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Last Charter Member Of Lissie Church Honored



Mrs. Esther Sunderman, the last surviving charter member of the Lissie United Methodist Church, shown above in the center, was the guest of honor at the church's 75th Anniversary celebration held last Sunday. With Mrs. Sunderman are the present minister and former ministers of the church, left to right; the present minister the Rev.

William S. Couvillion; the Rev. Robert O. Tupper of Purcell, Oklahoma; the Rev. Mark Regez, retired U.S.A.F. Chaplain and now ministering at a nursing home in Shreveport, La.; and the Rev. Thomas Kirby, minister of First United Methodist Church in Pryor, Oklahoma. See stories on page 11.

City Council Preps For Sewer Bond Sale Mar. 12

Eagle Lake City Council, in session on Tuesday night of last week, completed plans for the sale of \$350,000 in bonds for the sewer plant project on Thursday, March 12th.

David Fetzer and Pete Fisher of the city's fiscal agent, Moroney, Beissner and Co. of Houston, met with the council to review resolutions that needed to be approved in order to call for the sale of the sewer plant bonds which had been approved by a unanimous vote (71-0) last year. Sale of the bonds is scheduled at a special meeting called by the council at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12th. Fetzer pointed out that this date was selected in order that the bonds might be sold by the middle of April. The \$350,000 in bonds will be the city's 25% share of the costs of the projected \$1.4 million sewer plant construction project. The city received word earlier in February that the Environmental Protection Agency has given final approval to a \$1,060,000 grant to the city to stand 75% of the project cost. The city must have the bonds sold before the EPA grant will

become available to the city. Fetzer and Fisher said they hoped the bonds might sell in the 9% range, but agreed that the bond market is uncertain this day and time. The passing of the notice of sale by the council gave the fiscal agents the green light to send out bid notices in anticipation of the March 12th bid opening. The maturity schedule for the tax-exempt bonds calls for the bonds to mature serially over a ten year period, \$25,000 for years 1982 through 1987 and \$50,000 each year of 1988 through 1991.

The city's fiscal agent, Moroney, Beissner and Co., disqualified itself from bidding on the bonds. The prospectus prepared by the fiscal agent points out that the city is in excellent financial condition with a net general obligation debt of only \$48,545.

The report listed the ratio of total direct and overlapping net debt to the 1980 assessed valuation at only 2.40%. The fiscal agents said that this figure is very low and that it is not unusual for cities the size of Eagle Lake to have an ratio of from 10 to 20%.

Truly, Duarte File For Re-election To Council

Clipson, Engstrom Only School Bd. Candidates; Deadline This Wed.

The deadline for filing for places on the ballots for the City of Eagle Lake and Rice School District elections to be held April 4th, will be at midnight on Wednesday of this week (Mar. 4) with a full slate of candidates filed to date, including a contest for the Eagle Lake city council. Incumbents Ralph Truly and Mike Duarte filed during the past week for re-election to the council for new two year terms. Earlier incumbent Alvin W. Kohleffel had filed for re-election; and the first candidate to file was a former city councilman Wilfred Lueddecke. The four candidates, and possibly others who will file

by the midnight Wednesday deadline, will seek the three council positions to be filled April 4th.

In the Rice School District Mrs. Jim (Jane) Clipson, Jr., seeking re-election to the board in Eagle Lake Position 7 is unopposed, and John Engstrom is the only candidate to date for Garwood Position 6 currently held by Anthony Kallina who is not seeking re-election.

Those filing for the city offices must file with city secretary Mrs. Lucille Lange; and school candidates with board secretary Bill Hefner of Garwood or through the Rice CISD business office.

Absentee voting in the city and school elections will begin Mar. 16th and end Mar. 31st.

Houston Man Charged In "Change" Theft

A black Houston man, arrested on Tuesday of last week for working a "short change" or "quick change" swindle in Brenham, has given Eagle Lake Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner a statement which says that he and a female companion were the ones who swindled David Baros, manager of the Shell Service Station in Eagle Lake out of some money here on Feb. 18th.

The man, Verleone Zigler, 38, has been charged with five cases of swindle in Brenham. He was charged locally through the court of Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones with theft in excess of \$20 but less than \$200 and bond was set in this case at \$5,000. It was not known this week if the man was still in the jail in Brenham or not.

Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner received word from the Brenham police department last week that the arrested man might have been involved in the theft here. He went to Brenham and received a voluntary statement from Zigler.

In his statement, Zigler says that he and a "Mary Lou Jones" pulled the swindle at the Shell Station and left "46 ahead" plus their original \$50 bill involved in the short change swindle. Zigler also admitted that he was stopped near Eagle Lake by Highway Patrolman Ray Munsell on a speeding charge and this eventually led to possible identification of the alleged swindler.

School Week Activities Continue In Rice CISD

New ELMS Facility Open Until 6:00 P.M. This Thursday

Public Schools Week activities continue at schools in the Rice Consolidated Independent School District. Parents and friends are urged to attend the school of their choice some time during the week to watch the students and teachers in action in their classrooms.

Visitors to the schools are asked to report to the respective principal's office

Pet Rabies Clinics Here Mar. 12, 21

The City of Eagle Lake, in conjunction with local veterinarian Karen Eusers, will sponsor two rabies vaccination clinics.

These clinics will be held in the Fire Department meeting room on Postoffice Street Thursday, March 12th and Saturday, March 21st. The Thursday clinic will begin at 4:30 p.m. and last until 6:30 p.m. The Saturday clinic will begin at 2:30 p.m. and last until 4:30 p.m.

All citizens of Eagle Lake who own pets are encouraged to bring their pets in for vaccination and registration. This will protect them from rabies and assure their registration as required by City Ordinance, noted City Manager Bob Klockman.

Pre-Registration At St. Mary's This Sunday

St. Mary's School in Nada announces that pre-registration of students will be held on Sunday, March 8, 1981 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the school library. All first grade students and any other students who desire to attend the school for the first time are asked to register for the 1981-82 school year.

Registration for students who now attend St. Mary's School and will attend this school for the 1981-82 school year will be held at a later date.

Police Dept. Has Money Found In Railroad Ditch

Eagle Lake Police Department recovered a quantity of money which was found recently by several juveniles inside the city limits and the department would like to hear from any one who might be able to give the amount of money found and accurately state the size of the currency involved.

City Patrolman Lupe Villarreal received a call at 5:08 p.m. Feb. 13th from the mother of one of the youngsters, reporting that she had found money in the juvenile's pants pocket.

Upon interrogation it was learned that he and another juvenile had found the money in a ditch alongside a railroad track in the city limits and they had split the loot.

When the officer checked with the other juvenile, the remainder of the money was recovered and the police department is now holding the money for possible identification.

If you think the money might be yours, Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner says that you should contact him at the local police station. But he adds that you must state the amount of the funds found and the size of the currency involved or at least give some other substantial evidence before the money can be returned to you.

No charges were filed in the investigation.

Officer Fires Shot To Break Up Fight Sat. Nite

Eagle Lake police were called to the site of a dance at the Guadalupe Church hall in the Guadalupe Addition Saturday evening where a fight was reported to be in progress.

City patrolman Jack Reed was the investigating officer and he found a number of Latinos, some legal citizens and some aliens, involved in the fracas.

When the officer appeared on the scene, one of the participants, Richard Lujan, reportedly came up with a shotgun and the officer called for the man to drop the shotgun and when Lujan refused, Reed fired a shot over his head, into the air, and the shotgun was put down and the fight quelled.

Lujan was charged with public intoxication and was brought to Eagle Lake police station where he later posted a \$28.50 cash bond and was released.

Raiders Edge Columbus In "Super" Dist. Playoff

Auxiliary Donates BP Units



Shown above, left to right, examining new hospital wall mounted blood pressure units are: Anna Kessner, R.N., Director of Nurses; and Viola Zboril, treasurer of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital's Women's Auxiliary.

District 22AAA Champion Raiders Play Coldspring For Bi-dist. Tuesday

The Rice High School Raiders boys' basketball team turned in a superb performance Tuesday night in a "simply super" district playoff game in Blinn Junior College gymnasium to win the District 22AAA championship by defeating the Columbus Cards 64-62 in a double overtime thriller.

Coach Jack Grammer's Raiders met the challenge offered and pulled the game out of the fire after jumping off to a 17 to 4 first quarter lead and then trailing by 3 points with 49 seconds left in regulation play. A desperation mid-court shot by Coach Grammer's son, David Grammer, put the game into overtime with the score knotted at 48 to 48. The score was tied at 56-56 at the end of the first overtime on a timely free throw by Larry Haynes. Robert Frazier scored the game-winning basket in the final two seconds of the double overtime and the Raiders advance to Bi-District play by the score of 64 to 62.

The Raiders are due to meet Coldspring, champion in a district playoff with Huffman, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night of next week in the Prairie View A&M University gymnasium.

The winner of the Bi-District Contest will advance to the Region III tournament which will be held Friday and Saturday, Mar 13 and 14 at Blinn Junior College in Brenham.

Girls Lose To Waco Coach Reuben Wunderlich's Raider girls met a tough, tall opponent in Robinson of Waco in the Region III tournament at Blinn last Friday and lost a 58 to 42 decision to drop out of further play.

The Raider girls posted an outstanding record of 13 wins and 1 loss in regular-District 22AAA play and defeated Barbers Hill 58 to 52 for the Bi-District title.

Local fans congratulate both boys' and girls' teams for their fine play in the 1980-81 season and will be backing the boys in their quest of the Bi-District, Regional and State Class AAA titles.

Charity Ball Saturday Night

The Happy Hoofers Dance Club reports that there are still some tickets available for the group's fifth annual Charity Benefit Ball which will be held this Saturday, Mar. 7th in the Eagle Lake Community Center. Tickets to the event are \$26 per person and proceeds are earmarked for the benefit of the Cystic Fibrosis Fund, the Knights of Columbus Deaf Community Fund and the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital.

Dancing will be from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight and will feature the music of Jurek's Orchestra. Snacks and drinks will be provided during the event, including a midnight breakfast.

Attendance is limited to 100 couples. If you haven't obtained tickets and want to attend this gala social event, contact J. T. (Tommy) Pilkington, president of the club, or L. J. (Sonny) Spaniel.

No Reserved Tables There will be no advance table reservations for the Charity Ball. Doors to the Community Center will open at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and tables will be available on a "first come, first choice" basis.

Wall Blood-Pressure Units Given To Hospital By Pink Ladies

Officials at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital this week announced that the Women's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) had taken a major step forward in improving patient care at the hospital by sponsoring the purchase of new blood pressure equipment. The ladies have undertaken as a major project for this year the purchase of special wall mounted blood pressure apparatus (baumanometers) for each patient's bed at the hospital.

A portable unit and provide immediate and prolonged access to an accurate blood pressure reading in an emergency throughout the hospital.

The unit consists of the wall mounted baumanometers with the latest Velcro tourniquet, and has a wire basket mounted nearby to hold safely the cuff, tubing, and inflation bulb.

According to Anna Kessner, R.N., Director of Nurses, the new units will cut sharply the number of steps necessary for the physicians and nursing staff and increase overall patient safety.

Hearing On Sr. Citizens Program In Columbus Mon.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) will hold a public hearing on the Senior Citizens Program at the Agriculture Building in Columbus next Monday, Mar. 9, 1981, at 10:30 a.m.

The general public is invited along with all senior citizens, advises the Services to Senior Citizens coordinator Brenda Burford.

Attend THA "Auxiliary Day At Capital"



Local Hospital Auxiliary members, left to right, Mrs. Rose Lange and Mrs. Sophie Zoeller, met in Austin last week with State Representative Robert Saunders of La Grange, second from right, during the "Auxiliary Day at the Capital" sponsored by

the Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries and the Texas Hospital Association's Council on Hospital Auxiliaries. Also attending the event was Eagle Lake Community Hospital Administrator John Chisholm, shown at the right. For more on the event, see page 15.

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