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9 Compete For Farm Bureau Queen Fri. Nite

The Colorado County Farm Bureau will have its Queen and Talent Find Contest this Friday, May 9th at 8:00 p.m. at the United Church Fellowship Hall in Weimar.

Master of ceremonies for the Queen and Talent Find Contest will be Carl Geisler of the KULM Radio Station of Columbus.

Mrs. Betty Cady of Columbus will be Little Miss MC. Mrs. Robert Hunt, chairperson, announces the following contestants:

Queen Contestants
From Weimar: Linda Kunz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Kunz; Darla Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller; and Connie Thurman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Thurman.

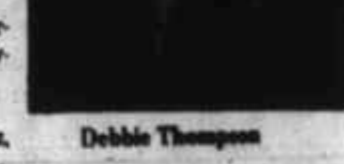
From Columbus: Dawn Werland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Werland; Sandra Dittmar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dittmar, Jr.; and Mrs. Leonard Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wideman.

From Garwood: Debbie Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thompson; Carolyn Pavia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pavia; and Michaelanne Hefner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hefner.

Talent Find Contestants
Talent find contestants are from Columbus: Angela Stallman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stallman, Jr.; Tara Berger, daughter of Robert and Rosanna Berger; Melissa Kleinman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kleinman; and Sherry Lynn Gaylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gaylor; from New Ulm: Jennifer Lynn Cain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cain; from Weimar: Cindy Jo Hattermann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hattermann.



Debbie Thompson



Carolyn Pavia



Michaelanne Hefner

Mrs. Robert Schiurring Rites Wed.

(Continued from Page One) herself to so many acquaintances and associates of all ages by her unselfish dedication to work for the well-being of every organization and every individual, regardless of the race, creed or color, and regardless of the sacrifices that had to be made. Millie truly counted her friends by her every acquaintance and she loved each "as her very own."

Her work in her church, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Weimar, was over-subscribed this year. She also served on the Governor's Committee for the Aged and was a teacher of Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Weimar for the past thirty-one years. She was a member of the Veterans Memorial Library of Garwood and an ardent supporter of the library. Her husband has requested that memorials be made to the Veterans Memorial Library in Garwood and St. Mary's Church.

She was also a member of the Colorado County Child Welfare Board and was very interested in the program to place foster children into good homes and for other activities of the committee to aid less fortunate children in the county.

Millie was recognized on many times at various functions for her leadership role in decorations for a variety of activities. She personally provided leadership for beautiful decorations for weddings and other social events, and for many school activities, especially for the Future Farmers of America and the All-Sports Banquets held annually, and many, many more.

Funeral Services Wed.
The body laid in state in the Triska Chapel in El Campo until 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 6th, at which time it was taken to St. Mary's Church in Nada for a rosary which was recited at 7:30 p.m. followed by a High Mass celebrated by Monsignor Victor Schmidtinsky, Julius Petru, Alysius Leopold and other clergy in the area. The St. Mary's Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Clarence Martin and directed by Mrs. Joe Leopold, sang the High Mass.

A Rosary was to be recited by the Catholic Daughters at 2:30 p.m. this Wednesday, May 7th followed by the Funeral Mass at 3:00 p.m. A large number of clergy including several bishops and others are expected to participate in the Mass.

Interment is to be made following the Funeral Mass in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery where her body will be placed to a peaceful rest.

Palbearers will be nephews: J. Brent Schiurring, David Schiurring, Stephen Schiurring, Walter Schiurring, Monte Muecke, Dr. Chris Balm, Dr. Sandy B. Balm, Robert Mott, Hubert Kaiser and James Beard.

She was born June 26, 1922 in El Campo, the daughter of John and Mary Krejci Blinks. She attended school in El Campo.

Miss Millie Blinks and Robert C. Schiurring were united in marriage on Nov. 6, 1943 in Nevada while Mr. Schiurring was stationed there with the Armed Forces.

Surviving are her husband Robert who has been a constant companion in many of her activities; one sister, Mrs. Lillian Mott, of El Campo; one brother, Johnnie Blinks of El Campo; a number of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Her passing will leave a huge void in the lives of so many which will be difficult to fill. Deepest sympathy is extended by one and all to her loved ones. It was an inspiration to be blessed with the love and friendship of Millie Schiurring. Surely she has now claimed her just reward in Heaven for this love and kindness.

Colorado County Judge Lester J. Crank, center, led the honor of presenting flowers to the Outstanding Older Texans in Colorado County at the Older Texans Fair held at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada last Thursday.

The honors went to a sister, and brother, Mrs. J. A. (Annie) Meisner, at the left; and Monsignor Alysius Leopold, assistant at St. Mary's Church in Nada. For more on the Older Texans Fair see page 9.

Outstanding Older Texans In County



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\$75,000 Courthouse Restoration C.O. OK'd

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in session Monday, authorized the issuance of a \$75,000 Certificate of Obligation payable to the Circle Double "C" Enterprises, Inc., general contractor, for renovations to the courthouse during the period from Mar. 28 to April 25, bringing to \$445,000 which has been paid to the contractor on his bid of \$67,200 for the complete courthouse restoration project.

Arthur J. Willrodt of Willrodt and Associates of Columbus, Texas, architect, approved the claim submitted by Circle Double "C" (by letter). He noted that his firm has been having periodic inspections and that the project is progressing "alright." Willrodt has been recuperating from illness for some time.

Charles A. Clark, president of the contracting firm, reported that \$498,821 work has been done to date. The county retains 10% until final completion to make the total earned, less retainage, to \$446,558. Previous payments totaled \$270,000, leaving a balance of \$176,558, but the certificates of obligation are issued to the next lower \$5,000, hence the current payment amounted to \$75,000.

The commissioners asked the architectural firm to present a monthly log of the inspections made and by whom. Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles said he would like for more information by the architect of the firm, Jean DuBoise, and he was informed that he had made an inspection of the work done only last weekend. Stiles voted against issuing the certificate of obligation. Commissioners Otto Loessin, Rafael Veselka and Crockett Leyendecker for.

3 Killed In Car-Truck Collision At Nada Wed.

Three Garwood residents were killed and two others were seriously injured in a tragic two-vehicle head-on collision on Highway 71 between Nada and Garwood (in front of the Kates Supply headquarters) at 11:45 a.m. last Wednesday, May 7th.

The accident was one of the worst in the area in some time and occurred at a very similar spot where three Rice High School students died in a tragic crash in May of 1972.

Highway Patrolman Joel Garcia of Eagle Lake and Patrol Sergeant Gilbert Kiel of Columbus investigated the accident.

Jolious Williams, 58, proprietor of a tavern in Garwood, was pronounced dead at the scene. Inez L. Pratt, 39, of Garwood and Loretta Carter, 18, also of Garwood, died shortly after in El Campo Memorial Hospital. Jolious Williams was the father of Inez Pratt and the grandfather of Loretta Carter.

Also injured in the collision was Kasha Pratt, 17, a junior at Rice High School of Garwood, daughter of Inez Pratt. All four of the above were riding in a 1977 Lincoln Continental driven and owned by Jolious, eastbound toward El Campo.

The other vehicle involved was a 1967 Chevrolet flatbed truck driven and owned by Alexander Hard, 75, of El Campo.

Hurd and Miss Pratt were reported to be in stable condition recuperating from the serious injuries received in the collision.

Investigating officers said that Hurd was driving west, toward Garwood. He told the officers that "his mind went blank and when he realized where his car was he tried to pull out to avoid collision but it was too late." The cars met almost head-on in the eastbound lane after Hurd's truck crossed the center of the highway into the path of the Williams car.

Four emergency vehicles were sent to the scene, two Garwood ambulances and two from El Campo.

The fatalities were the third, fourth and fifth recorded so far this year on the highways in this county.

A sixth fatality, that of Clifford Wiese, occurred in the City of Eagle Lake and is not included in the county highway death toll.

According to Trooper Garcia, no charges had been filed at noon Tuesday, pending further investigation of the accident.

Obituaries for the three deceased persons may be found on page 3.

Collision Claims Three Lives



Three Garwood residents died and a fourth was seriously injured when the 1977 Lincoln Continental shown above collided almost head-on with a flatbed truck in front of Kates Supply on Highway 71 between Nada and Garwood at 11:45 a.m. last Wednesday.

4 Teachers Resign; 3 Are Hired

Rice School District's board of education, in session Monday night, accepted resignations from four teachers and approved contracts for three new teachers for the 1980-81 school year.

Resignations were accepted from Mrs. Elaine Rice, a third grade teacher at Sherman; for maternity purposes; Laredo, BSL teacher in Eagle Lake; and Larry Rooker, government teacher at Rice High School; and Brenda Treprow, fifth grade teacher at Eagle Lake Middle School.

New contracts were approved on recommendation of Assistant Principal Charles DeShazo for: Jeannette Marie Woods, who has a B.S. degree from the University of Houston in elementary education and one year's teaching experience in Houston; a fifth grade position at ELMS; Myra A. Demel, with a B.S. degree from Southwest Texas State University in elementary education, to a fourth grade at ELMS; Freddie J. Armstrong, who has a B.S. and M.S. from Sam Houston State with five years coaching and teaching experience in health, P.E. and social studies, to be a coach at Eagle Lake Middle School; Armstrong graduated from Eagle Lake High School.

He is currently on the coaching staff at Oakwood. State Aid on Kitchens Ept. Supt. Harold King reported to the board that the state has agreed to pay \$44,000 on the purchase of new kitchen equipment to go into the new addition at Eagle Lake Middle School. He also reported on his superintendent's report, an incident at Eagle Lake Middle School where a teacher was assaulted by a parent. King said that he has noted a "negative feeling" toward the school in Eagle Lake and said that he will work toward a policy of providing more discipline and to improve relations and attitude toward the school.

The board also heard a cost analysis report on driver education and approved a \$50 addition for driver education courses beginning with the 1980-81 year.

High School principal Fred Graham noted that around 173 students are enrolled in State University in elementary education, to a

1980 County Farm Bu. Queen

Debbie Thompson, pretty blonde Rice High School senior, was crowned 1980 Colorado County Farm Bureau Queen in competition held last Friday night in Weimar. Debbie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thompson of Garwood. She is expected to be moved from intensive care to a more passive care this Wednesday.

Her many friends in the area extend prayers for his continued recovery to good health.

Rice CISD Bd. OK's Pay Hikes For All Personnel

Supt. King Says No Tax Rate Hike Will Be Necessary

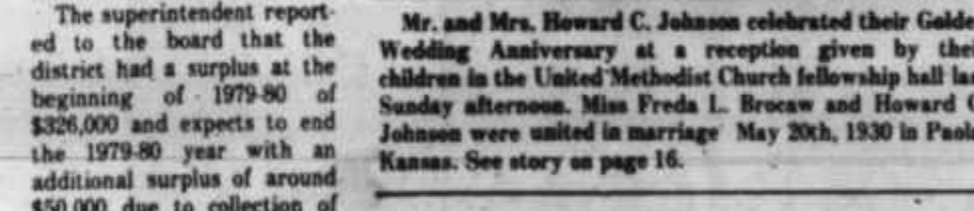
Professionals, paraprofessionals, and maintenance and transportation personnel of the Rice Consolidated School District were given pay increases for the 1980-81 school year in unanimous action taken by the Rice CISD board of education in session Monday night.

According to the proposal submitted by Supt. Harold King, "the proposals will put the Rice District into a competitive position in order to hold and to recruit experienced teachers." He also told the board that the pay increases would not necessitate an increase in the tax rate.

Additional Revenue Expected
The superintendent reported to the board that the district had a surplus at the beginning of 1979-80 of \$326,000 and expects to end the 1979-80 year with an additional surplus of around \$50,000 due to collection of taxes over the budgeted tax revenue. He also estimated that the district will receive an additional \$170,000 in state funds next year and anticipated an additional \$90,000 in tax revenue in light of an expected increase of over \$6 million in tax valuations in the district for the 1980 tax year. Also included in the \$910,000 additional revenue for 1980-81 was the \$50,000 which was not in the 1979-80 budget from tax collections and should be collected again in 1980-81.

On the other side of the ledger, King said that the district might have to pay \$60,000 more in the Local Share of the state program for 1980-81 and estimated operating costs could be expected to continue to increase.

Costs Of Salary Increases
Nevertheless, the superintendent recommended and the board approved a schedule of pay increases which would increase salaries of all school personnel by \$170,167. However, of that amount, the district is required by state legislation to pay increases on regular increments totaling \$97,980 (\$91,200 to professionals; teachers and administrators; \$4,780 to



Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Johnson celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at a reception given by their children in the United Methodist Church fellowship hall last Sunday afternoon. Miss Freda L. Brewer and Howard C. Johnson were united in marriage May 28th, 1930 in Paola, Kansas. See story on page 16.

Rice H.S. Outstanding Athlete For 1979-80



Darrel Appelt, center, was the honor of being named the Best All-Around Boy Athlete for the year of 1979-80 at Rice High School and was recognized at the 10th annual All-Sports Banquet held Monday, May 5 in the Rice High School Commons. Darrel, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Appelt, lettered in basketball, baseball and tennis.

Pilot Escapes Injury When Plane Flips

Heavy damage resulted to an Ag-Cat crop dusting aircraft when the plane flipped over on a runway on Joe Anderson property between Lavin and Cheterville at 3 p.m. Monday, but fortunately the pilot escaped injury.

Kenneth Wicke was piloting the aircraft in the process of finalizing nearby rice fields when the plane hit a grassy area and loose dirt on the sod runway and flipped completely over onto its top.

The aircraft is the property of the Lavin Flying Service, Inc.

Rice H.S. Band To Present Concert Tonight

The Rice High School Raider Band, a 1980 "Sweepstakes" winner in UIL, Class AA competition, will present its final concert of the 1979-80 year in the annual Spring Concert at the Rice High School Commons beginning at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday, May 15th.

The public is cordially invited to attend. This will be the last chance that you will have to hear one of the outstanding bands in this area. Floyd Sperrath will direct the band in the concert.

Band favorites and outstanding members of each class will be named during the event.

Autograph Party Fri.

(Continued from Page One) ties, happenings and things on the Linnie Prairie of the Texas coastal plain.

Native Of Linnie Area
McCormick was born in the Linnie community of Wharton County, the son of Benjamin F. and Minnie (Campbell) McCormick. He attended elementary school in Linnie and graduated from Eagle Lake High School in 1952.

He returned in 1975 after more than forty years in the outdoor advertising business. He and his wife, Naomi, reside at 417 West Brookside Drive in Bryan. They are members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church where he now serves as a trustee.

He has worked for many years in Boy Scouting and holds the Silver Beaver award, Scouting's highest award, and is presently a District Committee Chairman of the Arrowwood District. McCormick also serves as president of the Brazos Genealogical Association, an organization which he and Mrs. McCormick helped to found.

Owners of the Crossroads Bookstore invite one and all to make plans to come by for a visit with the author during the autograph session Friday.

John Seaholms Welcome Baby Girl May 1st

Mr. and Mrs. John Seaholms of Houston are the happy parents of a daughter, born Thursday, May 1, at 8:25 in the morning. The little lady made her arrival in Heights Hospital in Houston weighing six pounds and five ounces and measuring nineteen and one-half inches tall. She has been named Erin Shea.

Welcoming the new addition into the family are a brother, Erik Simpson Seaholm, two and one-half years of age; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Simpson of McAllen and Mr. and Mrs. Gardner A. Seaholm of Eagle Lake.

Noska Injured In Cycle Accident

Nathan J. Noska of Eagle Lake received severe cuts, bruises and skin scrapes when the motorcycle he was riding was in collision with another vehicle on Highway 90A, just west of the Colorado River bridge west of Eagle Lake at 6:20 p.m. Monday.

Highway Patrolman Andy Taquard investigated the accident. He said Nathan was riding a 1974 Honda cycle owned by Donna Stern, in a westerly direction on 90A when he came upon a 1974 Chevrolet also being driven west on 90A by Lester J. LeBoeuf of Sheridan. The officer said that Noska tried to pass the vehicle on the left but hit the back left bumper causing the cycle to turn over onto its side. The cycle skidded an estimated 300 feet first on one side and then the other before coming to a stop.

Noska was brought to Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the Ambulance Corps with numerous injuries but apparently no broken bones. There was heavy damage to the cycle. LeBoeuf escaped injury and there were light damages to his car.

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