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HUD Balks

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approval of the reallocation, but they also questioned the city for not choosing the low bidder for the project which was E. E. Henry, Inc. of Edna. Henry's firm offered to do the drainage project at a cost of $395,850 using corrugated iron pipe, rather than the concrete structure to be built by Austin Bridge at a cost of $510,877.

The city defended its bid selection saying that it had reserved the right to refuse any or all bids and would choose the bid that best suited its needs. City Attorney Willard W. Shuart has prepared a document claiming the legality of the city's move, which is expected to clear that situation.

Item No. 5 Debated

To cover the $20,757 that the city hoped to reallocate from rehabilitation to the drainage project, Stolz recommended the deletion of Item No. 5 in the project which amounts to $21,830 adequately covering the amount in question.

That particular item called for 370 feet of concrete lining in a channel from 3rd St. to the creek. According to Stolz, an earthen channel could be excavated and shaped, and if maintained properly, would serve in the same capacity as a lined channel while saving the city the money needed.

It was unanimously agreed by the council, at its regular session last Tuesday night, that the deletion be approved.

Stolz told the council that he had received another verbal agreement with a HUD official that such a deletion would meet with HUD's approval and that he expects final approval of the project soon.

Meanwhile, Austin Bridge Co. officials have indicated that they are prepared to move in within two weeks after final approval has been given by HUD.

City Officials

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correct them.

The council will meet with Poole at its next meeting, Sept. 11. Also expected to be present at that meeting is the city's financial advisor "and it is hoped he will be able to offer some positive insight into the situation," said Mayor Elmer Struss.

Fire Code Exemption

Jimmy Simpson, proprietor of the Back Door in the 300 block of East Main has requested that he be given an exemption from the city's fire code so that he can place a small portable building in the vacant area behind his building.

The city's fire code prohibits the construction of such structures within the boundaries specified in the code. However, Simpson has indicated that his building would be an adequate distance from other buildings and added that it probably would not create a hazard.

Simpson is planning to use the building to conduct a goose and duck hunting club and also a poultry cleaning operation as a service to his customers. In the off-season the building would be used for storage.

The council indicated that the exemption would be granted, but will wait until an arbitration committee rules that such an exemption would not be a hazard.

Other Business

In other action last week, the council approved the payment of $17,910 to Layne-Western for the completion of the pump and motor installation on the well at the new water plant on Davitt St. The payment, which comes from money allocated by the bond election, represents all but 10 percent of the cost of that particular project.

The council also authorized the payment of $1,850 to the State Highway Dept. for the purchase of a used truck.

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Lone Star Industries Seeks Permit For Levee Along River

Lone Star Industries, Inc., operators of the Blue Roan Bend gravel operation south of Matthews, has filed an application with the Texas Department of Water Resources for approval of preliminary plans for the construction of a levee and other improvements along the Colorado River in Colorado and Wharton Counties.

A hearing has been set for 10:00 a.m. October 5th, 1979 in the offices of the Texas Water Commission, Stephen F. Austin State Office Building, 1700 N. Congress Avenue in Austin.

The notice of the hearing sets out that Lone Star Industries is seeking approval of plans for constructing improvements for the purpose of placing spoil and overburden from a sand and gravel mining operation.

The project involves the storing of overburden from the sand and gravel mining operation in a spoil bank on the east bank of the river which is approximately 400 feet wide and 30 feet high. The application was filed August 1st but does not state the date for commencing or completing the construction of the proposed facilities.

Anyone who desires to protest the application may appear at the hearing and/or file a written protest with the Commission at least eight days prior to the hearing and in accordance with the Commission rule 155.03.00.040. The protest must show: the name and address of the protestant; the basis of protestant's interest and any relevant facts and conclusions; description of the protestant's property, if material to the protest; and call attention to any amendment or adjustment which, if made, would result in a withdrawal of the protest.

The Commission's notice sets out that "due to the technical nature of the hearing, it may be advisable for the protestant to have an expert witness, such as an engineer, available at the hearing."

The protests may be filed with the Texas Water Commission, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

A number of residents and landowners in the area on both sides of the Colorado above and below the proposed levee construction have expressed concern about the effect that the levee might have on future flooding situations. Some have indicated that protests will be filed before the Commission.

Burglars Make Big Haul At Borden C.Club

Albert F. Janecka, operator, of the Borden Country Club between Columbus and Weimar, reported to the Colorado County Sheriff's office at 8:26 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1st that his business had been entered and many items taken. He told sheriff's deputies making the investigation that the entry was made some time during Friday night. Entrance was gained through a small window in the men's rest room and exit was made, with all stolen items, through the back door.

Janecka reported a number of items stolen with estimated value of $1062.87. Included were: 28 boxes of shotgun shells, 53 cartons of cigarettes, 21 cases of beer, 10 cases of soft drinks, 4 smoked turkeys, 20 fryers, 20 steaks, 2 flashlights and one doberman pincher puppy.

Investigation of the entry continues at this time, according to the sheriff's office.

Visit With Mother

Mrs. Sarah Pate returned home Monday from a two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Fay Hall of East Prairie, Missouri. Mrs. Hall underwent surgery in the St. Francis Medical Center at Cape Girardeau, Mo. while Mrs. Pate was there and hopes to be released this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Shindler and Tommy Pate visited in Cape Girardeau with their grandmother. Tommy accompanied his mother home.

Father Of Mrs. Wm. Farris Passes Away

Mrs. William L. (Helyn) Farris of this city received word Tuesday morning of the sudden death of her father, Hal H. Hobbs, 71 of Houston. Mr. Hobbs apparently died in his sleep during Monday night. He was alone in his home since Mrs. Hobbs is still in St. Joseph's Hospital recuperating from recent surgery.

In addition to his wife and the daughter, Mrs. Farris, he is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Jeannine Richards of Hockley and a son, H. H. Hobbs, Jr. of Houston; and other relatives.

Funeral services for Mr. Hobbs have been scheduled at the Howard-Glendale Funeral Home, IH-10 East and Federal Road in Houston, this Thursday, Sept. 6th at 10:00 a.m.

288 Registered At East Bernard High School

Registration in the East Bernard High School was held on Friday, August 31st. The final count is expected to reach 288 students compared to 271 last year. Registration for the elementary and junior high was held on Tuesday, September 4th.

In grades K-4, anticipated registration should reach 313 students, and 271 in grades 5-8. Last year, K-4 had 308, and 5-8 had 261.

Total enrollment this year is expected to be 872 compared to 840 last year. This final figure is subject to change at any time, but at present, the increase amounts to 3.8%, noted Supt. Charles R. Naiser.

Grand Jury

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Evans Jr. for burglary of a building owned by Elton Rice and also for theft in the same incidence Aug. 16, 1979.

Aggravated Assault

A charge of aggravated assault was returned against Edwin Dierke for allegedly assault on Lin Brown with a rifle June 21, 1979.

Criminal mischief indictments were returned against Leonard Thompson for damage to doors and property at the Skull Creek Lodge July 27, 1979; and against Leonard Thompson and Gale Thompson for alleged damage to a mobile home owned by Mildred Gottschald July 24, 1979. Leonard Thompson was also indicted for aggravated assault, using a 1979 Ford truck, in an attempt to run over Richard Carpenter July 27th, 1979.

Other indictments included:

Toni Mahshi, theft from Seven Day Concrete Corp., Aug. 26, 1978; Pete Arceo, theft of currency over $200 from T-R Trucking April 24, 1979; Wesley Williams, theft of services from Holiday Inn, Columbus, April 1, 1979; Daniel Paripovich for theft of services from Holiday Inn, Columbus, and also for theft of groceries and cash from Austin Grocery in Eagle Lake, April 11, 1979;

Also, Robert Jaeger, theft of services, Holiday Inn, Columbus, May 11, 1979; Wayne Neuman, theft of services, Sportsman Motel, Eagle Lake, June 20, 1979; Marvin Pruitt, theft of a pistol from John Meitzen of Johnny's Sport Shop, June 28, 1979; Larry Weaver, theft for allegedly appropriating a 1975 Cadillac owned by Don Morrison of Columbus, June 19, 1979; and Darrell Dean Dancy, forgery for passing an instrument to Dora Jaramillo using the name of Sam Meitzen, June 2, 1979.

District Judge B. B. Schraub will take pleadings in the criminal cases on Monday, Sept. 17th.

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Marijuana

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Saturday, without success.

Arrest Made On IH 10

Meanwhile Zajicek had notified officers in the area of the license number and description of the Cadillac seen earlier at the home. At 7:00 p.m. deputy sheriff Richard LaCourse spotted the vehicle on IH 10 near the rest stop west of Columbus and stopped the vehicle near Hatterman's Lane. In the vehicle were a man and his wife and two children. LaCourse reportedly found 20 joints of marijuana and some loose marijuana on the seat of the car, along with a .45 caliber pistol. The officer brought the man in the sheriff's vehicle to the county jail and the woman and children followed in the Cadillac, for further questioning.

After interrogation by officers, the driver of the vehicle, James O'Merry of Galveston, reported to be in the 30's, was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and placed under $1000 bond.

Meanwhile a warrant was issued for the arrest of Richard Tucker, who lives alone in the house where the marijuana was found growing, but up to late Tuesday night he had not been apprehended. Tucker is reported to be an employee of a railroad company and O'Merry is also an employee of the same company.

Stalks Up To 14 Feet Tall

Constable Zajicek reported that the stalks of marijuana found growing and some found drying on the porch and in the home, were from three to fourteen feet in height and some as big around as 3-inches in diameter at the base.

The growing and drying marijuana was confiscated and weighed over 100 pounds and filled a truck. Zajicek took the confiscated plants to Houston Tuesday to be analyzed and verified as marijuana.

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BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

• We have never seen the lawns and pastures look prettier and greener than they do at this late point in the summer. Almost daily rains have kept the grasses growing, but at the same time have hampered completion of harvest of some crops. Also, the summer is almost over and a temperature over 100 degrees has yet to be recorded for this year, something of a rarity itself. Usually in the dogs days of late August and early September, there are a lot of 100 degree-plus days.

• R. L. Duncan, who continues to convalesce from serious injuries received in a recent auto wreck, is getting along nicely and was able to be at the Duncan and Son store for a short visit on Tuesday morning. Best wishes for continued improvement.

• Rubin Noska reported killing a large rattlesnake on Tuesday of last week near his home next to the river pumping plant. The snake was 54½ inches long, three inches around the mid-section and had eight rattles and two buttons. He cautions anyone near the river to beware of the snakes. They are more numerous this year than at any time in the past twenty-nine years of residence in that area, noted Noska.

• This Friday night, the 1979 high school football season opens, believe it or not, with the Rice High School Raiders travelling to Weimar to meet the Weimar Wildcats in a non-district game at 8:00 p.m. The Raiders, under the guidance of head coach Mike Rice and other coaches, are looking toward a winning season this year but they will need all the support their loyal fans in the area can give them. Plan now to attend all of the games. Incidentally if you have not picked up your Raider season tickets, this Friday is the last day to do so. The ones not picked up Friday will go on sale to the general public Monday.

• The Raider JVs host Weimar for a game at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday and then next week, the varsity, JV's, freshmen and Eagle Lake Middle School Raiders have games with Halletsville and the Garwood-Sheridan Raiders go to Weimar for a scrimmage.

Sentences

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indicted for the burglary of the Parker place, was also given a five year term of probation.

James R. Washington, charged with possession of marijuana, was given a seven year term of probation.

Enter Guilty Pleas

Gary Swenson waived indictment by grand jury and entered a plea of guilty to a charge of aggravated assault in the shooting of Irene Swenson May 18., 1979, and he is due to be sentenced Oct. 12th.

Also Rujelio Macias, Jr. and Jesus Arreola, who entered pleas of guilty to robbery of the Sandy Creek Drive In Grocery (P. R. Hancock) ; and Juan Hernandez Rojas and Antonio Aguado, indicted for aggravated assault pled guilty to a reduced charge of misdemeanor assault for kicking Apolonio Reyes; and all four are due to be sentenced Oct. 12th.

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Hospital Auxil. Receives Gift For Library Fund

Charles D. Stephens, Board Member of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital and treasurer for the fund honoring J. R. Laughlin, M.D. upon the hospital's dedication in 1975, is shown above handing a check in the amount of $825.66 to Mrs. Eunice Franks, President of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Ladies Auxiliary (Pink Ladies), as a donation to the Hospital's Library Fund. This award and grant to the auxiliary closes out the fund established honoring J. R. Laughlin, MD for his years of service to the community. Looking on in appreciation is J. H. Clipson, Sr., President of the Hospital's Governing Board. The contribution will be used to further develop and strengthen the hospital's medical library for use by physicians, nurses and employees of the hospital.

$3,044,817 Co. Budget Is Adopted For 1980

$932,750 Earmarked For Permanent Improvements

A record $3,044,817.95 Colorado County budget for the year of 1980 was approved by the County Commissioners' Court Monday afternoon following a public hearing on the budget and revenue sharing revenue and expenditures, as submitted by County Judge Lester J. Cranek, with only a few changes.

In opening remarks, Judge Cranek pointed out that he had made recommendations in the 1980 budget based on responses he had received on questionnaires sent to 18 counties (all of whom responded), some locally, some influenced by the Houston metropolitan area, others in East Texas and West Texas. He also based recommendations on requests from each department head in this county; and after making a study of the 1978 expenditures and for the first six months of 1979 in each department and interpolating what effect inflationary increases may have on the budget.

Judge Cranek spoke on the competition expressed in this area from industries and from the three major cities for qualified personnel. He also discussed demands being shown by citizens of this county for increased services; and also noted the need for adequate pay for county officials in order to attract young people to public offices.

"Our output is only as good as the people in the county government," said the judge.

Valuations Limit Budget

He noted that the bottom line on the county's expenditures is on the total valuations available for tax purposes. The budget is based on total valuations of $96,480,994 for the county ad valorem levy of 64c, an increase of $9,480,994 over last year; and valuations of $90,480,994 (after homestead exemptions) for the 80c additional ad valorem tax levy. The 80c levy would bring in an estimated $289,282 in tax revenue and the 64c levy would bring in $610,758, based on a 100% collection. The budget is based on a 95% collection of taxes or $271,978 from additional ad valorem, $580,220 from ad valorem taxes. Also it is anticipated that $14,200 in delinquent taxes will be collected.

Salary Increases

The 1980 budget includes funds for step promotions (at 5% increase in pay per step promotion) and 5% cost of living adjustments for county employees. The county's policy program, adopted last year, allows department heads to recommend a merit increase of more than one step for extraordinary ser-

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Rock Is. Fire Dept. Auxil. Bake Sale Sat.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department is having a bake sale in front of the Rock Island postoffice Saturday, September 15 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Help promote Rock Island volunteer firemen projects by purchasing baked items at the sale Saturday, say the auxiliary ladies.

Commr. Court To Look Into Senior Citizens Lunch Prog.

A delegation of senior citizens from Eagle Lake, Sheridan and Rock Island areas met with the Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday to request the county to consider setting up a hot lunch program for elderly citizens residing in this county. Although the commissioners and Judge Lester J. Cranek were reluctant to make any commitment they agreed to authorize the judge to compile information on the costs for establishing such a program, procedures to follow, etc.

Mrs. Dorothy West, of Sheridan pointed out to the court that it was her understanding that this county is the only one in the state that does not have such a program. She also noted that in Sheridan alone there are over 91 senior citizens.

Judge Cranek explained to the group that the Senior Citizens Act of 1974 did set out that this county is eligible for such a program but added that a survey by the Texas Commission on Aging and the Houston-Galveston Area Council has shown that only 63 persons would be eligible in this county for the free lunches under the program.

He added that the survey has shown that the combined Austin, Walker and Colorado Counties into one unit would prove to be the most practical project for the

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CPL Preparing Rate Hike Request

Central Power and Light Company has announced that it is making preparations to file a rate increase request with the cities it serves and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Bob Range in announcing the action stated that since CPL's present rates were put into effect about three years ago, the company has invested more than $500,000,000. This investment is for new plants and other facilities required to serve the electrical needs of the company's customers. He indicated that in addition to the significantly increased capital costs to finance this construction, the high rate of inflation has caused a dramatic rise in current operating costs.

Range noted that detailed studies are now underway which are necessary for the filing before the cities and the PUC, and that those studies will be far enough along within the next few days to state the amount of the requested increase.

Upper Room Books & Gifts Renovating

The Upper Room Books and Gifts store located in the Town and Country addition on East Main Street is undergoing a huge change. This store will be divided into two stores, namely the Crossroads Book Store and Town and Country Gifts.

Mrs. Nancy Manley, manager, asks the cooperation of customers and friends during the closing Monday and Tuesday, September 17 and 18 for the renovations.

A grand opening is being planned at a later date, said the owner, Mrs. Dexter Anderson.

City Gets OK On Drainage Project Start

The Eagle Lake city council, in session on Tuesday night of this week, heard a report from the Department of Housing and Urban Development giving the city the go ahead on the Community Development Block Grant drainage project in the Westmoreland Addition.

Preliminary preparations have already begun on the project, which was delayed last month by HUD, and the contractor, Austin Bridge Co. of Houston, is expected to begin work sometime next week.

HUD is sending two representatives to Eagle Lake this week to inspect the job site, and their approval is expected. More details next week.

Eagle Lake Fire Dept. Auxiliary Bake Sale Sat.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department will have a bake sale this Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. in front of the Rice Drug Store. Delicious home-baked items of all kinds will be offered for sale.

Pedestrian Victim Of Hit-Run Fri. Nite

Rock Island Woman Is Charged In Death

A pedestrian, struck by a vehicle which failed to stop to render aid, died in the Hermann Hospital in Houston about five hours later. The accident occurred on Highway 90A one and one-fourth miles east of Rock Island at around 12:05 a.m. Friday morning, Sept. 7th. Highway Patrolman Joe Garcia of Eagle Lake was the investigating officer and he was assisted by Patrol Sergeant Gilbert Kiel of Columbus.

The victim, Edward Henderson Baucom, 62, of San Antonio and Galveston, reportedly had been seen in the Eagle Lake area earlier that evening. Apparently he had trouble with his pickup while heading west on 90A and had come to Eagle Lake. How he returned to the scene was not known, said the officer.

The investigation revealed that the man was struck on the roadway (it is believed that he might have been trying to flag down a vehicle for assistance) when he was struck in the lower portion of his body, mangling the legs and pelvis and was knocked against the pickup parked off the roadway and fell beneath the pickup truck.

Trooper Garcia received a call from a motorist who happened by the scene and spotted the man beneath the pickup truck. The Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps was called to the scene and the man was transported to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital and three hours later was taken to Hermann Hospital by Life Flight helicopter where he died at 5:45 a.m. that morning. The officer said the man was conscious during most of the time and was able to give information about his family and expressed concern about his wallet.

Rock Is. Woman Charged

Trooper Garcia radioed officers in Halletsville to be on the lookout for a vehicle with possible damage from the accident. The officer said that a remote control mirror on the right side of the vehicle was found at the scene.

When the vehicle failed to show up in Halletsville, officers began to look for the vehicle in the area between the scene and Halletsville. At around 7:30 a.m. that morning sheriff's special deputy Bill Esterling spotted a 1977 Monte Carlo in Rock Island with evidence that it might have been the vehicle involved in the collision.

Trooper Garcia and Sgt. Kiel went to the home of Mrs. Annie K. Henry of Rock Island and informed her that she was a suspect in the hit-and-run accident and she was told to report to the highway patrol office in Columbus.

Upon interrogation by Sergeant Kiel the woman reportedly admitted hitting something, but didn't know what it was she had hit. She stated she had hit a pole earlier in the day.

She was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt in Columbus and was charged with failure to stop and render aid, a felony charge, and her bond was set at $2500 and she has been released from jail under the bond, pending action by the next grand jury.

Trooper Garcia commented that there was damage to the front of the Henry car and blood spots were found on the windshield of the vehicle.

Birthday Calendar Sale

The Xi Pi Psi Sorority is selling birthday calendars for all citizens of the community.

If you have not been contacted and you would like a calendar on the calendar call Linda Sosnowski at 234-2587 or Jo Ann Schmidt at Jo Ann's.

Board Hears ELMS Bldg. Bid Opening Is Delayed

KC's Chicken BBQ Dinner This Sunday

The Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus, No. 4843, will hold a benefit Chicken Barbecue dinner at the Eagle Lake Community Center this Sunday, Sept. 16th and one and all are invited to attend and enjoy the good food and fellowship to be offered.

Delicious barbecued chicken and the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the hall or there will be plates to go. All plates will be $2.50 each.

After the dinner there will be entertainment, kiddie rides, a beer garden, a country store and other special features.

Proceeds from the event will be used by the council for locally-sponsored community projects, noted Bennie Miller, Grand Knight of the local KC Council.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered Here Last Wk.

Charges of auto theft are expected to be filed through the Houston police department against a local man following his arrest here at 8 p.m. Sept. 3rd on a vehicle license charge.

City Patrolman Jimmy Jenkins received word that Game Warden Sam Center was following a 1979 Chevrolet Corvette that was sought in Austin County for not having a correct license plate. The game warden stopped the car and the driver was turned over to Patrolman Jenkins. The car was impounded at Jerry's Wrecker Service.

The vehicle's driver, Robert Wayne Olvera, 23, was charged with improper license and released. The next day a check was run on the vehicle and it was found that it had been reported stolen in Houston.

A warrant for Olvera's arrest on the auto theft charge has been issued but he had not been arrested late Tuesday.

Plants Stolen

On August 31st, Chief of Police Bufford Ashley investigated the theft of a 7-foot tall Schefflera tree, valued at $200, from the front porch of the R. F. Spanihel home at 300 E. State; and also the theft of a hanging basket.

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Courthouse Restoration Bid Opening Friday

Colorado County Commissioners' Court will meet in a special session at 10 a.m. this Friday, Sept. 14th to open bids for the restoration of the county courthouse.

It is uncertain how many, if any, contractors will bid on the extensive project.

The county has approved the issuance of $800,000 in certificates of obligation to finance the project and earmarked 10c of the 64c tax rate for paying off the certificate.

Rice Board Hires 3 New Teachers

Buys Zerox Copier On Lease-Purchase Plan

The Rice School Board of Education in session Monday night accepted two resignations and approved contracts for three new teachers completing the 1979-80 faculties officially, although the new teachers have been working since the opening of school.

Resignations from Bryon Zavesky, who taught math at Eagle Lake Middle School and who is now teaching in Katy and from Marie Hurst Wiegand, who was hired to teach English but elected instead to teach in East Bernard, were accepted.

New contracts were approved for: Madilyn Zbranek who has BS and RN degrees from Incarnate Word, as the new school nurse.

Eddie B. Gibson who has a BS from A&M University, Pine Bluff in Ag Science and a MA from Prairie View A&M in Life Earth Science as Earth Science teacher at ELMS. He has 17 years teaching experience, 15 of them at Lamar in Rosenberg;

Rita Sunderman, with a BS Degree from Texas A&I University in business and journalism, to teach English III and Journalism at Rice High School. She taught for one year at El Campo.

Supt. Gives Impressions

During the session Monday, Supt. Harold King reported to the board on some of his observations since assuming office last month. He stated that he has found the administration very adequate; student body

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Bids May Possibly Be Opened In Oct. Due To Site Change

The Rice Consolidated School District's board of education, in session Monday night, learned that the opening of bids for the addition to the Eagle Lake Middle School, tentatively set for Tues., Sept. 18th, will have to be delayed until Oct. 9th at the very earliest.

The latest in a series of delays in the project, to be financed with an $825,000 bond issue approved by the voters of the district earlier this year, came about when it was determined that one corner of the proposed addition on the southwest corner of the present building might be over the school's property lines.

Supt. Harold King reported that County Surveyor Leonard Frask of Columbus is in the process of making a survey to determine the actual boundary lines. The architect, S. I. Morris & Associates of Houston, found that the property plat at ELMS for the 1951 construction and the one for a later addition did not correspond.

If the building is found to be over the property line at the point where Center Street crosses a drainage ditch on the southwest corner of the school property, the superintendent was authorized to instruct the architect to move the proposed addition a distance to the west in order to clear the property line. The change would in effect place the corner of the addition near the corner of the present building. A covered walkway is proposed to connect the present building and the addition, but the move would necessitate changing a door to the cafetorium and adding another covered walkway in order for students to get to classrooms on the west end of the new addition.

Also the board authorized a slight change in the loading dock area at the southwest corner of the new addition leading to the new cafetorium.

Bid Opening Indefinite

In order to expedite the bid opening as soon as possible the board authorized the superintendent and former superintendent E. A. Krivacka, who was hired by the board as an advisor during the building program, to confer with the architect and set the date for the bid opening as soon as possible. Supt. King said, however, that it appears that Oct. 9th will be the earliest possible date for the bid opening.

Previously Changed

The board, Krivacka, a representative of the architect and ELMS Principal James Crabb discussed at length the location of the proposed addition at a meeting July 9th. At that time, Krivacka recommended that the building be located at the southwest corner of the present building, a recommendation concurred by Crabb. Earlier members of the building committee had authorized the architect to proceed with placing the addition further west in a more remote area. This would have required construction of a road from Burns Avenue to the loading dock and extensive filling, according to Krivacka; hence he recommended moving the building further toward Center Street.

In the vote on the change proposed by Krivacka, the board split 4-2 on accepting the recommendation (Wiese, Holmes, Bripes and Kalina voting for and Bales and Aspah against). Monday night the board members expressed misgivings about the additional delay noting that

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$886 Cash, Checks Taken At Local Clinics

A burglar or burglars, apparently wearing tennis shoes, used a hammer to pry open the back door to the Thomas and Uparte Medical Clinic building on Austin Road some time during Wednesday night of last week and stole a total of $886 in cash and checks from the medical clinic and from the dental offices of Dr. R. H. Rogemann, who leased in the Thomas & Uparte Clinic.

Eagle Lake Patrolman Jimmy Jenkins, investigating officer, received a call at 8:00 a.m. Thursday from clinic personnel who found the back door had been forced open.

The burglar or burglars left muddy shoe tracks en route to the office where an estimated $103 in cash and a cash drawer were taken from checks were left behind. The burglar then went to the office of Dr. Rogemann and forced open a door to the reception area and took around $322 in cash and checks totalling $463 and a cash box, according to the investigating officer's report.

It was noted that the burglar apparently was after cash only; even a drug cabinet and other equipment was not touched.

The local police department is investigating the entry.

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