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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

USDA Seeks Comments On '78 Rice Set-Aside, Div. Payments

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24 Years Ago Let's Look Back

[February 11, 1954]

Alan Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hargrove Smith, was winner of two dinners at Vincent's Sorrento restaurant in Houston during Sunday's "Charades" program when his quotation stumped the contesting teams.

Eagle Lake School Supt. Glenn Fletcher and Garwood School Supt. Paul Lewis to attend Atlantic City meeting.

Mrs. Ida Cussey and Jack Dwyer of WVCU Home Roll.

THUD Council elects Mrs. Thurman Brune of Shaws Bend THDA Chairman.

Carl Sauer, Garwood enjoys BAR Leave in Korea.

Garwood Electronics has formal opening soon. Leon Metzger is the owner.

Wally Graham celebrates 83rd birthday Jan. 31.

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FHA Awards \$680,800 5% Loan To Columbus Hospital

The Farmers Home Administration (FHA) has awarded a loan of \$680,800 to the Columbus Community Hospital.

Approval of the loan, announced Thursday, Feb. 9, was pursued by the hospital for more than two years.

The loan was made for a term of 35 years at five per cent interest and includes financing arrangements of the hospital which began with a locally-sponsored fund-raising drive in 1964.

The hospital has been financing the balance through an "interim" agreement with the Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association at 13 per cent interest.

The savings in interest costs will reduce the hospital's annual debt service requirements by about \$14,400, according to Layton Golemon, hospital administrator.

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ABOUT TOWN

If you tried to get your mail or tried to do some banking Monday, Feb. 20th, you were out of luck.

The Post Office and the First National Bank both were closed all day in observance of the annual birthday anniversary of George Washington, the father of this country.

Actually George's birthday is on Wed. Feb. 22nd, but as usual "seasons" are always tinkering with the holidays to get employees the longest possible weekend so the holiday weekend is on Monday.

Deane D. Fletcher of Winslow, Arkansas, former superintendent of the Eagle Lake Schools, forwarded his subscription renewal last week with a copy of Tim Van Buren Courier which covers Crawford and Sebastian counties.

On the front page of the issue are a picture of Fletcher and Edon Rube, president of the Van Buren Rotary Club, holding a king size plaque on which the club will list the names of all past presidents of the club since its founding in 1920.

Eagle Lake really drew a lot of interest on the TV tube recently. One of our readers wrote her renewal check hurriedly "so I can get back to watching the TV. I might miss something about Eagle Lake." The Ferris 1912 drew a lot of interest on Channel 2's Eyes of Texas program recently. Highway Patrolman Randy Bink, stationed here, was seen on TV recently examining a burned car wrecked on the road.

There will be a Christian Renewal (Mission Services) starting on Saturday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Nada. The Rev. Sullivan, C.S.R. will conduct the services each morning and evening. Time of services will be given at a later date.

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Garwood and Nada Community News

40 Hours Devotion Begins at St. Mary's Fri.

Father David Connell, a native of Pennsylvania who is now vice-principal and teacher at Antonian High School, will assist with the Forty Hours Devotion which will begin at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Nada Friday, Feb. 24th at 4:30 p.m. with a High Mass and close on Sunday morning.

Sympathy Extended to the family and relatives of W. R. (Bill) Frnka who passed away Friday evening in San Antonio.

Home From Hospital Mrs. Ella Mae Dabney wishes to tell all of you back home in Garwood "Hello". She says thanks for the beautiful flowers, money and cards and especially your prayers and to keep on praying because she knows prayer changes things and that she feels a lot better than before she left home.

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