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Pre-Construction Meeting Held On Highway Work

A pre-construction meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 18, 1981 at the State Department of High-

ways and Public Transportation office in Yookum to discuss plans for the 1981 seal coat projects. The \$1,064,291.84 contract, awarded to Brannan Contractors, Inc. of Victoria, Texas, includes work in Caldwell, Calhoun, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria and Wharton Counties. The work is expected to

Body Of Sealy Man Recovered

The body of Deroy Bolten, Jr., 27, of Sealy was recovered from the Brazos River last week. The victim reportedly dived into the river at the bridge on IH-10 when he said he was going after a fish. Witnesses stated that, Bolten saw something bobbing up and down around a pillar at the old bridge and decided it might be a fish. The current was swift and he apparently went under into a hole.

Fire departments from Sealy, Wallis and Bellville spent several days searching for the man's body before it was discovered Wednesday. Also assisting in the recovery program were Austin County Sheriff T. A. Maddox, Deputies Danny Lanx and Buck Childers and also game wardens.

Bolten was the son of Deroy Bolten and Mrs. Frances Hines, was married and the father of two children. He was employed by Anderson-Story Glass Co. in Sealy and was reported to be an experienced fisherman.

A Justice of the Peace holding an inquest at the scene where the body was



The Ladies Auxiliary of the local Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) installed new 1981-82 officers in a meeting on Tuesday last week in the meeting room of the Fire Station. Helen Pilkington, second from right, past president of the Auxiliary, served as installing officer and she is shown presenting the gavel, symbol of leadership, to the new Auxiliary President Patricia Seasholtz. At the left is the junior vice-president Shirley Lueddecke; and at the right, the senior vice-president, Betty Kana. Bobby Johnson, next shown, is the retiring president of the Auxiliary.

VFW Post, Auxiliary Install Officers; Have Dinner, Social

The Rice Area Memorial Post 8783 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagle Lake, and the Ladies Auxiliary installed 1981-82 officers in meetings held last Tuesday evening and following the installation ceremonies the two groups gathered at the Community Center for an enjoyable supper and social.

J. T. (Tommy) Pilkington of Eagle Lake, a past president of the local Post and also State Deputy Chief of Staff, installed the officers for the VFW Post in regular session in the clubhouse of the Recreation Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Most of the officers were re-elected and included: James Cash, Commander of the VFW Post; J. R. (Jim) Armstrong, Senior Vice-commander; Wilfred Lueddecke, Junior Vice-commander; Earl Rodgers, Quarter-master; Isidora Ramirez, Post Advocate; Raymond Kohleff, Chaplain; Harry Supak, Surgeon; Jack Latorowski, three year Trustee; Leon Spanish, 2 year Trustee; and John T. Pilkington, 1-year Trustee.

Appointed officers for the 1981-82 year include: V. J. Kana, Assistant; Ralph Trully, Officer of the Day; Ed Schindler, Post Service Officer; Fred R. Frinka, Public Relations Officer; Wilfred Lueddecke, Post Membership Chairman; Earl Rodgers, Post Life Membership Officer; and Ed Schindler, Post Hospital Chairman.

Following the installation, Commander Cash pledged to serve again in the next year to the best of his ability and asked for the continued cooperation of all comrades in the Post.

Cash presided at the business meeting preceding the installation.

It was noted at that time that the Post had contributed \$400 to the Scout Fund for the upcoming trip by Scouts and Leaders to Philmont in New Mexico; and members voted to contribute \$500 to the Little League improvement program. A similar amount was given to the Little League last year.

Plans were started for a booth at the Chamber of

Commerce July Fourth celebration.

Auxiliary installs Officers. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post met at the same time Tuesday in the meeting room of the Fire Station building for a regular meeting and installation of officers.

The 1980-81 president Bobby Johnson presided at the session.

Helen Pilkington, a past president of the Eagle Lake Auxiliary, served as the installing officer and the installing conductress was Bobby Johnson, outgoing president.

Patricia Seasholtz was in-

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AARP To Meet June 3 To Plan District Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Eagle Lake Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. Wed., June 3rd. There will be a board meeting at 2 p.m.

The main business and discussion of the meeting will be in preparation for the district meeting to be held at 10:30 June 18th, 1981 in Diddier Catholic Hall in Eagle Lake.

"Let's all get ready for that special meeting. It will be very interesting," say AARP officers. Each group will have a special part in the program, which will be enjoyable and educational. -Reporter.

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County Gets \$541.60 For Voter Regis.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock says Texas counties were paid \$541,642 in state funds under a law designed to encourage voter registration and accurate voting lists.

The Texas Election Code permits the Comptroller to pay counties 40 cents for each new registered voter and 40 cents for each cancellation made to update lists.

For this service, Colorado County received \$541.60; Austin County \$550.00; La-sena County \$400.80; Fayette County \$614.00; and Wharton County \$1,275.20.

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Married 45 Years



Left to right, Lucille and Henry Kretschmar greeted many relatives and friends at their 45th Wedding Anniversary reception in the Community Center last Sunday from two to five o'clock p.m.

Many Visit Kretschmars, Muznys On 45th Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mummy, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kretschmar celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a reception from two o'clock until five o'clock in the afternoon at the Eagle Lake Community Center Sunday, May 24.

An array of floral arrangements and blooming and green potted plants centered the white-laid tables in the Center adding beauty to the occasion.

Highlighting the reception table was a tiered 45th wedding anniversary cake adorned with blue and white net and floral decorations. On each side were two cakes in similar decor, one for Lucille and Henry and another for "Joie Mae and Louis."

Tea sandwiches, mints, nuts, wedding cake, punch and coffee were served to many friends and relatives who called during the appointed hours.

The registry table held a blue floral arrangement signifying the 45th anniversary.

Mrs. John Mummy of Livingston, daughter-in-law of the Louis Mummy, regaled the guests before they greeted the honored couples in the receiving line. Mrs. Henry (Loretta Miller) Kretschmar, Jr., of Sugar Land, Mrs. Daniel (Kathy Kretschmar) Viktorin of East Bernard, daughter-in-law and daughter, respectively, of the senior Kretschmars, served the punch and cake and the sister of Mrs. Mummy, Mrs. J. C. (Gladys) Campbell of Odessa, poured the coffee. John Mummy and Henry Kretschmar, Jr., and Daniel Viktorin took photos of the memorable event and assisted in host duties.

Little Misses Laura and Karen Mummy, grandchildren of Joie Mae and Louis; and Kay and Mike Kretschmar of Sugar Land and Jeffrey, Shannon and Kimberly Viktorin of East Bernard.

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Ishee, Popp To Attend Girls State

Two Rice High School juniors will be among those attending the 37th session of Texas Girls State in June.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 251, El Campo, will be sponsoring these girls who will enter their senior year next fall.

Along with the American Legion Auxiliary, several local organizations contributed to the Girls State Fund.

Kathy Ishee, Eagle Lake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ishee, and Shelia Ann Popp, Garwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Popp, Jr., will represent Rice High School.

Ishee and Popp are also sponsored by the Eagle Lake Rotary Club and the Garwood Lions Club, respectively.

Columbus High School will be represented for the first time.

The Columbus American Legion Post 388 is sponsoring Sandra Dittmar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dittmar, Jr., and Melissa Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Parks.

These girls are selected through their high schools and are involved in a variety of academic and extra-curricular activities in their respective schools.

The Texas Girls State program is one phase of the national Americanism activities of the American Legion Auxiliary.

This citizenship program, which will be held June 10-24 at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, attempts to educate young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

In Girls State, the young citizens learn by doing.

Upon their return to the local schools and communities, the young women are expected to continue their learning and teaching process through both example and programs.

Jeff Wied To Graduate From TSTI - Waco

Jeff Wied of Garwood is a candidate for wiring technician graduation at Texas State Technical Institute-Waco campus.

He has completed a skill development program in machine shop operations and is eligible to receive a certificate of completion. The 1978 graduate of Rice High School is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wied of Box 427, Garwood.

AARP To Attend Lone Star Theater, Galveston, June 23

Plans to attend the Lone Star Theater of Galveston's show "Texas" will be made Wednesday, June 23 at the Eagle Lake AARP Chapter's meeting at 2:30 p.m. The trip is scheduled for June 23.

If you plan to go, make reservations at the June meeting or contact Mrs. R. L. Lange.

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HOSPITAL News Notes

Patients (May 26)

Eagle Lake: Miss Josephine Castellano, Miss Josephine Pfeiffer, Hugh S. Morton, Mrs. Edwin Peroni, Truman Scott, Charlie Davis, Ms. Rosario Morello, Ms. Trinita Thomas, Alvaro Castillo, Ms. Dorothy Stovall, Ms. Clara Lew, Jack Waddell, Jasop Shorter.

Sealy: Ms. Cecilio Alvarez, Ms. Bertha Kovicka, from Wharton; Mrs. Ruth Nelson, Willie Schroeder; from Columbus: Robert Schaff, Ms. Helen Ros; from Alton: B. A. Thompson, Ms. "Milton" Victoria; from East Bernard: Ms. Janelle Austin; from Lexington: Ms. Vivian York; from Rosenberg: Mrs. Rachel Vasquez and Baby Boy.

Dismissals

Eagle Lake: Steve Hodges, Mrs. Dolores Garza and Baby Boy, Mrs. Katherine Moore, Mrs. Mathilda Struss, Mrs. Annie Lee Dancy, Ms. April Joyce Hemphill, Mrs. Lois Smith, Monroe Johnson, Mrs. Grace Kucherka, William Shorter, Mrs. Jo Ann Gertson, Mrs. Susan Neska, Joe Cardenas.

Schenbury: Miss Sharon Chapman; from Wharton: Mike Halbert, Jose Blanco, Sr.; from Industry: Miss Amy Morris; from La Grange: Charles L. Austin, Ms. Marilyn Richter; from Wallis: Ms. Virginia Munis; from Bay City: Mrs. Charlene Hernandez; from Sealy: Miss Jennifer Peek, Anton Mag-jerovich; from Sheridan: Mrs. Dorothy West; from Columbus: Mrs. Telesfora Baegans, Ms. Brenda Teague; from Abilene: Ms. Judy Kelson; from Fayetteville: Ben Cobb; from Rock Island: Ms. Beverly Dagg; from East Bernard: Andy Seidel, Casy Rejek, Ms. Janelle Austin, Gary Garway; from Garwood: John Foley, Ms. Shelia Tye; from El Campo: Dennis Brown.

The Obiuary Of A Home -- Zimmerscheidt-Leyendecker

By Mary Anne Brune Pickens

The ancestral home to seven generations of the Leyendecker-Brune family was devastated by fire on Wednesday, May 20, 1981. Arson charges have been filed against Robert Scott Bailey, 22, of Houston who was found on the property at the time of the fire.

The old home was an outstanding example of early Texas architecture. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979, as a result of a historical and architectural study by the University of Texas Winedale Institute at Round Top, Texas. Detailed architectural drawings were made of the house at that time. The home is registered as the Zimmerscheidt-Leyendecker home. The historical home had previously been honored in 1963, when the Daughters of the American Colonists placed a commemorative marker on the property to pay tribute to the house and to the family who had occupied it continuously since its construction in the 1840's.

History Begins In 1830's

History of the home begins in the mid 1830's, when Frederick and Margaret Zimmerscheidt came from Bude-sheim, Germany and settled in Colorado County on the James Columbus League, north of Columbus on Redgate Creek. They built a crude log cabin and in their middle age began a new life in Texas, then a part of Mexico. This early cabin burned in 1839.

At the time of their immigration to Texas, the Zimmerscheidts' only child, Josephine, remained in Germany. After completing her education she married John Leyendecker, and their four small children joined her parents in the new Republic of Texas. The Leyendecker's arrival prompted the building of a larger more spacious home that became known as

the Leyendecker home.

The house was a combination of two unique types of architecture. The oldest room was a double dove-tailed log cabin of huge oak logs. In this room the doors and windows were solid walnut, said to be cut from trees on the homestead. A perpetual calendar using the German names for the days of the week was painted over the door. Walnut beams supported the loft above the room and a special walnut cabinet had been built into the family clock brought from Germany. A large wine cellar lined with rocks and straw was built under this room. Handpoured iron logs were used on the doors.

Approximately ten years after the first room was built, an addition was made to the house. The new room was German Fachwerk architecture that consisted of a hand