

Corner BARGAIN CORNER Bargain

★ Used Cars

★ Used Trucks

★ Driver Ed Units

'78 Ford LTD Landau 4-Door Hard Top... \$3295.00

'77 Olds Starfire Coupe
A Genuine Economy Car. Has 5-Speed Transmission with
Economic V8 ENGINE. Has TACHOMETER. Previous
Owner Reports 27 M.P.G. Highway Driving. \$3595.00

'76 Buick Electra - Park Avenue Limited
A Luxury Car with All the Fine Car Extras. A One Owner
Car in Great Condition. \$3195.00

'75 Olds Cutlass Supreme Coupe. REDUCED. \$2395.00

'75 Monte Carlo Landau. SOLID WHITE. Loaded. \$2395.00

1979 Chevrolet Bonanza HD10 Pick-Up.
Loaded with Extras, including Power Windows and Power Door
Locks. 5,000 Miles. \$6295.00

KEEP THAT GREAT GM FEELING WITH GENUINE GM PARTS

GM QUALITY SERVICE/PARTS

GENERAL MOTORS PARTS DIVISION

"Service Dept. Open Lake Motors, Inc. On Sat."

CHEVROLET - OLDSMOBILE - CADILLAC

323 S. McCarty • Eagle Lake • Ph. 234-2513

BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

Jury Hearing
Heffley vs. Horton
Damage Suit

A jury was hearing a civil suit styled Richard Heffley and Ervin Heffley vs. Horton and Horton, Inc. in District Court in Columbus Tuesday with Judge E. W. Patterson presiding.

In the suit the Heffleys contend that F. A. Mickow signed a lease with Horton and Horton in 1961 for gravel exploration on land which the Heffleys now own. They contend that the gravel company was supposed to be incorporated into the new bank facilities.

Support the Eagle Lake Little Leaguers and Girls Softball team by buying some candy during the one-a-year fund raising period under way and continuing through Friday.

We're happy to have Marilyn Mueller back with the Headlight staff for the period from Wednesday through Friday. Connie Gertson takes care of things around the office from Monday through Wednesday. This allows both to spend some time with their youngsters, Stacie and Sunny, respectively.

The Pyramid Club

Wharton, Texas

• Sun., May 18
James Casey & the Texas Swing Band

• Sun., May 25
Bitterroot & The Invaders

★ REMEMBER ★
Free Beer Every Thursday!

Open Every Sunday 4:30 til 7
25c Beer; \$1.25 Mixed Drinks Every Sunday

Teacher Pay
(Continued from Page One)

paraprofessionals; aides and secretaries; and \$1,980 to maintenance and transportation personnel. In addition to the mandatory state raises, the board voted to raise pay of professionals by a total of \$60,000; paraprofessionals by \$3,500; maintenance and transportation personnel by \$3,500; and aides by \$2,540.

Other Additional Expenses
The superintendent estimated that inflationary cost increases in 1980-81 would require an additional \$25,500 on the five school campuses; \$15,000 for partial carpet replacement at Rice High School (the carpet is ten years old); \$20,000 for new band uniforms for 1981-82 (the uniforms are also 10 years old); \$5,000 for additional athletic costs; \$12,000 for computer equipment for Rice High School computer courses to begin in 1980-81; \$1,000 for a used pickup for Sheridan school; and \$20,500 for program changes at Eagle Lake Middle School and High School, but this would be offset by some \$5,500 by reduction of central office personnel. The final item of additional expenses was a \$40,000 estimate for the district's participation in the Countywide Tax Assessment District, thus making the estimated total of additional expenses for the next year to about \$177,500.

In the final analysis, the additional revenue was estimated at \$310,000 and additional expenses at \$349,687.00.

The increase approved by the board raises to \$150 over state schedule, the pay offered by Rice District to professionals. In addition to this district also provides health insurance for the professionals at a current cost of \$410 per year, which makes the pay schedule near the mark of \$2,000 over the state schedule.

The \$500 across-the-board raise to professionals was estimated to cost the district \$50,500 for 101 persons. Also the action by the board raised all teachers to the same level over state aid at a cost of \$5,000. For the past few years, the district has paid \$800, \$900 or \$1,000 over state schedule depending on experience and tenure in the district.

Other increases included an additional \$500 to the high school band director; \$600 for travel expenses to the junior high band director (who serves Eagle Lake and Garwood); \$200 additional raises to 14 coaches; an additional one-half month's salary to the Eagle Lake Middle School principal; making total non-compulsory increases of \$60,411.

Other Increases Granted
In the pay increases to paraprofessionals, the board placed aides into state schedules I and II, according to experience category and salary at AIDE II level and \$20 a month above that to Rice High School and ELMS secretaries; a clerk to AIDE II level plus \$20 per month in the central office; and a secretary at AIDE III salary. The state-mandatory increase for paraprofessionals is \$4,800 (for 10 people) plus \$3,500 local raises or additional costs for 1980-81 of \$8,300.

The state schedule calls for \$3,144 in increases for a mechanic, maintenance director and 6 maintenance people, plus \$4,492 additional or a total of \$6,636 (including a \$1,000 leave) to be used at the discretion of the superintendent. Pay for 8 aides was raised 25c per hour to \$3.35 per hour at a cost of \$2,640 to make the total maintenance and transportation increases amount to \$10,276.

Leadschool Prizes Going Up
Although the lunchroom operation is self-sufficient and not included in the budget, the board approved 10% pay increases for 12 cooks and a \$2,000 increase for the director, \$800 increases for 2 managers and \$650 increase for 3 managers, to boost salary costs by \$5,975.50.

Supt. King praised the work of the lunchroom personnel, especially director, Mabel Franklin. Projected balance in this operation at the end of 1979-80 was estimated at \$75,000.

The superintendent stated that lunches will probably have to be adjusted upward by 10c at the high school and 5c at the elementary schools in 1980-81 due to increased costs of materials, supplies and labor. He added that the high school lunches are now being sold at 14¢ below cost.

Comparison To Others
If you're interested in what salaries are paid to teachers at schools in this area, the following is a comparison provided by Supt. King to the board Monday night.

Wharton, presently \$1300, over state schedule, going to \$2200 for bachelor's degree and \$2400 for masters; El Campo, presently \$1100 over state, expected to go to \$2000; Seely, now some above state, going to \$750 for beginning bachelor's degree and \$850 for masters; East Bernard, was \$1200 over state, going to \$2200 (to go to \$2000); Co. number was \$200 over state, going to \$600.

Howard C. Johnsons Celebrated 50th Wedding Anniv. Last Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Johnson were honored on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day) at a reception given by their children in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. They were married in Paola, Kansas May 20, 1930.

The hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson and Bruce Jr. of Chaneyville, Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Thomas, Michael and Gayle Lynn and Mrs. Judith Jarvis and Kelley of Eagle Lake. They were assisted with hostess duties by Mrs. Dutch Szymanski and Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte.

Guests were registered at a table which held a dairy arrangement and photos of the honorees, taken in 1930; also their marriage license; wedding scrolls given to guests as mementoes of the occasion.

The white covered refreshment table was centered with a lovely arrangement of gladioli and the three-tiered cake topped with a golden "50". The crystal service was placed at one end.

Punch, cake, minis, coffee and nuts were enjoyed by the guests attending.

Active in Community
Freda (Brooks) and Howard Johnson, with their three children, moved to Eagle Lake in January of 1961 from Sedan, Kansas.

They have been very busy while residents here as owners and operators of the former Rice Theatre for 16 years, and at the same time owned and operated the Rice Theatre for four years. Mr. Johnson taught in the Columbus High School for one year and in the Eagle Lake High School for four years and served as Postmaster here for fifteen years, retiring in 1974. Mrs. Johnson played an important part in the businesses they owned and operated. She read remedial reading in the Eagle Lake School for eight years.

The children's gift to their parents is a Caribbean cruise which they are looking forward to taking.

The Johnsons have seven grandchildren: Michael and Gayle Lynn Thomas, Kelley and Paul Jarvis of Eagle Lake, Bruce Johnson, Jr. of Chaneyville, Mrs. Anette Greene of Huntington, West Virginia, Mrs. Jeanine Allen of Zachary, Louisiana; and three great-grandchildren: Kimberly, Sheree, Greene, London, Marlene-Greene and Joel Smith Allen.

Citizens join in extending congratulations to the Johnsons on this momentous occasion.

Out-of-Town Guests
Out-of-town guests present for this memorable occasion were: Mrs. Johnson's brother, Blaine Brokaw of Alamo, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thinkle, Debbie Mascheck, Rowena Watkins and Jack Pidgeon, all of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kretschmar and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kretschmar, Jr. of Sugar Land; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Van Heesler of Garwood; Karen Bekan of Weimar; Terry Stedman of Cameron and Mrs. Martha Pidgeon Handley of Katy.

Driver Ed

(Continued from Page One)

driver education. Supt. King added that the district is reimbursed \$25 per student only for 20% of the student body (96), because the program is expensive to the district. He estimated costs of the program with such a large enrollment could be up as much as \$7,000 to \$8,000.

The board set a \$50 tuition fee for the course, payable monthly if desired, after it was reported that many area schools already are charging tuition for the driver education course.

Discipline Discussed
Supt. King discussed some of his philosophies on discipline to be incorporated in amended disciplinary procedures to be considered by the board in the future. He stressed that students should be accountable for their actions and wrong-doings and that there is a need to attach some weight to minor infractions. This would include prescribed disciplinary action when a certain number of infractions are reached. He also stressed that there is a need to reinforce the district's position on positive or good behavior. He said that students should be rewarded for good behavior, but not necessarily

Debbie Thompson FB Queen, Michaelanne Heffner Top Talent

Carolyn Pavlu Is Runner-Up to Queen in Garwood Sweep

Debbie Thompson, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thompson of Garwood, was crowned 1980 Colorado County Farm Bureau queen Friday in festivities at the United Church of Christ fellowship hall in Weimar. Debbie is a graduating senior this year at Rice High School.

Miss Carolyn Pavlu, also a graduating senior at Rice High School, was named runner-up. Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pavlu of Garwood. Michaelanne Heffner's country dance routine took first place in the Talent Find contest. Michaelanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Heffner of Garwood. Miss Thompson won second in the talent contest with a modern dance number.

Ted Hanks of Weimar opened the night's events and Leon Hatfieldman followed with prayer and pledge to the flag. Mrs. Betty Cady interviewed the Little Misses as follows: Angela Stallman, Tara Beggs, Sherry Gayler, and Melissa Kleinman of Columbus, Jennifer Cain of Frelsburg and Cindy Jo Hattermann of Weimar.

Carpetier is MC
In the absence of Carl Carpetier as master of ceremonies for the queen and talent contests, Bill Carpenter of Garwood capably stepped in. In addition to Miss Thompson and Miss Pavlu, he interviewed Sondra Dittmar, Amy Windham and Dawn Werland of Columbus, Michaelanne Heffner of Garwood and Darla Miller, Linda Kuns and Connie Thumann of Weimar.

Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Art Jaake and Mrs. Bill Krause of El Campo. Miss Thompson and Miss Pavlu will now advance to District competition to be held in Wharton during the month of August. The winners of the District Elms contest will advance to State competition held in conjunction with the Texas Farm Bureau convention to be held this year in San Antonio during the month of December.

Perfect Gift For All Occasions
A Subscription To The Headlight - 234-2783

for "what they are supposed to be doing."

Counselors Report On Tests
Counselors Helen Glover, junior high school counselor in the Rice District, and Bill Carpenter, Rice high school counselor, reported to the board on tests which were administered during the current school year to students in the 4th and 7th grades in the elementary schools and to graduates of Rice High School. These results will be discussed further in another article in the next issue.

Board members were given copies of a preliminary report on revisions for the athletic program, prepared by Athletic Director Jack Grammer and Supt. King, for further discussion at a later meeting; also received a presentation of modifications of transportation procedures for extra-curricular activities. These were prepared by High School Principal Fred Gramman and included elimination of first period (early morning) athletics and other changes that would in effect save an estimated 10,000 miles of travel. Supt. King noted that costs of transportation to the district are running about 60c per mile, hence the 10,000 less miles would represent a saving of around \$6,000.

Win Nursing Scholarships

Donna Newsum, left, and John Chisholm, Jr., right, received nursing scholarships at the Rice High School Awards Ceremony held in Raider gymnasium Tuesday. Bill Carpenter, center, Rice High School counselor, leads the presentation of the four-year nursing scholarship to Donna in behalf of the Eule and David Waterman Foundation; and presented the Annette Rodgers Nursing Scholarship in behalf of the Earl Rodgers, Jr. family to John.

25c PER COPY

VOLUME 77 P. O. BOX 67 EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1980 AC 713 234-2783 NUMBER 6

ELPS, ELMS Building Areas 'Posted' Against Trespassing

Posted Signs At Local Schools

Due to increasing vandalism and littering on the Eagle Lake Primary School and Eagle Lake Middle School properties after school hours, it has become necessary to prohibit adults and children from coming on school property at all times when school is not in session. Name of the person who called in the alarm was not available and it is believed that the fire had not been burning for any period of time before the alarm was placed with the Eagle Lake fire department's dispatcher.

These facts and others have caused fire officials to suspect that there might be a possibility of arson and that the blaze was deliberately set. Investigation in the fire continues.

The building, which was once the hub of activity in the Matthews community, is owned by the Cason family and is under rent to E. H. and L. L. Walker, owners of Eagle Market, and it is used for storage.

At 9:13 a.m. Monday the firemen were called back to the scene when the fire reignited, probably from some embers which were not completely extinguished in the first alarm.

Damage to the wood building was not heavy with most of the damage centered

Jimmy Smith Named New Police Chief Here

Formerly at Rockdale; Villarreal Re-Assigned As Patrolman

Eagle Lake City Council, in a special meeting at 3 p.m. last Friday, voted 3-1 to hire Jimmy Smith, formerly a sergeant with the Rockdale police department, as the new Chief of Police in Eagle Lake, effective immediately.

In the action the council reassigned Lupo Villarreal who has been serving as chief of police since January 10th, 1980, and before that was acting chief and patrolman here, to the position of senior patrolman. Also the council voted to continue Michael Moore in the other city patrol position.

As is the policy with the City of Eagle Lake, Smith will serve a probationary 90 day period. Moore is now in his 90 day probationary period.

Mayor Elmer Struss and City Manager T. J. Smith concurred in the recommendation to hire Smith as Chief of Police and the reassignment of Villarreal. Villarreal met with the council in executive session prior to the council's action and agreed to remain with the police department as senior patrolman with slightly less pay than he had previously earned as chief of police. Mrs. Villarreal will continue as the city's police and fire dispatcher.

It is the first time since Oct. 28, 1979, when patrolman Jimmy Jenkins resigned that the department has been at full strength.

In the motion to accept the recommendation of the mayor and city manager, Councilmen Alvin Kohleffel, Roy Dean Van Nort and Ralph Truly voted for the motion and councilman Mike Duarte against. The file councilman Gene Baker was not present, however Mayor Struss said that Baker had been informed of the content of the recommendation and indicated his approval of the decision.

Servicesman for 9 1/2 Years
Chief Smith, 31 years of age, and wife, Lenna Jean, have three children: a daughter, Tammy Jean, 12; a son, Donald, 10; and a son, Jessie, 7 1/2 months old. They will be moving here in the immediate future to make their home here. Mr. Smith has served for some time as an Instrument Nurse in the Rockdale Hospital.

Smith, a native of Waco, (Continued on Last Page)

ELPS First Grade Teacher, Mrs. Sue Engstrom, Retires

Mrs. Herbert Engstrom is pictured on her throne with the title "Queen Sue" written in the background. Gifts of a fishing pole, straw hat and book were presented by the Eagle Lake Primary School faculty and staff with well wishes for an enjoyable retirement. Mrs. Engstrom reports that fishing and grandchildren will occupy her time well of this year completed her 29th year in the district, all of them serving as a first-grade teacher. She has 25 total years of service in teaching.

Guns, Watches Stolen At Garwood Lbr.

Joe Kallina, owner of Garwood Lumber Co. in Garwood, advised the County Sheriff's office at 7:10 a.m. Tuesday that the lumber company had been entered and a number of guns and wrist watches stolen.

Investigation revealed that entry was made by prying open a screen and breaking the glass in a window at the rear of the building.

Reported as missing were: five shotguns, two .22 caliber rifles, and 20 Times watches. Value of the guns was placed at \$650 and of the watches at \$500.00.

Precinct 2 Constable Lawrence Berger, who lives in Garwood, reported that the same by the building at around 10:30 p.m. Monday and everything was secure so it is assumed that the entry occurred sometime after 11 p.m. and before 7 a.m. Tues. Investigation of the entry continues.

111 RHS Seniors To Graduate Thurs.

The Rice Consolidated High School will hold its tenth commencement exercises at Raider gymnasium, beginning at 8:00 p.m. this Thursday, May 22nd, when 111 seniors in the Class of 1980 are candidates to receive diplomas. The size of the class ranks slightly below

(Continued on Last Page)

Survey Reveals Leaks In City's Gas Dist. System

(By Jeff Frnka)

The Eagle Lake city council in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, heard a preliminary report on a recent gas leak survey in the city; approved the sale of a piece of property; and authorized payment of several bills.

City officials assisted the firm with the survey, which focused its work in the city's fire zone, secondary business area and other busy areas such as the schools, library, community center and hospital. The report noted twelve meter leaks and thirteen main and service leaks. The exact quality of the leaks was not available but will be listed in a full report to the city later.

The report will aid the city in controlling some of the gas loss being suffered and will

1980 GM Economy Cars

IN STOCK

Immediate Delivery

1 - Olds Omega Coupe
3 - Citation 4-Door Sedans
1 - Chevette 4-Door

Lake Motors, Inc.

Chevrolet - Oldsmobile - Cadillac

323 S. McCarty • Eagle Lake • Ph. 234-2513

Eagle Lake Headlight

Possible Arson At Old Matthews Store Fire Sun.

Earl Matthews volunteer firemen were called to a fire at the old Matthews Store on Farm to Market Road 102 five miles south of Eagle Lake at 9:00 p.m. Sunday night. Firemen arrived on the scene shortly afterward and found a fire at a back entrance to the building which has been unoccupied for some time. The fire reportedly was not visible from FM 102 and was visible only from a gravel road on the north side of the building when one was almost directly opposite the building, due to trees and other obstructions.

Name of the person who called in the alarm was not available and it is believed that the fire had not been burning for any period of time before the alarm was placed with the Eagle Lake fire department's dispatcher.

These facts and others have caused fire officials to suspect that there might be a possibility of arson and that the blaze was deliberately set. Investigation in the fire continues.

The building, which was once the hub of activity in the Matthews community, is owned by the Cason family and is under rent to E. H. and L. L. Walker, owners of Eagle Market, and it is used for storage.

At 9:13 a.m. Monday the firemen were called back to the scene when the fire reignited, probably from some embers which were not completely extinguished in the first alarm.

Damage to the wood building was not heavy with most of the damage centered

Fling Opens Law Office in Eagle Lake

Joe Clement Fling, local attorney, announces the opening of his new law office in Suite 23 of the Professional Building of Town and Country Center on East Main in Eagle Lake and is now receiving clients at this location.

Mr. Fling, a 1972 graduate of Rice High School, studied at the University of Texas at Austin, receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1975. He continued his education at the University of Houston's Bates College of Law, receiving his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in May, 1979. He was licensed to practice law in November, 1979. He was associated with the law offices of Hollis Massey in Columbus before entering into private practice here in Eagle Lake.

Garwood Lbr. Stolen At

Joe Kallina, owner of Garwood Lumber Co. in Garwood, advised the County Sheriff's office at 7:10 a.m. Tuesday that the lumber company had been entered and a number of guns and wrist watches stolen.

Investigation revealed that entry was made by prying open a screen and breaking the glass in a window at the rear of the building.

Reported as missing were: five shotguns, two .22 caliber rifles, and 20 Times watches. Value of the guns was placed at \$650 and of the watches at \$500.00.

Precinct 2 Constable Lawrence Berger, who lives in Garwood, reported that the same by the building at around 10:30 p.m. Monday and everything was secure so it is assumed that the entry occurred sometime after 11 p.m. and before 7 a.m. Tues. Investigation of the entry continues.

Win Nursing Scholarships

Donna Newsum, left, and John Chisholm, Jr., right, received nursing scholarships at the Rice High School Awards Ceremony held in Raider gymnasium Tuesday. Bill Carpenter, center, Rice High School counselor, leads the presentation of the four-year nursing scholarship to Donna in behalf of the Eule and David Waterman Foundation; and presented the Annette Rodgers Nursing Scholarship in behalf of the Earl Rodgers, Jr. family to John.

111 RHS Seniors To Graduate Thurs.

The Rice Consolidated High School will hold its tenth commencement exercises at Raider gymnasium, beginning at 8:00 p.m. this Thursday, May 22nd, when 111 seniors in the Class of 1980 are candidates to receive diplomas. The size of the class ranks slightly below

(Continued on Last Page)

Survey Reveals Leaks In City's Gas Dist. System

(By Jeff Frnka)

The Eagle Lake city council in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, heard a preliminary report on a recent gas leak survey in the city; approved the sale of a piece of property; and authorized payment of several bills.

City officials assisted the firm with the survey, which focused its work in the city's fire zone, secondary business area and other busy areas such as the schools, library, community center and hospital. The report noted twelve meter leaks and thirteen main and service leaks. The exact quality of the leaks was not available but will be listed in a full report to the city later.

The report will aid the city in controlling some of the gas loss being suffered and will

Jimmy Smith Named New Police Chief Here

Formerly at Rockdale; Villarreal Re-Assigned As Patrolman

Eagle Lake City Council, in a special meeting at 3 p.m. last Friday, voted 3-1 to hire Jimmy Smith, formerly a sergeant with the Rockdale police department, as the new Chief of Police in Eagle Lake, effective immediately.

In the action the council reassigned Lupo Villarreal who has been serving as chief of police since January 10th, 1980, and before that was acting chief and patrolman here, to the position of senior patrolman. Also the council voted to continue Michael Moore in the other city patrol position.

As is the policy with the City of Eagle Lake, Smith will serve a probationary 90 day period. Moore is now in his 90 day probationary period.

Mayor Elmer Struss and City Manager T. J. Smith concurred in the recommendation to hire Smith as Chief of Police and the reassignment of Villarreal. Villarreal met with the council in executive session prior to the council's action and agreed to remain with the police department as senior patrolman with slightly less pay than he had previously earned as chief of police. Mrs. Villarreal will continue as the city's police and fire dispatcher.

It is the first time since Oct. 28, 1979, when patrolman Jimmy Jenkins resigned that the department has been at full strength.

In the motion to accept the recommendation of the mayor and city manager, Councilmen Alvin Kohleffel, Roy Dean Van Nort and Ralph Truly voted for the motion and councilman Mike Duarte against. The file councilman Gene Baker was not present, however Mayor Struss said that Baker had been informed of the content of the recommendation and indicated his approval of the decision.

Servicesman for 9 1/2 Years
Chief Smith, 31 years of age, and wife, Lenna Jean, have three children: a daughter, Tammy Jean, 12; a son, Donald, 10; and a son, Jessie, 7 1/2 months old. They will be moving here in the immediate future to make their home here. Mr. Smith has served for some time as an Instrument Nurse in the Rockdale Hospital.

Smith, a native of Waco, (Continued on Last Page)

Fling Opens Law Office in Eagle Lake

Joe Clement Fling, local attorney, announces the opening of his new law office in Suite 23 of the Professional Building of Town and Country Center on East Main in Eagle Lake and is now receiving clients at this location.

Mr. Fling, a 1972 graduate of Rice High School, studied at the University of Texas at Austin, receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1975. He continued his education at the University of Houston's Bates College of Law, receiving his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in May, 1979. He was licensed to practice law in November, 1979. He was associated with the law offices of Hollis Massey in Columbus before entering into private practice here in Eagle Lake.

Garwood Lbr. Stolen At

Joe Kallina, owner of Garwood Lumber Co. in Garwood, advised the County Sheriff's office at 7:10 a.m. Tuesday that the lumber company had been entered and a number of guns and wrist watches stolen.

Investigation revealed that entry was made by prying open a screen and breaking the glass in a window at the rear of the building.

Reported as missing were: five shotguns, two .22 caliber rifles, and 20 Times watches. Value of the guns was placed at \$650 and of the watches at \$500.00.

Precinct 2 Constable Lawrence Berger, who lives in Garwood, reported that the same by the building at around 10:30 p.m. Monday and everything was secure so it is assumed that the entry occurred sometime after 11 p.m. and before 7 a.m. Tues. Investigation of the entry continues.

111 RHS Seniors To Graduate Thurs.

The Rice Consolidated High School will hold its tenth commencement exercises at Raider gymnasium, beginning at 8:00 p.m. this Thursday, May 22nd, when 111 seniors in the Class of 1980 are candidates to receive diplomas. The size of the class ranks slightly below

(Continued on Last Page)

Survey Reveals Leaks In City's Gas Dist. System

(By Jeff Frnka)

The Eagle Lake city council in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, heard a preliminary report on a recent gas leak survey in the city; approved the sale of a piece of property; and authorized payment of several bills.

City officials assisted the firm with the survey, which focused its work in the city's fire zone, secondary business area and other busy areas such as the schools, library, community center and hospital. The report noted twelve meter leaks and thirteen main and service leaks. The exact quality of the leaks was not available but will be listed in a full report to the city later.

The report will aid the city in controlling some of the gas loss being suffered and will

Win Nursing Scholarships

Donna Newsum, left, and John Chisholm, Jr., right, received nursing scholarships at the Rice High School Awards Ceremony held in Raider gymnasium Tuesday. Bill Carpenter, center, Rice High School counselor, leads the presentation of the four-year nursing scholarship to Donna in behalf of the Eule and David Waterman Foundation; and presented the Annette Rodgers Nursing Scholarship in behalf of the Earl Rodgers, Jr. family to John.

Jimmy Smith Named New Police Chief Here

Formerly at Rockdale; Villarreal Re-Assigned As Patrolman

Eagle Lake City Council, in a special meeting at 3 p.m. last Friday, voted 3-1 to hire Jimmy Smith, formerly a sergeant with the Rockdale police department, as the new Chief of Police in Eagle Lake, effective immediately.

In the action the council reassigned Lupo Villarreal who has been serving as chief of police since January 10th, 1980, and before that was acting chief and patrolman here, to the position of senior patrolman. Also the council voted to continue Michael Moore in the other city patrol position.

As is the policy with the City of Eagle Lake, Smith will serve a probationary 90 day period. Moore is now in his 90 day probationary period.

Mayor Elmer Struss and City Manager T. J. Smith concurred in the recommendation to hire Smith as Chief of Police and the reassignment of Villarreal. Villarreal met with the council in executive session prior to the council's action and agreed to remain with the police department as senior patrolman with slightly less pay than he had previously earned as chief of police. Mrs. Villarreal will continue as the city's police and fire dispatcher.

It is the first time since Oct. 28, 1979, when patrolman Jimmy Jenkins resigned that the department has been at full strength.

In the motion to accept the recommendation of the mayor and city manager, Councilmen Alvin Kohleffel, Roy Dean Van Nort and Ralph Truly voted for the motion and councilman Mike Duarte against. The file councilman Gene Baker was not present, however Mayor Struss said that Baker had been informed of the content of the recommendation and indicated his approval of the decision.

Servicesman for 9 1/2 Years
Chief Smith, 31 years of age, and wife, Lenna Jean, have three children: a daughter, Tammy Jean, 12; a son, Donald, 10; and a son, Jessie, 7 1/2 months old. They will be moving here in the immediate future to make their home here. Mr. Smith has served for some time as an Instrument Nurse in the Rockdale Hospital.

Smith, a native of Waco, (Continued on Last Page)

Fling Opens Law Office in Eagle Lake

Joe Clement Fling, local attorney, announces the opening of his new law office in Suite 23 of the Professional Building of Town and Country Center on East Main in Eagle Lake and is now receiving clients at this location.

Mr. Fling, a 1972 graduate of Rice High School, studied at the University of Texas at Austin, receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1975. He continued his education at the University of Houston's Bates College of Law, receiving his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in May, 1979. He was licensed to practice law in November, 1979. He was associated with the law offices of Hollis Massey in Columbus before entering into private practice here in Eagle Lake.

Garwood Lbr. Stolen At

Joe Kallina, owner of Garwood Lumber Co. in Garwood, advised the County Sheriff's office at 7:10 a.m. Tuesday that the lumber company had been entered and a number of guns and wrist watches stolen.

Investigation revealed that entry was made by prying open a screen and breaking the glass in a window at the rear of the building.

Reported as missing were: five shotguns, two .22 caliber rifles, and 20 Times watches. Value of the guns was placed at \$650 and of the watches at \$500.00.

Precinct 2 Constable Lawrence Berger, who lives in Garwood, reported that the same by the building at around 10:30 p.m. Monday and everything was secure so it is assumed that the entry occurred sometime after 11 p.m. and before 7 a.m. Tues. Investigation of the entry continues.

111 RHS Seniors To Graduate Thurs.

The Rice Consolidated High School will hold its tenth commencement exercises at Raider gymnasium, beginning at 8:00 p.m. this Thursday, May 22nd, when 111 seniors in the Class of 1980 are candidates to receive diplomas. The size of the class ranks slightly below

(Continued on Last Page)

Survey Reveals Leaks In City's Gas Dist. System

(By Jeff Frnka)

The Eagle Lake city council in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, heard a preliminary report on a recent gas leak survey in the city; approved the sale of a piece of property; and authorized payment of several bills.

City officials assisted the firm with the survey, which focused its work in the city's fire zone, secondary business area and other busy areas such as the schools, library, community center and hospital. The report noted twelve meter leaks and thirteen main and service leaks. The exact quality of the leaks was not available but will be listed in a full report to the city later.

The report will aid the city in controlling some of the gas loss being suffered and will

Win Nursing Scholarships

Donna Newsum, left, and John Chisholm, Jr., right, received nursing scholarships at the Rice High School Awards Ceremony held in Raider gymnasium Tuesday. Bill Carpenter, center, Rice High School counselor, leads the presentation of the four-year nursing scholarship to Donna in behalf of the Eule and David Waterman Foundation; and presented the Annette Rodgers Nursing Scholarship in behalf of the Earl Rodgers, Jr. family to John.

