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EGYPT NEWS

Mrs. B. H. Toliver

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of Andrews were guests of her cousin, Mrs. Heyne Dromgoole, and Mr. Dromgoole last week.

Mrs. Hensen of Boling visited with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Wobbe and family last Wednesday.

Dr. John T. Wynn, a former resident of Egypt, now living in Kingstree, S.C., attended the American Convention of Community and Junior Colleges in Chicago last week. He was very pleased to meet Dr. Victor Driscoll of Wharton.

Messers and Mesdames Ben Peikert of Bay City, Kenneth Peikert of Glen Flora and Ernest Giese of Wharton were Sunday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Peikert, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Northington, III spent the weekend in Tarpley with Mr. and Mrs. Shreiner Harrison.

Guests in the F. B. Duncan home Saturday included 65 relatives from Cedar Lane. A barbecue dinner was served, after which they enjoyed watching the Kentucky Derby. Mrs. Olive D. Hershay and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dobson assisted in the host's duties.

The Rev. Southall of Matagorda gave the Sunday morning service at the Bonns Baptist Church.

Mrs. Jasper Longmire of Andrews spent the past week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. M. Longmire.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Peikert and little daughter Denise spent Sunday with relatives in Cleveland.

With The Sick
With the sick folk in our area: Mrs. H. A. Dromgoole is a patient in Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton for surgery. Mrs. G. M.

Michele Sibley Wins 1st Place At UIL State Meet



Eagle Lake.

Michele Sibley, a sophomore at Rice High School, won first place in State University Inter-scholastic - I-a-g-u-e typing. Michele is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Melburn Sibley of

Cason returned home this past week from Houston where she had undergone treatment. Rex Sanders is recovering from surgery in a Houston hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sauer returned to their home in Lakeland last week after a visit with her sisters and niece, Mesdames C. E. Carter, G. M. Longmire and Heyne Dromgoole. Canasta Club

The Canasta Club enjoyed a pleasant afternoon last Thursday when they were the guests of Mrs. R. F. Spaniel at her home in Eagle Lake. Scores of the two tables of players were

Mesdames Williams and Austin. After the games Mrs. Spaniel served salad and sweet courses. Hostess For Garden Club

Mrs. Kenneth Abel was

hostess to the Eagle Lake Garden Club recently at her home in the Matthews community. After the business meeting she served a pleasing

refreshment course. Pvt. E. L. G. Gary has returned home after receiving his discharge. He had two and one-half years' service in West Germany. His mother is Mrs. Myrtle Gary of Egypt.

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Agricultural Observations

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The Colorado River is expected to fall more in the coming days herring any more significant rains. This should help to relieve any flooding problems from recent rains.

Mrs. Gold Says Farewell After 38 Years of Success At Epps'

"After 38 years in business I am retiring as of May 31st, 1979. The Epps' Store will operate as usual, same location, same lines of merchandise; however, it will have a new local ownership as of June 1st, 1979. It will be necessary for two days of inventory and transition. We will be closed Wednesday, May 30th and Thursday, May 31st only; open again for regular business June 1st, 1979. We regret having to ask your indulgence of a two-day closing and offer our apologies.

"It is with a sad heart I say 'farewell' to Epps' Store. It began with two lines, 'Vanities Fair' and 'Hanes Hosiery'. Those two lines are still carried. As a little girl I dreamed in my grandfather's country store of being a grown up with a store.

When I was grown-up and married I still wanted a store. I convinced my husband to let me try. At the back end of a service station I started 'my store'.

As customers bought gasoline, etc., they found a 'liney' stock of ladies' hose and the 'king' in lingerie. 'Vanities Fair'.

My capital was so small, not having a D. and B. rating I had to have stock shipped C.O.D. I thought if I had local Houston charge accounts, the manufacturers would offer credit, but it doesn't work that way. I soon found out. Two top lines in the back end of a service station was astonishing! I worked seven days a week from early morning until closing time nights. All my nickies went back for larger Vanities Fair stock.

"After one year I wrote the mill (Vanities Fair), and asked him I proven I could. They gave it to me. I was just as happy to earn the charge account with Vanities Fair mills as a high school diploma. My stock grew, my customers grew. Many days were tired ones, but always happy ones as I had 'my store' on its way.

"The Move. In the Beckman building on Main Street, came 'The Store'. Again I was happy. Just to think.

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Outstanding Citizens. Congratulations to Mrs. Freida Kubesch, age 69, of Nada and Henry Atkins Ward, age 92, of Columbus for having received the Outstanding Senior Citizen Award for Crockett County at the Older Texans Day Fair held in the Nada parish hall last Thursday. A very large crowd attended and there were a lot of beautiful things for sale. Special speakers were Dr. R. R. Thomas of Eagle Lake and County Judge Lester Crane.

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Funeral services for Mrs. Gertson had not been set at our press time.

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Garwood and Nada Community News

MRS. J. F. STRUSKA - 758-3352

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Elvin Bethea Congratulates Top RHS Athlete



Elvin Bethea, all-pro defensive lineman for the Houston Oilers, was the featured speaker at the Annual Rice High School All-Sports Banquet sponsored by the Outdoors in the Rice Community last Thursday night. Bethea is shown here congratulating John Grammer, center, for being awarded the Most Outstanding Boy Athlete at Rice in the 1978-79 school year. At John's right is Rice Athletic Director Jack Grammer, who made the presentation to John and also served as Master of Ceremonies during the banquet. For more on the All-Sports Banquet see page 13.

ELMS Building Cost Estimates Run High

Committee Named To Screen Applicants For Supt.'s Position

By Jeff Frank

Supt. E. A. Krivacka reported to the Rice School District's Board of Education, in a session Monday night in the Administration Building, that new estimates made on the Eagle Lake Middle School construction project have exceeded the original anticipated cost by from 20 to 25 percent. Plans are now being revised with several cutbacks and these are expected to cut the costs considerably, added the superintendent.

Krivacka reported to the board that attorneys for Jim Majors have filed an appeal with the Committee on Education and litigation in that matter would begin soon. The board declined to reconsider Majors' contract following a grievance hearing held last month.

Cafeteria Praised. The superintendent also reported that a recent inspection of the Rice High School cafeteria revealed that it was, in excellent condition. He noted that the cafeteria was a self-sustaining operation and that as of last year it had a surplus of \$60,000.

Krivacka indicated that the Rice cafeteria has maintained the same price for lunches over the past three years while many other schools have seen increases. He did indicate, however, that an increase in the price of adult lunches was upcoming and that an increase in student lunches might also be necessary.

It was also reported that the school recently received \$900 as a result of the Rice High School varsity basketball team's participation in the State Tournament in Austin. The money covered expenses incurred by the team during their stay in Austin.

The school is also expecting another \$4000 as its share of the gate (Continued on last page)

A dedication ceremony Friday morning at eleven o'clock marked the completion of the new Colorado River bridge and approaches on Farm to Market Road 950 at Garwood, Colorado County Judge Lester J. Crane recognized the county officials, local citizens and personnel of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation who had been involved with the project.

The old steel bridge built in 1929 has long been a bottleneck to traffic in the Garwood area. With its restricted load limit, narrow 17 foot deck width, and poor alignment on each end, the need for a more adequate structure has been recognized for many years, noted Judge Crane.

Backed By Lions. The Garwood Lions Club passed a resolution requesting construction of a new bridge in 1978 and offered their support for the county to provide the necessary right-of-way. Although the State had entered a plea of guilty to criminal charges in District Court last Thursday, May 10th, Judge B. B. Schrauf heard the plea.

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Cities Of Weimar, Eagle Lake

Ask Direct Line To Sheriff

A request was made to the County Commissioners' Court, in session Monday, by representatives of the city of Eagle Lake and city of Weimar for a local telephone number to the county sheriff's office.

Eagle Lake Mayor Elmer Struss and Weimar Mayor Pro-tem Henry Beyer, acting Mayor Davis Gindler who was unable to attend, made the request.

Struss noted that there is considerable delay in placing a long distance call to the sheriff's office, at times; and that many people are hesitant about calling collect although Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller has asked local citizens to do so in time of need.

He told the court that the cost for a straight line to the sheriff's office from Eagle Lake would be \$99.94 per month and counting Eagle Lake, Garwood, Altair, Nada, Sheridan, and Rock Island subscribers, the monthly cost would be only about 46 cents for the total of 4789 phones at these numbers.

He added that the cost for a straight line from Weimar would run \$95.44 per month. He added a one-time installation would cost about \$85 for the Eagle Lake installa-

tion serviced by Southwestern Bell and also for the installation by General Telephone which services Weimar.

"This," said Mayor Struss, "would provide for equal service to everyone in the county." He added that the cities involved feel the spending of these funds would be justified.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker (Continued on Page 3)

City Water Well Drilled; Testing Is Underway

Eagle Lake City Manager T. J. Smith reported Tuesday afternoon that the Layne-Western Company has completed drilling of the city's new water well on city property on Davis St. and testing is underway.

According to the city manager the firm drilled the bottom level below the 500-foot mark and initial indications are that the well will be a good one.

Testing continues and an electric log is expected to further reaffirm this fact. Surface casing to the 500-foot level may be completely set before the end of the week.

During his last five years on the council, Baker tried but was not successful in having the city adopt a pension plan. During his final month in office he brought in William Appelt to present a plan to the city.

At the meeting last Tuesday night he explained that the plan Appelt presented was flexible and simple and charged that the council "would not be fulfilling your duty as councilmen if you do not pass one."

Baker noted that three of the councilmen were retirees and on pensions and asked, "How would you feel if you didn't have one?" and added "Aren't you glad someone thought of you?"

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Councilman Farris, who serves as the city treasurer for the city, pointed out that he was

not against retirement, saying it was a "fine thing and employees need it. But, we had a decision to make and it was to put all money we can in annual salary this year." He added that the city couldn't afford the pension plan.

The payroll for the upcoming year is set at about \$150,000 with the increased wages, according to the council. For a pension plan to be set up about \$7,500 would be needed. Funding, they say would possibly have to come from the payroll which would mean cutting wages.

Though the council did hold its position on no pension plan at this time, it did not cut it out in the future. It was decided to make a definite decision in the matter at the first meeting in October, which is midway through the budget year.

Wage Increase. The council did approve a higher wage scale for city employees Tuesday night after returning from an executive session. The raise amounted to about a 10 percent increase.

EL Auto Repair And Body Offering Wrecker Service

Tom Pate, owner of the Eagle Lake Auto Repair and Body Shop at 201 East A Street, announces that his firm now has a new wrecker and is offering around the clock service. The firm also specializes in body and frame work and radiator repairs and recording.

Benefit Party At St. Mary's Saturday

The St. Mary's PTC will sponsor a Benefit Party this Saturday, May 19th after the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

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County's Oil And Gas Valuations Are Dropping

Employee Pension Discussed At Budget Public Hearing

(By Jeff Frank)

In a public hearing on the 1979-80 budget for the City of Eagle Lake held Tuesday night, May 8th, former city councilman Eugene Baker challenged the present council to include in it a pension plan for city employees.

Baker cited several areas in the budget where funding had been increased considerably but noted that a retirement plan had been omitted.

Councilman William Farris and James Cash were appointed to a committee by Mayor Elmer Struss last month to determine the feasibility of a plan. It was their recommendation that the best alternative would be to increase employees' pay rather than set up a pension at this time.

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