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Swindle
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black man approached the pickup and the three conversed and the second man said he thought he knew where the first man could find a place in which to live. Davis offered to take the two men around the city in an attempt to locate housing.

Insurance Swindle
Meanwhile the second subject told Davis that he was with an insurance company and was sure that the premium on his (Davis') insurance was due and if he paid him \$800, he was in a position to give him \$1600 in return.

Davis told Winebrenner that he went into the First National Bank and withdrew the \$800 and counted it out for the second subject and meanwhile the second subject counted out what appeared to be \$1600 and placed them in a red handkerchief for safekeeping for Davis.

He then asked Davis to take him to Wilcox's parking lot to pick up a car. Davis said that he never did see the man remove anything from the red handkerchief, but apparently the man switched the handkerchief with another before getting out of the car.

Lots Of Cigarette Smoke
Davis said that he felt "light-headed" from all the smoke in the pickup from cigarettes (possibly marijuana smoke) and that he went to his home to rest. About an hour later he went to the pickup to get the money and found the red handkerchief. It is held paper towels and the \$1600 bills which supposedly had been placed into the handkerchief.

The insurance company which issued a life policy on Davis was notified, said Chief Winebrenner and the investigation continues with very little information to work with.

The chief noted that oftentimes when such a swindle works, the swindlers return to the same area to try their luck on another victim, as he cautioned citizens of the area to be on the alert for any possible incidents which might compare with or be similar in nature with the swindle last week and to contact local police department 234-2227 or the sheriff's office 732-2288 immediately.

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Raider Band Members Do Well At State Meet

Gilbert Correll On Tube Repeats As A State First Division Winner

Six members of the Rice High School Raider Band made an excellent showing at the Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contest. The University of Texas at Austin holds this contest each year for band members who received a first division rating on their Class I performances at the Region Level. This year's contest was held May 30, 1981. The band members who received a first division rating on their Class I performances at the Region Level were: Gilbert Correll, Carol Crabb, Julia Rosperin, Shawn Spaniel and Kitty Thomas. Gilbert Correll repeated as a First Division winner at this year's event. Gilbert performed "The Sea Song" on his tuba and was rated First Division. This young man is the first Raider Band member to ever receive two first division ratings at the state level.

Texas Red Angus Assn. To Meet At Walkers' Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Walker of Eagle Lake will host the Texas Red Angus Association Summer Field Day and Meeting at their ranch west of Eagle Lake this Saturday, June 6th.

The TRAA board of directors will meet at 9:00 a.m.; followed by registration at 11:30 a.m.; a Texas Style barbecue lunch at 12 noon; and the general membership meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Door prizes will be awarded and a highlight of the afternoon will be an Old-Fashioned Country Hayride.

Harrison and Dorothy are members of the association and Mr. Walker serves as a director for the state association.

Damages Asked In '79 Accident At Gifford-Hill

A civil suit was filed in District Court in Columbus May 20th, by Pedro Caballos Samaniego and Felipe Cruz Samaniego against Gifford-Hill Company, Inc. seeking damages as the result of an accident at a gravel pit owned by the defendants on June 21, 1979.

The plaintiffs allege that they are the parents of Rafael C. Samaniego who died in an accident when he was backing a truck to a pit to unload dirt when the pit gave away and the truck and driver fell into the water. The body of the driver was never recovered.

The plaintiffs allege that the gravel company failed to give warning of any impending danger or provide for the possibility of a cave in.

The suit asks damages in excess of the minimal jurisdictional limits of the court.

One-Way St.
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safety hazards especially for cars exiting the city parking lot behind the Post Office. She added that drivers missing the one-way street would have to go a considerable distance to return to the one-way street entrance.

Other opposition to the

Rice Assn. Members Elect Directors; Hear Reports Mon.

Dr. Stansel Discusses Future Of Industry; Rice Consumption Rising

The American Rice Growers Cooperative Association, Eagle Lake division, held its annual meeting and steak supper at Marvin's in Altair Monday evening and elected new directors for the next year and heard reports on the rice industry.

Donald Obenhaus, manager of the Eagle Lake division, reported that 45,283 acres of rice were planted in the 1980 crop as compared to 45,000 in 1979. The first crop rice sold for an average price of \$12.35 per hundredweight and second crop rice for an average of \$13.38 Cwt. The association handled a total of 2,251,242 Cwt. of rice with sales totaling \$27,899,996.

He also reported that the average yield in the Eagle Lake division area for 1980 was 37.9 Cwt. for the first crop, down 145 pounds per acre from 1979 production; the second crop yield averaged 11.7 Cwt., up 100 pounds per acre over 1979.

The manager also reported that the association completed paving of the parking area at the year of the office, and awarded a scholarship to 1981 graduating senior, Raymond Mahalich.

Future Of Rice Industry
Dr. Jim Stansel, scientist in charge of the Texas A&M University Western Belt Rice Experiment Station, headquartered in Eagle Lake, reported on the increasing costs of producing rice. He noted that Texas leads the nation in the cost of production of rice, while the peak in production yields has been reached and even dropping from these peaks.

Dr. Stansel discussed the high cost of energy consumption in raising rice in Texas and also commented on the competition with the use of water. The scientist pointed out that the Texas rice industry uses 21% of the state's available water for rice production and predicted that as population changes are made and representation in Legislature changes, competition for the water will become an important factor to the rice producer.

"Research efforts are feeling the effects of increasing costs also," said Stansel as he commented that, due to inflationary costs, research work has had to be curtailed by some 30% in order to remain within the budget of the rice industry.

He reported that inspection of rice fields in the area showing some signs of red leaf, is believed to be from wind damage, however this fact can not be positive until more tests are made.

He said that most of the damage appears to have been done in the southeast part of the county and most among the taller rice.

Otherwise he noted that the 1980 rice crop is a week to ten days ahead of last year's schedule and this is a good sign. The scientist predicted a normal to slightly above normal yield unless the area is hit by some unusually hot weather in the next month.

Dr. Stansel reminded rice producers of the Field Day to be held at the rice experiment facilities in Eagle Lake on July 1st. The field day will begin with tours at 5:30 p.m. followed by a supper and program.

County Extension Agent Leroy Hajdik also reminded the rice producers of a rice and soybean clinic which will be held Tuesday, June 16th. The clinic will begin with a session at 10 a.m. at the Rice Office in Eagle Lake; and continue at 2:00 p.m. at the Rice Association Office in Garwood.

Curtis Leonhardt and Si Grider of the Rice Council for Market Development also reported to the rice producers. Leonhardt noted that since 1950 acreage devoted to rice has doubled and production has tripled. He stressed that the Rice Council has been working actively to "find mouths to eat this rice."

He commented that domestic consumption of rice in the United States has increased since 1960 by some 1.3 million tons, or nearly doubled, however the population has grown by only 25% hence "people are eating more rice."

Overseas Sales Good
Grider, who represents the Rice Council in development of rice markets overseas, stated that overseas sales are at a new high. He predicted exports of milled rice will be nearly 2.3 million tons or 65% of the total production.

Grider added that promotional activities overseas are increasing and stated that "the program is effective and the results are great." He stressed that the high quality of rice raised in this area is "an important factor in getting the edge on prices needed to produce rice which is so vital to the markets of the world."

Directors Elected
Obenhaus presided at the

Damage Suit Is Filed Against City

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minimal jurisdictional limits of this court. The plaintiffs also ask for costs of court and interest at a legal rate.

The suit asks for compensation for past and future: physical pain, mental anguish, reasonable medical expenses, damages from physical impairment and disability, loss of earnings to Tim Luedicke; and also for loss of love and affection and consortium suffered by the plaintiff Judy K. Luedicke.

The suit was filed by Luedicke and Dennis P. Bujnoch of the firm of Timman & Houser, Inc. of San Antonio.

Eagle Lake City Manager Bob Klockman was served with papers in the suit Monday afternoon. The case was turned over immediately to the consideration of City Attorney Willard Stuart. The city manager added that the City of Eagle Lake has twenty days in which to reply to the charges made against the city officials and citizens of Eagle Lake.

City and fire department officials contacted by the Headlight Tuesday expressed surprise, and disappointment, in allegations made in the suit in light of the great efforts made by the city and citizens of the community to assist families of the injured and the loss of the use of city funds and the FIRE (Firemen's Injury, Relief and Endowment) Fund started by citizens of this community.



A number of prominent class reunions are being planned in the community. This Saturday, Eagle Lake High School classes of 1930, 1931 and 1932 will gather here for a fifth reunion; the Eagle Lake High School Class of 1961 will also be holding a reunion this Saturday; and the Rice High School Class of 1971 is planning a reunion this summer.

We got a week ahead of ourselves in scheduling the monthly Knights of Columbus barbeque chicken sale. The KC's will be selling barbeque chickens this Sunday (not last Sunday). Call 234-5824 days and 234-5340 in place orders for the chickens.

Last week we listed a few items which can add to safety of our citizens. If properly observed, Another was reported in the fact that oftentimes youngsters of the community ride bicycles on the sidewalks in the downtown area and this is in violation of city ordinances. We had one case reported to us where a store owner, who was with his store with an expensive IBM typewriter in hand when he was hit by a bicycle. Fortunately the machine was not damaged and the store owner was not hurt.

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Organizers Of ELHS Classes' Reunion



Eagle Lake High School Classes of 1930, 1931 and 1932 observed the Golden Jubilee of their graduation from ELHS with a big 50th Reunion celebration last Saturday. At the right, Dr. Everett McKee of Port Arthur, president of the Class of 1930; Eagle Lake; and Mrs. H. H. Dancy Leode Wagner; Aull of Eagle Lake. For more on the 50th reunion, see pages 7 and 9.

ing the ELHS faculty of that period as an English teacher, extended thanks to the organizers of the event. They were: left to right, Waldo (Pau d'Eau) Townley of Houston; Ralph D. McCormick of Bryan; Mrs. Harold (Hazel Obenhaus) Thomas of Eagle Lake; and Mrs. H. H. Dancy Leode Wagner; Aull of Eagle Lake. For more on the 50th reunion, see pages 7 and 9.

RHS Graduation Photos Are Now Available

Photographs taken at the Rice High School Commencement Exercises on May 21st are now available at the principal's office at the high school in Altair.

Graduates may pick up the photographs this week on Thursday and Friday, June 11-12 and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (June 15-17) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The graduates are urged to pick up the pictures during the days listed, said principal Fred Gramham.

C. Of C. To Meet Mon. At 2:30 In Municipal Bldg.

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will meet Monday, June 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

The meeting had been planned at Broese's Restaurant, but since the restaurant will be closed on Mondays, the meeting will be moved back to its regular place and time, said T. J. Smith, president.

Grand Jury Indicts 23; 1 For Murder

Houstonian Indicted In Arson At Zimmerman Home

The February Grand Jury, in special session in Columbus Monday, returned a total of 23 indictments against a total of eighteen persons, including one for murder. Also included in the indictments were 11 on charges of theft, 6 for attempted theft and 1 for criminal mischief.

The indictment for murder was returned by the grand jury against a 31-year-old Glidden woman, Dorothy Bryant, in the fatal shooting of her husband, Doc Bryant at the couple's home on May 10th. The shooting occurred at the conclusion of an argument between the couple and he received gunshot wounds from a .35 caliber automatic pistol at 4:35 a.m.

May 10th and died later that afternoon in a Houston hospital.

A 22-year-old Houston man, Robert Scott Bailey, was indicted on three counts of burglary and two of arson. He is charged with arson in the burning of the historic Zimmerman-Leydencher home owned by the Emil

Rice CISD Valuations Are Up

Rice Consolidated School District should have a sizeable increase in tax valuations for the 1981 tax year due primarily to increases in oil, gas and utility valuations, reported Supt. Harold King to the Rice board in its session Monday night.

The board of equalization for the Rice District completed its work this week and complete totals were not available on local properties Monday night. However, the total valuations on oil, gas and utilities were expected to be complete and showed that the district will have an increase of \$31,958,540 (based on 100% valuation figure) or an increase of \$14,297,738 based on the 40% of actual value which was used in the district prior to this year. New state laws require all valuations to be made this year on the 100% of market value basis.

The superintendent estimated that local valuations will increase around \$3,685,843 based on the 100% figure, making an estimated total increase of \$35,644,383.

Using the \$1.75 tax rate which was in effect last year allocating \$1.50 to local maintenance and based on the 40% valuation figure, the valuation increases will give the district for maintenance additional revenue of around \$24,000 for the 1981-82 school year. Supt. King noted that if the tax rate were reduced at an equal level to the increase in valuations, a comparable tax rate would be 70¢ per \$100 valuation (based on the 100% valuation figure). The board will determine the new tax rate prior to adopting the budget for 1981-82 in August of this year.

The superintendent also discussed other projections for 1981-82, indicating that the district might expect an additional \$262,500 in state aid (due mostly to increases in salaries by the past legislature). The district expects however to lose \$50,000 which has been previously awarded to the district for loss of revenue due to tax exemptions approved by the legislature. This will make a total of \$422,500 additional funds which should be available to the district for

Rice CISD Professionals Get \$300 Pay Increase

ELMS Principal James Crabb, Mrs. Crabb Resign At RCISD

James Crabb who has been Eagle Lake Middle School Principal for the past eight years and Mrs. Marjorie Crabb, who has been Vocational Office Education instructor at Rice High School for the past ten years, were among the resignations accepted by the board of education of the Rice Consolidated School District in session Monday night.

The board also accepted a resignation from Mrs. David (Dorothy) White, Rice High School Homecoming teacher; and hired a new seventh grade coach and teacher for the Eagle Lake Middle School.

Mr. and Mrs. Crabb came to the Rice School District in 1970 when he assumed the position of high school counselor. He became ELMS principal in 1973. Mrs. Crabb taught language arts at Eagle Lake Middle School before taking over the VOE instructor's position at Rice High School in 1971.

They plan to move to the Woodlands community between Conroe and Houston where Mr. Crabb will become assistant principal at Knox Junior High School and Mrs. Crabb will be a business teacher at McCulloch high school. Both are in the Woodlands community.

The Crabbs expressed regret in leaving the community.

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Council Nixes Meter Fine Hike Proposal

Calls Official Hearing On One-Way Street Proposals June 23

Eagle Lake City Council, in its meeting Tuesday night, killed a proposed ordinance to increase parking meter fines when the council declined to second a motion to approve the ordinance made by councilman Gene Baker. Mayor Elmer Struss had announced that the ordinance was to be considered for the first of three readings but due to the lack of a second, the issue is considered dead, at least for the present time.

The action prompted the mayor to agree with councilman Roy Dean Van Nort that the meters should be removed if they are not going to be worked. In the discussion, councilman Ralph Truly said he thought the increase "might be an injustice to the local businessmen" and indicated that he thought the higher fine fee might cause business from the community to areas where large free parking lots are available for shoppers.

The ordinance had proposed to increase the fine from 25¢ to \$1 if paid within 24 hours and from \$1 to \$3 if not paid within 24 hours.

The council approved the first reading of ordinances to increase building permit fees, dog impoundment fees and plumbing inspection fees. The second reading is anticipated at the June 23rd meeting and final approval at the July 14th session.

A resolution passed by the council increases immediately other fees which include charges for tax certificates, moving permits, etc.

The council set an official public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 23rd on the proposal to make Commerce Street (in front of the bank) a one-way street and also a one-way street off the intersection of the council to take action on the

Official Presentation Of Waldvogel House

Other increases approved by the board included an increase in the price of the district's lunchroom program to district employees. This was adopted in order to compare with the 26¢ per miles paid by the federal government for vocational instructors.

Also the board approved pay increases amounting to 11.43% to personnel of the lunchroom. The increase boosts salaries of lunchroom personnel to \$3.90 per hour. Supt. King pointed out that these employees were not included in earlier proposals and that increases in expenditures will be balanced by increased revenues. The district's lunchroom program has in the past been self-sufficient. The superintendent added that the price of lunches for 1981-82 will have to be raised "but they would have needed to be raised even without pay increases."

Councilman Guy Beane Jr. presented to the board results of Texas Assessment of Basic Skills tests administered during the 1980-81 year and these will be discussed in detail in the Headlight next week.

Colorado County Judge Lester J. Crank, right, is shown extending thanks to Mrs. A. L. (Marjorie Waldvogel) Barwick of DeWitt, Colorado, for the gift of the Louis Waldvogel house to the citizens of Colorado County for use as an Opportunity Center for the aid of such mentally retarded persons of this county. The official presentation was made at the Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Assn. and the Colorado County Citizen newspaper in Columbus April 26th. Kipl is charged, with (Continued on page eight)