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July 4th Celebration Here Promises Fun For All!

Entertainment For Young and Old Starts Downtown At 6 P.M.

A wide variety of events in Eagle Lake's observance of the 203rd anniversary of the United States of America, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce this Wednesday, is expected to draw a large crowd, starting with a barbecue chicken dinner at 11 a.m. to the final note of the free street dance at 12 midnight.

Citizens of Eagle Lake invite others from neighboring areas to come to the event and to help conserve gasoline and also help to reduce the expected loss of lives and property which occur annually on this date, said Louis Schorlemmer, president of the chamber.

The schedule of activities will be as follows:

* Members of the Eagle Lake Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will display flags in the downtown area from dawn to dusk.

* 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. those with tickets purchased in advance will be served the barbecue dinner at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center.

It should be noted that no tickets will be sold at the Recreation Center, however if there are some plates not picked up by 1:00 p.m. they will be offered for sale. Ticket holders, therefore, must pick up their dinners, for dining in the picnic area or in a fast curb service line, not later than 1:00 p.m. Free tea will be served in the picnic area and cold drinks will be offered for sale. Members of the chamber are preparing and serving the food in order that profits from the event may be increased in order to assist in operation of the part-time office and for many other community projects.

* 2:30 p.m. Dedication of the historical marker at The Farris 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Farris, owners, invite everyone to the dedication ceremony to be held in front of The Farris 1912 on the corner of McCarty and Postoffice streets. They say the ceremony will be a

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***** Marker To Be Dedicated At The Farris 1912

The Farris 1912, fast becoming one of this community's major tourist attractions and also a wonderful place for local activities, will officially receive a Texas Historical Marker in a dedication ceremony to be held in front of the hotel beginning at 2:30 p.m. this Wednesday, July 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Farris invite one and all to come for this momentous occasion and for the open house which will follow from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m.

The marker is for The Hotel Dallas of 1912, restored as The Farris 1912.

Mayor Elmer Struss will serve as master of ceremonies for the short dedication program. Members of the local VFW Post will present the colors; and Tommy Pilkington, past commander of the Post, will lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After a welcome and introductions by Mayor Struss, remarks relating to the old hotel and the restoration will be made by Ms. Kathryn McRee, member of the Colorado County Historical Commission.

Mrs. Farris will review a history of the site and its structure; Mr. Farris will make remarks and extend an invitation to the open house.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. (Continued on page 9)

City Businesses To Be Closed Wed., July 4th

Wednesday, July 4th is an official holiday in Eagle Lake and local business firms will be closed for the day. The postoffice and the courthouse will also be closed for the Independence Day holiday.

The Farris 1912

Free Young Ladies' Charm School To Be Conducted Here

Mrs. Mary Yanez and Mrs. Jose Ugarte invite young ladies from grades seven to twelve to meet Friday, July 6 to make plans for a charm school at Andrew Hall at 6 o'clock in the evening.

The charm classes will be held in three groups after the initial meeting for girls in grades seven and eight, nine and ten and eleven and twelve, free of charge.

For more information call 234-3935 or 234-5823.

City Asks Bids For Fire Hose, Backhoe, St. Improvements

Sealed bids will be opened by the Eagle Lake City Council at its July 10 meeting for the purchase of fire hose, a tractor, backhoe and loader unit and for street improvements.

The purchase of the fire hose will be for the new city fire truck delivery on which is expected soon, as well as for additional hose to be put in reserve.

The city has also asked for bids for the purchase of a tractor, backhoe and loader unit which has been needed by the city maintenance department for some time. The new unit will be helpful in road maintenance and other projects around the city, said City Manager T. J. Smith.

Bids for the street improvement project will not be based on the overall project but rather on a per unit basis. The total amount of streets to be repaired can be determined by that figure and the total amount of street improvement funds available.

Fireworks Illegal

City officials remind that it is a violation of city ordinances to shoot fireworks of any kind in the city limits. They especially caution about shooting fireworks in the downtown area during the Fourth of July celebration.

City Delays Action On Bids For Three Projects

Expects To Accept Or Reject Bids July 10

(By Jeff Franks)

The Eagle Lake city council, in session Tuesday night, June 26, opened bids for three city projects, but postponed any action on them until the project engineers could review the figures and select the best entry. Acceptance of bids is expected at the July 10 session.

Bids were entered for the Community Development Drainage Improvements Project, in the flat section of town; for the construction of a ground water storage tank at the city's new water well site on Davitt St.; and for the construction of a booster pump station at that same Davitt Street location.

The city expected to open bids for the drainage project at its June 12 meeting. However, only one bid was entered at that time and project engineer Wayne Stolz of O'Malley and Clay, recommended

postponement of the letting until more bids could be obtained.

As a result of the delay, three additional bids were received by the city. Austin Bridge Co. of Houston, who was the original bidder, offered a total base bid of \$499,106 and an alternate (Continued on page 9)

New Anthony Dollar Coin In Circulation Tues.

The First National Bank in Eagle Lake will begin distributing the new Susan B. Anthony dollar coins this Tuesday, July 3rd reports Bill Harrison, Jr., president.

The new coin is the only one ever minted in the United States in recognition of a woman, Susan B. Anthony, an early crusader for equal rights for women and a pioneer in the drive to win for women the right to vote.

The new dollar coin is sized between the quarter and a half dollar and weighs one-third as much as four quarters. It is reported to be very easy to use, easy to carry and is expected to reduce time and errors as compared to handling of currency.

Fires At Lobpries, Wesselski Homes In Garwood Area

Garwood firemen were called to two house fires recently, one of which was completely destroyed by fire.

At 2:45 a.m. Mon, June 25, the firemen were called to the Frank Wesselski Sr. two-story home which was recently purchased by the Frank Wesselskis, III and was under complete renovation. By the time firemen arrived on the scene the house was completely enveloped in flames and was a complete loss. The firemen directed efforts at saving several other buildings near the home.

Cause of the blaze is not known.

In the other fire on Fri, June 22, the home and furnishings of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Lobpries

Body Of Truck Driver Still Not Recovered

Efforts to locate the body of Rafael Samaniego, 19, truck driver for T. J. Connally Associates, have been to no avail. Up to prestime Monday, professional divers from Houston have been unable to find the body of the man believed buried in a cave-off at a Gifford-Hill Co. lake south of Eagle Lake in an accident Thurs., June 21.

received considerable smoke damage when a fan reportedly started a blaze in the home. A television set and some appliances were burned and the entire house was damaged by the smoke.

SW Bell Files For Rate Hike

One-Party Residential Rate To Go Up \$1.55, Business \$4.65 Mo.

Southwestern Bell has asked the Public Utility Commission for \$145.2 million in new Texas rates. However, in documents supporting the request, the company emphasized that its actual revenue need is \$242.9 million.

Included in the \$145.2 million request are proposed increases for basic local service, key telephones, PBX equipment, Centrex, miscellaneous equipment, and charges for connecting, changing and moving telephones.

One party residential rates would increase \$1.55 per month in each exchange

served by the company. The \$1.55 increase would apply to both flat rate residence service, and measured one-party residential service, where offered.

Rate increases for two party residential customers would range from \$1.30 per month in the smallest exchanges to \$1.80 per month in the largest.

One party business rates would increase \$4.65 per month throughout the state, under the company's proposal.

The \$145.2 million request is in line with President Carter's anti-inflation guidelines, which are endorsed by Southwestern Bell, said Doyle E. Rogers, the company's vice president for Texas.

The need is clear for (Continued on page 9)

Discuss 1980 Rice Market Situation



Leroy J. Hajdik, Colorado County Extension Agent and master of ceremonies for the program at the Western Division Field Day program last Thursday evening, second from left, discusses items on the program and the outlook for 1979 rice with, at the left Joe Anderson of Chesterville, in rice production and rice drying; second from right, Dr. Art Gerlow, Texas A&M economist who presented a report on the market outlook for 1979; and at right, Dr. Jim Stansel, Scientist in charge of the Rice Experiment and Research station in Eagle Lake and in the Western Division.

Rice Market Outlook For 1979 Is Promising

Lissie Vacation Bible School Begins Monday

The Lissie United Methodist Church's Vacation Church School will begin Monday, July 9th and continue through Friday, July 13. Each daily session will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and for ages kindergarten through sixth grade. There will be Bible stories, crafts, singing and fun for all attending.

Rally Day will be Saturday, July 7th at 9:00 a.m. at the church. At registration each child attending is asked to bring a can of Hi-C drink and a large bag of cookies.

The closing program will be Friday, July 13th at 7 p.m.

AARP To Meet Wed., July 11 for Luncheon-Meet

The Eagle Lake Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Wednesday, July 11th in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church. A covered dish luncheon will be served at the noon hour.

"Let's make this a big meeting as there will not be another one until September," said Albert Pustejovsky, president.

After the meal, Mrs. Debbie Steinbeck of San Antonio will entertain with a musical and singing. Members are urged not to miss this fine program.

There will be a short business session after the program

Economist Sees Low Rice Carryover; Acreage, Yields Expected To Be Down

A promising rice market situation was forecast by Texas A&M Economist Art Gerlow at the Texas A&M University Beaumont Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Western Division, Field Tour and Program here last Thursday evening. Gerlow told over 400 farmers and agribusinessmen attending the event that anticipated carryover of rice will be down this year, slightly less rice will be planted in the 1979 year and yields in Texas are expected to be down slightly due to the late planting of the crop because of wet and cold weather conditions this spring.

Gerlow told the gathering, at the conclusion of his presentation, that the \$10.00 per hundredweight contract which is held by many farmers on portions of their 1979 crop, "is a good contract" and he urged the farmers to "cover their banker" or to contract enough rice to cover their production loans with the banks and credit associations. He said that \$11 to \$12 hundredweight rice this year is possible because of the factors set out above and an expected shortage of good long grain rice, such as this area produces. Gerlow added however that there are "enough weak spots in our forecast that it might make

you wonder." Hence he recommended to the rice producers that they take advantage of the \$10.00 Cwt. contract price to cover their costs, enabling them to speculate on higher prices for the remainder of their crop, if things develop as they now appear.

Factors In Outlook

Dr. Gerlow said the prominent factors which determine market outlook are based on the long-proven rule of supply and demand. Under the supply factors, he noted that U. S. acreage will be down slightly this year, according to April 1st planting intentions.

He passed out handouts showing that the April 1st planting intentions reports from the Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, show that long grain plantings will be down slightly this year from 2,009,000 acres to 2,006,000 million acres with slight reductions in Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi but up slightly in Louisiana and Missouri. Medium, grain plantings are predicted to drop from 837.6 thousand acres to 742.7 thousand acres; and short grain down from 233,400 to 195,300. Overall, Texas is expected to plant 540,000 acres (560,000 last year), Arkansas 1,100,000 (1,180,000), California 530,000 (500,000), Louisiana 530,000 (590,000), Mississippi 210,000 (220,000) and Missouri 34,000 (30,000) or overall in the U. S. 2,944,000 as compared to 3,060,000 in 1978.

These figures are subject to change, noted the economist, as they did last year. Early planting intentions were considerably below the total planted rice resulting in a flooded market and reduced prices during most of the season.

According to figures provided by the USDA, predictions are that prices on an average in the U. S. will be from \$7.50 to \$8.00 per Cwt. this year if good weather prevails and there is a good crop, but the predicted prices jump to \$8.25 to \$8.75 cwt. in the (Continued on page 10)



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INDEPENDENCE DAY July 4th