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24 YEARS AGO LET'S LOOK BACK

[May 2, 1957]

The Colorado River flood lands from Austin to Matagorda in one of the worst floods since 1938. The crest of the flood passed the 23.3 feet recorded at Lake-side Irrigation and 27.3 feet was recorded at Columbus. Dan T. Parker, former resident of this area, suddenly died at his home in

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Let's Look Back 40 YEARS AGO

[July 8, 1933]

Simon Sindlar improving after illness of typhoid fever.

Henry Nussbaum well known citizen and former prominent business man, passes away in Hermann Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roberts return home from several weeks' visit to Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Mississippi. Miss Elizabeth Westendorp home after school years at Pasadena Junior College in California.

Howard Fitzgerald sells Texaco Service Station to A. W. Linke. All night "Battle Dance" will be given in Austin's Hall on Thursday night. Humble to spend in new well at Garwood tonite.

El Campo winner in freeman's race on Wednesday night. Roy Towell champion in watermelon eating contest. Former local boy, Alton Choppin, in Houston movie test. Miss Ella and Adeline Breikreutz and Mrs. O. L. Breikreutz are visiting in Minnesota and Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fitzgerald and children, Mrs. Agnes Dromgoole, Mr. and Mrs. Simon White and Mrs. Simon White, Herbert Austin Dromgoole and Miss "Pep" Heiney of Glen Flora, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwin Johnson and Miss Ruth Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Graves and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Water, Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Boyles, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duty spent Fourth of July in Palacios.

Ruth Hayden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Hayden, home from hospital after six months. Roy Graves finds her lost of prehistoric animal while getting gravel from Colorado River near Garwood. Clyde Morgan is visiting this week in Garwood with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. H. and Mrs. J. L. McCreey visit in Galveston during weekend. Louis Balas confined to bed due to continued illness. Mrs. Emanuel Roos and Farley (Lela) home after a several week visit in Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. George Cook and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Isenhour and daughter, Lillian, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wiese and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wolfe and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Thomas and daughter, Miss Ada, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Causey and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Causey and family, Mrs. D. F. Isenhour, Miss Ruth Ernestine Powers, Alice Mae and Ruth Thomas, Edith Clippin, Mary Ziegler and Lucille Hough, Messrs. Richard Clippin, Virgil and Lorrian Hough, and Ralph Thomas spend Fourth of July picnicking on Colorado River.

Bench Marks For '81-82 School District Budgets

Report Issued By Texas Research League On Past Year's Budgets

The largest increase in school property taxes in history was adopted by school trustees last year, according to the report "Bench Marks for 1981-82 School District Budgets in Texas" published by the Texas Research League.

Tax bills mailed by the 1,070 school districts in Texas totaled almost \$2 1/2 billion - a whopping \$383 million increase over the previous year. Statewide the increase was 18.8 percent.

In Colorado County the increase for Rice Consolidated ISD was 12%; for Columbus School District, 16.7%; and Weimar School District, 10.5%.

Last fall school districts adopted budgets for 1980-81 calling for spending averaging \$1,628.96 per student for current operations. Rice's budget called for \$2,227.02 per student based on the 1442 students in average daily attendance in 1979-80. Columbus' budget allotted \$1,624.79 per student for 1214 students, and Weimar's budget had \$1,886.74 per student for 487 students.

The average salary for classroom teachers paid by Rice CISD in 1979-80 was \$13,368 which was 9.6% above the minimum salary prescribed by the state. The average among all school districts in Texas was \$14,101 per classroom teacher, or 13.7 percent over the minimum. Columbus ISD's average teacher pay was \$13,242 and for Weimar the average was \$13,393.

There was an average of one teacher for each 13.8 students in Rice CISD, as compared to a statewide pupil-teacher ratio of one to 16.5. Columbus' average student per teacher was 18.0 and Weimar's average per teacher was 13.2.

School districts are permitted to levy local property taxes above the local share of the Foundation School Program and to use the proceeds to "stretch" the program prescribed by the legislature. In 1980-81, the average school district levied property taxes five times the amount required for the Foundation Program and used the funds to enrich the program by an additional \$695 per student. Enrichment from local taxes in Rice CISD was \$810 per student; Columbus ISD, \$611; and Weimar ISD, \$712.

School districts must adopt new budgets for the 1981-82 fiscal year which begins September 1st. The tax assessor must calculate a tax rate that would produce the same revenue that was levied last year. If trustees anticipate adopting a rate that is more than three percent greater, a quarter-page notice must be published and a series of public hearings on the tax rate must be held.

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by Mary Ann Pittman

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Kim Wunderlich Attends Nat'l FHA Meeting In San Francisco

Kim Wunderlich represented Rice High School as one of 180 Texas delegates who attended the Future Home-makers of America's annual leadership meeting in San Francisco, California, July 13-16. The 4-day meeting with the theme, "Youth Energy, Unlimited Potential" was designed to help teen leaders of the organization to tap their personal energies and to combine efforts to accomplish their youth service projects.

The 2,000 delegates were selected from more than 400,000 home economics students in the nation to participate in general sessions, small-group workshops, field trips, exhibits, and the election of national officers. Workshops focused on family relations, career planning, stress and coping, and youth employment. There were special seminars on teen parenting, fitness and health, legislative awareness.

Kim was privileged to attend and benefit from the activities of this meeting since she is serving as Area III FHA Vice-Pres. of Public Relations.

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July 31-Aug. 9 - Aqua Festival, Austin. Showcasing area lakes, special events include Twilight Land Parade July 31, Mr. Gatti's PBA Bowling Tournament Aug. 5-11, Night Waterfowl Aug. 7, and the International Cash Award Ski Tournament Aug. 8 & 9. Rounding out the program are ethnic nights, race, dances and athletic events. Folio complete listing contact Aqua Festival, Box 19677, Austin 78713 (312-472-5664).

Aug. 1-22 - "Tess" Palo Duro Canyon State Park. People from all over the world and this outdoor musical which dramatizes the history of the Panhandle. Tickets for performances at 8:30 nightly (except Sunday) are \$4.57 adults, \$2.87 children. Reservations recommended. Served each evening before show. Excellent barbecue dinner are \$4.50 adults, \$3.50 children. Exciting Amarillo and Canyon bus service is available at \$5.50 for adults, \$2.75 for children. "Tess," Box 2681, Canyon 7909 (806-655-2188).

August - Ballet Folkloro de San Antonio, Arroyo River Theater, San Antonio. Exciting Spanish entertainment at 8:00 every Sunday evening. Admission \$3.50 adults and \$1.00 children. For more information contact the Visitors Information Center, Alamo Plaza, P.O. Box 22777, San Antonio 78212 (512-226-2345).

August - Outdoor Drama, Galveston Island State Park. Performed with song and dance on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. "The Lone Star" tells the story of Texas' fight for independence. Production! "Anne Get Your Gun" are on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Admission is from \$2.50 to \$5.00 depending on seating. For information contact The Lone Star, Box 5237, Galveston 77551 (713-737-3442).

Aug. 28-30 - Great Texas Mosquito Festival, Clute. Kick-off festivities begin with the mayor swats the first mosquito. The beauty pageant will result in the first "Miss Squito" and there's even a Mosquito Look Alike contest. Music to be performed throughout the festival will star Johnny Rodriguez and the Buck wheat Zydeco Cajon Band, as well as other groups. For a brochure, contact Linda Hill, P.O. Box 5237, Clute 77531 (713-305-6066).

Aug. 28-30 - American Cattle Breeders Show, Southwestern Historical Wax Museum, Grand Prairie. Display of plaques commemorating the Cattle Breeders' Hall of Fame 4th annual induction will be open to the public from 9:00 to 5:00 each day of the show. For more information contact Patsy Wright, Southwestern Historical Wax Museum, 6017 East Solon Blvd., Grand Prairie 75050 (214-263-2291).

RHS Cheerleaders To Hold Clinic Aug. 10-14

The Rice High School Varsity Cheerleaders will be hosting a Cheerleading Clinic beginning August 10th through 14th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Middle School. The fee will be \$5.00 for ages five and up. The cheerleaders will be teaching many chants, yells, and stunts. The participants will be evaluated and awards will be given on the last day. The cheerleaders feel that the clinic would be a great help to those who are interested in trying out for cheerleaders in the future.

Cheerleaders who will be attending Cheerleading Camp at Southwest Texas State University from August 3-7 are Becky Bengo, Laurie Rubels, Lisa Parker, Cindy Rodriguez and Karen Bucka. "Let's get ready to back the Mighty Raiders!" said the cheerleaders.

County OK's Airfare To Get Robbery Suspect

Colorado County Commissioners' Court approved an expenditure of \$483, while in special session Monday, to provide airfare for a county sheriff's deputy to go to San Diego, California to return a prisoner to this county to face charges of theft of an estimated \$1200 from the Thriftman Service Station in Columbus.

The June 8th grand jury in this county returned an indictment of theft against Daryl Mathis after he allegedly skipped the country with \$1200 which was to be made as a night deposit.

Mathis was arrested last week in California and was held by the San Diego police department. However the California officers informed the Colorado County Sheriff's office that they planned to release Mathis at 1 p.m. Tuesday of this week if he returned to Texas.

In light of this situation, the court authorized the expenditure of funds for a deputy from the county sheriff's office to fly to California to bring Mathis back to this county to stand trial on the theft charge.

Deputy Sheriff James Parrell to San Diego to return the prisoner to this county.

Accent On Health

Don't let food poisoning spoil your summer fun. Even though there are several types of bacteria which can cause food poisoning, most of the time this problem is caused by Salmonella organisms. Most types of warm and cold blooded animals - and man - can be infected with Salmonella and are called carriers.

Through their body discharges, the disease may be spread to other people. The incubation period varies and may range from a few hours to several days. The most common symptoms are vomiting, diarrhea, stomach cramps, chills, and fever.

"It's safe to refrigerate but just as long as they don't fall the temperature of the refrigerator above 45 degrees Fahrenheit, jeopardizing the other foods therein," Scholtz said.

For more information, contact Lenwood L. Scholtz, Food and Drug Division of the Texas Department of Health.

But once the food is cooked, it should be served soon and then promptly refrigerated. "In most cases, the food is contaminated after having been cooked and allowed to stand at temperatures which encourage bacterial growth," Scholtz said.

Bacteria in food can multiply quickly at temperatures ranging from 45 to 140 degrees Fahrenheit - from cool to warm.

"The best rule is to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold until they are served," Scholtz said. "Keeping food just below room or warm doesn't help a bit. Keep the food below 45 degrees or above 140 degrees."

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Agricultural Observations

From **TEXAS A&M RESEARCH SITE EAGLE LAKE**

Observations from Texas A&M Research site Eagle Lake 1/

Date	Air Temp	2/	Soil Temp	Evap	Rain
	Max	Min	Max	Min	(Inch)
Jul 21	98	73	102	85	.289
22	98	73	104	85	.291
23	98	74	105	84	.322
24	101	82	106	85	.272
25	100	75	100	86	.164
26	97	74	97	86	.250
27	92	74	90	84	.174

1/ In cooperation with National Weather Service & Texas Water Development Board
2/ Sheltered air temperatures

A warm, unstable air mass remains over the Coastal Plains of Texas. Showers or thunderstorms may continue to erupt particularly during the afternoon hours the next few days. Most rainfall amounts should range around half an inch but some light totals are possible.

Showers reported this week will likely continue and become more numerous as the week goes on. Rice and sorghum harvests may be able to get underway in some sections by noon as dew dries, but growers will have to work around scattered afternoon showers. Hay cutting will be risky the next two days. Lower rain chances the latter half of the week should be better progress but growers will still have to contend with some threat of shower damage, during this time may have to be extended somewhat due to high humidity the next few days.

2 Pickups Collide On E. Main St.

A minor collision of two pickup trucks on East Main Street at the intersection with Lakeside Drive was investigated by Eagle Lake police at 12:30 p.m. July 21st.

Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner investigated. He reported a 1978 Ranger pickup driven by Simons Cartenas Rio of Eagle Lake stopped to let a truck come onto Main Street and was hit from behind by a 1980 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by James Byron Rhodes of Eagle Lake.

Since Salmonella germs are endemic in poultry and to a lesser extent in pork and beef, these products should be thoroughly cooked. Many people apparently feel that once meat and poultry are cooked, it is safe to leave them out at room temperature. This is not so. Cooked food at room temperature can become a haven for bacterial growth.

When planning your summer cookouts, remember that the germs which cause food poisoning prefer the same foods you do and they must, poultry, fish, shellfish, cream pies, custards, and potato salad. These foods should be kept in the ice chest.

"One mistake outdoor cooks frequently make is to take juicy meat from a plate, put it on the fire, and then return the cooked portions to that very same plate with the juices on it," Scholtz said. "They are contaminating the meat again in its original juices."

Or, picnickers may use a knife to cut the meat before barbecuing, and then use the same knife to cut up lettuce for a salad. This may lead to cross contamination because the germs from the meat contaminate the salad.

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