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Plight Of Agriculture Discussed At Rotary

State's Growth Reduces Farm Production Acres, Says LICO President

Dan A. Thornton, president of Lakeside Irrigation Co., Inc., presented an interesting program at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club last week when he discussed the effect of agricultural income on this area, state and nation and the plight of the farmer due to the rising costs of operation.

Thornton, a member of the club, presented the program for Helmer Seaholm, program chairman for the day.

Special guests of the club for the luncheon last Wednesday were members of the State Class AAA Champion Rice Raiders basketball team, coaches and manager. Coach Jack Grammer introduced assistant coach Gil Stalbaum and members of the team and their selection to all-district, all-region, and all-state teams and other honors won by the players.

Thornton noted in his opening remarks that "bigger is not always better" pointing out that urban growth and highway construction are usurping many acres of valuable farming lands.

He told the Rotarians and guests that the economy of Texas gets a $33.7 billion boost annually from the sale of agricultural products and added that agriculture is one of the few segments consistently increasing its productivity.

Thornton noted that for the construction of each mile of interstate highways, many acres of land, many of which are productive farming lands, are taken out of production. He estimated that a total of 1.8 million acres of Texas land has been taken over by the interstate highway systems in Texas.

Developers Hop-Scotch

The speaker went on to state that real estate developers in the large urban areas are playing "hop-scotch", this is they are developing one area, leaving some land between the first development and the other. The land left in between the developments has reduced agricultural capacity since it is difficult to use such farming management practices as aerial application of chemicals and fertilizers.

Inflation is taking its toll on the farming industry added Thornton as he brought out statistics showing that the cost of some equipment and materials have increased over the past ten years by 300 percent when the prices received by the farmers have increased by only 50 percent.

Picture Not All Bleak

"But the agricultural picture is not all bleak," added the speaker. He told about research which is developing strains of crops with more disease resistence and increased yields, bringing some relief to the farmer. But he added that the cost of much of the research and development has been borne by the state and federal governments, but in the light of increased economic efforts, "the need is fast approaching for more farmer participation in meeting these costs." This he said can be accomplished with "check-off" programs whereby a small percentage of the sales are earmarked for research and development programs.

Thornton concluded by saying that "careful thought and planning need to be made now to assure that there will be food for our children and our grandchildren."

Exchange Program

President Bill Harrison, Jr., announced that a group of English exchange students will be in this Rotary District beginning last week. Special events planned for the group, district-wide, included a Country and Western barbecue and dance held in Houston last Saturday night; and a barbecue at Regal Ranch near Stafford this Thursday.

The president also announced that Miss Kitty Thomas, Rice High School student, will be attending Girls State under sponsorship of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club and the El Campo American Legion Auxiliary. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas, Jr.

Members of the club voted to honor their secretaries on Wednesday of next week [April 22nd] in observance of National Secretaries Day by hosting the secretaries at the luncheon meeting and program.

ABE-ESL Participants

Pictured are some of the participants in the ABE-ESL Night Classes offered at Eagle Lake Middle School during the 1980-81 school year. In front are: left to right: Maria Trevino, Maria Luna; second row, l. to r., Armande Hernandez, Reyes Castillo, Efrain Ramos; and back row, l. to r., Monico Zamarippo, Felipe Castillo, Jesus Rangel and Leroy Aldridge.-ELMS Photo

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41 Take Part In 4-H Round-Up

[By Shirley M. Brown
County Extension Agent]

Forty-one youth participated in the recent 1981 Colorado County 4-H Round-up. The participants included members of the Frelsburg, Garwood, and Liveoak 4-H Clubs.

The Roundup activities included Method Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, and Share-the-Fun. Each contest was divided into three divisions, sub-debs, juniors, and senior. The following 4-H members received top awards in their contest:

Sub-Debs:

Share-the-Fun, Jack Adams and Tommy Adams; Method Demonstrations-Food and Nutrition, Let's Speak Out, Beth Kahlden and Judy Weishuhn; Family Life Educational Activity, Tawanna Bruns, Amy Sklar, and Christi Warschak; Clothing Educational Activity, Tricia Canik and Angela Warschak; Landscape Horticulture, Bridgette Overton and La Portia Sandle.

Juniors:

Illustrated Talks - Natural Resources, Brian Warschak and Donald Warschak; Share-the-Fun, Elaine Dabney, Patricia Bratcher, Annette Huffman, Jessie Hargrove, Christine King, Toni Middleton, and Ruthie Reyer.

Seniors:

Method Demonstration - Clothing Educational Activity, Annette Jones and Charlotte King; Share-the-Fun, Diane Carter.

Other awards in the County Roundup went to:

Sub-Debs:

Share-the-Fun - Skits: 1st runner ups, Arthur Cantu, Terri Jackson, Sherry Jauernig, Robert Jauernig, Leta Mackey, La Shawn Shannon, and Patrick Stavena; and 3rd runner ups, Lori Flores, Lisa Stavena, Teresa Tučci, and Nicole Smith. Instrumental, Carol Hamm. Dance, Annis Frazier, Kendra Davidson, Venita Glover and Deidre Douglas.

Method Demonstration - Foods and Nutrition - Let's Speak Out: 1st runner up, Felicia Hearn; Landscape Horticulture: 2nd runner up, Cogg Norris.

Seniors:

Share-the-Fun: 1st runner up, Debbie Usher.

Each top winning entry will compete in District Roundup on April 25, 1981 at Cypress-Fairbanks High School, Cypress, Texas.

Also, to compete in the District 4-H Food Show will be:

Junior Division - Tricia Canik, Beth Kahlden, Angela Warschak, and Donald Warschak. Senior Division - Annette Jones, Diane Carter, Marilyn Smallwood and Debbie Usher.

The Colorado County 4-H program is open to all boys and girls the ages of 9 and 19 from all ethnic, racial, cultural and economic groups, regardless of geographic location.

Homemakers' Reflections

By Donella Pantel
County Extension Agent

Fireplace Cleaning "Blueprint"

With warm weather setting in it's time to clean those fireplaces and close them up for the warm months ahead. A fireplace-cleaning "blueprint" isn't really necessary for the job, but this one might help: First, spread a plastic dropcloth or newspapers around the hearth to prevent damage to floor or carpeting. Remove chunks of logs and ashes that have accumulated. Use a wide spatula or scraper to dislodge deposits from the fireplace walls. And while you're down on your hands and knees, it's a good time to take flashlight in hand and check out the condition of the chimney itself. Heavy accumulations of soot and creosote in the flue can cause smoking by restricting the upward movement of gases – and it can result in fires. Make it a practice to clean the chimney regularly – once a year if the fireplace gets frequent use. Clean it twice a year if you build a fire every day.

For cleaning brick and masonry fireplaces there are commercial cleaning products designed to do these jobs. They are made to safely remove grime, grease, smoke, soot and discoloration. Instructions may differ with each manufacturer, so follow directions carefully if you choose one of the commercial cleaners.

In cleaning any vertical (up and down direction) surface, clean from the bottom upward to prevent streaking. Clean large areas by working with a small section at a time. Do not let cleaning solutions remain on tile, chrome, copper, or brass surfaces, since discoloration may occur.

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Pink Ladies Enjoy Luncheon Meeting At The Farris 1912

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) met at The Farris 1912 at 12 noon Thursday, April 9th for the yearly luncheon and business meeting.

Members joining in the past year were introduced and they include: Mrs. Sydney Sheldon, Mrs. Myrtle Vogelsang, Mrs. Paniette Klockman, Mrs. Mary Lou Anderson, Mrs. Alice Adkins and Mrs. Pat Dehne. The Auxiliary is very proud to have these ladies become volunteers. Mrs. Ora Farthing, a new inactive member, was unable to be present.

Thanks were extended to Mrs. Vogelsang and Mrs. A. J. Struss for their annual contributions to the fund-raising project and to all members making each event so very successful. Also, thanks were extended to Mrs. Viola Zboril for her contributions in so many areas; and to Mrs. Anna Lee Higgins for compiling the cookbooks; and to Mrs. Gladys Pidgeon for heading the Policy and Standards Committee.

Mrs. Chris Swords, secretary, read the minutes and Mrs. Zboril gave the treasurer's report and also the report for the vice president, Mrs. Higgins, in her absence.

Officers Elected

An election of officers was held and the same officers were re-elected. They are: president, Eunice Franks; vice-president, Anna Lee Higgins; second vice president, Rose Lange; secretary, Chris Swords; and treasurer, Viola Zboril.

A nursing scholarship was discussed and Mrs. Lila Armstrong was asked by this committee's chairman, Mrs. Kate Spalinger, to give a report. A further review of this matter will be made by the committee and reported to the Auxiliary members in the near future.

Mrs. Sophie Zoeller gave a brief report on the visit to Austin to the Texas Hospital's Auxiliary Day in February. She, Mrs. Lange and the administrator, John Chisholm, attended.

Pins Awarded

Mrs. Vogelsang received a hundred hour pin for volunteer service. She joined the Pink Ladies last August. Mrs. Annie Margaret White received a 2,500 hour pin, she is a charter member (1967) and is only the second member so far to reach the 2,500 hour mark. Mrs. Esther Sunderman received her's last year.

Before the delicious luncheon was served, Mrs. Sunderman asked the blessing. Guests at the luncheon were Mmdames Pat Seaholm, Sandy Rodgers and Jeri Fling. Mrs. Fling and Mrs. Lange took photographs of the group to be placed in a scrapbook that is being assembled by Mrs. Lange for entry in the State Convention contest to be held in Dallas in June.

Mrs. Barbara Davidson collected the luncheon fees and Mrs. Lange the dues.

A lovely minuet rose corsage was presented to the president, which she gratefully appreciated.

Memorial Fund

Mrs. Swords, as secretary, will be in charge of the Memorial Fund. Memorials may be sent to her or left at the hospital gift shop. Her phone number is 234-3827. Thanks were extended to Mrs. Higgins for handling the memorial fund for a number of years.

Twenty-seven were present for the luncheon-business meeting which is annually one of the highlights of the year for the Pink Ladies.

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Miss Patricia Ann Horndt Weds Arthur Flores In Ceremony Here

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Flores

Miss Patricia Ann Horndt and Arthur Flores, both of Eagle Lake, were united in marriage on Saturday, March 14, 1981 at Grace Lutheran Church in Eagle Lake. The double ring ceremony was performed by The Rev. Paul Krupicks, pastor of the church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horndt Sr. and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Flores, Sr., all of Eagle Lake.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and mother, and was escorted down the aisle by her father. She chose a gown of white silk organza. The bodice featured a victorian neckline of lace and the yoke was trimmed with lace and encrusted with tiny seed pearls. The gown had elbow length sleeves with open weave flower designs. The bottom of the skirt and train was trimmed in lace.

Her headpiece was a round floral ring, accented with peach rosebuds, baby's breath and entwined with satin ribbon. She carried a fan bouquet of ivory roses, orchids accented with baby's breath, and satin ribbon tied in love knots.

A white mum pot plant was placed on each side of the main altar. The family pews were marked with white satin bows.

Mrs. Carol Ripper of Eagle Lake was organist. During the service Connie Silvas and Joyce Argo presented selections accompanied on guitars, including "Wherever You Go", "The Wedding Song" and "The Lords Prayer."

Bride's Attendants

Serving the bride as matron of honor was her sister Mrs. Carolyn Bartosh of Ellinger. Bridesmaids were Becky Horndt, Kathy Horndt of Columbus, Maridee Jordan of Sealy, Jeane Janak of Hallettsville, Connie Silvas of Eagle Lake, and Hortense Guerra of Houston. Dawn Horndt, sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid.

They wore peach chiffon gowns with empire waist and a Victorian neckline and long sheer sleeves. Each carried a basket of peach colored flowers accented with statice and satin ribbon.

Charlie Supak, cousin of the bride served as best man. Groomsmen were Michael, James and J. R. Horndt, brothers of the bride; Richard Sommerlatte, Ernest Moore and Victor Reyes of Eagle Lake; and Gilbert Guerra of Houston. Ushers were Larry Bartosh of Ellinger, David Little of Columbus, Julian Flores, Jr. of Houston and Rudy Lopez of Eagle Lake.

Reception Follows

Mrs. Delores Flores of Houston registered the guests for the reception following at the American Legion Hall in Wallis, Texas.

The registration table, underlaid with a white cloth and draped with a ruffled white net skirt, held the bride's book, a white plume pen and the couple's wedding invitation in a gold frame.

The bride's table was underlaid with a white cloth and draped with a white lace skirt. A three-tiered wedding cake, decorated with clusters of peach roses and topped with "Love Birds" was placed on one side. A wicker fan arrangement with peach flowers was on the other side. A smaller fan arrangement was placed in front of the cake on the gathered skirt.

The groom's table was covered with green burlap cloth, with a white gathered skirt. A two-layer chocolate confection trimmed with chocolate and green buttercream, with the groom's name and "I've been working on the railroad" centered the table. On one side was a gold sprayed railroad lantern with a peach floral corsage tied on it. The bride used it later to toss, instead of her bouquet.

A miniature train set was nearby. On the other side was the bride's bouquet and the champagne urn and two silver goblets with peach ribbon accents.

The wedding party's head tables held white mum pot plants with white candles in milk glass holders. The bridesmaids' baskets were placed around also.

Members of the houseparty were Mrs. Juanita Waligura, Wilma Shorter, Yvonne Wagner, Linda Stanciк, Josie Castillo, Darlene Stancik, Lolly Torres, Marie Gentry, Marie Sommerlatte, Nancy Torres, Isabel Veeera and Lori and Amy Flores.

After the reception, a barbecued supper with all the trimmings was served with The Rev. Paul Krupicka asking the Blessing. Music for the wedding dance was provided by the Visions of Hallettsville, with the traditional grand march led by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Poenitzsch of Columbus.

Special guest for the wedding ceremony was the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Joe Stancik of Columbus.

To Reside Here

The bride is a graduate of Columbus High School and took her L.V.N. nurse training at Lavaca County Community Hospital. She is presently employed at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The groom attended Rice High School and is employed by Southern Pacific Railroad. The newlyweds will make their home in Eagle Lake.

Rehearsal Dinner

The rehearsal dinner was given by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horndt, Sr., March 13th at their home near Garwood. Gifts were presented to members of the wedding party by the couple as a remembrance of the wedding.

Miscellaneous Shower

On March 1st the bride's relatives and friends honored her with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Connie Silvas.

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He concluded in praising the vocational agriculture instructors for their guidance in developing such an outstanding program at Rice High School. He called the Rice FFA program "one of the best programs in the world. ..one that develops competitors who still have an appreciation for their fellow man and for the good things in life and a belief in the true maker, the Creator of all good things in life."

Rice FFA Presents Plaque To Tom Henderson

The Rice FFA Chapter honored Tom Henderson of El Campo, owner of Henderson Farms and Seed Co., at the 13th annual banquet last Thursday night for his support of the local show and in particular for purchasing the show's grand champion calf for the past ten years. [In all cases he returned the grand champion calves and other livestock which he purchased back to the members]. John Schneider, president of the Rice FFA Chapter, left, made the presentation of a beautifully engraved plaque to Mr. Henderson, center. Dr. Harold Franke of Texas A&M University and superintendent of the commercial steer show at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo said speaker at the chapter's banquet last Thursday, offers his congratulations to Mr. Henderson for his support of FFA programs.

Study Club Hears Travelogue By Harrisons On Tall Ship

April 2nd at 2:00 p.m. the Eagle Lake Study Club met in the conference room of the David and Eula Wintermann Library.

After reading of the minutes of the March meeting by secretary Mrs. Robert Wilcox, the treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Herman Boothe; and the Library report by Mrs. J. C. Laughlin who reported that over 900 books were checked out in March, the most ever in one month.

The president, Mrs. A. F. Wiese, turned the meeting over to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Harrison who presented a travelogue of a recent trip to six of the Windward Islands on the tall ship, The Sea Cloud.

The yacht was built by the late Meriweather Post and has a very interesting history. During World War II it was stripped of its luxurious fittings and used as a war ship.

The Harrisons reported that the crew was young, most of them girls, many of whom were planning to make the sea their career.

The scenery on the islands was beautiful and members noted in the slides how clean the towns were. No papers or trash littered the streets.

The travelogues by the Harrisons are enjoyed by all who see them.

Pres. Luncheon May 5

Tuesday, Mary 5th at 12 noon is the big day. The annual President's Luncheon will be held at the Community Center. The tickets are $5.00 each and may be obtained at the Wintermann Library or from Mrs. Beth Waddell.

A change this year is that men are to be included in the guest list. Also 1981-82 dues are to be paid and the 1981-82 officers are to be installed.

The program will be by Houston Post feature writer Lynn Ashby entitled, "Off the Cuff, This 'n That."

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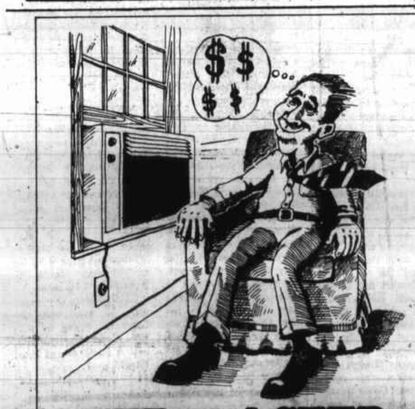

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