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**ELMS Awards Assembly At 12:45 Thurs.**

The Eagle Lake Middle School will have its Awards Assembly in the school gymnasium this Thursday, May 22 at 12:45 p.m. At this assembly, certificates will be presented to students for honor roll accomplishments, perfect attendance and outstanding academic achievement. The eighth grade students will receive certificates of promotion and will be given special recognition.

Harold D. King, superintendent of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District, will make a short address directed to the eighth grade students, certifying the address, certificates of promotion will be presented by Superintendent King, Mrs. Jane Clifton, president of the Rice CISD Board of Education, will recognize the students as they receive their certificates.

Parents of other interested patrons are invited to attend this program.

**5" Rain During 'Turbulent' Week**

This area went through a week of turbulent weather that found nearly five inches of rain recorded in the one week period accompanied by occasional high winds and hail and some extremely heavy lightning and thunder.

The lake plant of the Lakeside Irrigation Co. measured a total of 4.8 inches for the period from Tuesday of last week through Sunday; while the Texas A&M Rice Experiment Station just west of the city measured a total of 5.7 inches for the same period. Recordings throughout the area varied greatly, according to where you were when the violent thunderstorms passed through the area.

**Some Wind Damage**

A twister (see page 17) heavily damaged a building owned by James McAllister sometime in the early hours of last Thursday. Heavy twisting wind and heavy rain downed a large elm tree in the Alvin Koblitz yard with East Main and also in the same area, trees at the Dan Supak home and a fence at the Jerry Pastajovsky facilities on Glen Flora Road (near the Koblitz home) were reported. Also, some flooding occurred on Highway 90A (East Main) and at other locations in the city during the heavy downpour.

The recordings at the rice experiment station went like this: .70 on the 18th, 2.86 on the 19th, 1.14 on the 16th and 3.1 on the 20th. The lake plant recorded .58 on the 18th; 1.35 on the 14th, 1.40 on the 15th, .40 on the 16th and .72 on the 18th.

The heavy water caused some rice leaves to give way and created some problem in control of water, but otherwise the rice is not expected to be damaged.

The weather cleared Monday and bright, sunny summer-like weather prevailed on Monday and Tuesday following arrival of a cool front. However, it was raining again at press time Wednesday morning.

**Medicare Deductible Up**

The Medicare hospital insurance deductible has increased to \$100 for 1980. More information about Medicare, including covered services and patient costs can be obtained at the Brenham social security office, located at 702 West Adams. The telephone number is 806-4581 for local calls and toll-free number is 1-800-992-1008.

**Miss Viki Morris To Exchange Vows With Wayne Pirtle June 13**

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Morris of Tyler announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Viki Morris, to Wayne Pirtle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pirtle of Tyler. The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Southeastern School of Nursing and is presently employed as a registered nurse. The groom-elect is a graduate of High School and attended Wharton County Junior College and Stephen F. Austin State University. He is presently employed as manager of K Mart Automotive in Tyler.

The wedding is set for June 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rose Center Assembly of God Church of Tyler.

**Sister Of Mrs. Buddy Randow Dies**

Mrs. Erwin (Lottie) Knippel of Columbus, sister of Mrs. Buddy Randow of this city, passed away in the early hours Sunday, May 18 in the Hempstead Nursing Home following two years of illness. She had been a resident of the home for only five days.

Mrs. Knippel was born in Elmer, November 30, 1911. Her parents were Henry and Louisa Becker. Most of her life was spent in Columbus where she worked for many years in Winn's variety store.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence (Clareta) Ripper of Columbus and Mrs. Kathy Musny of Lufkin; one son, Erwin Knippel, Jr. of Columbus; five grandchildren, one brother, Henry Becker of Kenah; five sisters, Mrs. Mandy Handow of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Leona Perre of Columbus, Mrs. Tilla Harbeck of National, Lebeck Svrek of Fayetteville and Margie Strizek of Slaton.

Services were held from the St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Columbus, of which she was a member, with interment in St. Anthony's Cemetery Tuesday, May 20 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Henneke Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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**EDITORIALLY SPEAKING**

**Right To Appear Before Tax Boards Discussed**

The State Property Tax Board (SPTB) reminds taxpayers of their right to appear before local boards of equalization to appeal values assigned to the property for ad valorem tax purposes.

SPTB Executive Director Kenneth Graber noted that the right to appear before the board of equalization is the single most important remedy available to the taxpayer regarding the value placed on property. The board of equalization is the taxpayer's opportunity to be heard in an informal setting and without incurring expensive court costs, Graber added.

He pointed out that each local government which collects property taxes must have a board of equalization (BOE) to hear taxpayer appeals on values, and that most BOEs meet in the period ranging from May until about mid-July.

Notification Required

Taxpayers who rendered their property to the local assessor must be notified of the time and place of the board of equalization meeting if the assessor raised the value regarding the tax levied on property. Even those who did not render still have the right to appear before the BOE. Both persons in this category will have to learn on their own when the board will meet.

Graber said there are two basic situations in which taxpayers are entitled to receive an adjustment in

**24 YEARS AGO**

**LET'S LOOK BACK**

(Feb. 23, 1956)

Miss Agnes Popp, senior at Garwood High School, daughter of Mrs. Louis Popp, was among six Good Citizenship Awards winners honored at the John Everett Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution held at Columbus.

Maurice Goodson becomes owner of the former Jones Motor Company behind Mac's Food Market. . . Frederick E. "Fritz" Gold passed away at Laughlin Hospital in Eagle Lake. . . Culp Kroger of El Campo became the first candidate for the post of Senator from the 15th senatorial district of Texas. . . Mrs. Joe D. Luna was re-elected president of the Eagle Lake Study Club. . . Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seasholtz Jr. announce the arrival of their son, Jeffrey Wayne, born February 21st. . . Eagle Lake High School girls captured their third consecutive District 24-A basketball championship. . . Robert Anderson, Plymouth's chief engineer, shows the company's latest production model—the 240-horsepower Fury. . . Joe Beyette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Beyette of Eagle Lake, completed ten weeks in boot training in California.

**County Retired Teachers To Meet Here June 2**

The Retired Teachers of Colorado County will meet in the year's activities with a luncheon on Monday, June 2 at The Farris 1912 in Eagle Lake at 12:00 p.m.

If you have not sent in your reservation, please get in touch with Mrs. Rose Lange before May 25. An important business meeting will follow the luncheon.

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**Garwood and Nada Community News**

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**Dean Martins Welcome Daughter**

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Martin of Alief announced the arrival of a baby girl, born May 18th, a Hermann Hospital in Houston. The little Miss weighed seven and one-half pounds and was named Misty V. Shelby.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Straska and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin of Houston. Great grandmothers are Mrs. Ella Straska of Garwood and Mrs. Lurline Smith of Alief and great grandfather is S. H. Knight of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mrs. Martin is the former Diana Lynn Straska.

**Senior Citizens Mother's, Father's Day Party**

The annual Senior Citizens' Mother's Day Father's Day Party and covered dish meal sponsored by the C.D.A. will be held on Wednesday, May 28th starting at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All senior citizens are invited to attend and may bring a covered dish if they wish to.

Mrs. Charles Waligura and son Eric of Pasadena and Mrs. Chappell Cashman of Houston were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waligura last Thursday. Eric stayed until Saturday when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waligura, came back for him and had supper with the Frank Waliguera Saturday evening.

Visits Granddaughter

Mrs. Ella Straska spent the past weekend in Houston where she went to get acquainted with her new great-granddaughters, Misty Shelby Martin, at Alief, Her son and family brought her

**Hospital News Notes**

Patients (May 19):

Eagle Lake: Alvin Milligan, Miss Clara Lee, Bonnie Toliver, Mrs. Nita Schindler, Miss Naomi Medina, Mrs. Grace McElmurray, Mrs. Zeta Waddell, Miss Cleofas Acosta, Mrs. Tanya Penn, Mrs. Ida Mae Viles.

Winn from New Ulm: Vernell Edmond Gesser, from Houston; Mrs. Jewel Starke; from Katy; Mrs. Karen Koneschek, Baby Boy Koneschek; from Lissa; Walter Herman; from Wallis; James David Wilson from Lexington; Earl Maul ditto from Egypt; Mrs. Savannah Shorter.

Dismissals:

Eagle Lake: Kurt Payne; Mrs. Edna El Campbell, Mrs. Phyllis Penecek, Ms. Arneatha Smith, Baby Boy Smith; Mrs. Joyce Beyer, Robert Hernandez, Howard Matthews, Miss Penny Skymanski, Mrs. Jean Bowen, Mrs. Lydia Cardenas; Columbus: Mrs. Emma Rios, Herbert Gajesky, Yushanda Wilder, Emil Guthman; from New Ulm: Mrs. Mary Henzeker, from Wharton; Mrs. Vera Malick; from Altair; Mrs. Lillian Seger; from Yoakum; Miss Janice Harbors; from Alletton; Albert Bidales, Miss Kathy Bidales, Louis Dehmer, Mrs. Linda Valenta, Baby Boy Valenta; from Muldon; Henry Russ; from Glen Flora; Miss Loretta Morgan; from Garwood; Miss Mary Ann Daniels; from Hallettsville; Mrs. Pamela Kieker, from Rocky Island; L. W. Layton.

**State CDA Essay, Poetry Contest Winners**

Shown above are some of the winners in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Essay and Poetry Contest, left to right: Janice Hyek, Joni Rosewald, Sharon Schneider and Susan Gold.

State Controller Bob Bullock last week said he plans to change his agency's tax rules to allow beneficiaries to use a simpler, shorter return to report inheritance taxes.

The new rule, which is not expected to be formally adopted until mid-summer, will raise the dollar limit for taxpayers using the Simplified return from \$60,000 to \$200,000.

The rule will have no effect on tax exemptions that beneficiaries are entitled under state law.

A surviving spouse, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law may inherit up to \$200,000 before state inheritance tax is due.

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(May 7, 1932)

Goodwill banquet at Garwood next Wednesday night. Rotary club sponsors move for closer friendly feeling among the people of the two communities. . . Local firms plan Sunday closing. Nearly every firm in Eagle Lake signs agreement to not open for business on Sunday mornings and to close at 6 o'clock on week days throughout the summer. . . Earl Taylor announces today as candidate for the office of Constable, with two candidates out for office, voters of the precinct are assured of another spirited contest. . . Belleville woman, Mrs. H. Wanner, badly injured in auto wreck near Eagle Lake Sunday. Roadster with 3 passengers turns over twice when attempting to pass car on highway three miles east. . . Candidate for seat in Congress visits here. Stanley Kulawik of Coero, De Witt County Judge is candidate for Congressman in 9th District of Texas. . . Prominent Texas priest Father J. J. Wallace, S. J., to give lecture series in Eagle Beach church. Pastor of church invites people to hear the messages. . .

**Handicapped Ed. Advisory Group To Be Formed May 29**

The three school districts in Colorado County are encouraging public participation by individuals concerned with educational programming for handicapped students. "We are especially interested in the support of parents of handicapped students and handicapped individuals. To this end, we are forming an advisory group for special education and would welcome your participation," said Victor Scott, director of the Colorado County Education Cooperative.

An organizational meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, at the Nesbitt Memorial Library (529 Washington) in Columbus. The program will include:

**New Subscribers**

Added to the Eagle Lake Headlight's subscription list during the past two weeks were: Ruby Amos of Garwood, Douglas Tate of this city, Mrs. Joe Stancik of Columbus, James A. Jobe of Graham of San Antonio. To subscribe to the Headlight call 234-2783 today.

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**Last Rites For George Spates May 17**

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 17 for George E. Spates, Sr., a lifetime resident of Eagle Lake community. Services were held at 1:00 p.m. in the Friendship Baptist Church with the Rev. James Mosley, pastor, officiating.

George E. Spates, Sr. was born August 1, 1894 to Henry W. Spates and Mrs. Elvira Wright Spates near Eagle Lake.

He was quite young when his family moved to Eagle Lake. He was united in marriage to Miss Lurline Turner, and to this union eight children were born, including three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Spates of Sugar Land, Mrs. Sandra Price and Mrs. Mary Gordon and Mrs. Spates, Jr. of Bryan, Alex Spates of Los Angeles, California, Joe Spates of Alexandria, Virginia, James Spates of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Andrew Spates of Sugar Land.

He accepted Christ as his savior at an early age and was a faithful member and worker at Friendship Baptist Church for more than 40 years, until his health began to fail. He served the church in many capacities including superintendent of Sunday school for more than 40 years, teacher for the Missionary Society, and church clerk.

He departed this life on Sunday morning, May 11, 1980. He is survived by all of his children; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Westmold of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mrs. George Brown and Mrs. Marie White of Eagle Lake; 28 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

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**Betty Ann Labay Honoree At Misc. Shower**

Miss Betty Ann Labay of Nada, bride-elect of Mark Spates of Taiton, was honored with a miscellaneous shower May 15th at the Nada Parish Hall.

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back home Sunday evening. Attend Church concert. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harry went to see their grandson, Craig Erickson, participate with other students from four junior high school classes in presenting their end-of-school program at the Cypress Creek High School gymnasium.