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Bldg. Costs

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receipts during the event.

Bldg. Fee Waiver OK'd

The board approved a building fee waiver to Rice Athletic Director Jack Grammer for use of the ELMS gymnasium for a week during the summer.

The waiver is actually reducing the building use fee from \$400 to \$150. The Rice District policy normally requires a fee of \$10 per hour and Grammer has indicated that he

intends to use the gym for 40 hours to participate in a basketball camp this summer.

A nationwide organization is working with Grammer, attempting to set up a camp in Eagle Lake July 16-20. The camp will be available to 9 through 14 year olds and each day a different NBA coach or player will be helping to conduct it.

Supt. Committee Named

In other matters Monday night board president Jane Clipson appointed a committee composed of Ted Wiese, Anthony Kallina and Steve Balas to screen applications for the

superintendent's position in Rice CISD.

The board had received 10 applications as of Monday night, but was expecting a large number to start coming in during the next few weeks.

Clipson asked the committee to screen the number of applicants to 12 to 15 as soon after the July 1st filing deadline as possible, so that the board could begin the final selection.

In another matter, it was reported by the superintendent that a staffing change was forthcoming in the Eagle Lake schools. With the drop in enrollment in the second grade at the

Eagle Lake Primary School, that grade's teaching staff will be reduced from four to three. An increase at the Eagle Lake Middle School has prompted an addition of one teacher there, to teach half the

time in Title I and the other half in ESL.

Appointments Made

The board approved the appointment of Lawrence Berger, E. J. Parma and W. P. Crump-ton to the board of equalization.

Also approved by the board was the appointment of W. M. Thomas, Jr. as the Rice CISD insurance program.

And the board approved the recommendation of the school attorney, M. L. Null of Victoria, for slightly revised personnel policy changes in policies DAJA, DCC and DCH.

City CDs

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placed the old bridge high on its priority list for replacement as early as 1971, funds were not available. Finally in 1976 the bridge was ranked as number four in Texas on the Federal Bridge Replacement Inventory and funding was authorized in June 1977.

Carl V. Ramet, District Engineer for the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, said at the dedication, "This old bridge was left in place when this road was taken

New Teachers

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in that community.

Mrs. Brown was a supervisor in the Rice District for 13 years and headed the Right-to-Road and Title I programs in the Rice District. She is retiring from teaching after 41 years of service in that field.

New Teachers Hired

The Rice CISD Board approved the hiring of the following personnel for the 1979-80 school term:

Kathryn Munoz, 23, a graduate of Tarleton State University, with a certification in Elementary Education, Kindergarten, Early Childhood, LLD and English. She has one year of teaching experience and will be working in the Resource Room at the Eagle Lake Primary School.

Lora Lynn Vornand, 21, a recent graduate of Southwest Texas State University with a B.S. in Math and Biology and a Master from SWT in Educational Administration. He has six years of previous experience in the New Braunfels School District.

Irene Villagomez, graduate of St. Thomas with a B.A. in Spanish and English. She had six years previous experience in the Houston L.S.D. and will be teaching in the Resource Room at Rice High School.

Tabda Lynn Burkhardt, 23, a recent graduate of Southwest Texas with a B.A. and certification in Speech, Drama and English.

Krivacka Consultant

In other personnel matters Monday night, the board approved the appointment of Krivacka as a consultant to the Rice District upon his retirement as superintendent, effective July 1st.

Plans are to maintain his consulting services through the completion of the construction program at the Eagle Lake Middle School or through August 1, 1980, whichever comes first.

As a consultant, Krivacka will handle the entire building program at the ELMS, will prepare the new budget, will assist during the summer in the maintenance and transportation program and will help with the orientation of the new superintendent.

Board President Jane Clipson, prior to the appointment of Krivacka, commended the superintendent for the cooperation and courtesies he has extended in seeking a predecessor to his position.

River Bridge

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The \$134,000 in CDs maturing that will be re-invested include \$109,000 from the General Fund, \$15,000 from the Parks and Recreation Fund and \$10,000 from the Contingency Fund.



Raiders of the Spring Concert 7:30 Thursday Night

Pictured above are the basses of the fine Raider Band. They are, from left to right: Jim Epps, Russell Wick, Robert Morgan, Russell Johnson, Mike Schorlemmer and Greg Leopold.

Their challenge to you is to make them smile. How can you do this? Well, it's easy. Make plans to attend the Raider Band Concert. These young men will be featured during the concert and want you to hear how good they can play "The Beer Barrel Polka".

The annual Spring Concert of the

Rice Raider Band will be held in the Commons of Rice High School this Thursday night. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. the band will present a program of light and popular music everyone is sure to enjoy.

It is during this concert that the letter awards are presented to the bandsmen. And the highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Band Sweetheart and Beau as selected by the band. "Hope to see you at the concert," said Floyd Spenrath, band director.

Allan Higgins
Graduate Of
Texas A&M

Donors of blood for Rex Sanders are notified that the blood will be taken by the Houston Blood Mobile on Tues., May 29th and not this Friday as originally planned. A list of the prospective donors is being made at Spangler Hardware.

Friends wish a speedy recovery to good health to Mrs. Ted (Lillie) Balsek, who retired recently after serving as the caterer for Eagle Lake Rotary and Lions Clubs for many years.

Funeral services were held at the Highlands Methodist Church on April 30th for Mrs. Nannie Belle Moore, 87, of Highlands who passed away April 26th.

Mrs. Moore was a sister of the late Mrs. Raymond R. Kohleffel of this city and was an aunt of Mrs. Dale Cassidy and Raymond L. Kohleffel of this city and an aunt of Mrs. John J. Parker of Pasadena.

Among those attending the services from Eagle Lake were Raymond L. Kohleffel, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cassidy, Mrs. O. L. Mill, Alvin W. Kohleffel, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bauer. Mrs. R. L. Kohleffel visited with the family in Highlands on Sunday.

Mrs. Moore is survived by two sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Right-of-way for the new location in Colorado County precincts one and four, Otto Loessin and Bill Stiles respective commissioners, was furnished by Colorado County.

Construction was begun in November, 1977 by A. M. Vogel, Inc. and Houston Bridge and Engineering Company, Inc. from Houston. The project cost was approximately \$1,291,000 for the 3.3 miles of roadway and new 40-foot clear width Colorado River bridge.

Attending the ceremony last Friday were many Garwood Lions, numerous Highway Department officials, county officials and representatives of the City of Eagle Lake, the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce and Eagle Lake Lions Club.

County Judge Crane had the honor of snipping the ribbon officially marking the opening of the new bridge.

Allan Higgins received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture-Economics from Texas A&M University during graduation exercises in College Station Friday, May 4th. He was a 1975 graduate of Rice High School.

Higgins, a member of the Aggie Corps for four years, participated in the traditional Final Review ceremonies on Saturday.

He was a Staff Officer in his battalion and was a member of Company C-1.

Attending the ceremonies were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higgins; Melba and Rick Higgins; and Jerrold Higgins of Houston; also his grandparents, Mrs. Delbert Smith of Houston and Mrs. Alma Higgins of Alvin; also Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turner and family.

After graduation, exercises Allan's parents treated him, four friends and relatives to a celebration dinner at the Ramada Inn.

An unexpected guest at Saturday's Final Review was Tom Reed who has been in Washington.

A minor wreck worked. A 1970 pickup truck driven by Homer Albert Willtrout of Eagle Lake and a 1979 Buick driven by Bob Onel Sunday of Richmond, collided at Booth Drive Saturday.

Investigating officer Richard LaCourse reported the pickup was leaving the Key Station and failed to see the approaching Sunday car being driven west on Boath Drive and hit the car pulling onto the highway.

Minor Accident Sat.

Eagle Lake police department reported a quiet week-end with only

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Rice High School Counselor Bill Carpenter, right, presented in behalf of the sponsors, two nursing scholarships to Rice High School seniors at the senior awards assembly held May 11th. At the left is Kathy

Fraser, happy recipient of the 4-year David and Eula Wintermann Foundation Nursing Scholarship; and in the center is Jacqueline Kallina, winner of the Annette Rodgers Memorial Nursing Scholarship.

City's Operation
Is Big BusinessCity Manager Speaks
At Rotary Meet

Eagle Lake City Manager T. J. Smith was the speaker at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday of last week and he discussed the growing magnitude of city government and projects which are underway in the city at this time.

Smith told the Rotarians and guests that the council has adopted the budget for the 1979-80 year, \$1,175,000, and this coupled with the administration of a \$700,000 community development grant for work within the city, gives the city nearly \$2 million worth of expenditures for the current fiscal year.

The city manager noted that two bond issues were paid off last year and two more will be paid off this year and the city does not have any money set aside in the new budget for general obligation bonds. "This is not to say that the city

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Monday, May 28
Memorial Day,
Is Holiday HereTruck Driver Killed When
Truck Hits Cow, Then Ditch

The driver of a 1968 White truck and flat bed trailer, used to haul grass, was killed instantly early last Saturday morning when his truck hit a cow and then hit a ditch embankment causing the trailer to crush the cab of the truck.

Highway patrolman Andy Tacquard of Eagle Lake was the investigating officer. He reported the accident occurred at around 4:15 a.m. when the truck, driven by Willie Thomas Smith of El Campo and owned by Tom Welfel of El Campo, was headed west on Highway 71 a mile east of Vox Populi community. The truck struck a cow



Father Schmidt

Nada Priest
To Be Named
Monsignor

The Rev. Victor G. Schmidt, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Nada, will receive the rank of "Prelate of Honor" with the title of "Monsignor" at a special Mass at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 28 in San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio.

Father Victor is one of ten priests of the Archdiocese of San Antonio to receive this honor. These ten priests will make the Profession of Faith at the Monks' Mind Mass for Archbishop Furey and assume their new titles. After Mass a buffet dinner will be served in the cathedral garden. The public is invited to the Mass.

Each new monsignor is to have a parish celebration.

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Drowning Claims Lives
Of 2 Youths Mon., Tues. Commencement Fri. NiteRussell Johnson, 17
Victim of Tragedy
Here Tuesday

The community was deeply saddened to learn Tuesday evening of the tragic death of Russell Keith Johnson, 17-year-old Rice High School junior, who accidentally drowned while swimming in the Broyles Lake gravel pit, three miles south of the city.

Russell and five friends were enjoying a swim in the gravel pit lake and were swimming about fifty feet from the shore to a sand bar. It was reported by those at the scene that Russell was last seen about halfway to the shore and that he showed no signs of distress. He apparently suffered a cramp and submerged into about fifteen feet of water.

When he was missed, at around 5:15 p.m., the youth ran to the Johnny Meitzner home nearby and summoned his assistance. Authorities were notified and Meitzner, an experienced scuba diver, began a search for the body and located it in a short time, at around

13-Year-Old
From Houston Drowns
At Country Camp Mon.

A thirteen year old Houston youth, William Kopach, was a victim of drowning at the Country Camp south of Columbus Monday afternoon.

The youth was with a group of students and chaperones from St. Ambrose's Catholic School in Houston to celebrate the end of school but the party ended in a tragedy.

The youth reportedly was diving from a paddle boat at around 4:15 p.m. He came to the surface and then disappeared in about thirty-five feet of water. It is believed that he might have been affected by the cold water or became disoriented in the dark deep water.

Columbus fire department's rescue unit was called to the scene and Game Wardens Sam Center and Leo Kohleffel brought a boat to the

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& D Furniture
Opening Here
Today, Thursday

A new business will open in Eagle Lake this Thursday in the J & D Furniture Co., owned by Jo Ann and Don Hausler of Wharton. They also own a furniture store in Wharton.

They invite you to come by for a visit and enjoy refreshments Thursday through Saturday, and to register, without obligation, for free prizes to be awarded at the conclusion of the formal opening event.

J & D will be located at 101 Main Street, formerly housing The Clothes Closet and before that the Rice Paddy.

Raider Band Sweetheart, Beau

Friday morning, June 1st the store will reopen under a new name, Jo

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Eagle Lake's Magnolia Belle



Miss Julie Epps represented the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce as a Magnolia Belle at the 18th annual Columbus Magnolia Homes Tour last Saturday and Sunday. The pretty petite sophomore at Rice High School is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. Lewis E. Epps of Eagle Lake. Julie was presented along with other Magnolia Belles from the district for the Homes Tour on both Saturday and Sunday.

Rock Island
Homecoming
This Sunday

The annual Rock Island Homecoming and Memorial Service will be held at the Rock Island Community Center this Sunday, May 27th.

A chicken and sausage barbecue lunch will be served at noon followed by a memorial service at 1:00 p.m.

Epps' Closes
Sat., Jo Ann's
Opens June 1

Mrs. Gladys Epps Gold announces that she will close Epps' department store in Eagle Lake for the last time at the close of business this Saturday, May 26th.

Monday is a holiday here and on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. of next week the store will be taking inventory and the transition will be made to the new owners of the department store, Jo Ann and Kenneth Mahalite.

Friday morning, June 1st the store will reopen under a new name, Jo

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Blood Mobile
To Be Here
Next Tuesday

A Blood Mobile from Houston will be here next Tuesday to accept donations of blood on the parking lot of the First Baptist Church on Prairie Street.

The Blood Mobile will be here from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to accept blood donors.

Those persons who pledged to donate blood in behalf of Rex Sanders should plan to give blood at that time.

Also any other persons who would like to give blood, any type, are urged to participate in the program.

The Rice Consolidated High School will hold its ninth commencement exercises beginning at 8:00 p.m. this Friday, May 25th when 100 seniors in the Class of 1979 are candidates to receive diplomas in ceremonies to be held in the Rice High School Raider gymnasium. The class is the smallest ever to graduate from Rice. There were 119 in the class of 1978, 130 in 1977, 114 in 1976, 122 in 1975, 134 in 1974, 130 in 1973, 127 in 1972 and 134 in 1971.

An overflow crowd is expected in Raider gym. Each student in the class has been assigned two tickets for parents or guardians to sit in a specially reserved section and the parents or guardians should bring these tickets and present them to the ushers. Ushers will be from the junior class and include: Thomas Kallina, Mary Young, Carolyn Pavlu, Philip Leopold, Arnold Rodriguez, Kelly Kallina, Bertha Dancy, Marie Carter, Ricky Miller and Pam Kallina.

Program By Seniors

The commencement program will be presented by members of the senior class. Rich Farria, a junior, will play the professional and recessional. Stephen Spaniel, one of eight honor graduates, will give the invocation. The seniors will sing their class song, "We've Only Just Begun" accompanied by Angel Farrow.

Joyce Marie Korenek will deliver the valedictory; and Mary Ann Schoellman will give the salutatory.

Principal Fred Grabman will certify the graduates and Jane Clipson, president of the Rice CISD board, and Supt. E. A. Krivacka will present the diplomas.

After the singing of the Alma Mater, accompanied by Jeanie Gold, Roberta Tomchesson, an honor graduate, will give the benediction.

Sponsors of the Class of 1979 are: Mrs. Marjorie Crabb, Mrs. Dorothy White, Mrs. Henrietta Baumgarten, Ralph Williams, Jack Grammer, Troy Krenke, Finest Axel and Reuben Wunderlich.

Sheridan Baptist
Homecoming
This Sunday

Sunday, May 27th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing throughout the day the First Baptist Church of Sheridan will hold its Homecoming.

The Fellowship Bible Ministry group from Austin will be returning this year to lead in gospel singing, preaching, and teaching.

A barbecue dinner on the grounds will follow the morning worship service. Everyone in the area is invited.