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**Rice Meet**

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Dr. Arlen Klosterboer, Extension Agronomist; "1979 Rice Production and Market Outlook" by Dr. Art Gerlow, Extension Farm Economist; and "Irrigation Water Outlook" by Dan Thornton, president of Lake-side Irrigation Company of Eagle Lake.

The meeting will conclude with questions presented by the audience to the program panel for their discussion. "Each of the topics is timely. The changes in irrigation water usage should be of particular interest to producers," noted County Extension Agent Leroy J. Hajdik.

Rice producers are encouraged to take the time off from their busy farming schedule to attend this annual program that updates the rice production picture.

**ASC Slates 2 Meets To Explain Farm Programs**

Two meetings have been scheduled by the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service to explain 1979 farm programs. The first will be at the Garwood Fire Station at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday, Feb. 22nd. The second will be in the American Rice Growers Coop Assn. office in Eagle Lake at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27th.

Producers will have the 1979 farm program explained as it pertains to their farming operations. These will be very informal meetings.

"Come and bring a farmer friend and stay until you get your questions answered," said County Executive Director D. C. Streeckfus. "There are some changes from the previous year that need discussing, but basically the program is the same."

"The County Committee feels it is important that you attend one of these meetings whether you plan to participate in the program or not," he added.

The sign-up period for the 1979 program will be from February 15 through April 30, 1979.

**Homestead**

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All persons who own a residential homestead in the Rice School District can apply for the exemption for 1979 at the time of assessing their property for 1979 taxes; or if they have already assessed and not signed an exemption, a form will be published in the Headlight in the immediate future for this purpose or will be available at the business office in the Administration Building at Rice High School in Altair.

The exemption must be signed before the April 30th assessing deadline. The exemption will be allowed only to those persons who have the signed affidavit on file in the school's tax office by the April 30th deadline, added Marshall.

It will be necessary that homestead exemptions be signed annually, just as are the \$3000 exemptions which were previously in effect in the

**City Sales Tax Receipts Up 91%**

State Comptroller Bob Bullock reports that rebates to Texas cities of the local option one percent sales tax are up a whopping 96 percent this month over the same period last year.

Bullock said Texas cities will receive a rebate of some \$25.5 million this month, compared to a net payment of about \$13.7 for February last year.

The City of Eagle Lake received a check for \$8,575.04 as compared to \$3,633.63 for the same period last year. This makes total receipts in 1979 up to \$13,478.75, up 91% over the \$7,040.06 received to date in 1978.

Columbus received a check for \$11,346.89 and the 1979 total of \$15,825.26 is up 65%; Hallettsville received \$7,279.76 and the 1978 total of \$11,065.07 is down 5%; Sealy received \$12,470.26 to make the 1979 total \$17,516.74, up 50%; Wallis' check was for \$646.65, the first of the year; and Weimar received \$3,894.61 to make the 1979 total \$5,602.19, up 34% over 1978.

**City Well**

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most reached a disaster level during the long drought. Several voluntary rationing programs were levied at that time and were helpful in keeping the city's supply from reaching the critical point.

Secondly, it was the mayor's opinion that the city would stand a chance of getting a cheaper bid during this time of the year, noting that demand would be less and contractors would be eager to contract for a project. He also added that, with the increasing costs due to inflation, the longer the city waits, the higher the project will cost.

The city's fiscal agent, Peter Fischer of Moroney, Beissner and Company, was also present at the Feb. 13th meeting and he indicated at that time that the city's financial picture is very good and noted that Eagle Lake has had no problems in repaying bonds.

Voting in the March 3rd election will be held in the council room of the Municipal Building. Absentee voting in the election has begun and will continue through next Wednesday, Feb. 28th. H. E. Tate has been named election judge.

**Airport Lease**  
In other action last week, the city council approved a lease agreement on the city's 157 acre airport farm with D. R. Wintermann and Co. The city receives 10% of the crop revenue which amounted to about \$6800 on the last payment.

The council also approved a request by the Eagle Lake Lions Club to use part of the city square for the annual Mop and Broom Sale to

Rice District for persons 65 years of age and older.

A further announcement will be made when the homestead exemption form is published in this paper for convenience of those who have not already signed the Homestead Exemption Application, added Marshall.

**1979 FFA Trail Ride Sweetheart**

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Miss Debbie Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thompson of Garwood, was named 1979 Trail Ride Sweetheart, even though icy conditions forced cancellation of the annual trail ride at the Rice FFA show and sale Saturday. Presenting the new trail ride sweetheart with a plaque is Dale Popp, Rice FFA chapter president. Others competing for the honor were Misses Phyllis Peacock and Lynette Carley.

In the first official business meeting of the 1979 year, Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce officers and directors discussed projects for the 1979 year at their meeting Monday in the council room of the Municipal Building.

Mrs. Bill Clements, speaker at the recent banquet, expressing appreciation for the wonderful reception which she received here.

The directors voted not to take an advertisement this year (cost of \$500) in the South Texas Chamber of Commerce tourist guide; agreed to send a girl to the Brenham Historical Tour Mar. 31-Apr. 1 and Mrs. Helyn Farris was named to seek a candidate for this city.

Primary discussion was on whether or not to hold a Fourth of July celebration, and if so, what events would be included. It was noted that additional funds derived from the event will be needed in order for the chamber to continue a full-time office during this year. It is anticipated that the chamber will make a final decision on the Fourth of July project at the Mar. 19th session.

Vice president Ralph Truly presided at the meeting in the absence of president Louis Schorlemmer who was in the hospital for tests. Others attending were secretary Dorothy Jones, directors Vance Duncan, Bill Harrison, Jr., Alvin W. Kohleffel, Dr. Rose Marie Roquemore, Mrs. Farris, Mrs. Julie Lobpries; also T. J. Smith and Fred R. Frnka.

**Bank Meeting**

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tors, S. S. Sinclair, Wm. H. Harrison, Earl H. Rodgers, Harold Thomas, J. R. Thomas, Robert L. Cook, Jr., John A. Meitzen, Willard W. Shuart and Wm. H. Harrison, Jr., were re-elected with Mr. Sinclair again being named Chairman of the Board.

The shareholders also unanimously approved the issuance of a ten percent stock dividend and an increase in the bank's capital stock authorized from 27,500 shares to 41,250 shares with the increase being restricted solely for future stock dividends. The Comptroller of the Currency must also grant his approval of the granting of which was tentatively given prior to the meeting. Actual issuance of the shares will await his formal certification which is expected about the middle of March.

**Rice Country Capital**

The shareholders were given a resume of the activities of the bank's affiliate, Rice Country Capital, Inc., by its president, Wm. H. Harrison, Jr., who told the

group that the small business investment corporation has been accepted graciously by the community and that ten qualifying loans have already been made to local business and agricultural users. The company is capitalized at \$400,000.00 with a borrowing capacity from the Small Business Administration of \$1,200,000 funds that can be brought into the Eagle Lake area for expansion or development uses. All of Rice Country's voting stock is owned by the bank with the bank's directors serving as directors of the affiliate.

**Tribute To Sinclair**

Before the meeting adjourned tribute was paid to Chairman Sinclair who has served as a director of the bank for 38 years, the last 14 years as board chairman, and who has given freely of his time and wise counsel to the development of The First National. Under his leadership the bank has grown from \$6,000,000.00 to \$33,000,000.00 in total assets.

Since this is the 75th year of the bank's existence, it was pointed out that Simon Sinclair has shared over half of his life with over half of the bank's years of operation, having been elected to the board in July of 1941.

**OK Saturday Closing**

In the board meeting following the annual meeting, all of the bank's existing officers and employees were re-elected. Among other items of business the board approved extending the banking hours on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the drive-in opening at 7:30 a.m. and remaining closed all day on Saturday. Monday through Thursday hours will remain from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The new hours are to take effect March 9th, 1979.

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**Bowling Tournament**

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Criswell, Lois Taylor and Mabel Botard, with 2874; fourth to Alley Oop; Mona Gatloff, Florence Hense, Barbara Rucka, Dale Jessup and Wanda Henry, with 2840; and fifth to the Mohats, Alma Davidson, Mary Obenhaus, Doris Clippson, Inez Guthman and Virginia Waldrop with 2833.

**Doubles Winners**

Carolyn Baird and Gretchen Wilkerson won prize money and patches for their first place doubles total of 1262. Others finished in the following order: 2. Alma Davidson and Virginia Waldrop 1230; 3. Sharon Guthman and Gail Gertson 1219; Jackie Goetz and Shirley Rothbauer 1193; 5. Grace Zatopek and Dora Briscoe 1175; 6. Alecia Hrcnc and Ellie Rothbauer 1172; 7. Jo Carol Besch and Deena Richter 1169; and 8. Jen Peterson and Gwen Paschall 1167.

**Heinold Wins Singles**

Leaty Heinold won prize money and a patch for first in singles with a 694. Mary Obenhaus finished with 657, Virginia Waldrop 644, Glenda Moore 627, Ernie Sommerlatte 614, LaVerne Graham and Sylvia Marburger 610 each, Cherry

Corman 607, Chloe Ann Myrick 605 and tied with 599s were Elrose Baumgart and Gail Gertson.

Mary Obenhaus posted a 1611 in all-events scratch to win first place money and a patch.

Leatrice Heinold was second with 1595, Virginia Waldrop 1590 and Elrose Baumgart 1486. In all-events, handicap, Leaty Heinold won first place money and a patch for her 2009; Mary Obenhaus had a 1863, Becky Graham 1853 and Virginia Waldrop 1827.

**Wins Century Patch**

Becky Graham received a century patch for bowling 100 pins over her average with a 248 on a 132 average.

League officials said the tournament was one of the best ever held and was an outstanding success.



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Ben Castillo 526, Glen Wesselski 521, Butch Schmidt 521, Wimpy Kristek 210-527, Thurston Webb 209-517, Verlin Argo 515, Daniel Becker 511, Floyd Spenrath 213-510, Joe Trojan 507 and Tommy Guthman 502.

**Wednesday Nite Trio**

Just Don't Care widened

its lead in the Wednesday Nite Trio to four games. They now have 62 wins, followed by the Big Mamas with 58, Diplomates 55, Goetz Services 45 and D.O.T.S. 44 1/2.

Gutter Lovers rolled the high team series last week with a 1763 and Just Don't Care posted top game of 821. Elaine Dromgoole was top individual scorer with a 187-522 game and series.

**Skull Creek Mixed**

Skull Creek Mixed League is still a close league with competition on Feb. 13th seeing the Woolly Boogers hold down their first place lead with 59 wins, only two ahead of Skull Creek Lanes who have 57 for second place. The Night Stalkers and Catfish Farmers are tied for third with 55; Goofers have 53 and one-half; and What Can I Say has 53.

Tuesday night of last week the Goofers rolled the 850 high team game and tied with Tuesday Nite Special for high series, each with 2385. For individual honors, Gail Gertson rolled the 202 high game for the ladies while LaVerne Graham posted a 201-506 for high series. Floyd Spenrath had men's high game of 254 in a 614 series while Leroy Janda rallied for the 650 high series with games of 212, 201 and 237.

Other high scorers last week were Erwin Knippel 517, Ben Castillo 528, Butch Schmidt 555 and Mano Graham 522.

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