

Eagle Lake Headlight

Appreciation Plaque Presented Light Vote Expected In Run-off Elections Sat.



Bobby Johnson, VFW Ladies Auxiliary President, right, presents appreciation plaque to Mrs. Wm. R. (Bill) Abel, VFW Chaplain, left. Mrs. Abel will be starting her third year as auxiliary chaplain in July. All the auxiliary members appreciate her efficiency and thoughtfulness as she remembers them in time of need. VFW Auxiliary Photo.

Light voting is expected in this area in Democratic and Republican Primary Run-off Elections which will be held this Saturday, June 7th. The lack of interest was indicated in absentee voting with only 18 Democratic ballots and 6 Republican ballots applied for during the absentee voting period which ended on Tuesday of this week. Polls will be open in the Run-off Elections from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Democrats will vote for nominees for 3 offices for the November general election on Saturday. The Democrats will cast ballots in the same eight precincts as in the May 30 primary election, with the exception that in Eagle Lake voting will be done at the Council Room of the Municipal Building instead of in the fire station building.

Listed on the Democratic run-off ballot are contests for Associate Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1, John C. Phillips and James P. Wallace; for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2, W. T. Phillips and Mike McCormick; and for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3, Edith Roberts and Tom Davis.

Also in Commissioners' Precinct 3 there will be a run-off for county commissioner between Jerome C. Wicke and Edwin R. Poenitzsch.

Also, a portion of Sheridan, Rock Island, Altair, Garwood and Nada voters will cast ballots for the United States Representative, 14th District, between William N. (Bill) Patman and Robert N. (Bob) Barnes.

One Republican Contest. Republicans will vote in only one contest, that being

for the nomination of a United States Representative for the 10th Congressional District. John Biggar and Jack Bower are candidates for the Republican nomination.

The Republicans will vote in only two voting precincts in the primary run-off, since they are the only ones in the 10th district. In Eagle Lake voting will be done at the Rice Office in Columbus at the Fire Station.

Catholic Bazaar At Comm. Center Sun.

BBQ To Be Served 11 to 2; Auction At 2:30 P.M.

Another large crowd is expected for the annual Church Bazaar and Barbecue Dinner to be sponsored by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church at the Eagle Lake Community Center this Sunday, June 8th. There will be plenty of delicious foods and entertainment and recreation for all ages.

The Bazaar will be held again this year at the air-conditioned Community Center and on the outdoor pavilion at the rear of the Center. This proved to be a popular feature of last year's Bazaar.

There will be delicious barbecued beef and sausage with all the trimmings, and plenty of it, for diners in the hall at \$3.00 for adults and \$1.75 for children. However, it should be noted that only adult plates (the \$3.00 ones) will be served in the fast curb service line, through the pavilion area.

A variety of entertainment, rides, food and drink booths will be open throughout the afternoon on the outside pavilion and also there will be games and other recreation in the air-conditioned hall once

Red Cross Swim Lessons Begin At Sheridan Mon.

Red Cross Swimming Lessons will begin at the Sheridan Swimming Pool this Monday, June 9th and continue through Friday, June 20th and youth of the area are invited to participate. Classes will be taught by qualified Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Tammy Walker and she will be assisted by Jennifer Quinney, Kim Wunderlich and Roberts Garcia.

Registration will be combined with the first day's lessons at 8 a.m. Monday at the Sheridan Pool adjoining the Sheridan School.

Courses will be offered in the following: beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate swimmer, and basic rescue and water safety.

In order to qualify for a beginner, the youngster must be six years of age or entering the first grade this fall. There will be a beginner's class each half hour beginning at 8 a.m.

The basic rescue class is designed for eleven-year-old swimmers and older.

Advanced lifesaving for individuals who are fifteen years or older will be offered only if there are six or more interested swimmers.

the serving period ends. The dinners will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

An old-fashioned auction of a variety of new, unique and antique items will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the pavilion area and you won't want to miss out on the bidding for some of the outstanding items to be offered for sale.

All proceeds from the day's activities will go to the church's maintenance and building funds.

Father Tom Hanus and committee members planning the event and parishioners hope that you will be present for this gala event on Sunday, June 8th.

City Manager T. J. Smith Submits Last Audit Letter

City Manager T. J. Smith submitted his final letter on annual audit of city funds in the 1979-80 audit approved by the Eagle Lake City Council on Tuesday night of last week. The city manager plans to retire from the city managerial position, as soon as his replacement, Bob Klockman, is indoctrinated.

His city affairs letter to Mayor Elmer Struss and City Councilmen, included in the 1979-80 audit, follows:

"Submitted herewith is the audited financial report of the City of Eagle Lake for the fiscal year 1979-1980. Such report has been prepared by William Pierce Arthur, Jr., Certified Public Accountant, and his staff, using accepted standards and procedures for municipal audits.

"We feel that the audit reflects a good year in spite of rising costs of all materials and services. All operations of the City have been checked very carefully, and we feel that we have used the most

economical measures available to render the best possible services to our citizens. "Bond indebtedness is being retired on schedule. Reserves have continued to grow and provide a sense of security to the administration."

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McCormick To Autograph Books At Farris 1912 Fri.

The Farris 1912 will host two "meet the author" sessions Friday honoring Ralph D. McCormick, author of "A Prairie Kid Grows Up". Mr. McCormick will be present at a morning session from 9 a.m. to noon and an afternoon session from 2 to 4

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Rice, Soybean Clinic In Garwood, EL Tues.

[By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Extension Agent]

Rice and soybean producers will have an opportunity to bring in their problem rice and soybean plants, weeds, and grasses for problem diagnosis during two clinics in the county next Tuesday, June 10.

The informal type clinics will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. in the American Rice Growers office at Garwood and at 2:00 p.m. in the American Rice Growers office at Eagle Lake.

Past clinics have shown that the group discussion on solving the current rice and soybean production problems at hand are very productive to the participants.

The clinics are jointly sponsored by the Colorado County Rice and Soybean Committee and the Colorado County Extension Agent.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

Man Charged Here For 5 Forgeries

An Eagle Lake man, Oscar Perez, is charged with five counts of forgery in the passing of five checks, each for \$250, last week. Perez was arrested by City Patrolman Michael Moore and is charged with forging the name of Jim Hamilton, owner of Hamilton Pest Control, on the Hamilton Pest Control account. Two of the checks were passed at Gibson's in Columbus and three at Austin's Grocery in Eagle Lake.

Lopez was arraigned before Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones on the five charges of forgery and bond was set at \$5,000 on each of the charges, pending action by the grand jury.

Charles E. Runk New Meth. Pastor

The Rev. Charles E. Runk and family are expected to move here from Austin on Thursday of this week and he will become the minister of The United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake and will deliver his first sermon this Sunday morning. The Rev. Mr. Runk succeeds the Rev. John Robinson who has moved with his family to Eldorado, Texas to become pastor of the Methodist church in that community.

The Rev. Mr. Runk, 53, is a graduate of the Southwestern Univ. and Perkins School of Theology and he had been pastor of the Shettles Memorial Methodist Church in Austin for the past six or seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Runk have a 22 year old son who is employed in Houston and an 18 year old daughter who has just graduated from High School and will enter the University of Texas in the fall.

Members of the Methodist church and other citizens join in welcoming the Runks to this community and wish the Robinsons the best in their new pastoral assignment.

Garwood Story Hour Begins Next Mon.

The Veterans Memorial Library in Garwood will begin a six-session Story Hour program on Monday, June 9th and youngsters in the community are urged to attend.

The program will be led by Kristi Carpenter, Kallie Lanier and Melissa Engstrom. There will be six sessions: June 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 20. The hours will be 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. There will be a short story, then some craft work for you to enjoy working with.



William R. (Bill) Abel

Wm. R. (Bill) Abel Dies In Tragedy May 28

The community was deeply saddened by the tragic death of William Robert (Bill) Abel shortly after noon on Wednesday of last week, May 28th. The body of the seventeen year old, who was to be a senior at Rice High School next fall, was found at his pickup truck in a pasture off Strickland Lane south of Eagle Lake.

Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones of Eagle Lake J.P. Precinct 8 held an inquest at the scene. He said that apparently there were no witnesses to the incident which is believed to have occurred between 12:30 and 1:15 p.m. last Wednesday. Young Abel's pickup truck had left the roadway, went through a fence and his tree although his death was not the result of the collision, ruled the justice of the peace. At the conclusion of his investigation, Judge Jones ruled that death was by a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Assisting in the investigation at the scene were Deputy Sheriff Ken Holland and Highway Patrolman Joel Garcia.

Bill, as he was known to all, lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Abel, a [Continued on Last Page]

City Council Planning To Add 4th Policeman

Cost Of Fogging For Mosquitoes Is Expensive

Working in the yard, taking a swim, playing ball, going on a picnic and... of course, fighting those "darn" mosquitoes are all sure signs of the summer months in the Eagle Lake area. And with the recent rains and the hot and humid weather, it seems the battle with the mosquitoes is the dominant activity.

The City of Eagle Lake, however, in an effort to control the pesky little creatures, has begun its mosquito spraying program.

City Manager T. J. Smith had his crew fogging the city during the evenings last week and more spraying is anticipated in the upcoming weeks.

It is a very effective project, according to Smith, but it is very expensive. Fogging takes right at six hours to cover the entire city, he says, amounting to almost \$100 per hour.

He also indicated that the current fogger is not in good shape and should possibly be replaced next year. He estimated cost of a new fogger to be about \$2500 at this time and about \$3200 at this time next year.

Is the \$500 to \$600 per day operation worthwhile? Smith says that probably millions of mosquitoes die as a result of each fogging. However, anytime the wind blows over 10 to 15 m.p.h., he says, a new flock is blown into the city, so spraying is not able to keep mosquitoes out but rather is an effective way of controlling the population inside the city limits.

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Saunders Is Added to P.D., City Staff

Richard Saunders of Llano, Texas, formerly a patrolman with the City of Rockdale, began duties in the city of Eagle Lake Monday of this week. Saunders, 32, will be working a relief shift for the Eagle Lake Police Department and will also be working in other areas of city work until such time as the city council can consider changes in the budget to allow for the addition of a fourth officer to the police department on a permanent basis.

Saunders will be serving a 90-day probationary period, after which time consideration will be given to his becoming a full-time officer here provided adjustments can be made in the budget to meet such action.

Final Action On Mayor's Proposal At Tuesday's Meeting

[By Jeff Frnka] The hiring of an additional (fourth) patrolman for the Eagle Lake Police Department will be a big question facing the city council when they hold their meeting next Tuesday night, June 10th.

The council, in session last Tuesday, May 27, heard a request from Mayor Elmer Struss to consider such a move.

The police department is now operating with a full staff since the hiring of a new police chief Jimmy Smith and the reassigning of Lupe Villarreal to senior patrolman along with the other patrolman Mike Moore and special assistant Bill Chavis. It is the first time since October of last year that the department has been fully staffed.

Assure 24-Hour Protection. Struss indicated that the addition of one officer would guarantee the city full 24-hour protection without over-working the current three-man staff, which has been putting in extra hours to patrol the city.

Money for the additional patrolman is available, according to city manager T. J. Smith, but would require some amendments to the budget. He indicated in a preliminary report that the proposed position would expend more money from the Operating Funds but that the intake from increased tickets and fines would help offset that. Smith also noted that the balance of funds needed would have to come from the Capital Funds in the budget.

The council agreed that the additional patrolman would provide the city with better protection but did not take [Continued on Last Page]

Rice Yields Expected Up Slightly In 1980 Crop

Rice Growers Hear Reports, Elect Directors At Annual Meet Mon.

Members of the Eagle Lake division of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association held their annual meeting and steak supper at Marvin's in Altair Monday evening at which time they heard annual reports and elected directors to various boards.

In the business meeting which followed the social hour and delicious steak and rice menu served by Marvin Tyler and staff, Wayne Corman, president of the Eagle Lake division, presided at the business meeting.

David R. Wintermann reported to the group on the reorganization of the Texas Rice Improvement Association which assists in oper-

ation of the rice experiment programs in this state. He noted that a special committee which had been named to study the feasibility of the effectiveness of the Eagle Lake satellite experiment station reported that the Eagle Lake operation was good and was needed to continue adequate rice experimentation in the rice-producing areas in the Western part of the rice growing area. Wintermann stressed that the funds being allocated to the operation of the Eagle Lake station and its satellite locations have not kept pace with inflationary costs. He stressed that the TRIA board feels that more producer participation is needed in the eastern part of the state to assist with funds for the rice experiment programs.

The board has been reorganized and expanded in an effort to extend the successful participation shown in the western division to the remainder of the rice-producing areas of the state.

Dexter Anderson, Alvin Wiese and Harold Thomas were elected as members of the new TRIA board to represent the Eagle Lake area.

Domestic Consumption Up. Si Grider, representing the Rice Council for Market Development, told the rice producers and guests that "domestic consumption has expanded during the past eighteen month period." He pointed to the great success of the Council in stimulating domestic consumption of rice and added that the overseas situation "looks good." He concluded by pointing out [Continued on Last Page]



Sharron Schneider

Schneider Finalist In Nat'l H.S. Art

Scholastic Arts-National High School Art judging has been completed and Sharron Schneider, recent Rice High School graduate, was named a finalist.

Earlier, Sharron's watercolor painting was named "Best Watercolor in Texas." The painting was sent to New York and made it through three judgments to the final. The final judging recognized nation-wide art students in ten categories with a first, second, third and honorable mention named in watercolor.

Sharron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lee Schneider of Nada, was a first year art student and this was her first watercolor painting. Sandra, Eagle Lake High School art teacher, reports that "Sharron is extremely talented and hard-working."

P.O. Taking Applications For Sub Carrier

The United States Postal Service has announced an examination for Substitute Rural Carrier of Record at the Eagle Lake, Texas post office. The opening date was May 29, 1980 and applications will be accepted until further notice which will be when there are enough applicants to give the examination. From the examination a register of eligibles will be established from which the vacancy of a substitute rural carrier of record in this post office will be filled. A vacancy for this position in the Eagle Lake post office occurred on the death of Clifford T. Wiese. Mr. Wiese had been [Continued on Last Page]

Commr. Court To Discuss Court House Restoration Problems

Seeks To Arbitrate Problems That Are Delaying Some Work

Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek has called an executive (closed to the public) session Thursday morning of this week for the Commissioners' Court to discuss with the courthouse restoration contractor and the project director some problems which are holding up some of the restoration work.

Judge Cranek said that since the matter involves personal involved in the restoration, the meeting will be a closed session and no formal action is expected to be taken. If the court needs to take action, it will be at a special meeting which would be open to the public, he added.

Expected to be present at the session are representatives of the Curtis Double "C" Contracting Company and the [Continued on Last Page]