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ELMS Principal On  
Needs Assessment

(One of a series of reports by principals of schools of the Rice Consolidated School District to the board of education. This one by James Crab, principal of Eagle Lake Middle School.)

Need: Restructure the Music Program in Eagle Lake Schools. Level of Priority: B.

The program is not implemented as originally conceived and presented to the planning council last year for the fourth and fifth grades. Allocations of time have been altered slightly to allow for more efficient scheduling. The sixth, seventh and eighth grade music classes are incorporated as originally planned.

The band program has not been altered. Students are started in the fifth grade, have intermediate band in the sixth grade and the performing unit of the school is composed of the seventh and eighth grade students.

Need: Renovate the Library Level of Priority: B.

The library renovation has been begun and should be completed in the three year time span that was allotted. To date, four additional bookshelves have been ordered and have been placed in the library. This will increase the shelf space by one hundred and eight feet. Seven additional electric outlets have also been provided.

These are needed for the learning stations that will be added in the fall of 1977. The purpose of these learning stations is to increase the services that the library can offer by having areas set up by teachers so that the school's audio and visual aids can be used to implement her instruction and will allow the students the opportunity to use the library facilities.

One of the existing bookshelves has been repaired. The remaining bookshelves are scheduled to be refinished this spring and summer. The cracks in the walls will also be repaired and painted during this time period. Purchases that will need to be requested to be budgeted for the 1977-78 school year will be six tables, six study carrels and forty-two chairs. With this renovation and additional equipment, the ELMS library will be assured of meeting or exceeding the Southern Association standard.

Need: Maintain the services of a professional counselor (position created Feb. 1976) Level of Priority: A.

Presently, our counselor, Mrs. Glover, is funded by the State Compensatory Education Act. Current proposals indicate that this funding will probably be phased out in the 1977-78 school year. It is my considered opinion that Mrs. Glover's positive influence on our students is so important to be terminated because of this loss of funds. Her salary should be considered as part of local funding.

Need: Increase emphasis on Sex Education, Crime and Career Education - Level of Priority: A.

Sex education is begun in the middle school on the fifth grade level. It is the consensus of the teachers on this level that needs of the students are met concerning the drug and sex education objectives as set forth by locally developed guides.

The basis of instruction is the health text, "Health and Growth," and "Let's See Your Body and How It Works" serve as the central focus for this course of study. Additional media materials utilized are the films "Girl to Woman," "Boy to Man" and "Being Boys and Girls."

Sex education in the sixth grade has emphasis on reproduction as a necessary life function and the development of a health attitude toward sex. Duties from the textbook "Human" are used.

The seventh grade goes into greater depth of the biological aspects of reproduction in life science. The main emphasis is on reproduction as a necessary life function; use of proper terminology concerning the body parts and responsibility for the care of offspring. The dangers of promiscuous behavior in sexual relationships is reported in recent news stories; how they are transmitted is discussed; the need for immediate treatment is given careful consideration.

Drug education includes the following topics in the sixth grade: drug misuse and abuse; misuse and abuse for different reasons; different substances affect the human body physiologically, psychologically and socially.

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24 YEARS AGO  
Let's Look Back

(March 26, 1953)

Tuesday, April 1st last day for license plates. J. E. A. Gibson, 40, of Eagle Lake, formerly associated with oilfield work and rice buying, died of a heart attack before his car ran off Deane Highway near Houston Tuesday afternoon at 5:25 p.m.

18-FPA chapters meet here for district training. Joe Don can be believed to be enroute home from Korea. Traffic was delayed an hour last Thursday night on Highway 90 by a spectacular wreck on the Columbus Colorado River bridge in which a car was destroyed by fire but in which none were injured. The colorful and very entertaining third annual Parent-Teacher Association Spring Festival was held on Tuesday night and was highlighted by the crowning of Miss Nelda Gentry as Queen and her escort, Bob Cook, as King of the Festival. Matus Blacksmith shoe repairman from Highway 90A location, Mrs. Jas. T. Danks elected District Flying Farmers Queen.

Rock Island's new school building to be complete in April. Many Johnson named on all-district case teams. Eagle Lake students walk off with top literary honors at district meet. The debating team of Tommy Smith and Craig Adams, was awarded first place with 20 points. In the Junior Girls' Declaration, Barbara Smith placed second. The Junior boys' declamation entry, Wayne Brasher was awarded first place. J. L. and Mrs. Eugene Verne were awarded first place. Kay Kearney, 300 Seniors

expected at WCJC Senior Day, festivities April 16. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hensley of Sweeny announce the birth of daughter, born Sunday, March 15, at the Casey Valley Hospital in Wharton. She weighed eight pounds and five ounces at birth and has been named Charlie Ann. Pvt. John C. Henneke of Eagle Lake, is a recent graduate of a seven-week truck vehicle course at the Jim Specialized School in Japan. Almarin Patrick Leudrich writes to parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Leudrich of this city, that he has received a proposition to Almarin Second Class.

Among those called for jury duty from this area are Zella Pearl Toups, Craig S. Lamotte, Leroy Owens, and

A. J. Hrusch, Jr. of Rock Island; James Isam Rhee, III, I. W. Fuller, Mary Con Villa, Mrs. Lloyd G. Criswell, Sr., Mrs. Tommy C. Holt, Mrs. McWhorter, Mrs. Laura Ann Rock, Mrs. Mary Asha, and Laura R. Toups of Sheridan; Franklin E. Wines, Meba A. Wied, Julia Wallinga of Garwood; Kenneth J. Leopold of Nada.

And from Eagle Lake: Mrs. Grace S. Cooper, Melvin Graham, Linus Ford, John Fry, Jr., Beverly Gertson, Laverne Alexander, Mrs. Jewel Adams, Alvin W. Kohlfeld, Mrs. L. V. Davison, Julie Balas Lobrey and Peter Smith.

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Jury Called For  
Dist. Court

A list of petit jurors has been summoned to appear in District Court in Columbus at 10 a.m. next Monday to hear civil suits that might be brought to trial. Scheduled by Judge R. B. Schraub are a property suit and a divorce case.

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CPL To Build  
Demonstration  
Fuel Unit

Central Power and Light Company announces the signing of a contract for building a demonstration fuel gasification unit at La Palma Power Station in San Benito.

Berry Contracting, Inc. of Corpus Christi was awarded the construction contract after submitting the best bid for building the demonstration unit designed to convert coal and heavy oils to a gas for use at CPL power plants.

Actual construction should begin in mid-April and be completed this fall.

Joe Moore, CPL Project Manager, described the San Benito installation as a research demonstration unit designed to prove the Chemically Active Fluidized Bed Gasification process on a larger scale than experienced in England for several years.

The veteran utility engineer said, "If the process is as good in operation as it is on paper, it will mean substantial cost savings in years to come. It will allow us to use existing power stations for their natural lifetime, rather than replacing them with coal and nuclear units."

The Texas Railroad Commission recently ordered gas suppliers to reduce their sales of natural gas to electric utilities by 10 percent in 1981 and 25 percent in 1985.

Moore said, "The process we plan to use offers us the best promise we know of to extend use of those fossil fuels left for us to use."

CPL and the other three companies of Central and South West Corporation will share construction and operation costs for the first six months of the unit's operation. CPL is project manager and will provide half of this cost.

In addition to the gasification project, CPL has been active in supporting research into other forms of energy. CPL has supported fusion research since the mid-1950s and is partially funding the University of Texas research into geothermal power production along the Texas Gulf Coast. The first exploratory well for this project is expected to be drilled later this year.

CPL has used natural gas for boiler fuel most of its six-year history, but is now equipped to burn oil at its eight major power stations. Coal and nuclear fuels will begin to come into the CPL fuel mix beginning in 1980 when Cedar Creek and South Texas Projects are put into operation.

2 Injured When  
Car Goes  
Into Rice Canal

A 1973 Toyota was heavily damaged and two persons were taken to Nightingale Hospital in El Campo for treatment of injuries when the Toyota went out of control on Old Church Road in Nada and ended up in a rice canal.