

### Last Rites For Neal Shaver Ties.

Walter Neal Shaver, 64, of Livingston, the brother of Jack Shaver of Eagle Lake and a former resident here, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 1979 in a Houston hospital. He had surgery on Monday, Feb. 12 and was getting along nicely until he suffered a cardiac arrest and died.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 from the Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home with the Rev. E. W. Vanhook officiating. Burial was in the Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were J. P. Burney, Harold Ellefson, Ken Fuqua, Sam Kellum and George Phillips.

Mr. Shaver was a resident of Houston for twenty-two years before going to Livingston for the past two years. The Shaver family lived in Eagle Lake before going to Houston and have many friends here that were saddened to learn of his death.

Neal, as he was fondly known, was a member of the Methodist Church. He retired in 1976 as a Gas Engineer for the Getty Oil Co. after forty years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Shaver of Livingston; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Anna Petree of Houston; one son, Steve M. Shaver of Beaumont; one brother, Jack M. Shaver of Eagle Lake; and four grandchildren.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of this loved one.

### Wintermanns Entertain At Duck Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann entertained a number of hunting associates and wives last Friday evening, February 16 with cocktails and dinner at Jack's Restaurant in the private dining area.

Spring floral arrangements were used on the U-shaped tables. After a delightful social hour, a super-delicious duck dinner was served by the Jack Listowskis and staff.

Amusing stories were related by the host, Mr. Wintermann, on some of the hunts during the past season, with humorous rebuttals by some of the guests.



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### Going To National Art Show



Darrel Appelt is shown with the "Best of Show" medal received at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts last Saturday for his outstanding art.

### Darrel Appelt's Art Chosen For Nat'l Show

Received Regional Award In Houston Last Saturday

The Southeastern Texas Scholastic Art Awards were announced Saturday, Feb. 17th at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts with one of the city's promising young artists a Gold Medal Winner. This nationally acclaimed contest is conducted by Scholastic Magazine, Inc. and regionally by Foley's and the Houston Post.

Among the 250 works selected from more than 3,500 entries from 30 counties of Southeastern Texas was an ink drawing entitled "Visions" done by Darrel Appelt of Rice High School. Darrel's entry was named on the district level as a Gold Medal Winner to be exhibited regionally at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston from Feb. 17 through Mar. 11th. In addition Darrel's entry received a ribbon medal for Best of Show in the ink category and was selected as a finalist to compete nationally for additional awards and an exhibit at the National High School Art Exhibition in New York.

Accompanying Darrel to the awards ceremony were his parents, Lynda and Bill Appelt, and Sandra and Major Bengel. Mrs. Bengel is the art instructor at Rice High School.

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### 4 Enter Pleas Of Guilty; 2 For Not Guilty

Four persons indicted by the Grand Jury in its session on Feb. 5th entered pleas of guilty and two others not guilty.

District Judge E. W. Patteson accepted a plea of guilty from George Eddie Wright to a charge of forgery and Wright entered a plea of not guilty.

right and the judge assessed his punishment at three years in the Texas Department of Corrections, however formal sentencing will be delayed for ten days during which time Wright can request a new trial.

Jose G. Ortiz, indicted for aggravated assault using a knife to stab Robert Perez June 12, 1978, entered a plea of guilty. Also, Johnny Lewis Davis, Jr. and Lawrence S. Griffith, indicted for burglary of Mechanical Works Corp., entered pleas of guilty to the burglary charge. All three are due to be sentenced on March 19th.

Plead Not Guilty Kelly Ray Jobe and James Kenneth Jobe entered pleas of not guilty before Judge Patteson to indictments of aggravated assault resulting from a fight in Altair Jan. 27th.

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### Blair Outlines Improvements At Local Little League Field

Bill Blair, president of the Eagle Lake Little League organization, was speaker at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday of last week and he outlined the growth of the Little League program in this community and the improvements underway at the Little League ball park.

In 1966, when blacks began participation there were 150 enrolled in the program and in 1978 when girls softball was incorporated into the program the number of participants increased to 285. These included 87 Blacks, 71 Latins, and 105 Anglos, he stated.

Improvements Underway

A program is underway at this time to make our Little League ball park one of the best in the area," said Blair. Some of the improvements planned before the opening of the 1979 season include:

Additional and better lighting.

A new electric scoreboard courtesy of The First National Bank and Johnny's Sport Shop.

Adding of 900 yards of dirt to the field (dirt contributed by local gravel firms and hauled by local truckers at no expense to the league).

Resodding of the field with John Thomas donating grass for the infield.

Installation of a watering system.

Relocation of grandstands and improvement of parking and addition of a bike rack.

The Little League president noted that these projects cannot be carried out without the cooperation of a large number of persons and through a large number of contributions. He said

### TONY'S DINNER

Mr. Wayne Corman this is a ticket for a free Tony's Deluxe Dinner at Taco Tony's on Highway 90A just west of the city. You'll find delicious foods in a pleasant atmosphere. Clip this out and present at Tony's not later than Feb. 27, 1979.

that any support that can be given to the program, financially or otherwise, will be appreciated.

Blair said that plans are also being studied on a possible merger with East Bernard for a senior softball league for 13, 14, and 15-year-old girls.

Many Involved

"Our nineteen teams which were in operation last year, plus parents and coaches, involved over 900 persons, about one-fourth of the entire population of the city," he added.

Other fund raising events were discussed by Blair, such as the annual sale of candy which helps to pay for the cost of equipment and uniforms, along with a small uniform rental fee charged to the players.

He acknowledged also that the Consolidated Fund contributes to the program.

Eagle Lake is scheduled to host the 1981 District Little League Tournament, and we hope by that time to have

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### 39 From Rice FFA To Compete In Houston

Thirty-nine Rice High School Future Farmers of America members will be participating in the 1979 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 21st through March 4th. With more than 27,800 expected livestock entries, the Houston Show will once again be the largest in the world.

The Rice FFA members will have 29 hog entries in the Houston Show; also, there will be 42 steers entered in the commercial steer show, 10 in the halter show division, and 2 in dairy heifers.

Pat Labay of the Rice FFA chapter, will compete in the Calf Scramble at the Rodeo Monday, Feb. 26th.

Junior Show Exhibitors

Junior show exhibitors will take over the 22.3 acre livestock exposition facility for the second week of the show, with judging beginning on Feb. 26th. Each exhibitor knows that he is up against the best in livestock, with much riding on the decision of the most experienced livestock judges in the nation.

For junior exhibitors throughout the state, the culmination of a year's hard work of preparing their animals for the toughest of show ring competition. It is hard work that often pays off open show and junior

### News From Wintermann Library

### "Backstairs To White House" At Library

Have you been watching the excellent television special "Backstairs to the White House"? This show is based on the book "My Thirty Years Backstairs at the White House" written by Lillian Rogers Parks in 1961.

"There's no place like the White House," declares Lillian Rogers Parks, who served as a maid and seamstress at the Executive Mansion for thirty years before her recent retirement. Her mother, who had been Number One White House Maid, also worked there for thirty years (ten of their combined years of service overlapped), beginning with the Taft administration; and before her death in 1953, "Maggie" Rogers encouraged her daughter to write down her favorite White House stories.

The result is the most lively and entertaining collection of memoirs to come along in years.

Historians will be interested in the White House version of such famous feuds as Eisen-

### Mrs. Rhodes Is M-H Bellringer

Mrs. Obie Rhodes of Eagle Lake was named Mental Health Bellringer Chairperson for the May 1979 campaign announced Dick Fredrick, president of the Mental Health Association in Texas.

"The Mental Health Association is comprised of citizens concerned about the quality of life in their communities. They are aware of the problems of the mentally ill—the lack of treatment or information—and have formed a statewide association to help solve these problems," said Fredrick.

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Wayne Shifflett, left, Refuge Manager of the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge, is shown presenting a check in the amount of \$14,138.48 to Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek. Money presented to the county and to the two school districts in which some of the refuge land is located, Rice and Columbus school districts, is in accordance with the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act and given annually in lieu of tax revenue lost by the entities because of federal exemptions on the land. Refuge Photo.

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Open seven days a week except for a three-day Christmas break, Texas Tourist Bureaus on an average day during 1978 hosted 5,849 travelers, all of them clamoring for maps, literature and information about where to go, what to see and do in the Lone Star State. Professional travel counselors were glad to comply.

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### Art & Hobby Show

This year's Art and Hobby Show, the largest in the history of the Shiner Rotary Club, will be held Sunday, Feb. 25 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Shiner American Legion Hall. A great show this year is promised with over 30 commercial exhibits for your viewing pleasure.

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