legislature has not convened fast upon the heels of statewide election of its major elected officials. In addition to these incumbent officials, the Speaker of the Texas House has been re-elected without any opposition.

In the past legislators have been aware of the campaign promises and positions taken by these newly elected officials. Many of these promises and positions resulted in these officials presenting their solutions to the various statewide problems to the Legislature for enactment. This leadership and direction, in the past, has helped legislators look beyond the problems of their individual districts to those which trouble the state as a whole. Without energetic direction this session state legislators have been left adrift to perceive for themselves what the problems of the state are and how to address them. Thus, legislators who spent considerable time and energy, who made those campaign promises, and who took the necessary positions on the issues have become frustrated in trying to accomplish those things.

The end result of this peculiar legislative atmosphere is that those issues which Texas in this time of stable economic growth and a budgetary surplus could and should address must wait until another day.

Officers and directors of El Campo Production Credit Association gather in Dallas April 14-16 with other agricultural specialists from throughout Texas for the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston's annual meeting of stockholders.

Representing El Campo PCA are board members Leo J. Allmon, of El Campo, chairman; S. B. Allen, of Edna; and Ben H. Wheeler, Jr., of Bessing, K. E. Simak, of El Campo, PCA president, also will attend.

Keynote speakers at the session are newly-elected Governor Donald Wilkerson, head of the Farm Credit Administration in Washington, D.C., and President Jack Barton, the Houston bank's top executive officer.

The Houston Credit Bank, principal source of funds for 32 Production Credit Associations and seven agricultural credit corporations, last year loaned more than \$1.5 billion through its agricultural credit outlets. It is a member-bank of the Farm Credit System.

South Texas CC Prepares Vacation Guide

A comprehensive 40-page color Vacation Guide and tourist oriented national advertising are part of the total tourism package being coordinated by the South Texas Chamber of Commerce. A brief history of the South Texas region, major tourist attractions, outdoor activities and sporting locations, celebrations and a calendar of events, general information on the Texas liquor laws, border regulations and hunting and fishing information will all be included in this year's guide.

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ment of Highways and Public Transportation. Tourist bureaus will distribute the guide.

Tickets To "Oklahoma" At Columbus on Sale

Tickets go on sale this week for the Stafford Opera House Players presentation, "Oklahoma" at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus, Friday, May 18th through Sunday, May 22nd.

The gala opening night benefit performance will be

held for a piano and theatre lights, and will be at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 18th. Tickets to the event are \$10.00 per person. Admission to other performances May 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd will be \$5.00 per person. All performances begin at 8:30 p.m. and a limit of 400 seats will be sold, none reserved, for each performance.

Tickets may be purchased at the following places: Style Shop in Columbus or by mail order. Send check with self-addressed, stamped envelope to Tickets, Rt. 1 Box 221, Columbus, Texas 78904.

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