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Bonds Sold

(Continued from page 1) eleven bidders and the lowest interest rate offered, was considered "a very good bid" by Frank J. Hildebrand, assistant vice president of Underwood Neuhaus who conducted the bid opening.

Other bidders were: Cullen Center Bank and Trust of Houston and City National Bank of Dallas, 5.404114%; First National Bank of Dallas, 5.8210%; First Fort Worth National Bank, 5.544008%; Fred Baker and Associates of San Antonio, 5.634613%; National Bank of Commerce, Dallas, 5.649778%; Rauscher, Pierce, Refines, Inc. of Dallas, 5.69329%; and Rotan, Mosle, Inc. of Houston, 5.570903%; and Republic National Bank of Dallas, 5.6138%; and First National Bank of Fort Worth, 5.63203.

Teacher Grievance Hearing Set Wed., Apr. 18

The Rice School District's board of education has called a public grievance hearing at 8:00 p.m. Wed., April 18th upon the request of James Majors, Rice high school history instructor, whose contract was not renewed for the 1979-80 school year.

The request for the hearing was filed by Majors' attorney, Bob Hall of Houston, Mar. 20th. Under board policy, the public hearing must be called not later than 30 days upon filing of the request, hence Supt. E. A. Krivacka reminded that the hearing should be called not later than April 19th.

Speak At Forum

The Rev. Joe James of Eagle Lake discussed with the board in the open forum session prior to the meeting, the need for more black teachers to help solve some of the problems that may arise. He questioned the board about the procedure followed in approving contracts and about openings in the district. He was encouraged to submit to the board names of prospective black teachers and to encourage prospective teachers to apply for vacancies within the district.

Paul Causey asked about the possibility of reading a School Board Policy Handbook and Supt. Krivacka informed him the book is in the Eagle Lake Library and at schools in the district and also available from board members and at the Administration Bldg.

St. Mary's

(Continued from page 1) new students are asked to register in the School Library from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Mon., Apr. 23rd solely to discuss a computer services report prepared by business manager Roy Marshall on the needs of computer equipment to handle the increasing business applications for the Rice District.

Bi-Lingual Survey

Results of the recent bi-lingual survey held in the district under new

Ambulance Corps Has New Portable Suction Unit

The regular business meeting of the Eagle Lake unit of the Colorado County Ambulance Corps will be held at the Hermann Hospital in Houston at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12; however, the meeting will be brief so that members can become familiar with operation of the new Laerdal Portable Suction Unit.

The unit was purchased with funds donated to the Ambulance Corps by the Lions Club. Any member who has not been instructed in usage, cleaning and storage of the unit should not use it. It is important, therefore, that all members be present.

John Chisholm, hospital administrator, will be present at the meeting for further discussion of ways in which the hospital and the Ambulance Corps can cooperate to the advantage of all.

Helen Sosa Dies Of Injuries In Traffic Accident Friday

Relatives and friends in the community learned with regret that Mrs. Pascual (Helen) Sosa passed away Friday, April 6 at 10:30 p.m. in the Hermann Hospital in Houston as a result of injuries suffered in an auto accident March 17 on Highway 90A between East Bernard and Rosenberg.

Funeral services were held from the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home Monday, April 9 at 2 p.m. followed by interment in Lakeside Cemetery. The Rev. Tom Hanus, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, officiated at the services.

Serving as pallbearers were Joe Belmares, Alex Ramirez, Louis Fernandez, Paul Garcia, Leonardo Sosa and John Torres.

Mrs. Sosa was born November 22, 1954 in Eagle Lake. Her parents were Susie and Leon Gonzales, both deceased. She lived in Eagle Lake all of her life.

She was married to Pascual Sosa. She is survived by her husband; one son, Daniel Sosa; three sisters, Florence Belmares, Gloria Garcia and Julie Gonzales, all of Eagle Lake; two brothers, Lupe Fernandez of Houston and Louis Fernandez of Eagle Lake.

She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and the Mexican American Youth Council.

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

County A&M Club Muster Here Apr. 21

The Colorado County A&M Club will hold its 1979 Muster on April 21st, at the Eagle Lake Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

Members are asked to invite their wives and to invite a fellow Aggie to the annual event. Registration forms must be filled out and returned to Ted Schwetz, Jr. of PO Box 508 in Columbus by April 18th. For more information about the muster, contact Schwetz at (713) 732-5721.

A steak dinner will be catered by Cattlemen's starting at 8:00 with a social hour preceding it at 7:30 p.m.

State Crime Rate Rose 2.7% In '78

Figures released this week by the Texas Department of Public Safety show the state's crime rate rose 2.7 per cent in 1978.

There were an estimated 721,581 major criminal offenses in Texas last year, compared to 692,450 major crimes in 1977.

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Department of Public Safety, said the largest increases occurred in the rape and motor vehicle theft categories. Both offenses posted crime rate increases of 11.5 per cent.

Speir said robbery was up 7.9 per cent, and murder up 6.8 per cent. Aggravated assault rose 4.8 per cent, larceny-theft was up 2.4 per cent, and burglary increased 0.3 per cent.

Of the 721,581 estimated crimes, at least 648,704 occurred in urban areas. Rural counties accounted for 72,877 major offenses.

Grandson Recuperating

The Fred R. Frnkas are pleased to report to concerned friends that their six-week-old grandson, Joseph Grigar of Lockhart, is getting along nicely. He spent Monday night through Friday morning at last week undergoing tests to determine cause of a fever in Breckenridge Hospital in Austin. The illness was believed to be a touch of virus.

The Frnkas and son Don spent Wednesday evening through Sunday with their daughter's family, the John J. Grigars, III.

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MAYC Easter Dance Sunday

MAYC (Mexican American Youth Council) will sponsor an Easter Dance this Sunday, April 15th in the Eagle Lake Community Center from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Music will be provided by John Davis and his band and La Fuerza.

The public is invited to attend.

LIONS Annual Golf Tourney May 6

Invitations have been placed in the mail to the Eagle Lake Lions Club's ninth annual Invitational Golf Tournament to be held at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center on Sunday, May 6th. Play will be over 18 holes, medal play, with an entry fee of \$25.00.

A total of \$3,000 prize prizes will be awarded in six flights (five prizes in each flight). The field will be limited to 122 players and no high school or college entrants will be accepted.

Joe N. Frazier, Jr., chairman of the event, notes that the \$25 entry fee will include: free beer, 18 holes of golf, a chicken barbecue dinner. Extra barbecue dinner tickets will be available for \$3.00 per person.

There will be shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Ties will be decided by a coin flip.

Free Fiesta Dinner

Don Frnkas, this is a ticket for a free Fiesta Dinner at the La Fiesta in Eagle Lake where you get the finest in authentic Mexican foods in a pleasant atmosphere. Clip this out and present at La Fiesta no later than Apr. 17, 1979.

Nothing is more common than a fool with a strong memory. C. C. Colton

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Ralph Gertson Jr. Equipment Shed Burglarized

Colorado County sheriff's office received a call at 10:10 a.m. Monday from Ralph Gertson, Jr. of Eagle Lake that an equipment shed located off FM 3013 four miles east of Eagle Lake, had been broken into sometime during the week.

The investigating officer reported that entry was made by breaking through in at the back of the building and then through a sliding door which had been locked with a chain. Missing were: a portable air compressor, a case of motor oil, a case of grease, one set of Victor gauges and a cutting torch, several hand tools were taken from a tool box, a paint gun and tank, and a portable electric welding machine.

It was found that the fence gate leading to the shed remained locked and it is believed that the burglars backed a vehicle to the fence and carried the equipment to the road and lifted it over the fence into the vehicle. Investigation of the theft continues.



William H. Harrison, left, assumed the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank on Wednesday of last week, April 11th, succeeding Simon S. Sinclair, right, who retired as chairman of the board for the past fourteen years and a director for 36 years. In the center is the bank's new president, William H. (Bill) Harrison, Jr., who came to First National in January of 1978 when he and his family moved here from Corsicana where he held key positions with banking and mortgage firms.

First Nat'l Bank Elects Officers

Harrison Retires, W. H. Harrison New Chmn., W. H. Jr., President

The Board of Directors of First National Bank, at its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday of last week, April 11th, approved the election of William H. Harrison as the new chairman of the board and William H. (Bill) Harrison, Jr. as the new bank president; along with other promotions and appointments.

Simon S. Sinclair, who has served as the chairman of the board of directors for the past forty years and was a director in the bank for a total of 38 years, retired effective with that date upon attaining the mandatory age of 70. As board chairman he has given freely of his time and counsel to the development of the First National Bank which grew under his leadership from assets of \$6 million to over \$33 million.

Although he will no longer serve as a director, it is anticipated that Mr. Sinclair will continue to offer his fullest moral support to the bank.

New Chairman

W. H. Harrison, the new board chairman, became affiliated with The First National Bank as a director in January of 1968 and was elected president on Feb. 18, 1963 and has capably served in that capacity until his advancement to chairman of the board.

A native of Alletton in this county, the new board chairman was engaged in farming and ranching prior to coming to First National Bank. He served as president of the San Bernard Electric Co-op for nineteen years.

Under Mr. Harrison's guidance, First National

Rotary Study Exchange Group To Visit Here Tuesday

Columbus Rotary Club at noon Tuesday.

After the luncheon, the group will come to the Eagle Lake Community Center for doughnuts and coffee at 4:00 p.m. Following the social, the visitors from England will be taken to view gravel mining operations in this area.

All interested persons are invited to join the Rotarians in greeting the visitors from England at the Community Center at 4 p.m. Tuesday, said J. Melburn Sibley, president of the Rotary Club.

Spalinger Realty Sells Office Bldg. To Superior S&G

Louise and Lloyd Spalinger, owners of Spalinger Realty, announce this week that they have moved their offices to 1503 East Main, Suite 25, in the Town & Country Center. Their phone number remains the same.

The office building which they formerly owned and occupied at 209 South McCarty was sold to Superior Sand and Gravel Co. for location of the company's office facilities here.

3 Bicycles Reported Stolen, 1 Other Recovered

Eagle Lake police department received calls during the past week on the theft of three bicycles and on malicious damage to some tires.

Alvin Kohleffel reported to Chief of Police Bufford Ashley that four tires on a farm vehicle parked near the Rice Package Store were slashed some time during the week-end.

Mrs. Gilbert Sosa reported the theft of two bicycles, both Westerns Flyers, from the Sosa home on Waverly; and another was reported stolen at the David Morris home on North Lake.

Local officers reported the recovery of another bicycle which had been reported stolen earlier.

The stolen bicycle was reported by Robert Frazier of Seventh Street after he left the bike parked at the Providence Baptist Church on East State Saturday night.

Officers recovered the bicycle Monday and as

Computer Service, Criteria For Supt. On Rice Bd. Agenda

The Rice School District's board of education will meet in special session on Tuesday, April 24th, at 7:30 p.m. in the administration building in Altair to discuss computer services for the district and to set criteria for the hiring of a new superintendent. Originally, the meeting had been scheduled for April 23rd, but was changed to April 24th because of a conflict on the 23rd.

Business Manager Roy Marshall is expected to discuss with the board computer requirements for the Rice District to meet constantly increasing functions in the tax and business offices.

Supt. E. A. Krivacka tendered his resignation to the board April 9th, effective July 1st, 1979, and the board is expected to begin work next Tuesday night on setting up criteria that must be met for the hiring of a new superintendent.

All Rice Board meetings are open to the public, reminded the president Mrs. Jane Clipson.

Council Delays Action On Bids For Water Well

Colorado County Commissioners To Try Again Mon. To Divide Funds

hold their second meeting of the month at 10:00 a.m. next Monday, April 23rd and among the items on the agenda will be another attempt to reach agreement on the division of road and bridge funds to the four precincts.

In three previous attempts to divide the funds, the court ended in a 2-2 tie with County Judge Lester Cranek refusing to break the tie. Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loessin and Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker are seeking a larger share of the funds to meet needs in their precincts and have supported a plan to use road mileage as a formula in distribution of the funds but have indicated they are willing to discuss some other type of weighted formula.

On the other hand, Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Veselka and Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Sosa contend the funds should continue to be divided equally to all four precincts.

Other some type of formula is reached, the commissioners will not receive additional funds, according to county auditor M. L. Briscoe.

New Council Sworn In; Van Nort Urges Higher CD Interest

Swearing-in ceremonies for the newly elected and re-elected city officials were held last Tuesday, April 10th at the regular session of the Eagle Lake city council.

Roy D. Van Nort, who was defeated in his attempt for a third two-year term on the council, said in his final remarks that though he was no longer a member of the council, he would be "looking and listening" and would be back as a concerned citizen if he did not agree with a council action.

Van Nort also urged the new council to look further into his "pet project." He explained that the city is not getting enough money on its time deposits.

Higher Interest Urged

"There is no reason for us to get 1960 interest in 1979," said Van Nort, adding that the bank is giving 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 percent interest while other institutions offer 9 1/2 to 10 percent interest.

The councilman pointed out that those rates (9 1/2 to 10 percent) were available at other institutions to anybody, including cities, and suggested that when the current CD's mature, they be placed where a higher rate can be obtained.

Mayor Pro Tem

Ralph M. Truly and Mike V. Duarte took the oath of office to begin their first two-year terms on the council. For Alvin W. Kohleffel it was his tenth time to recite the oath.

Kohleffel, by far, is the senior member of the five-man council, serving 18 years and has been re-appointed Mayor Pro Tem by Mayor Elmer Struss. William Farris and James Cash, both elected to their first two-year terms on the council last year, stand next in line with experi-

Orthodontist Here Every Other Monday

Dr. Louis Anderson, D.D.S., M.S. will practice orthodontics here from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon every other Monday, at the dental offices of Dr. Rose Marie Roquemore in the Thomas & Ugarte Clinic building.

Dr. Anderson was here for the first session Monday and he will return on Monday, April 30th. Appointments can be made through Dr. Roquemore's office.

Dr. Anderson has been practicing for the past year in Katy. A former resident of Houston, he graduated from Memorial High School, Texas Tech, Emory Dental School in Atlanta, Ga., and took his orthodontic residency at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Free Diabetes, Blood Pressure Clinic Here Fri.

A free diabetes and high blood pressure screening clinic will be held in Eagle Lake this Friday, April 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Municipal Building, 100 E. Main Street, will be the site of the clinic sponsored by the Texas Department of Health.

"Estimates indicate that 20 out of every 1000 persons in the United States have diabetes and at least half of those people do not realize they have it," reported Public Health Nurse Bernice Richter, R.N. "Diabetes, even in the absence of symptoms, can be discovered by testing small amounts of blood sugar from a vein in the arm. If the blood sugar level is high in the random screening test and remains high with further testing, the person will then be referred to his own physician for diagnosis and treatment. Diabetes may develop in anyone, but persons who seem most likely to develop it and who are especially urged to have a diabetic screening done are those who are: (1) over forty years of age; (2) overweight; (3) a blood relative of a diabetic; or (4) a parent of a large baby weighing more than nine pounds at birth.

"Everyone over 18 years of age is encouraged to have a blood sugar checked."

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Defensive Driving Course Here Mon. and Tues.

A Defensive Driving Course will be held Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 23 and 24 from 6 to 10 at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall in Eagle Lake.

The class will be limited, however there are still a few openings and interested persons should contact Eagle Lake and Strickland Insurance Agency to make reservations.

Lake Motors Showing '80 Compact Autos

Lake Motors, Inc. in Eagle Lake will begin showing new 1980 compact Chevrolet and Oldsmobile cars this Thursday, April 19th.

Jim Reed, owner, invites you to come by to see the new 1980 Oldsmobile and Chevrolet Citation models on display at his showroom on McCarty Street.

Everyone over 18 years of age is encouraged to have a blood sugar checked.

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Other bidders included: Alsay-Pippin Corp. of Houston with a total base bid of \$189,925 plus additional supplementary costs; and Layne-Texas Co. of Houston entered a total base bid of \$191,450 plus supplementary costs. Approval of the bond sale is expected from the council's April 24th meeting at which time action is expected to be taken.

Ground Storage Tank

The next stage of the waterworks project is the construction of a ground storage tank on the same

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