March Deadlines On Crop Insurance

March deadlines have been set for area farmers seeking to insure their crops under the Federal Crop Insurance program.

"This year insurance protection is available to corn producers in Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Waller and Wharton counties. The deadline to apply for this coverage is March 10 in Brazoria, Colorado, Harris and Wharton counties; and March 20 in Austin, Fort Bend, and Waller counties," said Ron Lovan, District Director of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

"Cotton and grain sorghum producers in Austin, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton counties are also eligible for coverage and they face a March 31 closing date. The program is available to grain sorghum producers in Brazoria and Colorado counties until March 31," Lovan continued.

FCIC is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is designed to protect a producer's crop production expenses from risks like hail, wind, drought, insects and disease.

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County Agent's NOTEBOOK

(By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Extension Agent Colorado County)

Fertilizer Supply Adequate

All available statistical data on inventories, production capacity and demand, show that the fertilizer supply should be adequate for the 1981 crop year. Much of the fertilizer has already been applied in Texas because of the favorable fall and early winter weather. All reports indicate that prices are expected to continue the past upward trend.

Dark Liquid Fertilizers

Due to increasing energy costs, some manufacturers of phosphoric acids are not carrying out the normal degree of purification. This has resulted in dark liquid 10-34-0 or other analysis fertilizers appearing on the market. The color does not affect the availability of nutrients. However, those fertilizers that contain suspended sludge might be a problem with application equipment and in storage tanks.

Potash For Coastal

Research and demonstration data continue to show the importance of adequate potash for the continuous production of coastal bermuda and especially to maintain a satisfactory stand. Results from a 7-year study at Overton and demonstrations are as follows: Average fertilizer treatment with no potash = 10,730 pounds forage/ac., average fertilizer treatment with potash = 14,074 pounds forage/ac. Demonstrations with average fertilizer treatment but no potash yielded 9,231 pounds forage/ac. Additional potash increased the yield to 12,954 pounds forage/ac.

The response increased from the first to the seventh year, partly because of diseases and stand losses. Rhizone production was poor in the no potassium plots and disease problems developed in research plots. Therefore, these two problems contribute to low production without adequate potassium fertilization.

A major problem farmers have in carrying out fertilization programs is the availability of high potassium fertilizers. Some soils need 120 lbs. of K_2O or more per acre in a growing season. Without applying muriate of potash in addition to regular fertilization, it is difficult and costly to apply enough potassium. More coastal producers should consider extra applications of muriate annually or every two years. The fertilizer needs of your coastal bermuda grass soil can best be determined by regular soil testing at least every two years.

"OVER MY SHOULDER"

[By Rodney B. Kruse, Port City Stockyards Co Sealy and Brenham]

February's market went from hot to cold but ended the month warming up.

South, Central and East Texas markets found themselves in the midst of their seasonal light runs, with market receipts 5 to 10 percent less compared to last year's totals.

So far this year the overall condition of cattle has been pretty good. This year's weather has given cattle a break and has not put them through many cold, wet days.

Usually by this time of year many calves with little Brahman blood look like little "hair balls". Cows also have held up with still a sprinkling of fleshy packer cows and only a few thin, hard canner cows seen in the market channels.

Early in the month stocker-feeder prices got turned on from fed slaughter cattle prices which were making a move upward.

By the end of February good little steer calves were generally $85 to $95, some made it over $1, 300 to 400 pounds $80 to $90, heavier ones $70 to $80. Heifer calves were $65 to $70, 400 to 500 pounders $63 to $67.

Fed slaughter cattle finally saw some light at the end of the tunnel. In February fed cattle made great strides in working out from under their burdensome supply of overly fat cattle. With this numbers problem of fed cattle being whittled down it also gave the anemic carcass beef trade a gulp of fresh air.

Early in the month slaughter cow prices turned as strong as horseradish. Then late in February cows found their pace too hot to handle and prices dropped. A shrinking supply of cows had sent cow prices up weekly. Cows, however, became over priced and fell back into line.

Late in February good big cows were mostly $45 to $51, thinner cows $40 to $46.

Hog prices fluctuated weekly through Central, South and East Texas. Continuing large movements of hogs into the market channels especially flowing from the Midwest kept the nation's hog prices off balance.

Under downward pressure grain fed top hogs ended the month mainly at $41 to $44.

For February the key moves which brought much applause were packer cows and fed slaughter cattle prices making a come back.

For March with total market receipts traditionally small, cows appear to be able to hold their own. If fed cattle can stay on the same track they found in February, stocker-feeder prices can keep heading in the right direction. If fed cattle, however, derail stocker-feeder prices will be adjusted back.

Program On Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Gladys Jackson is pictured with her grandson, Lloyd, as she presents pictures and photographs of her visit to Washington, D.C. to third graders at Eagle Lake Primary School. Mrs. Jackson told about her tour of the White House and vividly described her visit to the Federal buildings. The program concluded with a question and answer session. -ELPS Photo.

Homemakers' Reflections

By Donella Pantel, County Extension Agent

Laundry Stains In Clothing

With the water quality problems in the county you may feel your laundry has more stains after washing or drying than before you started? Laundry products themselves could be the "enemies." Three "weapons" to combat laundry-product stains will make the family washday a more "peaceful" event.

Rust in the water supply can cause yellowish or brownish stains on clothing that has just been washed.

Don't use chlorine bleach – it will make the stain more intense.

Liquid Fabric Softeners

Liquid fabric softeners can stain clothes when in direct contact with fabric. Blue-colored softeners create a bluish or grayish stain. White or pink softeners cause a grease-like stain.

Sometimes these grease-like stains are mistakenly identified as grease leaking from the washer.

These stains – from fabric softeners – are not permanent.

You can remove these stains by dampening the stain first, rubbing it with bar soap and then rewashing the item.

To prevent these stains in the first place, use caution when you add a liquid fabric softener to the wash. Never pour fabric softener directly onto any fabric.

Read Manual, Labels

To protect your laundry more efficiently, check the use-and-care booklets for your laundry equipment – as well as the labels of fabric-softening products – to learn proper use procedures.

Old-Fashioned Get-Together At Columbus H.S. Sunday

In Sickness, Health Program

[By Donella R. Pantel County Extension Agent]

What does Arthritis and Hypertension have to do with residents in Colorado County? Key health experts in their field will be presenting the latest information on the health risks that both young and old need to be aware of in the county during the "In Sickness & In Health" program this Sunday, March 8. Those on the program include Bernice Richter, RN, Robert Youens, MD and Mona Farmer, with the State Arthritis Foundation. A special exhibit will be set up by a Family Living Committee on homemade aids to help arthritis patients and handicapped persons. Theo Schult of Frelsburg is making the items for the committee and will share the instructions on how to make them during the program.

The public will have an opportunity to get excellent health advice during the panel discussion when the speakers answer the audience question. After the program everyone will enjoy an Old Fashioned Family Luncheon Entertainment.

Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. March 8 at the Columbus High School Cafeteria and the program will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

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1980 New Car Sales Taxes In County, $636,523

Gross collections of sales and use taxes on new cars and trucks in Colorado County for the year ending Aug. 31 totaled $636,523.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said that the 4 percent tax levied on the sales of cars, trucks, motorcycles and mobile homes amounted to $439.4 million statewide, down $3.7 million from the previous year.

He said the decline reflected the automobile industry's woes brought about by sagging sales.

Elsewhere in this area, Austin County reported gross sales tax collections of $482,076, Fayette County $492,352, Lavaca County $433,030 and Wharton County $1,213,071.

Louie Phillips Rites Held Here Friday

Friends in the community learned with sadness of the death of Louie Phillips, 74, of Eagle Lake, prominent rancher and farmer in this community. Mr. Phillips passed away Wed., Feb. 25th at the Heritage House where he had been residing of late.

Funeral services for Mr. Phillips were held from the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27th with the Rev. J. Melburn Sibley, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating.

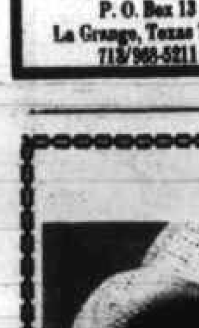
Interment followed in the Lakeside Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were: H. E. Tate, R. E. Altman, Sidney Hill, Preston Hemphill, Jim McClain and Edward Sunderman.

He was born Oct. 4, 1906 in Hankamer, Texas the son of Raymond and Martha Barrow Phillips. He resided in Hankamer for many years before coming to Eagle Lake about twenty years ago. He and Eunice Hoover were united in marriage on Sept. 26, 1958 in Hallettsville, Texas.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eunice Hoover Phillips of Eagle Lake; a daughter, Mrs. Fred Irwin of Hankamer; a brother, Elmer Phillips of Houston; two grandchildren, Guy and Lamar Irwin; and other relatives and friends.

He was active in ranching for many years prior to his retirement.

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



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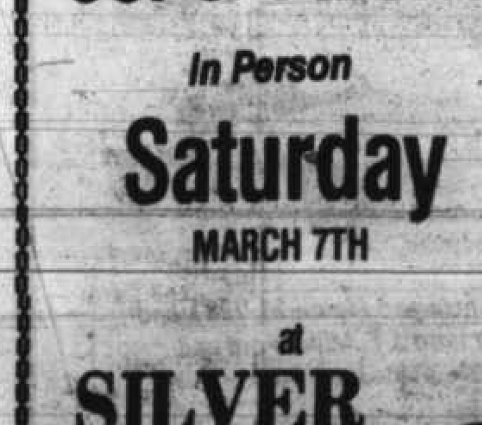

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STUDENT EDITORIALS

[Editor's Note: The following are the first of six student editorials to be published in the Headlight. The editorials were written by students in the Resources Development and Enrichment Class at Eagle Lake Middle School and subject matter is the opinion of the students and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of this paper or of the Eagle Lake Middle School].

Proud Of Eagle Lake Middle School Facilities

[By Susan Kaluza]

Eagle Lake citizens ought to be proud of the Eagle Lake Middle School, its facilities, its educational program, and its extra-curricular activities.

The Eagle Lake Middle School has just moved into a new addition with a cafetorium, a science lab, an art room, and another classroom. It's a very pretty building and the students are proud of it.

We have a great faculty. The teachers have fun teaching us and we have fun, also. Sometimes we students may think they are mean but they really are nice. The aides are always there to help you and do things for the teachers.

The Eagle Lake Middle School has a very good sports program. We have great coaches who take time to help us become better at the sports. This year we have had winning football and basketball teams. The students back them because our school has a lot of spirit. Track hasn't started for us yet, but our coach is confident we are going to have a winning team there also. To be in these sports we go through a lot of hard work and often stay after school to practice.

Students can be in lots of other activities like student council, band, U.I.L. competition, art contests, cheerleaders, pep squad and safety patrol. There is an activity for almost every interest.

Get acquainted with the Eagle Lake Middle School. Visit the school during the public school week. Go to the football and basketball games. Go to the track meets and other school programs such as band concerts.

Eagle Lake Needs To Revive Girl Scouting

[By Melissa Wilcox]

Eagle Lake has so many fine organizations for its citizens. Some of these are for adults, others are for young people. For adults, there is the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, the VFW, the VFW Auxiliary, the Heritage House Auxiliary, the Hospital Auxiliary, the Study Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and various church groups. Young people can enjoy Boy Scouts, Little League, Girls' Softball, the 4-H Club, school activities and church groups. All of these organizations are fine examples of what the citizens of Eagle Lake enjoy doing.

However, there is a vacuum in Eagle Lake that needs to be filled.

Eagle Lake had the Girl Scouts until two years ago. The troops had fine leaders and good membership. For a number of years, a few loyal people worked very hard to keep the Girl Scouts active. As the daughters of these workers and leaders outgrew scouting, the adults tried to encourage other parents to become involved. Some women tried, but not enough people were supportive. Membership declined as the girls became disinterested. The Girl Scout Association, located in Freeport, Texas deactivated the Girl Scouts in Eagle Lake because of the lack of local support.

There are still funds available in the Eagle Lake bank and in the Freeport office. This money was earned by former Scouts through cookie and rummage sales, and donated by the Consolidated Fund. Eagle Lake can have Girl Scouts again. If our community has enough interested citizens who care about Eagle Lake girls. If 20 to 30 adults go to Freeport and convince the Girl Scout Council that the Girl Scouts can be successful in Eagle Lake, the charter can be activated.

Being a Girl Scout is a fine way for a girl to make friends and enjoy worthwhile, wholesome activities such as camping, nature lore, art, first aid and leadership. Being in a scout troop can enrich a girl's life.

Caperton To Speak At Memorial Service In Columbus Sunday

Members of Booker Memorial Temple, Church of God In Christ at 815 Bonham Street in Columbus, invite citizens of the area to a memorial service to be held at 2:30 p.m. this Sunday.

The memorial address will be given by the Honorable Kent Caperton of Bryan, state senator for the 19-county Fifth District of Texas.

A number of other city, county, district and state officials are expected to be present for the service, according to the pastor the Rev. Carl Evans.

A number of outstanding musical selections will be given by individuals and groups from churches in the area.

Senate Passes Tough Nuclear Waste Bill

The State Senate has passed legislation that makes sweeping changes in the regulation of radioactive waste handling in Texas. The bill represents a complete overhaul of existing nuclear waste regulations that have been found to be inadequate and too weak to protect the public in the vicinity of proposed waste sites. The Senate approved the bill 30-0.

"We have taken a giant step forward today in moving to avert the radioactive waste crisis in Texas," said Senator Kent Caperton of Bryan, co-author of the legislation.

The Bill by Senator John Traeger of Seguin contains numerous health safeguards, provides for greater citizen input in the regulatory process, and requires stronger regulation of low-level nuclear waste sites by the Texas Department of Health.

Garden Club Takes Plates To Shut-Ins

The Eagle Lake Garden Club members met in the home of the president, Mrs. Glen Sunderman, on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 25th.

A brief business meeting was held following which lovely plates were assembled from food brought by the members. These were taken to some of the less active citizens of the community as tokens of love and appreciation.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be with Mrs. Earl Carter and Mrs. George Longmire in Bonus on March 26th. "Readiness for Spring Gardening" will be discussed. - Reported.

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Low Rollers, Grigar & Szymanski, Untermeyer Top Women Bowlers

The Colorado County Women's Bowling Association held its annual city tournament at Skull Creek Lanes in Altair last weekend and when the final pin went down, the Low Rollers captured first place in team competition; Melody Grigar and Mary Lou Szymanski won doubles; Louise Untermeyer captured the singles title; and Melva Quinney won scratch all-events and Chris Labay handicap all-events.

The Low Rollers posted a 3049 to capture the team title. Members of the team included Beverly Krenek, Kim Cranek, Sandy Schneider, Penny Henske and Connie Cranek. Other team winners were: Glenda's Girls with 3009, Glenda Moore, Jeanette Mature, Inez Matura, Elizabeth Reynolds and Darlene Holden; third, Confused Five, 2965, Alma Davidson, Polly Sens, Jane Booker, LaVerne Graham and Ernie Sommerlatte; fourth, Goetz Services, 2960, Jackie Goetz, Ellie Rothbauer, Shirley Grisham, LaVerne Graham and Shirley Rothbauer; fifth, High Rollers, 2949, Patsy Johnson, Cissy Sims, Patti Waldrep, Melva Quinney, Mona Gatliff; sixth, Strike Outs, 2942, Dale Jessup, Trudi Obenhaus, Carolyn Baird, Nancy Calhoun and Wanda Henry.

Melody Grigar and Mary Lou Szymanski rolled a 1263 total for first in doubles. Other doubles winners were: Chris Labay and Elisa Gertson 1256, Laverne Criswell and Opal Varley 1250, Trudi Obenhaus and Carolyn Baird 1233, Penny Henske and Carol Drlik 1229, Patsy Johnson and Ordell Powell 1225, Joyce Rucker and Jody Novosad 1200, Kay Clipson and Carol Allen 1198, Mary Till and Janet Botard 1195.

Louise Untermeyer rolled a 661 for the singles title. Following winners were: Chris Labay 653, Mary Gertson 648, Jody Novosad 646, Mary Till 645, Opal Varley 644, Agnes Jones 638, Shirley Rothbauer 632, Mary Obenhaus 631, Jeanette Mature 626, Carolyn Baird 622, Nancy Calhoun 621 and Jane Booker and Virginia Varley tied for 13th with 620 each.

In scratch all-events, Melva Quinney took first with a 1547, Virginia Waldrop had a 1526, Mary Obenhaus 1484 and Suzanne Peikert 1444. In handicap all-events, Chris Labay won first with 1907, Opal Varley had 1863, Trudi Obenhaus 1859 and Melva Quinney 1847.

Ernie Sommerlatte, secretary for the association extended thanks to all who bowled in the city tournament, to scorekeepers and others who helped to make the event such a big success. She added "Congratulations to all of the winners."

Sunshine Class Has Meeting

The Sunshine Class of the United Methodist Church met in the home of Jonie Mae Muzny with six members answering roll call with a favorite Bible verse, Thursday.

Tommie Neiswender led the study, with the chapter titled, "Blessed Are The Flowers."

Ophelia Raabe gave the devotional and presided at the business meeting that followed. Members present voted to give a donation to the church in memory of Mrs. Buster (Elizabeth) Brisbois, who was a faithful member of the Class for many years when the family lived in Eagle Lake.

The hostess served cheese and tuna sandwiches, cake, chips and coffee. Elsie Beane will be hostess in March. - Reported.

KC's To Stage St. Patrick's Day Dance Mar. 14

Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus will stage its annual St. Patrick's Day Dance at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, March 14th.

Country Playboys will provide music for the event. Admission will be $10 per couple and free beer and set-ups will be provided.

Last Rites For Frank Becak Feb. 26

Died Of Heart Attack Enroute To RHS Cage Game Tuesday

Frank Joseph Becak, Sr., 54, a lifelong resident of the Garwood community, passed away in the Poly Ryon Hospital in Richmond at around 11 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24th after suffering a heart attack while en route to Houston to watch his daughter, Mary Ann Becak, a member of the Rice High School Raiders girls' basketball team, compete in a bi-district basketball game.

He was taken to the Richmond hospital in critical condition and he died a few hours later bringing great sadness to his relatives and friends in the area.

Mr. Becak worked for a number of years with the Lehrer Enterprises before retiring.

Funeral services were held for Mr. Becak at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26th, 1981 with Monsignor Victor Schmidtzinsky officiating. Interment followed in St. Mary's Cemetery with Triska's Funeral Home of El Campo in charge of arrangements.

Serving as pallbearers were: Frank Kasmiersky, Jr., Hugo Bubela, Charles Bubela, Jr., Harry and Howard Lobpries and Michael Waligura.

A parish rosary was recited at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Church.

Mr. Becak was born Nov. 26, 1926 in Garwood the son of the late Joseph Becak and Julia Bubela Becak of El Campo.

He was a veteran of World War II, a member of the DAV, VFW and KJT Society and was also an honorary member of the Rice High School Future Farmers of America Chapter.

He always showed great interests in the youth and their activities and was a loyal supporter of all high school FFA and sports activities.

He and Miss Charlene Melton were united in marriage on Jan. 1, 1952 in a ceremony in St. Mary's Church in Nada.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Julia B. Becak of El Campo; his wife, Mrs. Charlene Becak of Garwood; two daughters, Miss Theresa Becak and Miss Mary Ann Becak, both of Garwood; a son, Frank Becak, Jr. of Garwood; two sisters, Miss Lucille Koenig of Alvin and Mrs. Mary Mahon of Houston; and other relatives and friends.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family in their loss of this loved one.

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Local KC's Host Law Enforcement Night

Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 4843, sponsored a "Wild Game" supper on February 16th and invited to the third annual Law Enforcement Night were members of the sheriff's department, the local police department as well as Department of Public Safety officers and game wardens of the Colorado County area. Also included among the invited guests were members of the Eagle Lake Fire Department and the Colorado County Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corps as well as County Judge Lester J. Cranek and other judges of the area. The event was held in the Knights of Columbus hall.

Over 100 people enjoyed a meal of deer steaks, chili, fried rabbit and beef barbecue with other trimmings cooked by the Knights of Columbus members.

Special Award

A special award presentation was made by Grand Knight Chuck Stephens to Tommy Pilkington in appreciation for the numerous times he has helped the members. Mr. Pilkington, though not a member of the council, has given his support to the council on a number of occasions and as a token of their gratitude the council members presented him with a plaque and a gift.

Those attending the Law Enforcement Night registered for a number of door prizes which were given during the evening to the enjoyment of all attending.

Connie's To Offer Craft Classes

Registrations are now being taken at Connie's Crafts & Gifts in Eagle Lake for macramé classes and needlepoint classes.

Classes will be held Monday through Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. starting the first week in April and ending the last week in June, says Connie Herman, owner.

Childbirth Preparation Course Slated

The Childbirth Education Association of El Campo announces the formation of a series of classes designed to meet the needs of expectant couples who have previously attended a childbirth preparation course. The four class sessions will include labor and delivery, relaxation, breathing techniques and mild body toning exercises.

Class sessions are scheduled to begin March 10, May 5, and June 30. For further information contact Cheryl Raun (543-4382) or Susan Ray (543-2385).

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