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City Pays

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Johnson homes were added to the tax rolls this year, hence he recommended the payment of the $3200 refund to the developers. The city and the Ridgelea developers have a contract for such refunding program through the year of 1984.

Trendmark Contract

The council also discussed a similar contract with the Trendmark Developers who plan to construct homes on Hubbard-Ferry Road near the Kevin Court Apartments.

The contract proposed by Klockman allowed the developers to accumulate houses not completed to the later years of the five year contract. However, Roy Dean Van Nort, chairman of a committee appointed earlier by Mayor Elmer Struss, said that it was his opinion that the contract should call for annual refunds for a maximum of five homes, totalling $17,500, each year over the five-year term of the contract without cumulative rights. This, said Van Nort, would assure the city that the homes would be constructed and placed on the city's tax rolls as early as possible without accumulating until the near the end of the contract. Either way the total amount of the refund would amount to $87,500. The refund would be made to the developers for installation of streets and utilities in the subdivision. Work on the subdivision is expected to get underway soon.

Mayor Struss asked the committee, including Van Nort, councilman Ralph Truly and city manager Klockman, to review the contract again and to come up with a recommendation at the Mar. 24th meeting.

Bids Unopened

The council had called for bids for the installation of a six-inch water line to a proposed development of seven lots on Laughlin Road by Dr. J. C. Laughlin. However, certain developments in the proposed addition caused the council to return the two bids received by the council for laying the water line unopened. The matter will be up for consideration again at a later meeting when the status of the development is clarified.

Mayor Struss pointed out that the council chose to add a six-inch water line to the area, rather than a four-inch line, in order to improve fire protection in the area as well as to provide water to the proposed new homes.

The city manager reported that conferences had been held with officials of the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development relative to a community block grant application and information if the latest application for $850,000 for improvements in the Rice Mill area will be approved or not should be forthcoming around March 20th.

The city manager was asked to conduct a survey of parking meter fines imposed by other cities in the area, with the possibility that the council might increase the current fine of 25c for violation of the parking meter ordinance to a larger fine.

Councilman Gene Baker has been a proponent of increasing the fines in order to prevent "all-day" parking in parking meter spaces by some businessmen and employees. He also commented that he would like the council to consider a possible "day of grace" on Saturdays with no fines on that day.

Rural Fire Fighting Aid

The city manager and Alvin W. Kohleffel reported on a recent meeting with the Wharton County Fire District, along with Fire Chief L. J. Spanihel, Captain Thurston Webb and Councilman Ralph Truly, to seek assistance from the district for fighting rural fires in Wharton County.

It was noted that the Eagle Lake department answered 27 calls to Wharton County fires during the past year. The fire district has taxing authority and it is hoped that the local department can receive some kind of monetary assistance for the fires in Wharton County.

The district is looking into the legality of making such payments, if it should decide to do so.

Money Orders

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was made out in the amount of $200.00.

Booker was arrested Monday night and charged with theft by the sheriff's department. During the interrogation, Booker stated that he had found the money orders on a bus in Houston. He said he contacted Evans and she agreed to cash the money orders for him in this area. He stated that he gave her $800 as her share for cashing them. Booker made restitution of $1800 and Evans made restitution of $800 which was returned to the three banks and store for the bogus money orders.

Evans is out of jail under a $5,000 bond and Booker was still in the county jail Tuesday in lieu of a $5,000 bond.

The sheriff's department says the case will be presented to the next grand jury for its consideration.

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Many Join Sam Davidsons On 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Davidson were the honorees at the memorable occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Sunday, March 15 from two o'clock to five o'clock in the afternoon at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Hosting the reception were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte and Debbie and Keith.

The white laid refreshment table held the swag confectionery trimmed wedding cake, the punch and silver coffee services and was centered with a pretty floral arrangement of roses and daisies. Refreshments of wedding cake, cookies, mints, punch and coffee were served. Mrs. Bob Cook, Jr., Mrs. Richard Allen, Mrs. Debbie Mascheck and Mrs. Gayle Thomas served the cake and punch.

The beautiful white two-tiered wedding cake, topped with a gold encircled 50, had a snow white dove perched within the white columns that supported the upper tier.

Approximately two hundred friends and relatives were present to congratulate the couple and extend best wishes. Cities represented were Bulverde, Houston, Columbus, New Braunfels, Bay City, Brenham, Sugar Land, El Campo, Wallis, Galena Park and Eagle Lake.

All of the sisters of Mrs. Davidson were in attendance. They are: Mrs. Elmo Sens of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Bruce Ledbetter of Brenham, Mrs. Elsie Tubbs of Houston and Mrs. Louis Tallas of Bay City.

Mr. Davidson's brother and sisters attending were E. E. Davidson of Houston, Mrs. Dora Larsen and Mrs. Jessie Arnett, both of Eagle Lake.

Alma and Sam as they are fondly known were married March 15, 1931 in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Miller in Lissie, Texas. They recall it rained four inches that day.

Mr. Davidson was employed for a number of years with the Gulf Distributing Agent, S. S. Sinclair, before going into rice farming in 1942. He retired in 1973.

The Davidsons have one daughter, Mrs. Lonnie (Ernie) Sommerlatte; son-in-law, Lonnie Sommerlatte; and two grandchildren, Debbie Mascheck and Keith Sommerlatte.

"We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, gifts and cards sent to us on the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary and to all those attending our reception. You made the anniversary a very special and wonderful occasion" said the honorees.

MARKET REPORT

Columbus Livestock Co.

The market was fully steady on all classes of cattle at the sale at Columbus Livestock Co. last Thursday. The firm had a light run of cattle but lots of buyers. Packer cows and bulls sold stronger with extremely good demand for a light supply. Stocker cattle were stronger, just as they have been in recent weeks.

The firm handled 341 head of cattle and 35 hogs. Good to choice butcher calves and yearlings sold 62 to 65, heiferetti packer cows went 50 to 60, and commercial packer bulls 55 to 62.

Heavy Hereford and Angus and crossbred steer calves sold 65 to 80 and heifers 60 to 70. Stocker cows and heifers sold $400 to $500.

No. 1 hogs brought 40-41½ and lambs 50 to 60.

Car Fails To Stop At 1093-3013 Int., Hits Post

A local man was charged with driving without a driver's license and with failure to stop for a stop sign when he 1970 Buick which he was driving failed to stop as it approached the FM 1093-FM3013 intersection on the eastern edge of the city at 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

Investigating officer Patrolman Gil Steen investigated the accident and filed the charges. He reported the vehicle skidded about 20 feet at the intersection, went across 3013 and ripped out a highway sign.

Edward Lopez posted a $38.50 bond on the two charges and was released.

BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

• Gene Beth, local photographer, has been doing some extensive renovations to the second floor of the Stiles building (over Emily's Realty and Briggs Construction) for formal opening soon of The Portrait Place. Beth will be doing photography and portraits of all kinds. He invites you to watch for the grand opening coming up soon.

The Headlight appreciates the fact that Gene does some "rush work" for us on occasion and the latest is the development of film taken by Larry Bowen at the Region III Championship Tournament.

• Friends in the community will be glad to hear that Eagle Lake Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner, wife Donna, and two and one-half year old daughter Rhonda are residing in Eagle Lake in the former J. O. Walker home at 416 State Street.

• John Waddell of Houston decorated the window of the Gifts of Distinction in downtown Eagle Lake in the Easter theme for his mother, Mrs. Raymond (Elizabeth) Waddell, owner of the store.

• Tip of the hat this week to the Rice High School Raiders boys' basketball team which will be competing in the State Class AAA basketball tournament in the Super Drum in Austin at 2 p.m. Thursday. Rice School District schools will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. Thursday so that all may have an opportunity to attend the state semi-final contest. As Supt. Harold King commented Tuesday morning, this is a once in a lifetime experience for many schools and their students but added that Rice's outstanding basketball program has produced four entries in the state competition in the past decade. This is the third time for the boys while the girls reached the state meet once.

• Sherman Tryon of Boling was in Tuesday morning to bring by applications for the Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition twirling contest to be held at the Wharton County Youth fairgrounds April 25th. Parents of young twirlers, from primary to senior divisions, interested in entering their twirlers in the contest may obtain entry forms at the Headlight office. Deadline for entry is March 27th. Mrs. Tryon is on the committee making plans for the twirling competition expanded this year to include children outside of Wharton County as well as in Wharton County.

Home Park

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especially in light of the fact that there are still some citizens near the area (on Prairie Street) that still are not serviced by city utilities," said the mayor.

After discussion of the proposal, Mayor Struss asked City Manager Bob Klockman to look into possible costs for extending water and sewer services to the area. He pointed out that the council will have to begin looking to the future and the area on the eastern edge of the city appears the most likely area for future growth of the city.

One of the big bottlenecks pointed out by the city manager is the need for an additional sewer lift station since one in the area is already overtaxed. He estimated extensions to the proposed Anderson development could cost $20,000 to $30,000. Mayor Struss noted, "we just do not have funds available at this time for such an expenditure."

The matter is expected to be up for further discussion when the city manager completes his preliminary study of the costs of extensions to eastern part of the city, including adding service to those on Prairie Street not already serviced with sewer service.

On the subject of sewers, Mayor Struss urged the city manager to continue efforts to correct a situation on West Main where some residents on the end of West Main, who are not in the city, have sewer facilities which are overflowing into ditches that carry the sewage into the city limits.

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WHATTA WEEK FOR RICE HIGH SCHOOL!!

Raider Boys Capture State AAA Cage Title

Beat Perryton, Powderly N. Lamar For First Ever RHS State Title

Climax to a truly memorable week of activity at Rice Consolidated High School came shortly after noon last Saturday when Raider boys' basketball team won the State Class AAA Basketball Championship, a "first ever for Rice High School."

The Raiders went into the state tournament as underdogs but turned in sparkling performances in games with Perryton Thursday afternoon and Powderly North Lamar Saturday morning to prove that "the third time really is a charm."

Coach Jack Grammer's Raiders had gone to the State Tournament in 1975 and again in 1979 only to be turned away, but not so this time. The Raiders upset the top-ranked team in the tournament, Perryton, 58 to 54; and then took command of the game early and went on to capture the state title with an exciting 56-52 win over Powderly North Lamar. Powderly reached the finals with a win over Van Vleck.

For complete details with pictures, see pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

A large following of Raider fans accompanied the team to both games and those unable to make the trip to Austin enjoyed listening to both contests on KULM-FM in Columbus.

The state title by the Raider cagers ended a week of "super activity" for Rice High School students since the Rice Raider Band won the coveted "Sweepstakes Award" with Division Ones in Concert and Sight Reading last Wednesday, coupled with their Division One in marching earlier.

It was a week that will be long remembered in the annals of Rice High School and citizens throughout the district are beaming with pride in the accomplishments of the Raider cagers and the Raider bandsmen. Whatta week for Rice High School!!

Raiders ARE NO. 1

Rice Raider Band Wins "Sweepstakes" Again

Earns Straight Ones In Concert, Sight Reading Last Wed.

For the second year in a row, the Mighty Rice High School Raider Band earned the coveted University Interscholastic League's Sweepstakes Award and Director Floyd Spenrath and members of the band are justly proud of their musicianship and their award.

To receive the Sweepstakes Award, the band must take part in three major U.I.L.-sponsored band contest. The required contests are marching, concert and sightreading. A panel of three judges rates the performance of the band based on excellence of performance. The 1980-81 Raider Band earlier this school year (on Nov. 4, 1980) earned a first division for their marching program.

Earn Straight Ones

Last Wednesday, March 18th, 1981, the Raider Band went to Industrial High School to see if they could repeat the Sweepstakes performance of the 1979-80 band. For the Concert Contest the band prepared the following program: "Flores Espana" by Chovi, arranged by Edmondson; "Slavonic Folk Suite" by Alfred Reed; and "Devonshire Overture" by James Plolyhar. Each of the concert judges rated the band's concert program First Division.

The band then went to the Sight Reading Room for the final phase of the competition. The Sight Reading contest is a test of the band members' ability to play music the first time they see the music, explained director Spenrath. The band is given eight minutes to get ready to perform. The piece of music is especially picked for this contest. The band before performance is limited to oral instructions by the director. The band members may not practice their parts.

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Police Investigating 3 Burglaries Here

Eagle Lake Police Department was busy this week investigating three burglaries.

Verlin Argo, in charge of bus maintenance for the Rice School District, reported to Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner last Friday that the school bus garage at 105 Third Street had been entered sometime during the night of Mar. 18th and 19th.

Investigation showed that entry was gained by knocking out a window on the east side of the building. Missing were three transmission coolers-two valued by Argo at $24.15 and one at $39.05 each and a 12 volt battery valued at $50.

Officers found shoe prints at the scene and are continuing investigation of this entry.

Friday, the police department received a call from Lake Crest Flower Shop, owned by the H. E. Burgers, that some time during the night of Mar. 19-20 someone stole two small chrome wheels and two 14" tires off of a small trailer parked behind the flower shop's warehouse. Concrete blocks were used to lift the trailer and remove the wheels and tires, valued at $200.

Local police believe the bus garage and flower shop thefts may have been done by the same person or persons and are continuing investigation.

Big Haul At Cantu's

Burglars made a big haul of parts and equipment at Cantu's Trucking and Trailer Repair located on FM 1093 in the city limits some time Friday night or early Saturday morning.

Owner Fred Cantu reported the burglary to Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner Saturday. Sgt. Lupe Villarreal assisted in the investigation.

The officers believe the burglar used a pointed object to open a door lock on the east side of the building. Also evidence points to the fact that large sliding doors on the east side were lifted for

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Loses Two Fingers

Cal Gertson is in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital following an unfortunate accident while building pens for his turkeys. A saw accidently slipped cutting off two of his fingers and the top of the thumb on his left hand Monday shortly after lunch.

Friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Fred Broesches Purchase Jack's Restaurant

To Open Business As Broesche's April 1st

Fred (Butch) and Charlotte Broesche have purchased Jack's Restaurant and Coffee Shop at 201 Boothe Drive (next to Sportsman's Motel) and will open the business as Broesche's next Wednesday, April 1st. The Broesches purchased the restaurant from Jack and Erline Listowski who have operated the business here since 1973. The Listowskis have no plans to announce at this time.

The Listowskis will continue operation of the restaurant until 1 p.m. Sun. at which time the restaurant will close until it reopens under the new owners at 5:30 a.m. Wed., April 1.

The new owners plan to specialize in steaks and barbecue and all kinds of delicious home-cooked foods.

They plan to follow the same schedule as in the past, opening at 5:30 a.m. and closing at 9:00 p.m. Monday

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First National Bank Opens 4-Lane Drive-In Area

Bill Harrison, Jr., president of the First National Bank of Eagle Lake, announces this week that the bank's new four-lane drive-in facility is now open and ready to serve you.

Work on the remainder of the renovations program at First National Bank continues.

"But meanwhile, we invite you to use the convenience of our new four-lane drive-in banking facility," added the bank president.

Dr. Ugarte Elected Chief Of Hospital Medical Staff

Officials at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital announced that the hospital's Medical Staff, at its regular year-end meeting, elected officers for the 1981-82 Medical Staff year.

Elected to lead the Medical Staff's activities as Chief of the Medical Staff is Jose Ugarte, M.D. Dr. Ugarte is a native of Cuba who obtained his pre-medical education in Massachusetts, Venezuela and Spain. He graduated from the University of Santiago, Spain. His post-graduate education includes a year of emergency room rotation as a Staff Physician at Mercy Hospital in Orlando, Florida. His next two years included serving as a Staff Physician at the Hospital for the Mentally Retarded in Georgetown, Delaware. Prior to moving to Southeast Texas, he completed a one year Internal Medical residency at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania where he served as Chief

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Dr. Jose M. Ugarte

Willard W. Shuart

Hospital Bd. Elects Shuart As President

Eagle Lake Community Hospital's Board of Directors at its annual year-end meeting this month elected officers for 1981-1982 business year.

Elected as President of the Board was Willard W. Shuart, L.L.B., of Eagle Lake; William N. Lehrer of Garwood was elected Vice-President; Bob Ashby of Eagle Lake, Secretary; and Charles Stephens of Eagle Lake, Treasurer.

Also appointed were: William H. Harrison, Sr., of Eagle Lake as Chairman of the Executive Committee; Eunice Franks, Publicity Chairman; Wayne Corman, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee; and Steve Balas, R.Ph., Chairman of Education and Quality Assurance Committee. Anthony Kallina of Garwood was appointed Member-at-large to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Shuart is a longtime resident of Eagle Lake and former Colorado County Judge. Shuart maintains law offices as the Senior Partner of the Shuart and Bendy law firm in Eagle Lake. Shuart, for the past four months, has served as Vice-President and Acting President of the Board of Directors upon the retirement of Jim Clipson, Sr. as President last October.

Mr. Lehrer is President of

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Sororities Choose Mrs. Wintermann "Lady Of Year"

Members of Xi Pi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi Sororities of Beta Sigma Phi in Eagle Lake have chosen Mrs. David R. (Eula Gosa) Wintermann as "Lady Of The Year" for 1981. She will be honored at a Tea to be held Saturday, Mar. 28th at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Steve (Linda) Balas.

Eula Goss Wintermann is

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Eula Goss Wintermann

Pilot Seriously Burned When 2 Aircraft Collide

Pilots of two Grumman Ag-Cat agricultural aircraft miraculously escaped death, although one was critically burned, when planes they were flying collided in mid-air south of Lissie at around 1:45 p.m. Saturday.

Joe Henderson and Allen Driskill, both of Brownwood and both experienced agricultural pilots, were flying the two planes from the Lissie Flying Service, Inc., owned by Dan Gertson, doing fertilizing on a field being farmed by Tommy Arlt. The plane piloted by Henderson was making a pass across the field and the other piloted by Driskill was taking off. The pilots did not see each other's planes until too late and Henderson's landing gear hit the top wing of Driskill's plane, ripping open a gas tank on the Driskill plane. Ironically, the plane piloted by Driskill did not burn but when Henderson's plane crashed to the ground in the plowed field, a fire erupted. Meanwhile Driskill also crashed some fifty yards away.

Gertson said that Henderson managed to get out of the burning plane but his clothing was afire and cleared the plane before the gas tank exploded. He managed to roll on the ground and get the fire out in his clothing.

The accident occurred at a low level of flight as is customary in this type of agricultural flying. Gertson added that both planes were a "total loss."

Driskill escaped with a cut

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Blood Drive Wed. For Injured Pilot

Citizens of the area are being called on once again to give generous support in donating blood to aid Joe Henderson, a pilot of Lissie Flying Service, Inc., who was seriously injured in a two-plane crash near Lissie Saturday. Henderson is in the Hermann Hospital and will need lots of blood before his long period of recuperation is over, says Dan Gertson, owner of Lissie Flying Service.

Arrangements have been made to have a unit from the Blood Bank in Houston here on Wed., April 1st to take blood from donors for this worthy cause. At least twenty-five donors will be needed.

If you are interested in supporting this project by giving "life-saving" blood, please call 234-2364 (the Dan Gertson home) to reserve a time period.

The blood bank mobile unit will be located at the Eagle Lake Community Center next Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

RHS Auto Mechanics Take Eleven First Places In VICA Dist. Meet

On Saturday, March 7, eleven of the twelve Auto Mechanics students who went to the VICA District contest received first places which makes them eligible to go to the State contest in Dallas on April 2-4.

Students who received first place and their projects were, left to right: Justino Moreno, a starter; Albert Delgado, four speed standard transmission; David Staff, starter; Ruben Leal, starter; Johnny Cooper, engine; Victor Reyes, starter; Adrian Montemayer, carburetor; Jose Medina, carburetor; David Sosa, cylinder head; Randy Soto, cylinder head; and Michael Falchinger, master cylinder.

Winning eleven first places out of twelve entries is the reward that these students earned by working very hard under the excellent supervision of Auto Mechanics Instructor Sidney Frey. Congratulations winners and good luck at State. -By Alicia Gonzales, Rice High School Raider Review story and photo.

★ Congratulations To Our Raiders !! ★