

RAIDER BOYS IN STATE CAGE TOURNEY!

Raiders Meet Whitehouse In Austin At 3:30 P.M. Thurs.

Win Region III Title With Wins Over H-Jefferson, Crockett

[By Jeff Fruka, Sports Editor]

It was a proud moment in Raider basketball history Saturday night when the Rice High School Raiders scored a brilliant victory over Crockett to win the Region III Class AA Basketball Tournament Championship held at Blinn Junior College in Brenham.

Rice will now advance to the Class AA State semi-finals to be held at the Special Events Cen-

ter (Super Drum) in Austin.

The Raiders [26-6] will meet the defending state champion in Class AA, Whitehouse [29-5], at 3:30 p.m. this Thursday. In the other Class AA contest, Boling [27-2] will meet Seminole [29-3] at 2:00 p.m. Thursday. The two winners will meet in the Class AA championship game on Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

It was an exciting weekend for Raider fans who supported Rice at Blinn this past weekend. The Raiders faced two of the toughest teams they have played this season and came out on top in

both, beating Hardin-Jefferson 70 to 60 on Friday night and Crockett 63 to 48 on Saturday.

Both games were intense battles and both appeared to be going right down to the wire. But it was the discipline and composure of Coach Jack Grammer's Raiders that paid off late in each contest—the same composure and discipline that has produced such successful basketball programs at Rice during the past eight years under his guidance.

The trip to Austin will mark the second time Grammer has guided the Raiders to the state tournament. The first time was in 1975 while competing in Class AAA, and Rice was eliminated in the semi-finals by



Head basketball coach Jack Grammer, left, and asst. coach Gil Stallum display the championship trophy won by the Rice Raiders in the Class AA Region III Tournament in Brenham last weekend.

Grand Prairie. This season, the Raiders participated in Class

AA competition for the first time in four years and compiled an impres-

sive record with only six losses. Five of the six came against Class AAAA teams.

Boling, who will represent Region IV in the tournament, boasts the best record in the region winning teams. One of their two losses, however, came at the expense of our Raiders, as Rice downed Boling 89 to 60 in tournament action in Needville during December.

Tickets to the Class AA session (two games) beginning at 2 p.m. Thursday are available at the Rice High School principal's office. The tickets will be available until 3:15 this Wednesday. The tickets are \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for adults.

The tickets will also be

available at the Special Events Center, but due to the reserved seating, probably will not be in the same seating area. The tickets available at Rice High School are all in one section allowing the Raider supporters to be seated in the same area to form a concentrated cheering section for their Raiders.

The tickets available at Rice are to the semi-finals only. Tickets for the finals at 11:00 a.m. Saturday will have to be purchased only at the Special Events Center.

A large following of Rice High School students and loyal fans from throughout the district expect to accompany the Raiders to Austin Thursday and help in cheering

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Public Invited To RCISD School Week Activities

Visitation In Classrooms Stressed Mon.-Thurs.

All parents and school patrons of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District are invited to visit the schools during Public Schools Week next week, Monday through Thursday, March 5th through 8th. In lieu of special night programs, campuses are encouraging a visit during the day when classes may be observed.

"The Rice School District feels that the teacher working in the classroom with the children is most important in education and it is this which we would wish to have the parents observe. Hence, this special invitation to visit during the school day," said Supt. E. A. Krivacka.

There will be a district-wide teacher workshop (Continued on page 12)

Wed., Mar. 7 Deadline To File For City and School Offices

Hefner To Oppose Smith At Garwood

Voters in the April 7th Rice Consolidated School District trustee election were assured of at least one race last week when Billy Hefner of Garwood filed for the position now held by Alton Smith. Smith had indicated earlier that he would seek re-election to the Garwood Position Number 2 and has filed for re-election.

At press time Wed. incumbent Bill Appelt, Eagle Lake Position No. 1, had indicated he would seek re-election but had not officially filed with school board secretary Steve Balas.

The third position to be filled April 7th is Sheridan Position No. 3 and incumbent Lavo

Brisco has filed for re-election. Deadline for filing is at (Continued on last page)

Texas Exes To Meet At Farris 1912 Friday

The Farris 1912 will be the setting for the annual Texas Independence Day meeting of the Colorado County Texas Exes Association at 7 p.m. this Friday, March 2nd.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Frank Richardson, an Associate Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Texas.

Deadline for reservations is this Wed., Feb. 28th and they may be made with Joe or Virginia Reed.

City Applies For \$750,000 Dev. Grant

Eagle Lake City Council, upon the recommendation of the Citizens Advisory Committee, has filed a pre-application with the Housing and Urban Development Department for a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant for proposed improvements in the Rice Mill area of the city.

The committee, chaired by Robert Griffith, met for the last of 3 public meetings on Tuesday night of last week and voted to approve projects to be carried out in the event the grant is approved. Other committee members at the meeting were Mrs. Claudine Shorter, Charles L. Spalinger, Alex Woolridge, Rudy Lopez and Julian Flores. Mrs. O. L. Mill, also a committee member, was not present.

The pre-application (Continued on last page)

Victoria Man Killed In Fall From Oil Rig

A Victoria man, Donald Allen New, Jr., 21, was killed instantly when he fell from a drilling rig in the Sheridan area at 10:45 p.m. last Wed., Feb. 21st.

New had been employed for the past several months by BDK Drilling Co. of Victoria. He reportedly was working high on the rig and fell approximately 86 feet from the racking platform on the drilling rig located three miles south of Sheridan.

A drilling rig spokesman said that New had just gone on duty and was reaching for his safety belt when he lost his balance. He fell to the floor of the rig, striking another employee during the fall. The second employee suffered only minor injuries and was taken to the hospital in a private car.

Rice Schools Dismiss At 12:30 Thurs.

In order that all will have an opportunity to attend the Rice Raider-Whitehouse state championship semi-final game in Austin Thursday, all classes in the Rice District will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. this Thursday, reported Supt. E. A. Krivacka.

At that time those high school students wishing to ride a bus to Austin will depart from the high school.

Other buses for all other students in the Rice District will run their regular routes but at the earlier time, departing at the close of school at 12:30 p.m.

Armed Robber Gets Money At Col. Motel

In a daring daylight armed robbery, at 3:05 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24th, a Mexican male, believed to be between the ages of 40 and 45, got away with some \$60 to \$70 in cash and some jewelry at the Columbus Motel on High (Continued on last page)

\$300,000 City Waterworks Bond Election Saturday

Commissioners' Ct. Discusses Financing For Courthouse Work

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in session Monday, interviewed a legal advisor and three prospective financial consultants for the proposed courthouse renovations project. The court voted at its meeting Feb. 12th to proceed with the restoration program with financing through certificates of obligation, rather than calling a bond election for the project.

Bill Stapp with the firm of Vinson and Elkins, attorneys, of Houston met with the (Continued on page 12)

Rice Production Seminar Here This Wednesday

The annual Colorado County Rice Production Seminar will be held Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Courthouse To Be Closed This Friday

All offices in the Colorado County Courthouse in Columbus will be closed all day this Friday, Mar. 2nd in observance of Texas Independence Day.

Minis. Alliance To Sponsor "Corrie" At Bap. Ch. Sun.

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance will show a new Billy Graham film called "Corrie: The Lives She's Touched" at the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake this Sunday, March 4th at 7:30 p.m.

The film tells of lives Corrie ten Boom, subject of the film "The Hiding Place", has touched. She suffered from Nazi per- (Continued on last page)

Bonds For Badly Needed Water Well, Pumping System

Voters in the City of Eagle Lake will go to the polls this Saturday, Mar. 3rd to cast their ballots on a proposed \$300,000 waterworks revenue bond issue for additions to the city's water system. Voting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in the council room of the Municipal Building. H. E. Tate will be the presiding judge.

Absentee voting in the election ended on Tuesday of this week.

The Eagle Lake city council called the bond election for the purpose of drilling a new 750-foot deep water well with a capacity of 1250 gallons per minute on the former Gene Payne property (now owned by the city) on Davitt Street. Also included in the project will be the addition of ground storage on the same site, either in the size of a 300,000 or a 500,000 gallon storage tank. The city will take alternate bids on the two sizes and will select the bid most advantageous to the city and within the limits of the bond issue.

Another improvement included in the project will be the addition of a booster pump to maintain adequate water pressure in the new tank and tied in with other existing tanks for residential and business purposes and for adequate fire protection.

The breakdown on the costs for the proposed work is as follows: \$185,000 for the new water well and pump; \$65,000 for ground storage; \$35,000 for a pump station and all necessary electrical-pumping equipment; and \$15,000 for contingencies for a total (Continued on last page)

Rice Girl Cagers Win Bi-District Championship



The Rice High School Raider girls scored in the final seconds of their bi-district contest to come-from-behind and defeat Hardin 67-66 in a real thriller in Prairie View A&M Gymnasium Tuesday night. The girls now advance to the Region III Class AA Tournament to be held at Blinn Jr. College in Brenham beginning Friday and ending with the final at 7:30 on Saturday. The Raiders will play at either 7:00 or 8:30 p.m. on Friday. Members of the Bi-District Championship team are front row, l to r., Virginia Garza, Sharrin McYear, Mary Beak, Sandra Flowers, Janice Williams; back row, l to r., asst. coach Paula Valls, Roberta Tompkinson, mgr. Veronica Parker, Phyllis Carter, Theresa Beak, Yolanda McYear, Patricia Basha, and head coach Reuben Wunderlich.

Region III Champion Rice Raider Cagers



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