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Let's Look Back

48 YEARS AGO

[August 12, 1933]
County-wide meeting in Columbus... carrying state bond amendment. E. E. Irwin named chairman of county campaign committee to create interest toward adoption of proposed amendment. Daily Brothers news reporting buying firm in Eagle Lake. Airplane is used in poisoning leaf worms in 250 acres of H. C. Matthews field. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Towell, Roy, Jr., and Billy Towell and Ray Munn spent two weeks in Chicago at World's Fair. Proposed amendments to Constitution will be voted.



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24 YEARS AGO

LET'S LOOK BACK

May 30, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jarvis, managers of the new Bob-Jarvis Grocery, plan gala formal opening Saturday, June 1st, for the newly established business. L. A. Gov. Joe Sorrells of College Station met with the Kiwanis Club in Eagle Lake at the regular weekly meeting. Six Eagle Lake students are part of the graduating class from Wharton County Junior College.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brune proudly announce the arrival of a son, James Edward, Jr., born in the Laughlin Hospital May 15. Mrs. W. L. Mayes, a long-time resident of Rock Island, passed away at her home Sunday, May 26th. Funeral services were held at Rock Island Baptist Church May 28th. Lillian Kubesch of Garwood wins journalism award from Wharton County Junior College. Kenneth Nolen of Eagle Lake were among the cadets to receive baccalaureate degrees in mechanical engineering at Texas A&M College. Ed Lohpries was surprised with a dinner party in honor of his 65th birthday with a chicken barbecue and all the trimmings.

William S. Pirtle

Graduated From Texas Tech. Inst.

William Samuel Pirtle was one of nearly 500 summer graduates of Texas State Technical Institute-Waco campus. Ceremonies for the graduates were held Friday, Aug. 14, at the Waco Convention Center. He completed a skill development program in diesel and construction equipment mechanics and received a certificate of completion. William is a 1980 graduate of Rice High School and the son of Mrs. June Pirtle of Eagle Lake.

Free Pizza
Mary Yasez this is a ticket for a free pizza at the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, where you get the finest foods in town including delicious pizza. Clip this out and present at the Dairy Delite for your free pizza not later than Sept. 1, 1981.

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I'm The Same Old Flag

Hello! Remember me? Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Stars and Stripes! I have also been referred to as The Star Spangled Banner. But, whatever they call me, I am your flag, or, as I proudly state, the flag of the United States of America. There is something that has been bothering me, so I thought I might let it over with you, because it's about you and me.

I remember some time ago, I think it was Memorial Day, people were lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade. The town's high school band was behind me, and naturally, I was leading the parade.

When your daddy saw me coming along, waving in the breeze, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his right hand was directly over his heart. Remember?

And you, yes, I remember you. Standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the correct salute. They taught you in school to place your right hand over your heart. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you. Oh, I was very proud as I came down your street. There were some soldiers home on leave and they were standing at attention giving the military salute. Also, some members of veterans organizations with their caps at jaunty angles were saluting smartly. Ladies as well as the men paid me the reverence I deserve.

Now, I may sound a little conceited. Well, I am. I have a right to be, because I represent the finest country in the world...the United States of America. More than one aggressive nation has tried to haul me down, but they all felt the fury of this freedom loving country. Remember...many of you had to go overseas to defend me.

What has happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I've had a couple more stars added since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since that Memorial Day parade long ago. Dad is gone now. The home town has a new look. The last time I came down your street, I saw that some of the old landmarks were gone, but in their place, shining majestically in the sun, were a number of new buildings and homes. Yes sir, the old home town sure has changed.

But now...I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and give me a small glance, then look or turn away. When I think of all the places I've been...Anzio, Guadalcanal, Battle of the Bulge, Korea, and Vietnam...I wonder what's happened? I'm the same old flag. Now I see children running around and shouting as I pass by. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw an old man take his hat off, and then look at me. He didn't see anybody else with theirs off, so he quickly put his back on.

It is a sin to be an American patriot anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for? Have you forgotten all the battles where men fought and died to keep this nation, your nation, free? When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Take a look at the Memorial Honor Roll sometime. Look at the names of those who never came back, and resting in white crosses on a far away shore. Some of them were friends or relatives of yours...maybe even went to school with you. That's who you're saluting...when you rever me.

12th Flying Training Wing
Randolph Air Force Base

Last Rites Held Sat. For Mrs. Andreas

Citizens learned with sadness of the death of Mrs. Fritz (Elsie) Andreas, a resident of this community for the past 36 years, who died in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, August 19th after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Andreas, who won the love and admiration of everyone she came in contact with, was employed in the office of Better Beverages, Inc. (former Dr. Pepper Bottling Co.) for 21 years before retiring in 1960. She was born May 24, 1921 near Columbus the daughter of Henry and Mary Wozniak Zapala, and formerly resided in Fayetteville before coming to Eagle Lake in 1945. On June 17, 1940 she and Fritz Andreas were united in marriage in Fayetteville, Texas. Surviving are her husband, Fritz Andreas of Eagle Lake; her mother, Mrs. Mary Supak of Eagle Lake; a daughter, Mrs. Rosalie Graeter of Fayetteville; a son Fred of Kerville; five grandchildren; and other relatives and friends. She was an active member of Our Lady's Perpetual Help Catholic Church and was treasurer for the local KJ21 chapter. Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21st in the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home with the Rev. Father Tom Hanus leading the prayers. Last rites for Mrs. Andreas were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 22, 1981 from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with Father Hanus officiating. Graveside services and interment following at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Fayetteville. Serving as pallbearers were Stephen Graeter, Jeff

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County Gets \$705.12 Mix Drinks Tax

State Controller Bob Bullock reports that sales of mixed drinks in Texas during the second quarter of 1981 were up over 28 percent over the same period last year. Bullock said mixed drink taxes collected during the April, May and June period amounted to \$705.12 million, compared to \$528.8 million for the same period in 1980.

The said second quarter taxes pushed the amount collected on mixed drinks this year in Texas to \$68.9 million, which represents more than a half-billion dollars in mixed drink sales in 1981.

Colorado County received \$705.12 from the mixed drink sales tax and the City of Columbus received \$593.94. Austin County received \$668.47 and San Felipe received \$101.86. Fayette County netted \$4,050.47 and Palmita \$371.47 and La Grange \$501.72. Lavaca County received a check for \$1,158.91 and Moulin \$77.88 and Hallettsville \$421.03. Wharton County received \$4,064.44 and Wharton \$2,463.65 and El Campo \$722.13.

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from Houston hired to make repairs on the tower and antenna refused to send men up on the tower due to the deteriorating condition. A transient "steepie chaser" recently climbed the tower to paint it, but Sheriff Broussard added, "it didn't take him long to come down from the top."

If the court does decide to relocate the antenna on the radio station's tower, the court will still have the problem of what to do with the old tower and how it is to be removed from the top of the county jail. This problem will be discussed along with the estimated costs of the proposed project at the next meeting of the court on September 14th.

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Grand Opening held this week at Tilson Custom Homes in Angleton

A new addition to Tilson's famous line of Heritage homes was introduced this week at the company's model home park located in Angleton.

Called the "Victorian," the new model is an authentic version of that famous Central Texas Victorian style home that typified gracious living in the Lone Star State a half a century ago. According to a company representative, all of these lines and features of that nostalgic age have been faithfully reproduced in the "Victorian" to satisfy the tastes of those who truly appreciate tradition. Yet, like all Tilson homes, this latest addition will offer all of today's modern conveniences such as year round air conditioning, kitchen appliances and luxurious wall-to-wall carpeting.

The "Victorian" will offer prospective purchasers a wide variety of floor-plan arrangements that include a 4 bedroom version with 2 1/2 baths and another that converts the oversized garage into a 32 game room.

Tilson is a home construction firm that specializes in custom building on the buyer's property anywhere in the greater Gulf Coast region. Sometimes considered Old Fashioned, Tilson still builds homes from the ground up (board-by-board, brick-by-brick, nail-by-nail) which means the buyer can make changes such as move doors, add windows, etc. This also means the Tilson Home buyer has a complete selection of brick, carpeting, interior and exterior paint colors, roofing and all of those finishing touches that a custom home builder normally offers.

Tilson homes range in price from \$130,000 to more than \$100,000 when built on the buyer's property. Complete information about the "Victorian" and all other Tilson homes may be obtained at the Angleton office which is located at 128 S. Velasco.

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Rice CISD Bd. Adopts New Attendance Policy

At a special meeting last Thursday, August 20th, the board of the Rice Consolidated School Districts Board of Trustees approved a new Attendance Policy for students in the Rice District to take effect immediately.

"Students or their parents must show a concern about school attendance and when absent must show a concern for keeping the school informed, getting assignments, directions, etc.," said Rice CISD officials. "Attendance is required by the state. It has been too easy to be absent with little concern about academic work."

The effect of the new policy is simply to encourage students to attend school regularly and to be concerned about school work and the education when absent. Following is the new policy.

Questions about this policy may be directed to the campus principals or to the superintendent of schools.

Attendance Policy
1. An earnest effort at regular school attendance and compliance with local and state attendance regulations shall be a requirement for earning credit and for promotion in the Rice CISD.

2. Students should attend school each day unless circumstances prevent attendance.

3. Total absences (excused and unexcused) of ten (10) days shall be considered excessive and the question as to whether earnest effort is being made shall be applied.

4. A parent conference will be required for each absence in excess of ten (10) days. In the case of two or more consecutive days of absence supported by a doctor's excuse, only one parental conference will be required for the period.

5. A total of fifteen (15) days absence without evidence of earnest effort at attendance will result in a failure to meet the attendance requirements for course credit and promotion.

6. Earnest effort may be made even though absences exceed fifteen (15) in number by:

A. Students or parents acquire assignments, home

work, directions, etc. in cases of illness, injury, or other types of approved or excused absences.

B. In cases of extended absence caused by illness or injury, a homebound program is entered into and the school is kept informed.

C. Getting assignments and directions and carrying out such work is the responsibility of the student and the parents.

7. It will be considered that no earnest effort was made in the case of all unexcused absences and also in the case of excused absences when no effort was made to contact the school for directions, assignments or otherwise school work.

8. Campus principals shall file complaints in J.P. Court to enforce compliance with the compulsory attendance law of the state at any time it is evident the law is being abused.

This policy in no way alters any other district or campus policy regarding the handling of absences (either excused or unexcused) or tardies, noted Supt. Harold King.

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AARP To Open New Year Wed., Sept. 2

The Eagle Lake chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 12 noon Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1981 in the Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church for the first meeting of the season.

The program is to be given by Miss Nancy Johnson, who is a registered dietitian. The subject will be "How To Eat and Stay Well." Mrs. Harry Larson is the program chairman and always has interesting programs for the group.

There will be a covered dish meal following the business session and the program.

"Let's all turn out and make this a good meeting after our vacation," says Mrs. Hazel Havens, Reporter.

EL Lions Set Annual Street Carnival Oct. 3

Eagle Lake Lions Club has started plans for its annual Street Carnival to be held this year at the Eagle Lake Community Center on Saturday, October 3rd.

All businesses and civic organizations, individuals and families are encouraged to make plans to take part in the opening parade. Starting time and further details will be provided. Meanwhile family floats are especially encouraged in the parade, said Ralph Truitt, president of the club.

Other information on the parade can be obtained from Major Beuge and Bill Apple, parade chairman.

The 1981 Carnival promises to be one of the best ever staged by the Lions and they ask you to mark your calendar reserving Oct. 3rd for this annual benefit staged by the Eagle Lake Lions.

Course On Nutrition Guidelines For Expectant Mothers In Sept.

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital will present a course on "Nutritional Guidelines for the Expectant Mother" at the Hospital's Conference Room on Mondays, September 21 and 28 at 10:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. each date. The course is free to the public. Nancy Johnson, Registered Dietitian, will be the instructor. The expectant woman will learn the importance of proper diet for her and her baby in relation to the minimum daily requirements for proper weight control management during pregnancy.

For additional information and pre-registration, contact Laura Deavenport, Patient Care Coordinator at the