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**24 YEARS AGO**

**LET'S LOOK BACK**

[Nov. 23, 1956]

Henry Kretschmar was re-elected as Fire Chief of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department. . . Jeff Oriswell of Sheridan passed away in the Laughlin Hospital on November 26 and funeral services were held at the Sheridan Baptist Church with the Rev. T. R. Dill officiating. Burial was in the Cheetham Cemetery. . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher, Sr. of East Bernard announce the engagement of their daughter,

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**Rotarians Hear Of Experiments Done At Gasification Project**

Bob Noster, Public Information Officer with Central Power and Light Co. in Corpus Christi, presented an informative program at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday last week when he discussed work being done and results being achieved at the La Palma Gasification Project near San Benito, Texas.

The project of using coal and lignite in the gasification process to produce electrical power is being supported by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and a group of power companies, including CPL. The plant went into production in 1978 after two years of construction, adjacent to the CPL facilities at San Benito and results are being evaluated as to the economics involved in such processes.

The project is one of a number of processes being researched in an effort to relieve the energy crisis and is being considered as an alternative when it becomes mandatory that the use of natural gas for production of energy is prohibited by the federal government.

Noster showed slide films demonstrating the process used in gasification of the low grade coal and lignite using a Chemically Active Fluid Bed (CAFB) to provide a clean burning substitute for natural gas in existing boilers.

He noted that the CAFB is really like a high temperature oven which has a bed of limestone that reacts chemically to remove sulfur from the fuel before it is burned to produce electricity.

Because the sulfur is removed before the fuel is burned it is expected the waste product will be easier to manage and hopefully will have value for other uses.

"If the La Palma demonstration project proves practical, they larger scale plants using this same process may be possible. Should this happen, the La Palma plant could be carving another notch in the history of energy production," concluded the speaker.

Noster was introduced by Bob McInteer, program chairman for the day.

**Pancake Supper**

Plans were started for the club's Annual Pancake Supper to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 24th.

**On JP Jury Vein**

Constable J. T. (Jimmy) Frnka served as bailiff for the trial of a traffic case in the court of Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones on Tuesday last week. He was responsible for rounding up the list of jury veniremen and he expresses appreciation to those who appeared for jury service. Chosen on the jury were Mrs. Patty Stephens, Mrs. Rita Sunderman, Mrs. Geneva Vitay, Gilbert Duty, W. H. Bolton and Melvin Stanick. Others reporting but not called to serve were: Rublee Drymala, Mrs. Laura Finney, Albert Pustejovsky, Chester Glazier, Pete Gasarin, Alvin Kohleffel and Larry Austin.

Frybert welcomed all to the event and introduced special guests including retired employees Rublee Drymala and Garmar H. Tate and their wives; Editor and Mrs. Fred R. Frnka. Tencoco officials present for the occasion were: vice president Ed Causey, Jr.; operations manager for the gas processing division Guy Sutherland and Mrs. Sutherland; safety administrator Wayne Drush; and Bob Melnor, who is Tencoco acquisition department, all of Houston.

**Processing and Marketing Up**

Mr. Causey summarized activities of the Processing and Marketing division of Tencoco for the past several years, noting that in 1979 the division added \$149 million in revenue to Tencoco of which \$55 million came from refining and marketing areas.

**Tenneco Employees Hold Family Nite Safety Program**

He showed slide film and discussed additions to various company plants over the state and national and especially the expansion of the Chalmette, La. plant to up intake from 115,000 to 137,000 barrels per day.

Also highlighting his discussion was the expansion of the La Porte plant; the construction of the shale and soda ash operation in Colorado. He predicted the new shale and soda ash operations will provide additional revenue to the diversified Tencoco conglomerate and could provide some attractive locations for employment of current and future Tencoco employees.

Causey praised the results of an evaluation program whereby local employees are given an opportunity to offer input into operations which might result in more efficient operations and in savings in production costs.

He predicted that 1981 will be "better than ever before" thanks to people like you.

**Billions To Exploration**

Melnor reported to the employees on exploration efforts and acquisition of companies into the Tencoco company.

A special period was enjoyed from 8:15 to 7:30 p.m. when the Tencoco employees, their families and guests enjoyed an assortment of hors d'oeuvres including shrimp, a vegetable relish plait, cheeses, crackers/chips and dips.

The meeting was called to order by Joe Frybert, office manager at the Tencoco plant, and after the invocation by employee Arthur Rhodes, the group enjoyed a very delicious menu of barbecued beef and sausage and trimmings, catered by Mrs. Annie Broecker, assisted by Mrs. Lorraine Obenaus.

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**Toyota Rolls Over On 71 In Garwood Wed.**

Driver of a 1978 Toyota escaped injury when his 1976 Toyota Corolla rolled over while traveling north on Highway 71 in Garwood at 11:30 a.m. Wed., Jan. 28th, reported Highway Patrolman Ray Musnell, the investigating officer.

Martin Sancher of Eagle Lake was returning home from work in El Campo when he apparently went to sleep and lost control of the vehicle and it went into a ditch, flipped over the wheels. Considerable damage was reported to the vehicle.

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**Tenneco's Safety Chairman**

He pointed to the challenge faced by the company to find new production and new reserves. He said that the company has 80 rigs in drilling operations and has budgeted a billion dollars for exploration and acquisition during the 1981 year.

Melnor commented that Tencoco is "buying reserves so that we'll have available oil and gas when needed in future operations."

He discussed a new and exciting process being developed in the leaching of uranium from the ground, instead of the costly mining processes.

**Safety Record Praised**

Sutherland praised the Chesterville employees for their accident-free safety record in 1980 for the fourth year in a row. He said that there was only one lost-time accident in the division, due to a back injury. He stressed that back injuries can be headed off through dissemination of proper information to employees.

He presented a certificate to James Hoffman, safety chairman for the 1980, for heading up the accident-free program in 1980; and presented accident-free safety awards to three employees with a total of 60 years of accident free service. The awards are presented in increments of five years and included: 25 years of accident free service to Joe Frybert; 20 years to Charlie Matychuk; and 15 years to Monroe Ripper.

**Safety Administrator**

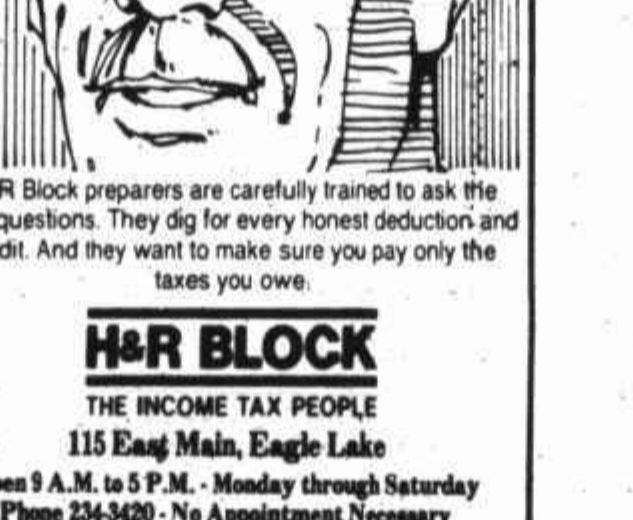
Drush also praised the Chesterville employees for their outstanding record and for the "efforts put forth in doing the job safely."

Sammy Tice, superintendent for the Chesterville plant, thanked all for coming out and stated that "our good record is a combined effort by all of you."

**Free Tony's Dinner**

Maria Bennett is in town for a Free Tony's Deluxe Dinner at Taco Tony's on Highway 90A just west of the city. You'll find delicious foods in a pleasant atmosphere. Clip this out and present at Tony's not later than Feb. 10, 1981.

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**Program On Natural Family Planning In Nada Thurs.**

A natural family planning course, the ovulation method, is scheduled for the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada with the first of the four courses to begin at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Feb. 5. The course is open to all persons, Catholics as well as non-Catholics.

He said the course offers couples an opportunity to learn about a life-style that gives the freedom to live the Judeo-Christian principles of marriage and family life and learn how they can be responsible and open to the will of a loving God in effectively achieving or avoiding pregnancy.

The course will be taught in four sessions, each session a month apart and is open to all engaged couples, married couples, or individual women.

Certified instructor for the course is Mrs. Wayne Bard of Wharton. Registration will take place at St. Mary's Church in Nada Thursday at 7 p.m. The first class will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, A \$15 donation to the Natural Family Planning Council Inc. of Wharton will be appreciated. For more information you may contact Mrs. Diane Bard at 543-8914 after 6:00 p.m.

**GARWOOD AND NADA COMMUNITY NEWS**  
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**Senior Citizens Party**

The Nada and Garwood senior citizens party sponsored by the Catholic Daughters was held last Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There were four tables of 42 and three of dominoes. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Wines, Mrs. Kubech and Mrs. Drilk.

Refreshments of ham sandwiches, chips, fruit cake, candy, cold drinks and coffee were served. Everyone had a good time and left for home at 5 p.m.

The next meeting will be the last Wednesday in February.

**Attend Buffet Supper**

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Bob Riley and Mrs. W. R. Frnka attended a buffet supper and party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Gunn in Weimar.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roell of Victoria visited Mrs. W. R. Frnka last Friday.

Mrs. George Keonig, Mrs. Daniel Kudelka and Becky and Mrs. Carl Kudelka and David of Gando and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Allen Shoop and Farrah Faye were guests of Mrs. R. A. Shoop last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bolig were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Ross and other relatives here last weekend.

**Father Passes Away**

C. R. Martin, father of Mrs. Harry Engstrom, passed away Jan. 25th. We extend sympathy to the family and relatives of Mr. Martin.

**Security Meets**

The Alpha Sigma Omicron of Beta Sigma Phi met at the American Rice Growers office January 20, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Mark Wise. Topics for discussion included various

**Andrew Tills Welcome Daughter**

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tills of Garwood announce the arrival of a baby girl born January 22nd. She weighed seven pounds and thirteen ounces and was named Lindsey Rose. Her mother is the former Cheryl Supak. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Tills Sr. of Garwood and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Supak of Taiton are the grandparents.

She was baptized Sunday and a dinner was held at the Log-Supak home in Taiton. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tills and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tills went to San Marcos Sunday to visit Rudolph Tills Sr. who is in the hospital there. Best wishes for his recovery.

**Passes Away**

Word was just received here that Richard Schoellman of El Campo, formerly of Nada, had passed away last Saturday. He has been in bad health recently.

**Janice Juckett And Don Stallman Wed**

Janice Juckett of Houston and Don Stallman of Columbus were married in a private ceremony in Houston Dec. 28, 1980.

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**Wintermann Hosts Canadian Group**

David Wintermann hosted the Canadian visitors and state and federal wildlife officials for a social gathering at his pool house on the lake Monday evening. With Mr. Wintermann are two of the four Indians

**Canadians Visit Here**

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man at his pool house on the lake Monday evening. All seemed to enjoy the gathering immensely and joined in some "tall tale" stories about experiences in fishing, hunting of polar bears and other experiences in their home provinces.

**Speak Good English**

All of the visitors spoke excellent English and surprisingly the age of the group was much younger than one would expect.

**Included in Canadian Group**

Also in the group from Canada were Hammond Dick, with the Canadian Fish and Wildlife Service, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory and Pat Larocque of Yellowknife, Northwest Territory; Indian Chief George Johnson of Bacwash Landing, Yukon Territory; John Abel of Old Crow, Yukon Territory; Sam Johnston of Teslin, Yukon Territory; and Henry Beaver of Fort Smith, Northwest Territory.

Also in the group were Kaomay of Cambridge Bay, Northwest Territory; Leslie Kadusnak, Igloodik, Northwest Territory; and Vince R. Edeen of Tuktoyaktok, Northwest Territory who is the chairman of the Northwest Territory Fish and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Also traveling with the group as a coordinator from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service was Harvey Miller of Denver, Colorado.

**Other Officials**

Other officials here for the group's tour of facilities from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service were: Dr. John Rogers of Washington, D.C., Chief of Migratory Bird Management; Jim Hubert of Austin, Refuge Supervisor; Kirke King of Victoria, Legation; and Wayne Shifflett, director of the Atwater Prairie Chicken Refuge northeast of Eagle Lake. Mr. Miller, Flyway Representative for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Charles Lard of Victoria.

Officials from the Texas Fish and Wildlife Service included: Ted Clark of Austin, director of Wildlife; Bill Brewer of Austin, Program Director for Migratory Game; Jim Drunks, Dive Program Leader; Charles Stutenbaker of Port Arthur, Migratory Game Program Leader.

David Wintermann assisted the group in locating concentrations of ducks and geese and in touring the facilities provided in the area for conservation and resting areas. Also accompanying the group was deputy game warden Bruce Herman.

The Canadians were housed during their stay in Eagle Lake at Sportman's Motel, popular facility for hunters and fishermen, managed by H. H. (Red) and Willie Lang.

**J. B. Wesson Passed Away Last Thurs.**

Citizens of the community were filled with great sadness upon the death of Johny Burton Wesson, 71, in the Methodist Hospital in Houston. Mr. Wesson became ill following a stroke on January 18th. He was confined to Eagle Lake Community Hospital and later taken to the Methodist Hospital in Houston for further testing where he became critically ill last week and passed away at 4:35 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 1981.

Mr. Wesson was born on April 4, 1909 in Smithville, Texas, the son of John Ephraim and Bertha Taylor Wesson. He and Miss Hazel Alexander Roberts were united in marriage in Lake Charles, La. on August 30, 1931. The family moved to Eagle Lake in 1932 when he was associated with the Schumacher Company, wholesale grocery distributor; and later with the Wilcox Grocery.

He served his country with the United States Navy from March 28, 1944 through June 11, 1946.

Upon his return from the service he worked for a short time at the A. L. Baring Co., local Chevrolet dealer, and on June 1, 1949 became a Post Office employee and he continued in the postal service until his retirement on Aug. 30, 1974.

Mr. Wesson was an amiable person and always had a good word and a smile for everyone. He and his family have been active for many years in the First Presbyterian Church and he was also a long-time member and former officer for many years in the W. Cherry-M. Perry Post 106 American Legion.

He had been enjoying his retirement since 1974 and was always willing to help his neighbors and friends. His sudden illness and passing left his many friends in the community and in the area deeply saddened.

**Last Rites Saturday**

Final rites for Mr. Wesson were held from the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31st followed by graveside services and interment at 3:30 p.m. in the Oakhill Cemetery at Smithville. The Rev. Mike Barron, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated at the services.

Serving as pallbearers were Postmaster Robert Smith, Martin, Mayor Elmer Struss, Lloyd Spalinger, John Walker, Mike Duarte, Louis Murray, Draper Stephens and Larry Uhlig. The family named as honorary pallbearers, Judge M. M. Jones, L. J. (Bossy) Spaulding, Robert Howe, V. J. (Jug) Kana, Bob Cook, Jr., Bob Pickens, Robert Wilcox and other

**Three Rivers Man Drowns In Navidad**

Robert Ray Fojtik, 29, of Three Rivers, drowned when the car he was driving plunged into the Navidad River, just west of the Speaks Community Sunday morning Feb. 1st at 2:30 a.m. The site is about 21.1 miles southeast of Hallettsville.

Fojtik was driving west on the county Exall Speaks gravel road. He probably failed to see a gradual curve at the east approach to the Navidad River bridge at that spot.

The car, a 1976 Pontiac Gran Prix, struck the southeast low barrier of the concrete bridge, which spans about fifty-five feet at this point of the Navidad. The car apparently half-flipped in the air and it landed upside down in the river bottom.

The accident site was about a mile west of Speaks, off FM Road 530.

A late report said Fojtik was a roughneck, working on an oil field drilling site near Hallettsville. New Era Herald, Hallettsville.

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**Arthur Schmitts Celebrate 40th Wedding Anniv. Feb. 1**

Arthur and Georgia Schmitt, Sr. celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on February 1, 1981 in the Andel guest house at Weimar. From two until seven in the afternoon. Among the guests present were all the brothers and sisters of the couple.

many of their nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. Arthur and Georgia have five children, Lillie Mae Hairell of South Houston, Arthur Schmitt, Jr. of Weimar, Edwin Schmitt of Eagle Lake, and Shirley Hall of Columbus; and eleven grandchildren; all of whom hosted the reception in their honor.

**Nada CYO Plans For Sweetheart Ball**

On January 26, 1981, the Nada CYO met in the Nada school library. A total of 26 Post Office employees and Peggy Popp called the meeting to order. Shari Popp read the secretary's report and Rita Konek read the treasurer's report.

The meeting was turned over to the president, Under old business, Peggy thanked everyone for helping with the Rally and told the members that we sent thank you cards to all parents who helped with the Rally.

Under new business the Sweetheart Ball was discussed. Talton will hold the judging on February 15 and will host the Sweetheart Ball on February 22. Jeff and Valerie will play for the dance. Ava Kalina was nominated princess and Laurie Bubala and Susan Drilk were nominated duchesses to Ava.

Among other new business was the discussion of a trip for the CYO. The members discussed going to the Houston-Lavastock Show and Grand Prix. No decision has been made.

Next, Walter Gold thanked the Nada CYO for putting on such a nice rally and dance. He especially liked Jeff and Valerie at the dance. Mr. Gold also said we should try them to play again. Father Victor talked about going on a retreat. At the next meeting more will be said on this subject.

The meeting was closed with a prayer. Reporter.

**Kristie Kay Luedecke Is Baptized**

On Feb. 1, 1981 Kristie Kay Luedecke, three-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Luedecke of Eagle Lake, was baptized at 12:00 noon at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Father Tom

Parents officiating. Godparents of Kristie Kay are Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Mueller of Rock Island. After the baptism every one joined Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Luedecke at their home to help celebrate their 23rd Wedding Anniversary and Kristie's baptism.

On January 28, Mr. and Mrs. Henke honored their guests with a barbecue dinner. Relatives and friends were present from Canada, Bay City and Eagle Lake.

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