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Letters To The Editor

$409 Raised For CF In Garwood

We at the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, know how important it is to get involved and work as a "team" to help others.

And, that is just what the citizens of Garwood did--THEY GOT INVOLVED TO HELP OTHERS when they volunteered their time, talents, and dollars to the "Kiss Your Baby" Door-to-Door Campaign.

Mrs. Sandra Huvar and a dedicated group of volunteers helped spread the word about CF, a fatal genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of children, during "Kiss Your Baby" Week. (The "Kiss Your Baby" slogan is used because one of the signs of CF is an unusually salty taste to the skin.) $409.89 were raised for research, patient care and public education programs to find a cure or control for CF. A big THANKS should go to each and every participant for the tremendous support given.

Carolyn Rice
Executive Director
Cystic Fibrosis Found.

Concern Shown For Youth Activities At Public Meeting

Sixteen interested citizens gathered at the Charles Darnell home on Thursday evening of last week to discuss ways in which the community might be helpful in heading off vandalism and other crime by youth of the community.

Darnell opened the informal discussion be commenting that, "We can't start bending our views to conform to the wishes of the young people." He noted that some of the youngsters have no regard for the laws which are designed to protect citizens and properties of the community.

After considerable discussion, it was the concensus of opinion with the group that the community needs to get more involved, [illegible] through the home and church. The feeling was expressed that many of the problems "start at home."

Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones outlined laws which affect juveniles.

Eagle Lake Primary School principal Major Benge commented that in his eleven years at ELPS, the school has been entered five times and in three of the five cases there was quick apprehension.

The inability of the present judicial system to deal with juveniles, who are habitual violators, was of concern to the group and some thought was given to circulating a petition in an effort to create a juvenile court to handle cases solely for this county, since at present the juvenile cases are handled through the district court which covers four counties. Further consideration to this possibility is expected at some time in the future following discussion with county and district officials.

The Rev. Obie Rhodes and Gene Brown stressed the need for more supervised recreation for the young people. "The problem is not as big as it looks," said Rhodes as he noted that a very small percentage of the youth are involved in crimes. "We need to look to prevention methods and supervised recreation could be a training instrument in that direction."

Supt. Harold King discussed the need for proper attitudes, not only with the young, but with the adults of the community. He stated that oftentimes proper attitudes can play a major role in keeping the youth out of trouble.

It was emphasized during the meeting that a small percentage of the community's youth have problems. "Generally, the youth of the community are exceptionally well-behaved individuals" was the dominating thought throughout the discussion.

The meeting was called by Darnell following the recent burglary and vandalism at the Eagle Lake Primary School. He conceded at the conclusion of the meeting that the discussions by those present had provided some excellent food for thought on the matter.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Raabe, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Boothe, Patrolman Linda Travis, Mrs. Kenneth Craig, Mrs. Victor Corman, Jr., Mrs. Bill Blair, Morris Sheales, Melburn Sibley and Fred D. Reiter.

Vernon Earl Thrasher Is Buried Here

Funeral services were held from the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home in Eagle Lake at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11th for Vernon Earl (Rusty) Thrasher, a resident of this community for most of his life. Mr. Thrasher passed away in the Ben Taub Hospital in Houston of a heart attack at 3:53 a.m. Wed., Oct. 8th. He had been living off and on in Eagle Lake and Houston for the past ten years and was a construction superintendent.

The Rev. Melburn Sibley, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiated at the services Saturday afternoon. Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery. Mill-Bauer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The deceased was born Sept. 12, 1929 in the Eldridge Community south of Eagle Lake, the son of Roscoe and Esther McGlothlin Thrasher.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Esther Green of Eagle Lake; three sons, Lee Ray of Pasadena and Michael and David Thrasher of Houston; four sisters, Joyce Hodges and Ruth Baird of Houston, Betty Holbaugh of Ohio and Mary Lutz of Seguin; two brothers, Charles (Cotton) Thrasher of Houston and Shorty Thrasher of Eagle Lake; three grandsons; one granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of this loved one.

GOP Cong. Candidate Biggar Here For Opening

John Biggar of Austin, Republican Candidate for the office of U. S. Congressman for the Tenth Congressional District in the Nov. 4th election, left, is being welcomed to the opening of the county campaign offices in the Town and Country Center last Friday afternoon by Mark Anderson the County Republican Chairman.

coffee and cookies were enjoyed following Mr. Biggar's talk and a short question and answer session.

Marcy McInteer WCJC Homecoming Queen Nominee

Student elections for homecoming queen at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton were to be held Wednesday with run-offs scheduled for October 22, according to Billy Griffith, director of student activities.

The queen will be crowned by last year's winner, Joyce Johnson of Wallis, during half-time ceremonies at the Texas Junior College Football conference game pitting WCJC against Kilgore at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Homecoming nominees include Marcy McInteer of Eagle Lake, sponsored by Med Rec Tec.

Pennsylvania Guest

Mrs. Raymond Howells of Pennsylvania spent ten days here with her friends, Mrs. Felix A. (Helen) Lerch and Mrs. Harvey (Maude) Schomp.

J. Biggar, GOP Congressional Cand., Says Election 'Winnable'

John Biggar, Republican candidate for United States Representative in the Tenth Congressional District, and Mrs. Biggar and party were in Eagle Lake Friday afternoon in behalf of his candidacy and to assist in opening the Colorado County Republican Campaign Headquarters in the Town and Country shopping center in Eagle Lake.

The candidate is 35 years of age, has been a resident of Austin since 1970 and a small businessman in Austin for that period. He and wife, Phyllis, have three children, Staci 13, Craig 10 and Marci 7.

Biggar told the gathering for the opening of the campaign office that there are 2500 volunteer workers supporting his campaign for election Nov. 4th and he was confident that the election is a "winnable election."

He hit at negative campaigning conducted by the Carter-Mondale ticket. He noted that the Carter administration founded a Department of Education with a $13 billion budget, "$2 billion more than the entire State of Texas budget."

"Despite this," said the candidate, "we have lost control of our public schools."

For Balanced Budget

He stressed the need for eliminating the department of education, scaling down the department of energy as two places where costs of government can be scaled down toward a balanced budget.

"We simply must cut down on government controls and government expenditures," stated the candidate. "We have got to regain control of government."

Biggar also stressed the need for getting all qualified voters to the polls Nov. 4th and stressed the importance of identifying voters and contacting them by telephone prior to the election.

A busload of volunteer workers followed the candidate and party here to distribute campaign materials. From Eagle Lake the Biggar tour continued to Hempstead and to Bellville Friday night and to Giddings and Bellville Saturday.

County Republican Chairman Mark Anderson welcomed all to the opening of the county campaign office. He announced that Paul and Susan Causey will be chairmen of the phone campaign from the local headquarters.

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Pvt. Sandra Flowers In Army Training

Private Sandra D. Flowers, daughter of Henry Flowers and Geraldine R. Flowers, both of Eagle Lake, is attending basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

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TODAY'S MOBILE HOMES
by Mary Ann Pittman

Mary Ann Pittman

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Atty. Gen. Urges President To Exempt Royalty Owners From Windfall Tax

Texas Attorney General Mark White has sent President Carter a telegram urging him to consider an important problem which needs immediate attention. White said that the windfall profit tax which was intended to be a tax upon the major producers of oil has instead fallen heavily on the small royalty owners. There are estimated to be two million royalty owners in the United States with nearly 700,000 of them residing in Texas. Statistics show that 3/4ths of these royalty owners average less than a quarter of a barrel of oil a day, which means that the average income to a royalty owner is less than $250.00 a month. The windfall profit tax is a regressive tax that takes an inordinant amount of dollars out of the pocket of the small land owner, the "mom and pop" farm operation, and retired persons on Social Security.

White pointed out that this is not a regional issue but one of importance and national impact. Although 1/3 of these royalty owners live in Texas, another 1/3 live in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky and Arkansas. The other 1/3 live in California, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico.

Exemption of royalty owners will not materially or adversely impact plans to utilize the proceeds of the windfall profit tax but will enable persons with a small independent income to exist without further reliance on federal assistance.

Immigration Policies Are Becoming Frayed

(By Cong. J. J. Pickle)

Our nation's recent experiences with undocumented or illegal aliens--from Vietnamese "boat people" to the Cuban waves of this summer to the perennial problem of Mexicans smuggled across the Rio Grande--show that our immigration policies have become frayed at the seams. As tough as the problems are, immigration pressures are not confined to America. War, religious oppression and economic depression have stimulated the movement of whole communities for centuries.

As our country suffers domestic unemployment and inflation, it may seem inconsistent to witness foreigners landing jobs while millions of Americans are getting laid off. Sometimes, the newcomers may be better skilled and more desirous of work, but the problem remains. We wonder about the American tradition and promise of unlimited resources for everyone.

It is easy to propose sealing our borders, but this is neither right nor practical nor possible. The President's Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy is due to release a report in February. I hope this study will not be treated like other such exercises, to be disregarded or placed on a library shelf.

David Nelsons Are Parents Of Baby Girl

Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson of Sealy announce the birth of their daughter, Kristen Amber, on September 20th at 5:37 a.m. in the Bellville General Hospital. She weighed six pounds and thirteen and one-half ounces.

She is being welcomed home by a sister, Stacy.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nelson of Mentz and Gilbert Poenitzsch of Columbus. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kretzschmar of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Elizabeth Poenitzsch of Columbus.

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Rotarians Hear Of Golden Age Of Drama In Eagle Lake

Eagle Lake Rotarians and guests enjoyed a review of the "Golden Age of Drama in Eagle Lake" as presented by Rotarian Gardner Duncan at the club's meeting on Wednesday of last week. Special guests present were Rotaryann Ann Duncan, Miss Kathryn McRee and Miss Ophelia Johnson. Both Miss McRee and Miss Johnson played important parts in the Little Theatre presentations in this community for many years.

Duncan told the gathering that a drama club was first organized in Eagle Lake on Feb. 12, 1921 and later became known as the Little Theatre of Eagle Lake. Mrs. I. V. (Annie Jo) Duncan was the first president and one of the founders of the theatre group. Mrs. W. E. McRee, Mrs. L. D. Dallas and Mrs. Henry Carey were also among the founders and they each served as president at various times.

The club presented 26 full length plays of at least three acts (in the high school auditorium) and of the 26, 20 were directed by Mrs. Duncan.

Ten one-act plays were also given with 2 or 3 on the same night, noted Duncan.

Legend Of Lake

Among the interesting presentations was a play written by Mrs. Mentor Northington on the "Legend of Eagle Lake" and the play was presented on the lake shores on July 19, 1921. Two Indian braves, played by Victor Engelhard and O. J. Wintermann, vied for the hand of Prairie Flower, Mrs. L. D. Allen. Chief of the tribe was A. H. Harbert.

"The plays were not always dramatic," stated Duncan. "They included some comedies."

There was an Old Maids' Convention and a black-face Minstrel, two womanless weddings and style shows.

Algenon H. Harbert, rice farmer, was a favorite actor and he made a hit in 1922 in "Uncle Rube" and in 1928 played the part of New York broker in "Nothing But The Truth."

Duncan's discussion of the Golden Age of Drama included:

"Miss Kate" McRee had the lead in "She Knows Better Now"; Max Conner, local Justice of the Peace, starred in the 1929 production of "Lightnin'."

The Little Theatre branched out a bit when it presented a Japanese operetta with Ophelia Johnson one of the principal singers. She played the title role in "Miss Lula Beth" and she also sang specialities between acts and was often joined by Urban Burtschell in duets.

In 1931 the theatre presented "Skidding" by Booth Tarkington; and Gardner Duncan played the part of Andy Hardy "before Mickey Rooney did."

Other favorite actors included Gilbert Choppin in "The Butter and Egg Man"; Lucy Kate Rogers in "Hay Fever"; George Salladay in "Aunt Lucia"; Charles McLellan and Kate McRee in "Grumpy."

Mrs. Henry Carey appeared in "Ladies of the Jury"; Harry Larson in "The Patsy"; Nellie Larson in "Here Comes Anabelle"; Mrs. W. C. Reed in "Home Again Harry"; Mrs. Hattie Holman in "The 13th Chair."

Ben Howard was acclaimed for his performance in "Your Uncle Dudley"; Noel Parker in "Jousey" and they appeared with William Cook in "Seventeen". He later died in World War II action.

Helen Thomas performed in five plays and handled scenery in many others; Mrs. L. D. Allen, besides being a fine actor, helped the club in many ways. Mrs. M. L. (Ruth) Anderson was always back stage to "make up" the actors.

"Talking pictures came to Eagle Lake in 1929 but they didn't slow us down and we put on some of our best productions during the '30's. In fact on two occasions we put on one-act plays at the Avalon (Theatre) after the feature film had been shown, one of which was a play authored by Duncan, 'Local Girl Makes Good or Oil Boy to the Rescue.' Kathryn McRee played the part of the girl and Charles McLellan, owner of the theatre, directed the play."

The last play directed by Mrs. I. V. Duncan was in May of 1941 and it was "Night of Jan. 16th" and the play was such a big hit that it was presented again in Columbus in June with Mrs. Noel (Kathleen) Parker directing.

"A day or two after Pearl Harbor, our last play was given" concluded Duncan. It was "The Goose Hangs High" directed by Mrs. Parker.

Files Are Missing

Mr. Duncan noted during his talk that his mother's file on the club has disappeared and believes that it might have been lent to someone and was never returned. So he had to rely on micro-film copies of the Eagle Lake Headlight. "Bruce McCarty the editor, was always a booster of home-town talent," acknowledged Duncan.

He noted also that the 1937 issue of the Eagle Lake Headlight is missing - also believed to have been lent to someone and never returned. If any one knows of the whereabouts of the files of Mrs. Duncan or of the 1937 issue of the Headlight, please call Mr. Duncan or the Headlight office.

Baby Shower Honors Mrs. Walter Wilkerson

A Baby Shower honoring Mrs. Walter (Terri) Wilkerson was held Tuesday, Sept. 9th in the home of Wanda Henry in Lissie.

Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served. Presented to the honoree were two miniature bootees, matching the cake, for the baby's first birthday.

Hostesses were Gretchen Wilkerson, Glenda Moore, Wanda Henry, Susan Wilkerson, Enola Gertson, Cathy Schultz, Sheila Valigura and Willie Mae Grigar. Their gift to the honoree for the future arrival was a car seat.

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Jeanine Rose Shoop To Wed Darrel Kutach On Dec. 6th

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Svatek of Wharton announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Jeanine Rose Shoop, to Darrel Wayne Kutach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kutach of Boling. The bride-elect is also the daughter of Rex Allen Shoop and the granddaughter of Mrs. R. A. Shoop of Garwood.

The wedding is calendared for December 6th at 3 p.m. in Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton. The bride-elect attended Wharton County Junior College where she graduated with high honors. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and of the Student Government Association. She is presently employed in the engineering department at Daniel Industries in Houston. The prospective groom attended Wharton County Junior College and is presently engaged in farming.

Colorado County Retired Teachers Meet At Weimar

The Colorado County Association of Retired Teachers began their 1980-1981 year with a meeting at Weimar in the Old Depot which has been converted into a library. After the members had enjoyed an inspection of the lovely library, they gathered in the assembly room and were called to order by the president, Mrs. Rose Lange. Prayer was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Boothe and the pledge to the flag was led by Mrs. Robie Millard.

Special business of the afternoon was voting on a project for the year. Mrs. Gisela Trojan, chairman of Community Participation, presented ideas to be discussed, and it was decided to take nursing homes of each community as their project. Mrs. Trojan appointed leaders in each community to promote nursing home activities.

Special attention was called to the sectional meeting to be held in Victoria November 14th at 11:30 a.m. at 404 E. Constitution. Four dollars will be charged for the luncheon. Checks are to be mailed by November 7 to Mrs. Viola Plemons, 4005 Dahlia, Victoria, Texas 77901 or phone her before that date at 573-2560. This meeting is of vital interest to all retired teachers.

In order to meet required standards of the State R.T.A. executive officer meetings will be held in the months of October, February, April and June thirty minutes before the regular meetings.

Delicious refreshments were served by the Weimar hosts. -Reported.

WCEC Mails $61,000 In Refund Checks

Patronage refund checks totaling approximately $61,000 were mailed recently to over 3,000 Wharton County Electric members, according to F. N. Stubbs, general manager.

This 21st patronage refund represents 25 percent of the operating margins earned by these members during 1978, and 12.5 percent of the 1977 operating margins, the other 12.5 percent of the 1977 margins having been previously paid.

Ralph Swindel, president of WCEC, stated that the board of directors is pleased that refunds can be made on as current basis as approved for this year. He credits sound management, continued growth, and general prosperity of the area as reasons for the continued success of the cooperative.

It is very important that the patronage refund checks be cashed promptly, as they carry a 60-day expiration date. If you receive a check with an incorrect address or name, please advise the office as soon as possible.

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