

***** ATTENTION *****
Rice High School Class of 1976
CLASS REUNION
 At The Circle K Ranch
Saturday, Sept. 12 - 5:00 PM
 Contact Mrs. David (Carolyn Bowen) Baird
 Box 613 - Eagle Lake - Ph. 234-5884
 More Addresses Needed!

Pickle Speaks Out On Soc. Security

[By Cong. J. J. Pickle]
 Shortly before the Congress broke for the August recess, the House of Representatives passed a bill to restore current law on the minimum benefit. This will not be the final say on this matter, but the 404-30 vote on the bill is a clear indication that the House believes the President was incorrect in taking away the \$122 a month minimum social security benefit from people who have already retired.
 The Senate, on the other hand, has upheld the President's position on at least three separate occasions, so it is unlikely that it will accept this bill in present form. There is instead much discussion of working out a middle ground which would preserve the minimum benefit for those who are truly in need or for those who are not so-called double-dippers, especially since the claim is made that this is not an earned benefit. I anticipate this will be the President's

Open Youth Horse Show At County Fair Sept. 12

An open youth horse show will be held in conjunction with the Colorado County Fair on Saturday, September 12, 1981. The show will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Colorado 4-H Horse Club arena located in Memorial Park at Columbus.

There will be seven events in three age groups offered for a total of 21 classes. Horse tack will be awarded in all classes for places 1-6. The high point winner will be presented an engraved breast strap. The reserved high point winner will be presented an embossed saddle blanket. A rosette will be awarded the Best of Class Entry in each class.

Entry fees are \$4.00 per class payable to the Colorado County Fair Ass'n. If entries are made by August 31, 1981, late entries are \$6.00 per class.

Moreover, I do not believe that every single so-called "double-dipper" can so easily be assumed to have ripped off the social security system. That is just not the case. I do think we must seek more equity in this minimum benefit area, but it must be done carefully and it should be done for future retirees only.

**WCJC Starlette
Try-Out Camp
Begins Monday**

Coads who plan to attend Wharton County Junior College in Wharton this fall are reminded that the 1980 Starlettes summer try-out camp will be conducted Monday, August 17 through Friday, August 21.

Free room and board at Mullins Hall is provided during the five-day session. No tuition is charged. Starlettes who make the dance team receive a \$50 check for tuition costs each semester and free college books. They also earn college credit for physical education (P.E. 114) by attending the daily 8 a.m. Starlettes class taught by Lynn Bates, director.

Starlette hopefuls are asked to check in Sunday, August 16 at Mullins Hall. Selections will be made at the conclusion of try-outs Friday, August 21.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Bates by phone at (713) 532-6443 in Wharton or by writing.

**Girndt Graduates
From U.S. Navy
Electronics School**

Navy Electronics Technician 3rd Class John L. Girndt, son of L. M. Girndt of P. O. Box 99, Rock Island, Texas, was graduated from Basic Electronics Technician School.

The course was conducted at the Navy Service School Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Students received introductory instruction in electronic circuit concepts, radar principles, and the basics of radio transmitters and receivers. In addition, they studied the procedures for repairing amplifiers, transmitters, receivers and power supply lines.

He's a native of El Campo, attended the schools there and graduated from Texas A&M University in 1970 with a bachelor of science degree.

He is currently employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

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Local County Fair Poster Winners



Shown above are the three local winners in the Colorado County Fair poster competition which was judged on Wednesday of last week. The posters are on display this week at First National Bank and they and others will be used at local businesses in the future to advertise the forthcoming third annual Colorado County Fair to be held Sept. 10-12. The three local winners were: left to right, Marie Thomas, best of show in the intermediate division, grades 4-6; Leslie Matthews, best of show in the junior high division, grades 7 and 8; and Bonnie Benge, best of show in the primary division, grades kindergarten through third.

3 Locals Win Best Of Show In Fair Poster Contest

Competition was held for the Eagle Lake community in the Colorado County Fair poster competition on Wednesday of last week and the results were announced on Friday, Sept. 10-12 to promote the 1981 Fair.

Judging for the local show

rosette ribbon and also a \$6.65 prize donated by Stuart and Bandy. Attorneys-At-Law of Eagle Lake.

Mrs. Nelson (Michelle) Isenhower was the local contest chairman and she noted that despite the fact that there were not as many entries as anticipated the work was exceptional. The Fair posters will be placed in local businesses between now and the dates for the Fair, Sept. 10-12 to promote the 1981 Fair.

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Colorado Valley Shrine Club Benefit Dance This Sunday

The Colorado Valley Shrine Club is sponsoring a Benefit Dance, Sunday, August 16 at the Veterans Community Center in Columbus.

The general public is encouraged to attend and enjoy the music of Country Unlimited, playing from 7:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Shrine or at the door beginning at 7:15.

The Shrine operates the largest privately financed hospital system in the world, treating children and burn victims of all races and religions without charge. Numerous children from this area have benefited from these efforts in recent years.

Dominique Isenhower third and Kevin Bandy won an honorable mention.

In the junior high competition, grades seven and eight, Leslie Matthews won first and also won best of show honors.

The local Fair posters are on display this week at First National Bank and will be distributed later to various businesses to boost the forthcoming Colorado County Fair.

Mrs. Isenhower expressed appreciation to those who entered posters, to the judges, the library and bank for their cooperation and to Stuart & Bandy for donating the cash prizes.

Bottom Falls Out On Rice Bid Prices

Prices offered for 1981 first crop rice continue to be well below anticipated prices and as a result very little rice is being sold under the bids offered by the mills.

In the first sale of the season at the Garwood Rice Sales Company on Tuesday of last week, the top bid of the day was \$13.18, well below the opening sale prices in Eagle Lake on July 29th. At that sale in Eagle Lake, top bid of the day was \$13.53 per Cwt. for rice which graded in ranges from 62 to 65-71 No. 1.

In the sale at Garwood last week, the top bid of \$13.18 was offered for a lot of rice grown by Ken Drik, R. A. Drik and Fay Kus and the lot milled 66-72-1, and also for another lot grown by R. R. Stallman and Sons which milled 66-71-1. Lindsey Mill bid high on both of the lots.

The Garwood Rice Sales Co. offered 22 lots of rice for bids last week with the bids ranging all the way down to \$9.98 Cwt. for a lot of rice which milled 55-68 No. 3. Bids were offered by Lindsey (high on 10 lots), by West Indies, Comet, Riviana and El Co. with P&S, Uncle Ben's, Moore and Cotra passing bids at the sale.

Bottom Falls Out
 The bottom, virtually fell out of the rice market at the sale at the Eagle Lake office on Wednesday of last week with the top bid of the day being \$12.95 per Cwt. Elio offered that amount for a lot of rice grown by D. and R. Waidell which milled 61-71-1 and for another grown by David Mahabite which milled 61-71-1. The Eagle Lake office offered 30 lots totalling 139,605 Cwt. and only two of the 30 lots were confirmed sales, according to manager Donald Obenhaus.

The appearance of smut in the rice has continued to lower quality of the rice.

According to Doyle Waldrop, rice grader for the American Rice Growers Association, the milling figures are interpreted as follows: a lot with 61-71 milling and

grade means that 61 pounds out of a 162 pound barrel are considered whole grains, the 71 means that 71% is edible rice. The number 1 determines the grade of the rice offered.

In the sale last Wednesday, Lindsey Mill was top bidder on 14 of the 30 lots with other bidders, Comet, Elio, Riviana and West Indies sharing in top bids for the remaining 16 lots.

At a sale Tuesday at Garwood Rice Sales the market showed no improvement with the top bid of the day being \$12.27 Cwt.

This bid was made for rice grown by Les Bunge, Jr. Farms and Oscar L. Bunge Farms and which milled 64-70-1. The Eagle Lake office offered 29 lots totalling 145,000 Cwt. up for bids on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. Britton was born October 16, 1925 in Eagle Lake. His parents are Mrs. Lacy Britton Semora of Eagle Lake and the late Cornelius Britton. He resided in Eagle Lake, in Columbus fourteen years and Glidden the past year. He owned and operated Blackie's Wrecker Service in Columbus and had other business interests in the Columbus area.

On December 11, 1954, he was united in marriage with Earline Perrard.

Survivors include his wife, Earline; his mother, Mrs. Lacy Semora; four sisters, Mrs. Jay Anderson, Mrs. Dexter Anderson, both of Eagle Lake and Mrs. George Pryor and Ms. Mary Semora, both of Houston; one brother, Jack Dodd of Alleyton; and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Britton served in the Merchant Marines and in the Armed Forces during the Korean War. He was a member of the T.M.T.A. Lodge.

In lieu of usual remembrances the family asks donations be made to the Oral Roberts City of Faith or the Columbus Bible Fellowship.

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Town 4-H Club. Each participant received a blue ribbon for their entries.

Record Book Contest
 Six county youth submitted record books in the 1981 District Record Book Judging contest. They were Patricia Canik, Dairy Foods, Freisburg 4-H Club; Angela Warschak, Fashion Revue and Foods and Nutrition, Freisburg 4-H Club; Wendy Herman, Fashion Revue, St. Anthony's 4-H Club; Sherlyn Lockett, Fashion Revue, Eagle Lake 4-H Club; Stephanie Rhodes, Clothing, New Town 4-H Club; and Carol Rhodes, Clothing, New Town 4-H Club.

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WHY PAY RENT? The factory outlet offers two & three bedroom homes under \$250.00 per month. For information you can call 342-0497.

C. C. (Blackie) Britton Dies In Sleep Monday

Citizens throughout the area were saddened to learn of the sudden death of C. C. (Blackie) Britton, prominent businessman in Columbus area and a native of Eagle Lake, at 7:30 in the morning of Monday, August 10th at his home in Glidden.

Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt held an inquest and ruled death was from an apparent heart attack.

During the night before his death he had received a wrecker service call at which time he complained of feeling ill. He failed to respond when his wife tried to awaken him Monday morning.

Funeral services were to be held from the Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus Wednesday (this afternoon) April 12 at 4:00 p.m. with interment following in the Old Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus. The Rev. Robin Latimore will officiate.

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City Council OK's Street Paving Bids

The City of Eagle Lake will be able to do an additional \$10,000 worth of street improvements after accepting a lower bid than anticipated for the city's street repair project.

Action on street paving bids was taken by the Eagle Lake city council during a brief regular session on Tuesday night of this week at the Municipal Building.

Schwabe and Milken Construction of Shiner, the low bidder for last year's project, entered the same bid for this summer's work which was \$10,000 below the amount budgeted for the project. Bids were submitted on a per unit basis and the Shiner firm's offer totaled \$14,000 and was approved unanimously by the council. The bid included labor and equipment only. The city will supply materials for the street work.

The city is expected to utilize the \$10,000 remaining in the budget for repairs on additional streets to be named later this week by city manager Robert Klockman.

Other bids submitted for the street work included Ellers Construction of Schulenburg with a total bid of \$20,862; Dean & Keng Paving of Giddings, \$19,471; and Fatisek Paving Co. of El Campo, \$18,018.

In other action the city manager reported that the work of the Board of Equalization had been completed and that valuations were being adjusted. Klockman also commended city secretary Lucille Perry for her work in preparing the tax roll and indicated that it should be ready for mailing by mid-to late-October.

The council also met briefly with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Austin concerning a payback plan on a subdivision being

developed on the southern edge of Eagle Lake. But no action was taken on the matter.

Officers in the department issued a total of 80 traffic citations, including 46 to autos, 33 to trucks and 1 dog violation. Also the department investigated five accidents.

Chas. Redus, Teacher 32 Yrs. Passes Away

Last rites will be held at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, Aug. 13th for Charles Redus, 53, prominent Columbus educator, who died after a long illness in Columbus Hospital Tuesday night. The rites will be held from the First Methodist Church in Columbus followed by interment in the Oak-Fellows Rest Cemetery with Masonic and military rites.

Henneke Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Redus was born Sept. 8, 1927 in Devine and had been a teacher of biology in the Columbus School District for 32 years. He was also active in the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, Arabia Temple Shrine, was a past commander of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, having served with the Armed Forces in World War II.

Charlie, as he was affectionately known to friends, also had a great interest in community activities, especially those relating to the youth of the community.

Surviving are his wife, Jean; three daughters; three sons; two grandchildren; three sisters; six brothers; and other relatives and friends.

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County Agent's NOTEBOOK

(By Leroy J. Hajjlik, County Extension Agent, Colorado County)

EL Police Get 41 Calls; Write 80 Tickets

Eagle Lake police reported another busy month in July answering 41 calls, increasing 20 prisoners, and issuing 80 traffic citations.

According to a report presented by Eagle Lake Police Chief Earl Weinbrenner to the city council this week the department investigated one assault, two burglaries, three thefts, one forgery, two marijuana possessions, one disorderly conduct and one assault. Five of the eleven cases were cleared.

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PLAZA THEATRE

Wharton
FRIDAY THRU THURSDAY
August 14 - 20

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 The story of a man who...
 ROGER MOORE
 FOR YOUR EYES ONLY
 BOB ARNOLD
 Max-Fri., 7:30, 9:15
 Sat. & Sun., 2:30, 5:15, 7:30, 9:15

PLAZA II
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PLAZA III
 Hollywood...
 ALLE ANDREWS
 WILLIAM HOLDEN
 BLAKE EDWARDS
 SOB
 A PARODY
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PLAZA IV
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PLAZA V
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 WILLY MURRAY
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 BOB ARNOLD
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PLAZA VI
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PLAZA VII
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 STRIPES
 BOB ARNOLD
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PLAZA VIII
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 BOB ARNOLD
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PLAZA IX
 The story of a man who...
 WILLY MURRAY
 STRIPES
 BOB ARNOLD
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PLAZA X
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PLAZA XI
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PLAZA XII
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PLAZA XIII
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