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IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS

Meth. Women's Luncheon
Next Tuesday

The Second Annual Ladies Luncheon of The United Methodist Church will be held Tuesday, April 7, in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church.

A special program, preceding the luncheon in the church sanctuary, is planned by the ladies at 10:30 a.m.

Singer Betty Chandler will present her program of "Something Beautiful." She is a versatile entertainer from Woodlands, Texas, and has soft spoken words of her life testimony with vibrant musical numbers. Mrs. Chandler has performed before night club, radio and television audiences as well as in Carnegie Hall. She has toured with Horace Heidt making U.S.O. appearances during the Korean War.

Her desire in speaking and singing, no matter how large the audience, is to share how the Lord Jesus Christ can take a life broken by the world and change it into "Something Beautiful." She is not just a singer but a frequent speaker at civic and social clubs, conferences, churches and special events.

"Betty's motivation in public and private appearances is to share God's love and forgiveness with anyone who needs to hear," says the Methodist women.

★ **Rice JV, Jr. High Track Meet Apr. 11th**

Rice High School will host its annual track meet for junior varsity and junior high school teams Sat., April 11th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Raider track in Alder.

Field events will get underway at that time with all events scheduled to conclude at noon. After a one hour break the preliminary running events will get underway and will continue until 5:00 p.m.

At the conclusion of the preliminary events, all competitors will move to Eagle Lake where the finals are scheduled to be held at the Eagle Lake Middle School track at 6:30 p.m.

Both boys and girls will be competing in the junior high school division with boys competing in the junior varsity level, announced meet director Clifton Darden.

Darden invites all track fans to plan to attend the meet at both locations to support their favorite team in the competition. He added that cold drinks and food will be available at both the High School and the Middle School for the spectators' convenience. "We have some excellent athletes competing in this year's event," said Darden, who is hoping to add a variety division next year. "We hope the fans will come to not only enjoy the competition but to show their support of the Raider athletic program."

★ **Rice FHA To Hold Skating Party Tues.**

The Rice High School Future Homemakers have arranged for a skating party as part of the celebration of Texas FHA/HERO Week and the 35th anniversary of this national organization of young people.

Rice students and employees, their families and friends are invited to share in an evening of fun at Silver Wings in El Campo on Tuesday, April 7, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. It is not necessary to be an expert skater to have a good time.

A charge of \$2.50 per person will be collected at the door.

K.C.'s To Sell BBQ Chickens This Sunday

The Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus will sell barbecued chickens this Sunday (and every first Sunday of the month). You must reserve your orders in advance by calling Andrew Harbich at 234-5524 during the day or Chuck Stephens at 234-5340 at night. Orders must be placed by 12 noon the Saturday before each first Sunday of the month.

The chickens will be sold for \$3.00 for a whole chicken and \$1.75 for a half chicken. Field help will be given at the K.C. Hall on Pendleton Street.

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Michele Sibley Essay Wins

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the sponsoring teacher of the winners in each division, \$200 to sponsor of the first prize winners, \$100 to sponsor of second; and \$50 to sponsor of third. Winners will be announced on May 20, 1981.

Local Judges for the 33rd Masonic District which includes Eagle Lake, Columbus, La Grange, Weimar, Schulenburg, Flatonia and Fayetteville, were Victor Scott of Eagle Lake, Miss Elizabeth Burtis of Columbus and Ty Yates Holman of Weimar.

Michele, daughter of The Rev. and Mrs. J. Melburn Sibley, is a senior at Rice High School and plans to attend Baylor University this fall.

During her high school career she was drum major of the Raider Band in her senior year, ran the mile in track, belonged to the Health Club, F.T.A., Business Club, and JETS.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and in 1979 won the state typing contest. She has been in the regional band for three years and is also a member of the Texas Baptist All-State Choir.

Mr. Adkins said, "The members of the Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge are very proud to have a student from Rice High School to be selected as one of the four district winners and to compete for the top prize of a \$3,000 scholarship."

Other district winners included: in the boys division, Sam Klein of Grand High School and Ty Frause of Columbus High School; and also in the girls division: Susan Smith of La Grange High School.

Awards for the contest were made possible by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Texas, a non-profit foundation, which expends monies primarily in the form of higher education scholarship grants to deserving youth in Texas.

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BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

Citizens throughout the community, state and nation were appalled by the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan in Washington, D.C. Monday afternoon. It is hard to believe that anyone in his right mind could commit such an act.

The attempted assassination points out the fact that this nation needs to move toward punishment, not leniency, by the courts of our land against any persons involved in similar acts of crime.

Fortunately President Reagan reportedly is doing fine and is expected to recover from the gunshot which entered his left side and exited from his right side. But White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy J. McCarthy and Washington policeman Thomas K. Delahanty did not fare as well.

Citizens of the community join in prayers for the continued recovery to good health of the President and also of the three others injured in the attempted assassination.

Loose Part Of Finger • Friends are glad to hear that Alvin F. (Hootie) Wiese is doing nicely following an accident Tuesday last week when the end of his index finger on the right hand was cut off by a chain while connecting a drill to rice planting equipment. The weight of the machinery shifted causing the injury. He spent Tuesday through Thursday in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

It was learned that upon his release from the hospital, Hootie went back on the job in his rice field.

• Bill and Betty Fink are celebrating their 10th anniversary as operators of Fink's Variety Store and are offering a 10% discount on everything in their store for 10 days only.

• Rand Grieves has been dismissed from the hospital convalescing with a badly smashed index finger on his left hand. The accident occurred when hooking up a rice drill on the Harold Thomas farm recently. Efforts are being made to save the finger.

• Another in a series of finger injuries occurred recently when Caudell Haynes received a badly injured finger in another farm machinery accident. Complete details on the accident were not available.

• You can help to choose some of our important local leaders by voting in the City of Eagle Lake and Rice School District elections this Saturday.

Voters in the Rice CISD board election are asked to note that the election will be held in the conference room of the Wintermann Library (corner on Main Street side) and not the Community Center, since the Center was previously booked for another event. Vote in the city election in the Municipal Building on the downtown city square.

• Rice School District students continue to post exceptional performances this year as evidenced by the number of Regional Science Fair winners in El Campo last week. See page 18 of this issue for information on the Regional Science Fair winners.

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Eagle Lake Headlight

Truck Driver Pinned In This Wreckage



In the center of this mass of wreckage is the cab of a truck tractor in which driver David S. Soto, 34, an employee of Eagle Lake Concrete Products, was trapped for over an hour and a half last Saturday morning before being freed from a heart attack in a Houston hospital. Shown are only a few of the many volunteer workers who worked frantically, but efficiently, to free Soto. The photo shows the trailer of one of the two trucks involved in the accident after it was lifted with the use of heavy equipment brought to the scene. A few minutes after this photo was taken, the workers managed to remove a door to the truck and lifted Soto, injured but conscious, from the truck cab.

Suspect Sought In Theft Of Ashby Co. Checks

Charges of forgery have been filed against an Eagle Lake man for passing at least four checks stolen from Ashby Oil Company at a local business and one in Columbus, but up to noon Tuesday, the man still had not been arrested.

Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner reported that Bob Ashby, owner of the Ashby Oil Co. reported the theft of a number of checks from a checkbook in his office. The exact number of checks taken was not certain.

On March 29th, one of the checks with the name of Bob Ashby forged on the check and the check made out in the amount of \$202.24 to Phil Cheever, was returned to the Wilcox Minimex. Chief Winebrenner said that two checks, one for \$321.14 and another for \$262.22, had been cashed at Brookshire Bros. in Columbus, bearing Cheever's name and with the name of Ashby forged on the signature lines.

A fourth check, made out to Wilcox Minimex was caught by the bank before the check was cashed.

The police chief said that a former employee of the firm, who resigned on Wednesday last week and purchased a bus ticket to leave the city, is being sought as a prime suspect in the forgery cases.

Officers hope to make an arrest in the cases before the end of the week.

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2 DIE, 4 HURT IN TWO WRECKES SAT.

2 Accidents Occur Almost Simultaneously, Five Vehicles

David Soto Pinned In Truck Wreckage For Over 1 1/2 Hours

Two tragic accidents occurred on U. S. Highway 90A west of Eagle Lake, less than four miles apart, in the span of seven minutes last Saturday morning. April 4th, claiming the lives of two Eagle Lake men and sending four other persons to hospitals with serious critical injuries.

The first of the two occurred at 7:38 a.m. and involved the head-on collision of two large trucks and a tractor and gravel hauling rig on a curve of a mile west of the city limits. Eagle Lake Ambulance Corpsmen, Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen and many other volunteers worked hard for over an hour and a half before freeing David Soto, 34, of Eagle Lake from the cab of his truck which was virtually buried below his trailer and the truck and trailer of another rig. Soto appeared to be in stable condition when finally freed from the wreckage and he was rushed to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital and later to Rosewood Hospital in Houston where he died of what is believed to be a heart attack, brought on by his grueling and painful experience, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Driver of the other rig, Rosendo Salinas, Jr. of Houston escaped with a dislocated shoulder and spent several days in the hospital here.

A third vehicle involved in the collision was behind the Blazer and struck the truck and spun around