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"Belt-Tightening" Budget Proposed by WCJC President

A "belt-tightening" budget reflecting an increase of only 2.9 percent over last year "in keeping with the call for fiscal austerity emanating from the Texas Legislature and the Governor's Office," and in adjusting to decline in student enrollment, was recommended for Wharton County Junior College by Dr. Theodore Nickisch, Jr. in his presidential budget message during the annual Wharton County Junior College public hearing recently in Wharton.

"Our goal is to maintain the excellent educational ex-

periences former Pioneers have received at this institution," asserted Dr. Nickisch who also noted the college was in "an enviable position" since 1979-80 would be "the first year since this institution was founded that it is free of General Obligation Tax Bond Indebtedness."

"We have cut corners everywhere we can without endangering the educational program," emphasized Dr. Nickisch who thanked his college colleagues, The Board of Trustees and "the fine people of the District for their concern and support."

The Board accepted Dr. Nickisch's recommendation to delay setting the tax rate and adopting the proposed \$4,849,417 budget for 1979-80 in order to comply with Texas House Bill 18 that requires Wharton County Junior College to wait until Wharton County and Fort Bend County tax assessors/collectors calculate the effective tax rates for the new fiscal year.

Only sixteen percent of the total proposed WCJC 1979-80 income would come from county taxpayers with "State and Federal funds again providing the major source of revenue."

The largest money source for Wharton County Junior College is from State funding that is down slightly this year. This year's budget includes \$2,564,724 in State money compared to \$2,494,891 for fiscal year 1978-79. Federal funds remained about the same at \$377,601.

The Board of Trustees plans to take official action on the budget proposal, set the tax levy and appoint tax assessors/collectors at its regular monthly meeting in August.

The junior college's tax rate has remained, for the past six years, at only 55

24 YEARS AGO LET'S LOOK BACK

[May 5, 1955]
Two brothers, Aubrey Alvin Ponitzsch, 25, and Paul Perry Ponitzsch, 20, drown on fishing trip Saturday at Shaw's Bend. Anderson's Dryer to be feature of George Roesner TV show. Outlying water district created; engineer to begin survey. Margaret Goodness is valedictorian and Eldoris Kotira salutatorian at Rock Island. Nude man picked up transverse along highway west of East Bernard. Porcupine strays from habitat; is captured by Frank Hough of Lissie at Egypt.

Community Council of Christian Women members elect Mrs. Frank Pidgeon president during Tuesday meeting. Arlene Gertson to perform with WCJC Starlette group at Wallis festival. Members of a team of Lions headed by Bruce Waddell treated to chicken dinner by a losing team headed by Joe S. Reed, Jr. The battle was an attendance contest. Mrs. Ralph Gertson's baton classes entertained the Lions and Lionesses. Jeanette and Ed Lee Schneider crowned king and queen of Nada Sodality May Fete. L. G. Ringenberg home on Postoffice Street. Gene Payne dropped by a pair of coral snakes killed at Eagle Lake. Rev. F. R. Smith is candidate for BA degree at University of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tate are parents of son, Curtis Wade, born April 28th.

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Let's Look Back 48 YEARS AGO

[May 30, 1931]
Eagle Lake Negro, Bubba Kelly, slain in gun battle at Garwood. Garwood bridge closed for construction of new bridge. Potato shipments reach 653 cars yesterday. Commissioners Court may contract for building bridge over river at Altair. Edwin D. Hochack, prominent East Bernard man killed on bridge at East Bernard.

[June 6, 1931]
Wallace going to Chicago to compete in national meet. Four carloads of tomatoes shipped here to date. W. C. Reed re-elected superintendent of Eagle Lake schools for another two-year term. Potato shipments reach 800 cars as digging nears end. A. L. Marx to operate new Gulf station opening on Postoffice Street.

cents per \$100 property valuation based on a 23 percent assessment ratio.

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell, in accordance with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of the company's intent to implement a new schedule of telephone rates in Texas effective August 3, 1979. It is expected that the requested rate schedule will furnish a 6.09 percent increase in the company's intrastate revenues.

A complete copy of the new rate schedule is on file with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and is available for inspection in each of the company's public business offices in Texas.

Southwestern Bell

Bernardo Fremén's 14th Chicken BBQ Sunday, July 15th

The Bernardo Volunteer Fire Department will hold its 14th annual benefit Chicken Barbecue at the Santa Parish Hall on Sunday, July 15th and citizens of the area are invited to make plans to attend. Serving of the barbecue dinner will begin at 12 noon with adult plates served for \$1.75 and small plates for \$1.25.

Entertainment will be offered and cold drinks will be on sale all afternoon and evening. An auction will be held at 1:30 p.m. The Sunset Playboys and Girls will provide music for dancing from 3 to 7 p.m. Proceeds from the event will be used by the Bernardo volunteer firemen to purchase equipment with which to better serve their community in providing fire protection.

Pvt. Lopez, Powell Complete Phase Of Army Training

Pvt. Oscar Lopez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Lopez of Eagle Lake recently completed Phase I of the Two-Station Test at Fort Knox, Ky.

The test is being conducted to see if basic entry training can be effectively reduced from 16 weeks to 12 weeks and still be administered at two stations. The second phase is held at Fort Benning, Ga.

Pvt. Michael A. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loretta Powell of Eagle Lake recently completed Phase I of the Two-Station Test at Fort Knox, Ky.

Powell's father, Herman Powell Sr., lives in Eagle Lake, also.

Hallettsville Radio Station To Begin Soon

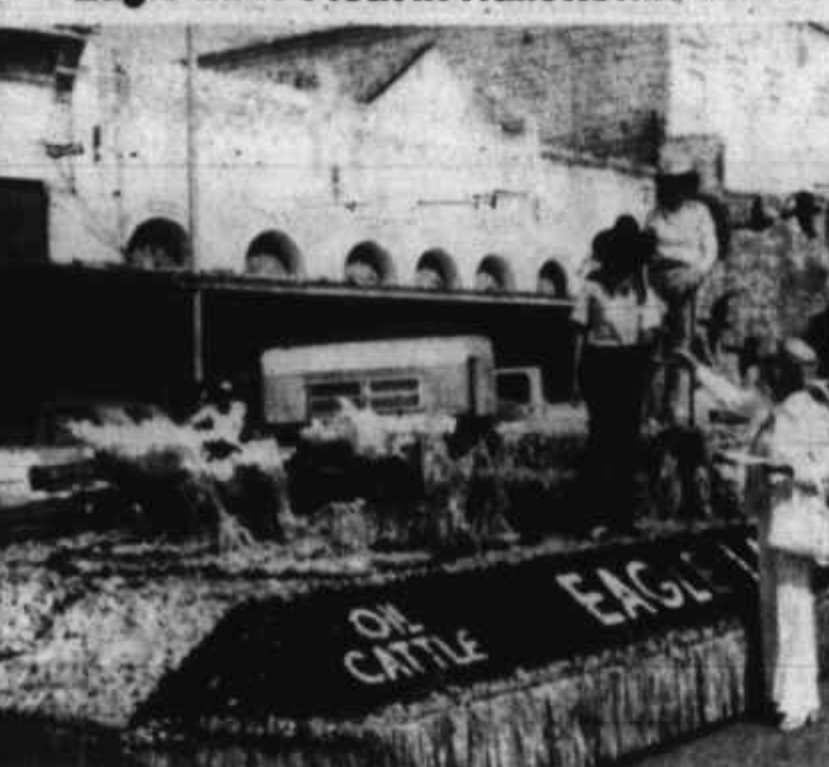
HALLETTSVILLE — Hallettsville will soon have a radio station. The owners are from Houston and San Antonio and operate under the name of Ritchey and Associates. Further details will be available later.

As it stands now, a radio tower has been erected on the Fred Hofer property at the west city limits of Hallettsville. The studio will be located in the former New York Store location on the west side of the courthouse square.

The station will be identified as KJRH, AM-1260.

—Tribune Herald

Eagle Lake Float in Hallettsville Parade



The Eagle Lake float shown above was third place in the Chamber of Commerce division of the Western Parade during the Texas High School Championship Races recently. Mrs. Jerry Stahn is shown making the award presentation to Mary McIntire and Vicki Eberhart who added beauty to the prize-winning float. - New Era Herald Photo.

EDITORIAL SPEAKING

Apply By July 15 For Rice CISD Homestead Exemp.

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District announces that all persons are entitled to receive an exemption of \$5,000 from the market value of their residence homesteaded (\$2,000 from the assessed value) for the purpose of school taxes. In addition, all

persons who are 65 or older or under a disability for purposes of payment of disability benefits under Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance are also entitled to an additional exemption of \$10,000 from the market value of their residence.

homesteads (\$4,000 from assessed value) for the purpose of school taxes.

To qualify for these exemptions, an application must be filed with the school district tax office by July 15, 1979. An application form is printed elsewhere in this paper. If you have not already signed an application for the above exemptions, please sign the application and mail it to the School Tax Office, Box 606, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434, or bring to the school tax office by July 15, 1979.

Happy 4th of July to each.

EGYPT NEWS

Mrs. B. H. Toliver
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Seipel of San Antonio spent the weekend with her grand-father, F. B. Duncan. Mrs. Seipel is the former Miss Genevieve Duncan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Duncan.

Sister Martina of Austin visited her sister and brother, Mrs. Gerald W. Oshaus, George and Paul Kneek. Also Peter Kneek of Humberford spent this past week.

The Rev. Oliver Southall of Matagorda gave the services Sunday at the Bonus Baptist Church. He and Mrs. Southall were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Giese in Wharton. On Sunday the 14th, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Murphy of Matagorda accompanied the Southalls to Bonus and were guests for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker in Glen Flora.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Northington III spent the weekend in Lakey with friends. 90th Birthday Best wishes for her 90th Birthday on the 24th, to Mrs. Nancy Elliott of Glen Flora. Her family honored her with "Open House" Sunday afternoon at the Glen Flora Recreation Center.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Farrell Pasley, Miss Marshall Pasley, Steve and Mike Pasley attended the Texas Press Convention in Austin from Thursday until Sunday. Mr. Pasley received an award for his Wharton Journal-Spectator.

Belated good wishes to the Sanders twins, Rex and Roy, who celebrated their birthday recently at the Ray Sanders home.

Mrs. Fay Lewis and son, Johnnie, of Eagle Lake and Joe Lee Lusk and mother of Wharton visited in the Jim Fulkert home during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dobson

Serendipity

Subject: Independence Day. I'm all for having the 4th of July. It's like Father's Day, Mother's Day and Christmas. They are all days of love, honor and respect.

Our Revolutionary heroes should always be remembered. What they did has a direct bearing on what we do today. I wonder how many of us could tolerate the life they led and the way they led it. It was austere and severe according to our present standards.

Our 4th of July heroes, both men and women, didn't want to be heroes, but they were shoved into such a position that there was no alternative. They fought, they bled, and they died. They didn't have you and me in mind at that time, but we are benefiting from their sacrifices. It is hoped your heart joins mine and cries "Glory and praise to you, early founders. May our nation always live, and may memory of you never die. Thank you, brave ones, for this wonderful U.S.A."

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spent the weekend in Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Reese Wynn and family of Houston and Rock Island visited their aunt, Mrs. Will Meriwether, Saturday morning.

Mrs. Will Meriwether spent the weekend in Houston with her sister, Miss Adelaide Reese.

The Sandridge Baptist Church held a Dedication Service at the Church Sunday, July 1st at 3 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Henry Davis, presided.

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Miss Patricia Janecka To Wed Andrew Kuba on July 7th



Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Janecka Sr. of Richmond announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Patricia Marie, to Andrew L. Kuba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry J. Kuba of Altair. The wedding vows will be exchanged at 2:00 p.m. on July seventh at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Rosenberg.

Garwood and Nada Community News

MRS. J. F. STRUSKA - 756-3352

Jacqueline Novosad, Andrew Clayton Reese Are Wed

Jacqueline Pohl Novosad, daughter of the late Imogene Pohl, and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Arthur Pohl, was married to Andrew Clayton Reese, son of Mrs. Shirley Reese of Garwood. The wedding was held June 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at the Baptist Church in Hallettsville.

The reception and barbecue dinner was held a few miles outside of Vienna at a deer camp.

Attend 50th Wedding
Mr. and Mrs. Victor G. Schmidt, zinski, Mrs. Millie Schuring, Mrs. Frieda Kubech, and Mrs. Helen Berger attended a C.D. workshop at St. Robert's hall in 23 Campo last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry and son Chuck and granddaughter Stacy and Mrs. Myrtle Hensley of Denver, Colorado spent four days with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Muesse in Garwood last week. Mrs. Hensley is Mrs. Muesse's mother.

Mrs. Beulah Shoop spent two weeks in Dallas visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Shoop and son, Nicky. The Shoops accompanied their mother to her home in Garwood for a weekend visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Lanier visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Broach and children Reese, Becky, and Laurie in Victoria last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Zheril are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zheril until Tim goes to medical school later this year.

Attend Special Olympics
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Truman and daughter Gale of Friendswood and Mrs. Frieda Kubech were at the University of Texas in Austin on June 20, 21 and 22nd where they attended the Texas Special Olympics in swimming, canoeing and won three medals.

Birthday Dinner
Alois Bittner was honored on his birthday last Sunday with a dinner. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Duckworth and sons of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chise and children of Hallettsville, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bittner and children of Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs.

A beautiful prayer was led by Dec. Jerry Dancy, scripture was by Rev. Artie Glass Jr. and also a beautiful welcome was given by St. Marcella McGrew. Special honor was paid to Mrs. Edna Mae Hickman due to her illness.

The ladies supplied the desserts. Dec. Lemmie Mc-

Donald Carter, the groom's brother, served as best man. Groomsmen were Steady Wick, David Jolley and Randy Beyer, all of East Bernard. Junior groomsmen were Stephen Gertson, Levee of the City of Austin, cousin of the groom, was

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Trucking difficulties for fed slaughter cattle and the carcass meat trade were an irritation early in the month but it grew into a full fledged disrupt, as June was counted down.

Chesterville Cemetery Assn. To Meet Sunday

The annual meeting of the Chesterville Cemetery Assn. will be held Sunday, July 8th at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Bring a covered dish. Dinner will be served at 12:30. Annual meeting to follow.

"Please plan to attend," said Mrs. J. T. (Helen) Pilkington, Co-Chairman.

No letters will be mailed to local residents. Donations for upkeep may be brought to meeting or sent to the co-chairman.

Relatives or friends of any deceased veterans of any wars in which the United States has participated are asked to submit the name, rank and branch of service in which the veteran served to the Post as soon as possible.

You may send this information to P. O. Box 847, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434, or leave the information with Tommy Pilkington at the Winterman offices, Jack Lick-

towski at Jack's Restaurant, L. J. Spaniel at Spaniel and Son, Earl Rodgers at First National Bank or any other VFW member.

"OVER MY SHOULDER"

[By Rodney R. Kruse, Port City Stockyards Co., Seely and Breckenham]

June's cattle market was a mixture of the bitter with the sweet.

South, Central and East Texas slaughter cow and bull prices started the month by dropping \$2 to \$3 with stockers/feeders off \$3 to \$5. However, by the end of June, the tide had turned, as cattle prices marked or topped price levels recorded earlier in the month.

Scattered showers continued through June, leaving pastures in fair condition, which allowed cows to gain

was investigated at 5:05 p.m. Sunday when a 1978 Dodge Van being backed out of a private driveway by R. J. Armstrong on Church Street, collided with a 1978 Pontiac driven by Janice Alley of Eagle Lake.

Some damage resulted to both vehicles, but there were no injuries, said Patrolman Clark Murrage, investigating officer.

Light Damage In Fire Friday

Being a Maid of Honor was Miss Mary Haedge, the bride's sister.

Bridemaids were Mrs. Sandy Wick, sister of the groom; Miss Anna Kiehl, and Miss Sharon Kramer, all of East Bernard.

The bridemaids were styled in maine boues accented with a swirl of silk Venice lace and pearls. The long sleeves of Chyni lace were lavishly embroidered in bride's silk.

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Rehearsal Dinner
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gertson hosted the rehearsal dinner in their home on Thursday, June 21. Thirty wedding party and family members were present for the social.

A menu of chicken greens, broccolli with broiled tomatoes, Jalepeno carrot rice, frosted banana congealed salad, strawberry cream tart, hot rolls and iced tea was served.

Cindy Haedge and Danny Gertson Wed Friday, June 22



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Daniel Gertson III

ringbearer.

The reception followed at the Holy Cross Meeting Room where a buffet dinner of ham, turkey, cheese, vegetables, and fruit salad was served to the guests.

A lovely three tiered wedding cake was decorated with tiny yellow roses, baby's breath, and doves. The groom's German chocolate cake was trimmed with the spirit of Appleland.

Members of the houseparty were Mrs. Bart Baca, Mrs. Kenneth Stasney, Mrs. Boyce Gertson, Mrs. Russell Kimbrell, Mrs. Marcus Alexander, Mrs. Floyd Toliver, Mrs. Earl Chumchal, Mrs. Michael Elder, Miss Patsy Viktorin, Miss Rhonda Gertson, Miss Pam Force, Miss Terri Foyle, and Miss Janet Smalstad.

Mrs. Gertson, a graduate of Texas A&M University, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. She is employed with Seely Independent School District.

Mr. Gertson, also a graduate of Texas A&M University, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics. He is employed with Gertson Farms.

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The buffet and dining tables were covered in navy cloth, centered with white mums and English ivy. White napkins were used, carrying out the colors of navy and white.

Cindy and Danny presented gifts to their wedding attendants.

Energy Efficient
The cattle industry must continue to work toward being more energy efficient, says an official statistic with the Texas A&M University System. Some ways in which the cattle industry has conserved energy are changing from double-decker to triple-decker trucks for hauling cattle, merchandising cattle directly to buyers, feedlots, and streamlining feeding houses to handle more cattle in less time.

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