

Officials Attend Texas Red Angus Field Day



Officers and directors and staff members of the Texas Red Angus Association are shown above prior to enjoying an old-fashioned hayride as part of the Field Day hosted by Harrison and Dorothy Walker at their ranch west of Eagle Lake last Saturday. Seated in front are, left to right, director D. W. Martin of Johnson City, director Owen Kelle of Inez, national association staff member Betty Grimshaw of Denton, host and director Harrison Walker of Eagle Lake, second row, left to right, George Bechtle of Embury, Texas

Our Flag Forever

Flag Day is Sunday, June 14

The flag of our country provides one of the most dramatic chapters in United States history. The Stars and Stripes emblem has ALWAYS been a colorful reflection of American progress — YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW.

June is the birth month of our flag. It was on June 14th, 1777, that the Continental Congress adopted the red, white and blue stars and stripes design as the official flag of the United States.

Now, some of our citizens may ask what is so important about that TODAY. They will say that surely every American knows about the flag. Therefore, how can there be any new information? Well, history reflects the character, ideals and progress of a nation — and so does that nation's flag. Here are some events involving our flag.

In 1958 the President of the United States signed a Congressional measure prohibiting the display of any national or international flag

in a position equal to, above, or in superior prominence to the United States emblem.

In 1964 Congress and the President put GOD into our Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Now we declare: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation UNDER GOD, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

Then in 1969 Congress and the President approved the admission of Alaska and Hawaii as the 49th and 50th states, respectively. That added two new stars to the flag. They were the first additions since Arizona and New Mexico were admitted in 1912.

Although the flag is older than any of us, it is actually ageless. We literally GROW UP with the flag. It is part of our lives from the cradle to the grave. One of the first things every American school child learns is how to respect the Stars and Stripes. Most children are better versed

than their parents in FLAG ETIQUETTE and the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and the NATIONAL ANTHEM.

We adults sometimes forget that the Stars and Stripes flag belongs to ALL the people and that our national emblem DOES represent American freedoms, loyalties and OUR WAY OF LIFE.

The flag of our country has been bathed in blood and tears. It has inspired the heights of joy and song. It has hailed the victors — and it has reverently embraced the mortal remains of those who gave their lives in battle.

Old Glory means everything to us because it represents our CONSTITUTION, our GOVERNMENT, our LAWS and IDEALS and it speaks for ALL of our PEOPLE. Furthermore, the flag is the symbol of our FAITH IN GOD.

Do you remember the toast given by the American patriot Stephen Decatur in April 1816? He declared — Our Country! In her inter-

Sunny Marie Gertson Celebrates Second Birthday

Little Miss Sunny Marie Gertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gertson, Jr., celebrated her second birthday (June 8) on Saturday afternoon, June 6th at a party given by her mother. Twenty-one youngsters gathered on the lawn of the Gertson home from 3:30 to 5:00.

The birthday girl thoroughly enjoyed opening her presents before blowing out the two candles on her "Big Bird" cake, decorated and given to the honoree from a friend, Mrs. Penny Henske. Other refreshments were ice cream sandwiches and punch. The Sesame Street theme was used in party accessories.

Joining Sunny for an afternoon of fun in the sun and sand box were: her brother, Ralph Gertson, III; cousins, Karl Seasholtz, Kevin and Tanya Henske, Clint Gertson, Kristi and Sammi Gertson, Kris Gertson, Jennifer Krensek, Kyle and Kevin Fomitsch, Stacey and Michelle Spaniol, Trey and Amy Kuehler; and friends, Rachelle Kallina, Camille Ashby, Kyle Fink, Kim Henske, Brandon Mathis and Lance Grigar.

The two-year-old presented party favors of story books and bath toys to her guests. Special guests were Sunny's grandmothers, Mrs. Ralph Gertson and Mrs. E. H. (Sonny) Breithaupt.



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Accepts Awards For Wintermanns



Paul Jury of Houston, district governor for Rotary International District 589, left, presents the Paul Harris Fellow certificates, medallions and pins, Rotary's highest honor award, to David and Eula Wintermann at the Rotary banquet Tuesday night for humanitarian services to citizens of the Eagle Lake community. Accepting the awards for the Wintermanns in the absence of Dan A. Thornton, right, the club's incoming president for 1981-82. The Wintermanns were unable to attend due to the sudden illness and following hospitalization of Mrs. Wintermann Monday night.

Paul Harris Fellow Awards

David And Eula Wintermann Are Presented Highest Rotary Awards

Awards Presented In Absentia Due To Mr. Wintermann's Illness

(By Fred R. Franks)

Two of Eagle Lake community's most beloved philanthropic citizens who have generously demonstrated love of their fellow man by generous support of charitable projects in the area were justly honored by members of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club and citizens of the community Tuesday night when David and Eula Wintermann were named Rotary International "Paul Harris Fellow" award recipients. Presentation was made at the club's ladies night installation banquet and was to have been a complete surprise to the recipients.

Unfortunately, Mr. Wintermann became ill while dining at his home around 8 p.m. Monday evening and he was taken to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital for an overnight stay and Tuesday morning was transferred by the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps to the Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston for further tests.

It is believed that he suffered a slight stroke on the left side of his body and was partially paralyzed in some areas for a time, but thankfully the attack was not great and the paralysis has left. He will be in the Houston hospital for tests and observation for a few days before returning home for further recuperation.

He is in Room 440 of the Southwest Memorial Hospital but hopes to be home by the end of this week.

Citizens of the entire community join in prayers for his complete recovery to good health.

Because of his illness, the awards being presented to the Wintermanns were given in absentia and were accepted in their behalf by Dan Thornton, incoming president, for later presentation to the honorees.

The presentations were made in behalf of the citizens of Eagle Lake by Paul Jury, District Governor for the 589th District of Rotary International. District Governor Jury noted the "being named a Paul Harris Fellow is one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed and is an appropriate recognition of

the honor of studying for a year in a country other than their own, while living in homes in that country, in order to develop a greater understanding of the respective world's people and their customs, attributes of their countries and the problems of the lands.

Another program is the Group Study Exchange Program whereby young college graduates visit in other countries of the world and students from those countries come to the United States or a reciprocal country for six weeks of study and visitation designed also to further a better relationship and understanding of the countries involved.

The presentation included Paul Harris Fellow certificates, beautifully engraved medallions and lapel pins for each of the honorees.

In addition to the Paul Harris Fellow awards, Eagle Lake Rotarians also honored their fellow member David Wintermann by presenting him the annual "Rotarian Of The Year" award, which was announced by outgoing president Bill Harrison, Jr.

The funds received from the Paul Harris Fellow program is a minimum of \$1,000 contribution for each membership area used to improve local, national and international relations and understanding.

The educational programs include the Rotary International Study Exchange Program where students have

Many Humanitarian Acts

One of the great acts of humanitarianism by the Wintermanns which prompted the awarding of the highly

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Five Begin Terms In State Pen

Five persons were taken to the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville last Friday to begin serving terms which were formally announced in District Court in Columbus last week.

District Judge B. B. Schraub had tentatively set the sentences following pleas of guilty made by the individuals in April, but formal sentencing was delayed until last Friday.

Two persons involved in the armed robbery of the Texas Fried Chicken in Garwood on Nov. 19, 1980 were among those sentenced. Carl A. Smith was given a term of five years in the penitentiary on a charge of aggravated robbery for using a shotgun in theft of the business; and Kevin Williams was given from two to four years in the penitentiary on a charge of robbery, reduced from aggravated robbery in the same incident.

Two others involved in the burglary of Gibson's in Columbus Dec. 4, 1980, were also sentenced. Mike Kelly and Camilo Guerra, Jr., both had entered pleas of guilty in the burglary and each received a sentence of not less than two nor more than three years in the Texas Department of Corrections.

The fifth person sentenced to the penitentiary was Russell J. Jaegering who was given a sentence of from two to eight years in the TDC on a charge of tampering with a witness. The witness allegedly was a young girl, who was the victim in the rape in Austin County. Judge Schraub noted that Jaegering was a "possible candidate for shock probation." Judge Schraub has until the 120th day of confinement to decide if Jaegering should be released and brought back to the county for possible further action on the charge.

Another person who entered a guilty plea in April was Lella Marie Shirley, charged with theft for illegally accepting food stamps from the Texas Dept. of Human Resources in an amount of over \$200 in the period from March 1 to July 31, 1979. She was given four years of probation.

Two Pled GUILTY

Bobbie Jean Evans and Gerald Booker, charged with forgery in the issuance of "bogus" money orders (13 of them) in the Columbus and Weimar area last February, entered pleas of guilty to forgery and their sentencing will be announced by Judge Schraub at a later date.

Charles Marx, indicted for burglary of a vehicle for taking gas from a vehicle at McCoy's near Weimar was given a four year deferred adjudication term. In the sentence, if the defendant displays proper behavior, the judge can at that time make a ruling on whether or not to determine the defendant guilty or not-guilty of the charge of burglary of a motor vehicle.

After discussion of the fund drive and distribution of funds, the group voted

Heavy Rains Flood Many Low Areas

Heavy rains hit Eagle Lake and South Central Texas last week, causing extensive flooding and damage to some crops in the lower areas of the Colorado River bottom lands.

While the rainfall here was heavy, it did not compare to the torrents of rain which hit the Austin, San Marcos and San Antonio areas where damage is reported to be in the millions of dollars.

The heavy rains in the upper reaches of the Colorado River filled the upper lakes to overflowing and the Colorado River created at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Columbus, at 21.28 feet, 4 feet under the anticipated crest level. By Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. the level of the river had dropped to 24.05 feet.

The river inundated the low lands bordering the Colorado River, especially in the Matthews, Bonus and Elm Grove area, damaging corn and milo crops to considerable extent.

Farm to Market Road 950 from Matthews to Garwood was closed during the weekend due to the flooding waters and also there was water across FM 2914 from its intersection with FM 950 at Eldridge to the intersection with FM 102 at Bonus but the road remained open to traffic.

The rice experiment station northwest of Eagle Lake measured 4.81 inches of rain from Thursday through Saturday. The Lakeside Irrigation Co.'s lake plant measured 4.35 inches during the same period.

The lake plant has measured 5.94 inches of rain so far this month which has boosted the 1981 total to 20.36 inches, just over the normal for this area. The lake plant measured 2.44 inches in January, 1.40 in Feb., 1.64 in Mar., 1.37 in April, and 7.56 in May.

Total damage of the heavy rainfall is still being ascertained, however generally speaking the grain farmers in areas where the river has been flooding will be the hardest hit by the rain and resulting floods.

deliver the address of welcome to the 229 guests expected for the event. Albert Fustelovsky is serving as local chairman for the event. Mrs. Tommie Neiswender, president of the chapter, is assisting with arrangements.

Directors of the Eagle Lake Consolidated Fund met at Broecker's Restaurant last week to distribute funds collected in the 1980 fund drive and to elect officers for the 1981-82 year.

Jim Stansel, 1980-81 president, reported that a total of \$13,519 had been collected in the 1980 drive, \$1488 over the budget. Of the total collected \$381.00 was designated for specific agencies, according to secretary and drive chairman J. Melburn Sibley.

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Ralph Truly Installed As Lions Pres.



Ralph Truly, center, was installed as the new president of the Eagle Lake Lions Club at the ladies night installation banquet Thursday night in the Community Center. Ray Dean Van Nort, left, past president and past vice chairman, served as installing officer and presents the gavel, symbol of leadership, to Truly. Outgoing president Joe Herbert McCrory is shown at right. See story on page 16.

Public Hearing On One-Way Streets Tues.

New Consol. Fund Leaders



Citizens of Eagle Lake, and those residing out of the city but frequent users of streets in the community, are invited to attend and participate in a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. next Tuesday, June 23rd on a proposal to make portions of Commerce Street and the street (unnamed) behind the post office as one-way streets.

The proposal to be discussed calls for the designation of that portion of Commerce Street from its intersection with East Main Street north to the intersection with the street behind the post office one-way with traffic in a northerly direction only; and designation of the street behind the post office from Commerce to McCarty one-way in a westerly direction.

The proposal to designate the streets "one-way" was originated in hopes of increasing safety in those areas. A hazardous condition exists at the Commerce-Main intersection for those making a left turn off Commerce onto Main because of obstructed vision due to the bank building. Also it has been noted that many persons using the outside mail box behind the post office have travel in the wrong lane (if heading west) in order to use the outside mail facility. Proponents say that while increasing safety, there will be no reduction in parking spaces.

Most opposition being voiced is that Eagle Lake is not big enough to need one-way streets and contention the conditions might even prove more hazardous for many citizens and especially for senior citizens, who have been using the two-way traffic for many years.

The council heard a letter from Gardner Duncan of Duncan Ranch in favor of the one-way street designations.

Lisidor Ramirez was the only person attending the meeting Tuesday last week specifically for the purpose of opposing the one-way street proposal. He contended that the change in traffic pattern might prove to be difficult for citizens to adjust to and might create, instead of get rid of, hazardous situations.

Headlight Editor Fred R. Franks and Fire Chief L. J. Spaniol, who were attending the council's meeting, continued on last page.

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SW Bell Co. Files For Rate Hikes

Pointing out that local telephone service is far from paying its own way, Southwestern Bell this week proposed significant increases in local monthly rates for Texas customers.

The company asked the Public Utility Commission to approve increases of \$5.45 per month for one-party residential service, and increases up to \$14.40 per month for one-party business service. Basic party line rates also would increase.

Local increases make up about 67 percent of the company's total request for \$409.8 million in new rates. In addition to local rates, the company also asked for increases in private line services, TouchTone services, (Continued on last page)

Crabbs Resign

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nity and commented that they have enjoyed being associated with the Rice District and with the citizens of the community and district.

He was formerly a member of the Eagle Lake Lions Club and currently is on the board of the Wintermann Library. Both Mr. and Mrs. Crabbs have been active in community activities and in their church, the United Methodist Church. Friends in the district are sorry to hear of their leaving but wish them much happiness in their new location.

Mrs. White, who has been with the Rice High School for the past 6 years, resigned to devote full time to her family and home life.

The board approved a contract for Glen Cagle to become a seventh grade coach and teacher at ELMS. He is a graduate of East Texas State University and has teaching experience in the Martindale School District.

The board in executive session discussed possible replacement for the principal's position at the Middle School and set up qualifications to be met by prospective applicants. The board indicated that it would like to hire someone with some previous administrative experience, said Supt. King.

Michele Isenhower presented the program, "French Cooking." Michele demonstrated the art of making quiche, which the group enjoyed during the refreshment and social hour following the meeting.

Kay Clipson, newly elected President, presided over the business meeting.

Diana Brunner shared a "Golden Moment in Beta Sigma Phi," with a reminder of the meaning of the yellow rose to a Beta Sigma Phi member.

The State project for 1982 was voted on by the chapter. The chapter also voted to donate \$100 to the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps.

Projects, programs and assignments for the coming year were discussed.

Final Social Of Year

The Xi Pi Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its final social of the chapter year with members and their husbands and guests enjoying a "Dog-Tired" party at the home of Kay and Richard Clipson.

A fun time was had by all as they swam and visited poolside.

Strawberries were gifted to go along with salad potatoes and dessert.

Kay Clipson and Glenda Blair were in charge of plans for the social event. Report on the social event.

Guests From Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hansen of Holiday, Florida, are spending two weeks here with their sister, Mrs. Ray A. Van Nort, and Mr. Van Nort.

Approved the purchase of three radios for fire department units, in a program in cooperation with the H-PAG, for \$4,000.00.

Decided that action on the first of three readings on proposed dangerous building

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