

Elected Rice Assn. Directors



Members of Eagle Lake division of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association elected three new directors at their annual meeting Monday night. Donald Obenhaus, manager, left, and Henry Sunderman, president, right, welcome two of the three directors, Melvin Sunderman, second from left, and Ralph Gertson, second from right. Ted Wiese was not present.

Rice Assn. Has Annual Meet

Reports Heard, Directors Elected

The Eagle Lake division of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association held its annual dinner meeting at Marvin's in Altair Monday night when annual reports were presented and directors named for the 1979-80 year.

Following a social hour, the group assembled for the delicious steak and rice dinner prepared by Marvin Tyler and staff. Joe Anderson offered the invocation after president Henry Sunderman called the meeting to order.

Lennie Sommeriste, secretary of the association, read the minutes of last year's meeting, and Wm. H. Harrison gave the financial report.

Ralph Gertson, Melvin Sunderman and Ted Wiese were elected new directors to the association's local board; David R. Wintermann and Ted Brunner were re-elected to the Central Board of the Association; and Mr. Wintermann and Richard L. Clippson were re-elected to the American Rice Growers Exchange board.

Manager's Report
Donald Obenhaus, in lieu of his regular report on activities of the association recognized eleven of the association members who are the "fathers of 99% of our active member farmers," said Obenhaus. They included: A. A. Gertson, Sam Davidson, Jim Bill Atkins, Bennie Blair, Griff Thomas, Fred Isenbower, Helmer Seaholm, Ed Causey, Pete Gertson, Gardner Duncan and Victor Corman.

During the 1978-79 crop year, the association handled rice from 42,429 acres with total production of 1,853,333 hundredweight from the first crop and 501,728 from the second crop.

The 1978 rice averaged 43.68 Cwt. per acre on the first crop and 11.8 Cwt. on the second crop for an overall average of 55.5 Cwt. per acre. In terms of barrels, the average production was 27 barrels for the first crop and 7.28 barrels for the second crop.

Total gross sales for the 1978-79 crop amounted to \$21,186,224.

The manager estimated that \$24,000 Cwt. of the 1978-79 crop was under contract; and that around 300,000 Cwt. of the 1979-80 crop is already under contract for \$10.00 per Cwt. for rice with 59-70 milling and No. 2 grade or better.

Rice Council Report
Curtis Leonhardt, Texas representative for the Rice Council for Market Development, and Si Grider, Foreign Marketing representative for the Council, were among those attending.

Leonhardt told the rice men and guests that their investment in the council is being put to good use in the development of domestic and foreign markets. He noted an air of optimism about the rice export situation for the 1979-80 year and predicted a continual rise in domestic consumption through promotion programs sponsored by the council.

Leonhardt also displayed to the group a new rice promotion booklet, "International Rice Favorites" which is being published and will be available to the public soon.

Dr. Jim Stansel, director of the Texas A&M Research Center, reminded the rice producers of the June 28th Western Division Field Day and program to be held at the rice experiment station west of Eagle Lake.

Stansel also discussed with the producers some of the factors which determine the use of Benlate to control stem rot and blast in the 1979 crop. He noted the factors that contribute to rice diseases and predicted that early rice is not likely to have blast, but said the probability increases for rice diseases, especially blast, in the late rice due to the weather conditions which have prevailed so far this season.

Sunderman introduced the special guests present for the occasion, including Neville Miskow and Allan Hill of Columbus banks, Buck Bootcher of the East Bernard bank, Wm. H. Harrison, Bill Harrison, Jr., Earl Rodgers, Gene Brown, Travis Wegmoff and Case Holub of First National Bank of Eagle Lake, County Extension Agent Leroy Hajduk, rice buyers Rocky Dickerson and Jerry

3 Accidents In City During Past Weekend

Eagle Lake police investigated three wrecks, two Thursday and one Friday, and two of them occurred on the parking lot at Dan's Minute Stop on East Main Street.

At 4:00 p.m. Thursday, City Patrolman Richard LaCourse investigated a collision at the intersection of Lake Ave. and Boothe Drive. The officer reported that a 1974 Chevrolet driven by Loevenia S. Chavis and a 1979 Mack truck and trailer, driven by Harlan Ray Kuykendall and owned by Truckers, Inc. of Stafford, were involved.

The officer said Mrs. Chavis was traveling north on Lake and had stopped for the stop sign. Kuykendall was driving the truck west on Boothe Drive and made a left turn off Boothe Drive and the rear tire of the truck hit the rear of the Chavis car.

The officer estimated damage to the car at over \$250. There were no injuries.

In the first of the two accidents on the Minute Stop parking lot, at 10:45 p.m. Thursday, a 1977 GMC pickup driven by Jose Y. Gutierrez of Tivoli and a 1976 Ford pickup owned by Robert Elizondo of Runge were involved. Investigating officer Clark Murgage, city patrolman, reported that Elizondo backed out of a parking space and started forward just as Gutierrez started to back up from a parking spot and the vehicles collided but there was minor damage.

LaCourse investigated another accident on the parking lot at 2 p.m. Friday. A 1978 Chevrolet driven by Peter Lucero of Albuquerque, New Mexico and a 1973 Cadillac owned by Robert Elton Little of Eagle Lake were involved. The officer said that Lucero backed into the right door of the Cadillac which was parked on the parking lot. Damage was estimated over \$250.

Dance Recital
A large crowd attended the Third Annual Dance Recital of Jacques Smith's Dance Studios Saturday night. A variety of disco, tap and ballet was well presented by the students. Title for the recital this year was "Show Boat." Costumes and music coordinated with the title. Mrs. Smith has studios in Hallettsville, Yoakum, and Sheridan.

New Business
The community welcomes Ed Parham's new business. He has recently purchased the Shell Station and is now offering a complete line of service. He invites you to come by and will greatly appreciate your business.

Youth Activities
Young people in Sheridan are busy this summer with activities that include Library Reading Program, Red Cross Swimming Lessons, and Little League.

They are fortunate to be able to enjoy these programs and are encouraged to take advantage of them.

HOSPITAL NEWS NOTES
Patients [June 4]
Eagle Lake: Mrs. Mary Cordova, Rosendo Sanchez, Dr. Lewis Kopecky, Willard Stuart, Mrs. Rosie Willis, Edgar Adkins, Mrs. Lillie Semora, Wylie Williams; Altair: David Long; Lexington: Mrs. Larry Lou Reed; El Campo: Gabriel Kulhanek; Schenleberg: Mrs. Gabriela Zemlicka; La Grange: Jason Murra; Columbus: Mrs. Theofora Banegas, Mrs. Vivian Crawford, Miss Debbie Kunz; East Bernard: Mrs. Adelia Lopez; Houston: Mrs. Josephine Sucedo, Mrs. Sheryl Hooper; Nada:

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SHOW TIME
7:30 P.M. Nightly
Wed., June 6 thru
Sunday, June 10
"North Avenue
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With Disney G-Rated
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Mon. for Regulars

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Regulations On New Stations Unfair To All, Says Pickle

U. S. Rep. J. J. "Jake" Pickle charges that government regulations that allow new station outlets to have virtually all the gasoline they need immediately after opening puts regular full-service stations operators at a great disadvantage.

"Many of these new outlets are two or four pumps in the parking lot of a convenience store," Pickle said. "With DOE acceptance, the corporate owners of these pumps can apply for unlimited amounts of gasoline while the DOE holds existing stations to a set amount of gasoline."

The problem came to Congressman Pickle's attention May 31st when dealers at existing stations complained about Southland Corporation's applying for approval of approximately five million gallons of gasoline for a new station at Seven Eleven stores on Koenig Lane in Austin.

The pumps started operation in April.

"Whenever we have government allocation of gasoline, this is tantamount to a rationing system. Under rationing, invariably discrepancies and often unfairness creep into the system," it seems to me that present regulations on new stations tend to compound the problem. It's almost an open invitation for black market gasoline," Pickle said.

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Dance Party Honors Tommy Pilkington

Mrs. J. T. Pilkington honored her husband, Tommy, with a delightful dance in the Eagle Lake Community Center on Saturday evening, June 2nd on the occasion of his birthday (which was June 5) from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Also, the Pilkingtons were celebrating their thirtieth wedding anniversary which was on May 29th.

A large group of friends and relatives were present to celebrate with the couple. Hilmer Dahl of Hutto provided organ music for dancing during the gala event.

Hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, a large beautifully decorated birthday cake, and cocktails were enjoyed throughout the evening.

The Pilkingtons' children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. John Pilkington and family of West Columbia and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harbers and children of La Porte; her sister, Mrs. Jack Briscoe and Mr. Briscoe of Weimar; and friends from Wharton and Columbus were among those joining local guests for the social.

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Beeville Student Names CPL Robot

A named submitted by a Beeville student has been chosen to depict a three-foot robot used in a Central Power and Light Company sixth-grade assembly program.

Karla Johnson, a student in Diane Spurlock's class at R. A. Hall School suggested "Electroid" for the robot's name and a panel of judges chose it from over several thousand entries. Karla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Johnson of Star Rt. 1, Box 49 in Beeville. For submitting the winning name, Miss Johnson

was presented a \$25 check by CPL's Beeville Manager Charlie Boyer and her class will tour CPL's Lon C. Hill Power Station in Corpus Christi.

All local sixth graders who saw the CPL show were eligible to participate in the "Name the Robot" contest.

The robot is used to help explain laser transmission of energy from proposed orbiting power plants and solar cell collectors in outer space.

A laser beam activates the robot, which then moves forward, blinks lights and emits computer-like sounds.

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Wharton County Deputy Given Life Sentence

Former Wharton County Deputy Sheriff Max Shiflet, 43, was assessed life imprisonment for the murder of Diana Kaiser of Victoria by District Judge Clarence N. Stevenson Friday morning, June 1st.

Shiflet, who has been free on \$50,000 bond and was found on Jan. 6, 1977 on Highway 59 between Hungerford and Kendleton, used the CB "handle" "Free Spirit," and was the subject of an eight-month search before her skeletal remains were discovered by a

county worker in a Culvert under FM Road 2919 near East Bernard on Sept. 6, 1977, about 10 miles from where her truck was found.

Shiflet was indicted by a Wharton County grand jury on Jan. 9, 1978. El Campo Leader-News.

Michael Hruzek Are Parents Of Son Born May 28

Michael and Christine Hruzek announce the birth of their first child, Dustin - Michael, who

arrived Monday, May 28 at 12:08 p.m. in the Bellville General Hospital in Bellville. He weighed seven pounds, seven and measured twenty one inches in length.

Grandparents welcoming Dustin are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Greak Sr. of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Raymond Hruzek of Sealy and the late Raymond Hruzek. Great grandparents include Mrs. Peter R. Hruzek of Wallis and Mrs. Pauline Janca of Hallettsville.

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News From Wintermann Library

Thimble Collection Featured

The display cabinet features a thimble collection of Janene Richter. She said she does not quite know how the collection began except she cannot sew without a thimble and was always looking for exactly the right one. She has

thimbles made of silver, brass and bone china. Some are handpainted and others were business advertisements.

Summer Program
Wednesday, June 13, the Summer Program will have Glenda Blair for age 4 thru those who completed the 1st grade and Linda Anderson for 2nd grade thru those who completed 5th grade. The program is at 2:30 p.m. and will last about 30 to 40 minutes.

Agricultural Observations
from TEXAS A&M RESEARCH SITE
EAGLE LAKE 1/ 4-Inch

Date	Air Temp	2/ Soil Temp	Evap	Rain
May	Max Min	Max Min	(ins)	(in)
29	86 68	82 74	.196	0.02
30	91 66	81 75	.394	1.24
31	90 66	87 73	.206	
Jun				
1	81 66	82 74	.175	
2	86 70	80 76	.150	0.18
3	89 70	85 76	.197	0.14
4	83 72	80 77	.088	
5	73	73	0.35	

1/ In cooperation with National Weather Service & Texas Water Development Board

2/ Sheltered air temperatures

Rather numerous showers and thunderstorms are expected across the Coastal Plains Tuesday through Wednesday. The approach of a high level storm has raised the chance for rains in excess of two inches. A flash flood watch has been posted for today. Already swollen streams and rivers could have problems handling additional heavy runoff. Weather will likely remain unsettled the second half of the week. Friday and Saturday may see increasing rain chances.

Farm operations geared toward wet weather are indicated for the rest of the week. Only a few areas are expected to escape thunderstorms the next couple of days. More attention will be needed toward moving livestock and farm equipment out of areas prone to flood. Avoid lightning hazards such as fences, tractors and other metal equipment during thunderstorms. Lightning is a major weather related killer.

Growers trying to squeeze in a last minute fungicide or insecticide treatment this afternoon will run a high risk of washoff before meeting minimum chemical contact time. Radar already shows shower developing west of Houston and also approaching the Coastal Bend. Limited aerial spraying may be possible late Wednesday and Thursday.

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