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ABOUT

*Friends will be interested to hear that Melvin F. Campbell is doing "as well as can be expected" in the Veterans Hospital following serious surgery on Monday of last week. A portion of a lung was removed. He will be in the VA Hospital in Houston for some time. You may write to him in Ward 103, Veterans Hospital, Houston, Texas.

*Mrs. Robert Griffith, owner of The Kurlette Beauty Shop in Eagle Lake, says that the Kurlette will begin opening at 8:30 a.m. Monday with the advent of Daylight Savings time.

*Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Frey gathered at the Meitz Parish Hall last Saturday for a barbecue supper and social on the occasion of the thirtieth wedding anniversary of Sidney and Mary Gus Frey.

*Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ehrhard are in the process of moving to Weslaco, Texas. Mr. Ehrhard is a retired administrator and teacher, serving as superintendent and principal in the Eagle Lake schools for eleven years. They plan to sell their home at 510 Cemetery.

*Friends here are sorry to hear that the Ehrhards leave but wish them happiness in their new home.

Ashby Oil Co.
New Distributor
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*Ashby Oil Company of Eagle Lake announces in an advertisement in this issue that the firm is now the distributor for all kinds of Kelly Springfield tires.

*Bob Ashby invites interested citizens to contact Ashby Oil Co. for their next tire needs.

*Mr. and Mrs. Buster Deane, managers of the Eagle Lake Theater, say that their "Landscape Spectacular" will continue Monday through Friday, and also Thursday night, with further notices. They invite you to check special offers in an advertisement in this issue.

*This is National Library Week and a good time to visit your library. The Eagle and Waterford Libraries are out of the forest in this issue and citizens of the community are urged to take advantage of the facilities offered.

*Garwood Library is holding open house on Wednesday and Friday and the board of directors invite

Nina Zbranek 1st In Soil Essay Contest

Winners in the 1977 Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District essay contest were announced this week by Herbert Engstrom, chairman of the District Board of Directors.

The topic of this year's competition was "Soil and Water Conservation - Present and Future."

District winners this year are Nina Zbranek, Rice High School, first; Brandon Enloe, Columbus Junior High, second; Pat Moeller, Columbus Junior High, third; and Brenda Kallina, third.

The top four winners in three categories were selected. Elementary winners were Kathy Pritchard, Columbus Elementary, first; Tammy Hapovsky, St. Michael's, second; Cathy Holladay, Columbus Elementary, third; and Caroline Miller, Columbus Elementary, fourth.

Junior high school winners were: first, Brandon Enloe, Columbus Junior High; second, Pat Moeller, Columbus Junior High; third, James McAlister of Columbus Junior High; and fourth, Dorothy Salinas of Columbus Junior High.

High school winners were: Nina Zbranek of Rice High School, first; Brenda Kallina, second; Todd Lundquist, Rice High, third; and Cindy Kingsley, Rice High, fourth.

The four district winners will be honored along with other conservation award winners from the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District at the 28th Annual Conservation Awards Banquet to be held in the Columbus High School cafeteria Thursday, May 5.

There were 134 essays entered in the 1977 competition.

3 From RHS Quality For Region Literary Damage Suit

Three Rice High School students qualified for Region competition in literary and journalism events in the District HAAA competition held at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville this Saturday.

April 23rd Gregory Kornek placed second in typing in the district meet to qualify for region competition; Barbara Baker won second and Judy Ashby third in Ready Writing to qualify for the regional meet. Jeanie Gold won fourth in typing and will be an alternate to regional.

Other Rice students to place in the literary and journalism events were: Barbara Baker won fourth in feature writing; Mark Hoover fourth in headline writing; Leland Hagendorf fourth and Barbara Baker fifth in editorial writing.

City Gets \$3,348 Sales Tax Check

Comptroller Bob Bullock mailed checks totaling \$162,000 to Texas cities and towns Friday, representing the April revenue from the one-cent sales tax they assessed.

Bullock said his office has remitted \$105.7 million in city sales taxes this year to date, an increase of 21 percent over the same period in 1976. However, he explained, part of the increase is due to a change made by his office effective this month.

The City of Eagle Lake received a check for \$3,348.27 for collection of the one-cent sales tax for the period ending April 15, 1977. This brought the total collected in 1977 to \$28,515.00, a 2% increase over a similar period in 1976.

Collectors in other area cities were: Columbus, \$5,183.83, total for year \$40,150.21 up 27%; Hallettsville, \$4,747.01, total for year \$29,208.75 up 24%; Seely, \$1,067.85, total for year \$31,322.37 up 15%; Wallis, \$1,387.11, total for year \$4,847.09 up 31%; and Weimar, \$2,230.54, total for year \$16,369.97 up 9%.

EL Primary Kindergarten Regis. May 2

All parents who have children who will be five years old on or prior to September 1, 1977, are encouraged to come to the Eagle Lake Primary School Gym at 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2 to register their child for next year.

Please bring a birth certificate to the registration if possible. A certificate of birth must be produced before any Kindergarten child will be permitted to school in August, said Principal H. M. Benge.

"No shots or vaccines will be administered at the registration. Additional information will be available on the shots and vaccines which will be required of all pupils before they can begin school next year within state law," he added.

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New Town Woman Is Murder Victim

Official LL Opening at 8 P.M. Tuesday

The death of a New Town woman, Alice Brooks, 63, has now been ruled as a murder and the county sheriff's office is investigating the matter.

The official opening ceremony will be held at the Little League park at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 2nd and all major league teams and all seven minor league teams are to be present for the ceremony.

Draper Stephens, chairman of the Eagle Lake Little League, will preside at the opening ceremony.

Next Tuesday night, the Oaks meet the Pirates in the first of two games, at 6:00 p.m. The Oaks and Dodgers will be immediately following the official opening.

The Minor Leagues will open play Wed., May 4th with the Tigers meeting the Astros at 6:00 and the Braves play the Rangers at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to support all their Little Leagues in all of their activities during the summer months, said Mr. Stephens.

The county sheriff's office received a report last Friday, April 22nd from the Harris County Medical Office, where the remains were sent for an autopsy, that the woman died of multiple stab wounds to the chest. Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Brown said he is investigating, said that a sweater found near the body had cuts that could have been made by stabbing. He said the investigation continues and expects a break in the case in the next few days.

Others who have worked on the case are Sheriff Gen. (Doc) Mueller, Deputy Brian Touchack, Eagle Lake Special Officer Bill Chavis and Precinct 8 Constable Jimmie Praka. The Columbus police department has also received letters concerning the case and is assisting in the investigation.

The Annual Banquet of the East Bernard Chapter of Commerce and Agriculture will be held this Friday, April 29, 1977 at 6:00 p.m. at Riverside Hall.

The featured speaker will be the Senior Senator from Texas, the Hon. John Tower. Tickets at \$2.50 each may be purchased at the Union State Bank, Zapier's Restaurant, at Foodtown locations, Southwest Markets, or Kleck's Food Market.

As chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, Tower is a key member of the GOP leadership in the senate. He now ranks 6th in seniority among Republicans on the Senate Armed Services Committee and second ranking on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. He is also a member of the newly formed Senate Ethics Committee and the Joint Committee on Defense Production. In addition, Tower serves on the National Transportation Policy Study Commission.

Important Ambulance Meet Thurs., Apr. 28

The Eagle Lake unit of the Colorado County Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corp will have a very important meeting this Thursday, April 28th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Ambulance Hall.

Officers of the volunteer group ask that all members attend, as important business will be discussed and a film will be shown during the training session.

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ARMED ROBBERS HIT WALLIS BANK MONDAY

Three white males, possibly from the First City Bank in Wallis, Texas, at 1:00 p.m. Monday and got away with an undetermined amount of cash. Officers in Austin County and surrounding areas are continuing the search for the men but late Tuesday had made no arrests.

The Wallis bank was hit by armed robbers less than five years ago.

"According to reports from investigating officers, two men wearing ski masks and armed with sawed-off shotguns entered the bank and demanded money from the bank's officers to open a vault. A third man was reported to be in a get-away car."

Investigation has turned up at least three stolen cars in the Wallis area, all of which were used as the robbers switched vehicles several times in their get-away.

Fortunately, none of the bank personnel or customers in the bank at the time received injury and no shots were fired.

Amount of the money taken has not been revealed but it is believed to be at least as much as when the bank was hit less than five years ago - around \$30,000.

A Weimar woman now faces aggravated assault charges after the death Friday of James Clifton Murphy of Weimar.

Colorado County sheriff's department was called to the Weimar Hospital early Sunday, April 10th where the man was taken after being shot in the head with a 22 caliber pistol. A black woman, Cecil Lee Williams, was charged with aggravated assault in the case and she was released under \$5000 bond.

When the county sheriff's department received a call from the Harris County Medical Office at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 22nd informing them of the death of Murphy, the charge was changed to murder and the woman was re-arrested. She was released under \$5000 bond on the murder charge awaiting action by the September grand jury.

Organ music was played by Mrs. Laurita Matthei and the choir accompanied Walter Von Heider as he sang "In The Garden."

Pallbearers were John Lang and Earl Lang of Palmer and David Lang of Weatherford, brothers of T. Lang; and a brother-in-law of (Continued on last page)

Kallina, Mathis Are Top 1977 Rice HS Graduates

May 26th; Awards Assembly May 13

Rice High School has named the top honor graduates for the 131st member Senior Class, 1977, and plans have been started for the end of year exercises.

Valedictorian of the Class of 1977 is Miss Brenda J. Kallina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kallina of Garwood. She achieved a 4.60 grade point average in her high school career.

Salutatorian of the Class is Miss Patti A. Mathis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mathis, Sr. of Eagle Lake, with a 4.56 grade point average.

Eleven other seniors who are also honor graduates include: Miss Linda Ruth Sommer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Sommer, Sr. of Eagle Lake, 4.178 GPA; Miss Sherry Louise Fajkus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fajkus of Eagle Lake, 4.159; Miss Judy Kay Ashby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ashby, 4.000; Miss Anna Katherine Rohrer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rohrer and sophomore band class representative, Business Club treasurer during her junior and senior years, and also vice-president of the National Honor Society. She has served as a twiler, freshman and sophomore band class representative, Business Club treasurer during her junior and senior years, and also vice-president of the National Honor Society secretary. Honors she has received include being selected to the All-District and All-Region bands her junior year and receiving a first in ULL twirling solos as a junior and senior, also first in clarinet ensembles from a sophomore to a senior, and receiving the Outstanding Musician Award her sophomore and junior years. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin.

Information on other honor students will be published next week.

EL Hospital Successful In Gov't. Survey

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital recently completed the annual government survey and was found to be in full compliance with all government regulations, announced Don Reed, administrator.

Mr. Reed stated that the survey is conducted to insure compliance with regulations concerning policies and procedures, quality of health care, correct documentation of all records, building being in compliance, infection control, Board of Directors and Medical Staff by laws being followed.

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4-H Members Win District Honors

YOUR SATURDAY, MAY 6 - The only opportunity for entering is that you must be 16 or over. Entry cards will be available from County Extension Agents.

Classes for entering are: baked goods, canned foods, needlework, handicraft, clothing, woodwork, and fresh vegetables.

You may enter as many items in each category as you like. Items may be checked in Thursday, May 15th or Friday, May 16th at the Agricultural Building or until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Prizes to Market Road 850 was closed due to the flood waters.

The river plant of the Lakeside Irrigation Co. reported that the river crest was at 10:35 a.m. on Friday night at 24.4 feet. This compares with a crest of 24.5 feet in the 1973 flood.

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Council Studies Record \$530,000 77-78 Budget

No Funds Allocated For 3 Retiring Bond Issues

Eagle Lake City Council, in regular session Tuesday night, started plans for the adoption of a record \$530,000 budget for a public hearing on the budget is held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10th.

Mayor Elmer Struss commented that this will be the first city budget in many years that will show a surplus of funds for the retirement of general obligation bonds. However, \$70,000 is allocated to payment of water and sewer revenue bonds and interest and \$2000 to an interest and sinking contingency fund, as required under state laws.

The 1981 Street Improvement bond issue will be retired July 1, 1979; the 1957 City Hall bond issue May 1, 1979; and the 1960 Street Improvement bond issue May 15, 1979. Funds have accumulated through the mandatory contingency allocation to interest and sinking funds to make bond payments on these bond issues possible without further allocation from the city's tax collections.

A complete report on the proposed budget will be published in the next issue of the Headlight.

The council heard a report from Dan Kennedy of the engineering firm of O'Leary and Clay of Breckenham that the city is progressing on specifications for the sewer extension project in the western part of the city. The city has received \$87,000 from the Community Development Block Grant for the project. The work is to be done on June 14th. The mayor said that the city is pleased with the progress of the project.

Dan Kennedy met with the council to discuss right of way needed from the property in the Town and Country Addition to permit bid letting on the Farm Road 80th extension on the eastern edge of the city.

He also presented was quite sure that the city was a part of the property at the intersection with Highway 80A where Anderson has a (Continued on last page)

T Langs' Son Dies In Tragic Accident Sun.

Death claimed the life of little Mack Lang, two years and two months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lang, in a tragic accident Sunday evening, April 24th at 8 p.m. at his home in the Meadowbrook Addition, bringing great sadness to his family and friends.

A vitamin pill lodged in his throat and after all efforts to remove the pill at his home failed, he was rushed to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, however assistance was not available and he succumbed to strangulation shortly after arriving at the hospital.

Last Rites Tuesday

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, April 26th at 10:00 o'clock from the United Methodist Church with interment in the Lakewood Cemetery. The Rev. David Edgar, pastor of the United Methodist Church officiated.

Organ music was played by Mrs. Laurita Matthei and the choir accompanied Walter Von Heider as he sang "In The Garden."

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All persons are invited to attend the meeting and bring a friend, said Gardner Seasholtz of Eagle Lake, president of the organization.

Officers of the association hope to see all members and lots of visitors present.

Raider Band Banquet Thurs.

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For the next school term:

Different numbers to serve as various parties, etc. will be named.

With no further business the meeting was closed with a prayer. The next meeting will be held on May 18th at 2:30 p.m.

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Harold Thomas Is Conservation Farmer of 1976

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Harold Thomas of Eagle Lake will be presented a plaque for being chosen as the Conservation Farmer of 1976 by the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District. The other winners of conservation awards will also be honored at the banquet.

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River Crested At River Plant Saturday A.M.

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