

State VFW Deputy Pilkington Speaks On Americanism

J. T. (Tommy) Pilkington of Eagle Lake, past commander of the Rice Area Veterans of Foreign Wars and State Deputy for the VFW, delivered a stirring program on Americanism at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday of last week. Robert Griffith was program chairman for the day.

Pilkington defined Americanism for the Rotarians and guests as follows:

"Americanism is an unfailing love of country; loyalty to its institutions; and a desire to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

He noted that for the first time the national VFW organization chose to back a political candidate for president, basing this action on the "give-away of the rights to the Panama Canal; reduced hospital beds in Veterans Administration hospitals; and for the amnesty given to those who defected from this country rather than serve the country when called upon."

Pilkington said that he personally considered the amnesty as "a slap in the face" and said the action "made those who served feel as though they were second-class citizens."

"Why should defectors enjoy the privileges which we enjoy in the United States if they are not going to defend these freedoms?" asked the speaker. He added that if the defectors, and their families, "do not want to defend these freedoms, then they should pack up their bags and leave this country for good."

Flag is Sacred - Pilkington added, "Before you fly the flag of our nation, that flag is the symbol of all that is sacred to us. Look at it closely for a moment. The flag reflects what we are what we hope to be. The white stripes symbolize purity of purpose in our freedom of thought, expression and worship; the red stripes represent courage - our willingness to die, if necessary, for preservation of American ideals; and the blue of tranquility holds the stars

indicating our desire for peace, prosperity and happiness.

He noted that the VFW held an abbreviated ceremony on Veterans Day this year to pay tribute to all veterans of all wars - those who made the supreme sacrifice and also those who now serve to defend this nation - but assured those present that full-scale memorial programs will be held here on future Veterans Days to honor these veterans.



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These six young ladies will lead the cheers at the Eagle Lake Middle School through the 1980-81 school year. Bottom, left to right are: Veronica Woods, Leslie Heard and

Charli Jones; sitting, l. to r., Beverly Bucka and Sheri Webb; and standing is Monica Marshall. - ELMS Photo.



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Charter Members Of Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps



Eleven of the 25 charter members of the Eagle Lake unit of the Colorado County Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corps are still active in the local unit and have completed a total of 68,490 hours of volunteer service since

the Corps was organized in 1973. Charter members present for the 7th anniversary dinner party last Saturday night in the Community Center are shown above. Left to right, Joe Duncan 5652 hours, Jim Clippson 4776, Alyce Schmidt 6660, Herman Maxie

6768, Ed Ann Gertson 5076, Carolyn Rosprism 5445, Emily Stiles 5454, Bill Stiles 5072, and Joe Herbert McCreary 6828 hours. Not present Saturday night were: Edna Rosprism 2844 and Johnnie Schmidt 3876 hours.

Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps Celebrates 7th Anniversary

Dinner Party Last Sat. Commemorates 7th Year Successful Operation

The Eagle Lake unit of the Colorado County Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corps observed its seventh anniversary with a dinner party in the Community Center Saturday night. The group recognized officers, charter members, outstanding members and other members for many thousands of hours of volunteer service since the Corps was formed in 1973.

John Mahalic, Jr., president, presided at the event and after welcoming the members and their guests and a number of special guests, the group enjoyed a delicious turkey and dressing menu served by Mrs. Frank (Annie) Broeseke and staff.

Mahalic opened the program following the dinner by introducing special guests who have assisted the local unit since it was founded here in 1973 with twenty-five charter members.

anywhere." Mahalic also valuable assistance in training members and he noted that the Eagle Lake unit is "one of the finest volunteer groups that may be found

Officers Of Ambulance Corps



Officers for the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps were recognized at the unit's 7th anniversary dinner party in the Community Center last Saturday night. Left to right are: Claudette (Mrs. Clark) Powers, secretary; John Mahalic, Jr., president; Emily (Mrs. Bill) Stiles, treasurer; and Joe Herbert McCreary, vice-president.

An open letter to the people of the 5th Senatorial District.

On November 4th you expressed your trust in me by electing me your State Senator. I sincerely appreciate your support and I will graciously dedicate my service to you for the next two years.

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Texas Marian Conf. To Be Held In Yoakum

The 10th Annual Texas Marian Conference will be held in St. Joseph's Church and Gym in Yoakum November 21, 22, 23, from Friday 6:00 p.m. through Sunday 4:00 p.m. The Conference is sponsored by the Most Rev. Hugo M. Gerbermann, pastor, and Mrs. Ada Sladick. The 1980 Conference theme is "Mary, Our Queen, Lily of Purity," and is also dedicated to Pope John Paul II, under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima.

Prominent clergy and lay will head the guest speakers list, such as: Bishop Hugh M. Gerbermann, Rev. Lionel Pave, Marian Movement of Priests, St. Francis, Kansas; Rev. Raymond Brown, S.J., Chicago, Ill.; Rev. Charles Kram, Chaplain, Huth Memorial Hospital, Yoakum; Rev. Donald Ruppert, Victoria; Stephen Orze, Editor of Divine Love Magazine, Fresno, Calif.; Rev. Stanley Kumann, S.M., St. Mary's University, San Antonio; Rev. Magr. Victor G. Schmidt, St. Louis; Rev. Tony Ludolph, Boerne; and Rev. James Kelly, Yoakum.

Added features will be "Fifty Years of Thornes and Roses" (a Padre Pio film), Solemn Procession of the Holy Rosary, and Daily Mass. Registration will take place in St. Joseph's School Gym on Friday (Nov. 21) 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Saturday (Nov. 22) 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., and Sunday (Nov. 23) 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Fees for the full 3-day Conference or for partial participation will be \$5.00 a person, \$8.00 a couple, and \$10.00 a family.

The Marian Conference can serve as a wonderful Marian Spiritual Retreat for all

people of all walks of life. Priests, nuns, teenagers and adults are most welcome to attend.

Pioneer Daze Fete In Wharton This Friday

The campus of Wharton County Junior College in Wharton takes on an exciting and festive mood Friday, November 21 when the Wharton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture sponsors a "Pioneer Daze" celebration in cooperation with the college, local citizens, and volunteers from many civic, fraternal, church and student groups.

Delicious food, live music, and a wide variety of free entertainment plus educational features are scheduled.

The public is urged to "join in the fun" according to Pioneer Daze leaders Billy Goffish who is student activities director at WCJC and Dr. Garland Novrad, chairman of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's Cultural Affairs Committee.

The Texas Community College Week activities are designed to replace Fourth of July events previously held on the courthouse grounds.

17 Initiated Into Zeta Xi at WCJC

Seventeen new members were initiated into the Zeta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa national honor fraternity at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton on Tuesday, November 11.

Area WCJC scholars honored in the impressive candlelight ceremony included Elaine Gertson of East Bernard, Michael Joseph Holub of Wallis, Monica Jasek of East Bernard, Rita Karasek of East Bernard.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mark Supak of 609 E. Church St., El Campo announce the birth of their first child, a baby daughter, born on Oct. 31st at the Coney Valley Memorial Hospital, at Wharton. The infant was named Kelly Renee and weighed 7 pounds.

Register At Miller's Gro. For Holiday Prizes

Owners of Miller's Grocery in Eagle Lake invite citizens to come by to register for five prizes to be awarded as part of the store's Thanksgiving promotion.

A barbecue turkey, a herbaceous ham, bag of mixed vegetables, box of groceries and two half-gallons of ice cream will be awarded at 4 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 20th.

No purchase is required to register, however children under 18 years of age will not be allowed to register.

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by Mary Ann Pittman

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Hospital Admin. Chisholm Elected Chairman WCJC Advisory Comm.

John Chisholm, Administrator at Eagle Lake Community Hospital, was elected chairman by the membership of the Advisory Committee of the Vocational Nursing Program of Wharton County Junior College at its initial meeting for the fall semester in the board room at the college.

Members of the Committee are from the various communities in the college's service area.

This year five of the thirty-one new L.V.N. nursing students have elected to receive their clinical training at Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

In its meeting, the committee was welcomed by Dr. Wayne Vanderpool, Dean of

County To Sell Surplus Items At Auction Sat.

Colorado County will hold a public auction at 1:30 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 22nd offering for sale surplus equipment coming from the courthouse during the restoration program including air conditioning units, heat pumps, natural gas space heaters, commodes, wash basins and others. Also to be offered for sale will be some commissioners' surplus equipment.

The sale will be held at the Precinct 2 headquarters in Weimar and items may be inspected at that site beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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