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Changes In Store For Phone Customers During 1980's

Dramatic changes are in store for telephone customers during the 1980s, predicts Doyle E. Rogers, Southwestern Bell's vice president for Texas.

"New phones, new systems, new services, new uses lie ahead," Rogers said as he reviewed the 1970s and looked ahead to the new decade.

"Southwestern Bell is attuned to the coming changes, but our primary concern is still providing quality, day-to-day phone service for our customers in Texas," he emphasized.

Rogers said that the company invested $7.3 billion for growth and improvements in the state during the last 10 years. Forecasts of future growth indicate the need for almost $9 billion more within the next six years. Construction expenditures in 1980 alone will total $1.2 billion.

The vice president pointed out that growth is just one of several factors which will bring about significant phone changes. Other factors include:

–Far reaching advances in technology.

–Continued double digit inflation.

–Changing social patterns.

While each factor has an individual impact, they're all related, Rogers noted. He used growth as an example.

"Telephone growth is a key indicator of a state's vitality. We've almost doubled the number of phones served in Texas since 1970. Currently, we're adding more than 400,000 phones per year," Rogers pointed out.

Southwestern Bell now serves 8.5 million Texas phones. By 1985, the figure will be about 11.7 million.

Technology, too, has an impact on the growth-inflation situation. "Technological advances are a prime reason we can continue to meet growth," Rogers said.

He cited Electronic Switching Systems (ESS). Today, more than 60 percent of Southwestern Bell's Texas customers are served by the computer-operated switching gear. . .the highest ratio in the nation.

"Today, ESS customers have options for call waiting, call forwarding, abbreviated dialing, and conference calling. But imagine future options such as automatic recording of a message, or automatically forwarding a pre-recorded message at a specific time, or being able to determine who's calling you before answering the phone.

"We may be able to vote by phone, or call home and start the oven or the lawn sprinkler. Eventually, homes may have a central communications console that gives access to all kinds of data information. You may even be able to dial up your newspaper on the communications center TV screen."

Rogers acknowledged that some of these advances may be further away than this decade. "Yet, I'm convinced that by 1990, we'll be offering services most of us are not even thinking of today," he said.

Not far away are such advances as transmitting calls by light, and a new mobile phone system.

"The sky's the limit in communications advances," Rogers said. "Taking into consideration the healthy economy and dynamic growth of Texas, we expect to be very busy in the coming decade meeting the state's ever growing demand for more and better telecommunications services."

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24 YEARS AGO LET'S LOOK BACK

[January 12, 1956]

Stork late in delivering first baby of 1956 here, Lucille Marie Maschek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Maschecke who was born at 10:50 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6th. . .Construction of new Gulf Station, of which George W. Crim is the local consignee, started on East Main. . .Sue Wegenhoft Briscoe gets nominations for first vice-president of the American Society of Women Accountants. . .First county-wide Rice Clinic set here Jan. 24. . .Work on larger Band Hall to begin immediately. . . Eagle Lake Lions to participate in KPRC-TV regional telethon to boost community March of Dimes campaigns. . Mrs. George Nicholds elected new Catholic Altar Society president. . .East Bernard man, Cliff Otto, reportedly improving from 13 stab wounds inflicted by hitchhiker, a Fort Sam Houston soldier. . .Melvin [illegible] honored at housewarming in their new home. . . Engagement of Miss Betty Ruth Bunge to Ensign John R. McMillon announced. . Bonnie Kobleffel paces scoring with 16 points in win from Crescent. . .The new, tricky nine-hole grass green golf course at local Recreation Center is offering some excellent golfing despite winter. . Mrs. Walter F. Meitzen, Sr. honored by Altar Society. She received many useful gifts which were presented by friends upon the loss of their home in recent fire. . .Wedding of Miss Arline Gertson and Kenneth Brune to be an event of February 3rd. Lewis Rosprims welcome daughter, Edna Francis. .Sue Ellen Rolf is honored on seventh birthday. . .Spl. 3/c Jerry Gibson, stationed in Munchweiler, Germany, is touring England and Spain while on furlough.

Interstate 10 Rapist Gets 30 More Yrs.

Robert Edward Jones, charged with aggravated rape, was assessed punishment of 30 years in the Texas Department of Corrections in 155th Judicial District court in Austin County by Judge Oliver Kitzman.

Jones pleaded guilty and was found guilty of an offense committed in Austin County on [illegible] waived his 10 days and was sentenced to the term of not less than five years nor more than thirty years in the TDC. He was given credit for time served in jail. His sentence began Jan. 6, 1980 and is to run concurrently with any and all sentences under which the defendant is presently serving.

Jones, called the IH-10 rapist, was charged with raping a woman on IH 10 west of Sealy on Nov. 18 of last year. He was recently sentenced to 30 years in the TDC in court [illegible] Colorado County for having committed a similar crime in that county. Another such charge faces him in Chambers County. Sealy News.

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Let's Look Back 48 YEARS AGO

[February 27, 1932]

Many visit Santa Fe farm train during stop here Tuesday. . .Eagle Lake may have good baseball team for coming summer. . .Construction company resumes work building river bridge at Altair. The company wires county judge to have inspector at bridge site by end of week when work is expected to be resumed. . .Legionnaires expecting big attendance at meet in Columbus March 6th. Full program scheduled and ex-service men and their families will be served a free banquet spread. . .Scholastic census for county commences on March 1st, Wooten says. Census trustees for various districts under county supervision appointed, and all work must be completed by April. . .Local Negro youth draw pen terms in burglary cases. . .Lissie man, Cliff Evoritt, candidate for commissioner of Precinct No. 2. . .O. E. Sinclair announces for city alderman. . .G. E. Thomas also announces. . .Big doe seen within half mile of business section. . .Mother of Mrs. Meyer Nathan died in Waco. . .Henry Frnka signs to coach at Greenville. . .

Primary Principal Outlines School Changes At Rotary

Eagle Lake Primary School Principal Major Benge was guest speaker at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club last Wednesday and he discussed changes which are coming about in education at the Eagle Lake school.

Benge told the Rotarians and guests that current enrollment [illegible] kindergarten through third grade, includes 23.8 percent Anglo-Americans, 44.7 percent Latin-Americans and 31.5 percent Blacks. He noted that the enrollment of the Latins has increased by 10 percent in the past five years.

Benge said that enrollment figures at the school seem to be leveling off and predicted that decreases in enrollment which were seen the past several years will begin to swing upward as the 1980's progress.

Among the enrollment at the school are 38 students or 14.2 [illegible] the total enrollment, with Mexican birth certificates.

Some of the current programs put into effect at the [illegible] benefit disadvantaged as well as the better performers include:

Tutoring for students needing assistance by seven members of the Future Teachers of America organization at Rice High School;

An Early Childhood program which has been in effect for the past two years (8 students are enrolled in this program and they have language learning disabilities and are all pre-school children).

The breakfast program is in its second year at the school, noted Benge, and about 100 students participate in the program and 300 eat lunch at the school, with about half of these either on a free or reduced lunch program funded by the federal government.

He praised the students' participation in the recent Houston Livestock Art Show and also in the Science Fair held last week at Eagle Lake Middle School.

New Programs

The principal also discussed a new program (ESL) English Second Language in which students who have little knowledge of the English language will be placed into a special class under a specially trained teacher for 45 minutes each day, conceivable to help them to learn to speak English. Forty-one students have been identified to participate in this special program.

Another new program is the Migrant Student Program funded by the state. The principal said that a Region II survey made in the Eagle Lake schools showed that there are 11 migrant students at Eagle Lake Middle School and 17 at Eagle Lake Primary School. He described a Migrant Student as one whose parents are associated with agriculture and who have moved to follow such occupation in the past five years. The principal said that the Rice District expects $8,000 assistance for this program this year and possibly up to $30,000 in 1980-81.

The principal commented during the question and answer session that almost all of the programs discussed above are funded by the state and federal governments and the only cost to the Rice District taxpayer comes in providing necessary facilities. "Of course we all pay income taxes, hence in the long run we end up paying for the programs," he added.

Grouping on Performance

The Rice School Board has approved a program for the 1980-81 year for the benefit of the more gifted or better performing students, also, stated the principal. He explained that the students in the second and third grade language arts classes will be grouped on performance ability for two hours each day in an effort to upgrade the program for the average and above average students.

In discussing the school's facilities, Benge noted that conditions at the school are crowded now, but anticipated some relief when the portable buildings are moved from Eagle Lake Middle School to the Primary School at the completion of the addition there. He also noted that barring unforeseen changes in enrollment, there will be one less third grade at ELPS next year, necessitating one less teacher and one less classroom.

Benge was introduced by Victor Scott, program chairman for the day.

Best Of Show Winner

Dominique Isenhower of the Eagle Lake Primary School is pictured with her project, "Bread Mold and Fungus" which won first place in the Biological Division of the Third Grade as well as the Best Elementary project displayed in the Science Fair held at the Eagle Lake Middle School gym on Tuesday of last week.- Primary School Photo.

Rock Is. Fire Dept. Benefit Dinner Apr. 13

The Rock Island Fire Department has started plans for a benefit Chicken and Sausage Lunch to be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 13th at the Rock Island Community Center.

One and all are invited to make plans to attend the event and support the Rock Island volunteer firemen.

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District Meet Of Catholic Daughters

The District meeting of the Catholic Daughters of America met at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Schulenburg Sunday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m. for Mass and initiation of new members. About 179 members attended including 20 from Nada. Eight ladies from the Nada community joined Our Lady of the Rosary No. 1595 of Nada.

After Mass, the initiation of new members and a business meeting, a very delicious turkey and dressing dinner with all the trimmings was served.

Msgr. Victor Schmidtzinsky of Nada also attended the meeting.

Paul Waligura, a student at Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos, spent the spring break at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waligura.

Home From Hospital

I am glad to report that Lester Bunge is at home after spending several weeks in a Houston hospital following a stroke. Friends hope he continues to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Meismer and two grandchildren of Baytown spent the past weekend with Mrs. J. A. Meismer and Norbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waligura and Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mayo of Houston visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waligura and Eric in Houston Sunday. En route home they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoggett, also of Houston.

Garwood Meth. Women Meet

The Women of the Lehrer United Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Beulah Shoop with Mrs. Shoop as hostess at 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 10.

The meeting opened with a prayer. The program was a Bible study. A business meeting followed with the president, Mrs. E. L. Wied, presiding.

Mrs. E. A. Stienke read the secretary's report and Mrs. R. A. Shoop gave the card report.

The rummage and bake sale that was held recently was discussed. $1312.00 was made at the sale. Future work of the year was planned.

Delicious refreshments of salad, chips, cake squares, Coke and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Krenek and Mrs. Harry Brisco and son Justin visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Krenek at Crockett and Mrs. A. T. Humphrey at Trinity and Mrs. Jess Bell, who is in the Huntsville hospital, last weekend.

Mrs. C. P. Hopkins is in the Youens Hospital in Weimar. Best wishes for a quick recovery for Mrs. Edith.

Miss Holly Jean Rolf and Jerome Kubes Wed Feb. 9

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Joseph Kubes

Miss Holly Jean Rolf and Jerome Joseph Kubes were united in marriage in a beautiful candlelight ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake on Saturday, February 9, 1980 at 4:00 p.m. The Rev. Melburn Sibley of Eagle Lake, assisted by Rev. Henry Rahunek of Hungerford, officiated in the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rolf of Eagle Lake, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kubes, Jr. of East Bernard.

An arrangement of white gladioli and tall candelabras entwined with greenery adorned the altar. Mrs. Clara May Nash provided the wedding music and David Guess, the soloist, accompanied himself on the guitar. He sang "Follow Me" and "Sunshine on My Shoulder" as the bridesmaids came down the aisle.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her father, was attired in a white gown of illusion and lace with a fitted bodice and V-neckline, long puffed bell sleeves and cathedral-length train. On her head she wore a halo of lilies-of-the-valley and gypsophila and she carried a bouquet of red roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

Serving as matron of honor was the bride's sister, Mrs. Sue Holden of Rosenberg. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Susan Balusek of Mesquite; Mrs. Wendy Shanks of Conroe; Miss Nita Dye of Houston; Mrs. Kathy Dusek, sister of the groom, of Wallis; and junior bridesmaid Lisa Ann Rolf, niece of the bride, of Alvin.

The flower girl was Mary Kathleen Rolf, niece of the bride, of Houston. Rolf Holden, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer. Carrying her train was Jason Rolf, nephew of the bride, of Waco.

The bride's attendants were dressed in red qiana knit crepe, styled in an empire fashion with V-neckline and long puffed sleeves. On their heads they wore halos of baby's breath with greenery and one red rose. They carried bouquets of red roses and white mums with red streamers.

James Kubes of Missoula, Montana, brother of the groom, served as best man. The groomsmen were Kraig Lea of Huntsville; Rick Hirsch of Richards; Steve Shanks of Conroe; Frank Kubes, III, brother of the groom, of East Bernard; and junior groomsman Matthew Bohan of Huntsville. The groom and groomsmen were attired in black tuxedoes and white shirts with ruffle trim.

Ushering the guests were John Allen Rolf of Alvin; Dr. Wynn Rolf of Waco; Andy Rolf, Jr. of Houston, all brothers of the bride; Gordon Hagendorf of Houston; and Kenneth Dusek of Wallis, brother-in-law of the groom.

The bride's mother wore a dark green formal with embroidered neckline and long full sleeves. The mother of the groom chose a formal of blue with a V-neckline and long chiffon sleeves. Their corsages were white carnations.

Reception

The Eagle Lake Community Center was the scene of the reception following the wedding.

The bride's table held the beautiful wedding cake trimmed with red roses, the punch, and bridesmaids' bouquets. The groom's table held the groom's cake decorated with a train and the coffee service with an arrangement of red silk roses. Hors d'oeuvres and finger foods were served from the buffet table.

The serving tables were decorated with red candles and English ivy.

Music was provided by Helmer Dahl of Hutto on his organ throughout the evening.

Assisting with the houseparty duties were: Mrs. Wanda Rolf, Mrs. Carmen Rolf and Mrs. Mary Ann Rolf, all sisters-in-law of the bride; Mrs. Debbie Kubes, sister-in-law of the groom; Mrs. Annette Lee; Mrs. Debra Lanier; Mrs. Cassy Hagendorf; Miss Kathy Reuther; Mrs. Diana Thomas; Mrs. Suzanne Byrd and Mrs. Grace Bohan.

After a honeymoon skiing in the mountains of New Mexico, the couple is at home in Conroe where she is employed in the business office at Elkins Lake and he with the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Rehearsal Dinner

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kubes, Jr. at Jack's Restaurant on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A roast beef menu was enjoyed by approximately forty wedding party members and guests.

The bride and groom-to-be presented their attendants with gifts at this time.

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Rites Held For Maurice Goodson Tues.

Relatives and friends were greatly saddened to learn of the sudden death of Maurice Adams Goodson, 74, Sunday, March 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital emergency room due to a heart attack suffered at his home a short time before.

Funeral services were held from the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home Tuesday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m. followed by interment in the Masonic Cemetery. The Rev. John Robinson, United Methodist Church minister, officiated.

Casketbearers were Billy Eggers, John M. Eggers, Claude White, Gardner Seaholm, Weldon Faucett, Joel Cash, Leonard Seaholm and Russell White. Mill-Bauer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Goodson was born June 1, 1905 in Jacksonville, Texas. His parents were George Gilliam and Mary Elizabeth Goodson. He resided here for almost all of his life. After many years of working as a mechanic, Mr. Goodson and C. S. Bolton founded a Dodge and Plymouth dealership here, erecting the building now housing Clyde's Food Market. Later Bolton sold his interest in the auto dealership to M. M. Jones and Mr. Jones handled sales and Mr. Goodson continued operation of the service garage until his retirement about fifteen years ago.

On September 28, 1929, he and Miss Florence Evelyn Waddell were united in marriage in Eagle Lake.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Bette Lou Wornat, and son-in-law, Marvin Wornat of Simonton; and four granddaughters, Mrs. Monte (Evelyn) Bridgewater, Nelda, Teresa and Renee Wornat; and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Goodson's continuous smile and friendly disposition will be deeply missed by all who came to know him. Sympathy is extended to the family of this loved one.

Lyle Andersons Are Parents Of Baby Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Anderson of Bryan are very pleased parents of a daughter, born Saturday, March 1 at 2:50 p.m. in Bryan. At birth the young lady weighed seven pounds and four ounces. Her name is April Renee.

Welcoming her into the family is a brother, Richard Aaron, two years of age.

The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Clifford (Marge) Wiese of Altair and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Anderson of Eagle Lake. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Ben Anderson of Chesterville and Mrs. Joe Samora of Eagle Lake.

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Xi Pi Psi Program On South America

On Tuesday, March 11, Xi Pi Psi met in the home of Cherry Corman.

Mary Lou Szymanski, service chairman, stated that plans for the art show had begun and that she would soon have information regarding the scholarship awarded annually by the sorority to a Rice High School senior girl.

President Jo Ann Mahalitc announced that in conjunction with Alpha Delta Phi, the Lady of the Year selection was Mrs. Herman Boothe. The two sororities will honor Mrs. Boothe with a tea in the home of Kay Clipson on Saturday, March 29th.

Martha Laughlin presented the program on South America with priority to the Andes Mountains and the Inca civilization. The Andes is the longest chain of mountains in the world, covering a distance of about 4,500 miles. Within the mountain range are many active volcanoes and many great peaks which are covered by ice glaciers from southern Chile to the Pacific Coast. The Andes also contain much copper along with lead, tin, gold, silver, iron, platinum and quick silver.

Martha then explained about one of the oldest civilizations of North or South America, the Incas. This ancient civilization is believed to have been in existence as far back as 2,000 B.C. Martha told about the culture of this group of people through many years of struggle with the Spaniards who finally conquered them. She summarized the Incas as a well organized civilization developed in South America before the white man arrived. They were conquered by the Spaniards only because they had no steel armour, horses and firearms as did their assailants.

After this interesting lesson in history, everyone enjoyed refreshments served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be in the home of Pat Cook on March 25th.

Social

On Saturday, March 15th, Xi Pi Psi members and their husbands enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day gathering in the home of Ernie Sommerlatte. The group enjoyed refreshments during the evening as well as good conversation.

Rabies Clinic In East Bernard Saturday

The East Bernard Chapter of the Future Farmers of America will sponsor a rabies inoculation clinic from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, Mar. 22nd in the school's agriculture building.

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