

Hospital To Expand Employee Parking Area



Shown above are employees of Jessie Thomas Construction Company and Irving Williams Plumbing Co. checking details of drainage as construction begins on a new 126'x55' expansion to the employees' parking lot on the North side of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The new addition will add space for twenty-four additional

employees to park their vehicles. This project is intended to remove employee parking from the hospital's visitors' parking lot on the South side of the hospital. Domingo Castillo, right, Maintenance Supervisor at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, looks on as work gets underway. Hospital Photo.

Interest On Land Bank Loans Going Up Oct. 1

Interest rates on all Land Bank variable rate loans will be increased to 11 percent on farm loans and 11 1/2 percent on rural residence and farm-related loans. Clifton Mahon, President of The Federal Land Bank Association of Belleville, announces. These rates will become effective October 1, 1981.

"There continues to be substantial upward pressure in the bond market with no relief from the record high interest rates anticipated in the near future," Mahon said.

"The September bond issue carried a face rate of 17.85 percent on nine-month bonds and 17 percent on 2 1/2 year bonds," he continued. "The Bank's average cost of funds prior to the issue was in excess of 11 percent."

Mahon said that marketing conditions and a ceiling cost earnings spread prompted the increase in the variable interest rate.

Squash Grows In Trees



Mrs. C. E. Evertt, Sr., has some unusual squash growing in a small garden plot behind her home on the corner of Stockbridge and McCarty. She planted seed from an acorn squash she purchased last year and the resulting squash bush has covered fences and climbed into a nearby tree, producing a number of large-sized squash, one of which is held by Mrs. Evertt above, weighing ten and one-half pounds. Other squash are growing along her fence line and at least two are high in the branches of the tree. As a matter of fact, the large one which she is holding grew in a fork of the tree. She says the bush got no special treatment, but it "just grew and grew and grew."

Last Rites For Lee Reed Johnson Sat.

Lee Reed Johnson, a prominent rancher in this area for many years, passed away September 17, 1981 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital after several months of illness.

Funeral services were held from the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home Saturday, September 19 at 3:00 p.m. followed by interment in the Lakeside Cemetery. The Rev. Charles Runk, United Methodist Church pastor, officiated.

Casketbearers were H. C. Johnson, J. L. Foster, Clement Richter, Bill Stiles, Elmo Werla and Joe D. Luna.

Mr. Johnson was born November 18, 1901 in Altair. His parents were Henry Lee Johnson and Mattie Lee Reed Johnson. He lived in this area all of his life with the exception of the time he spent with the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Miss Ophelia Johnson of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Ruth Mobley of Texas City; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Ed (Bertha) Johnson of Altair; and a number of nieces and nephews and friends. Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of this loved one.

Xi Pi Psi Selling Calendars

Xi Pi Psi sorority is taking orders now for birthday and anniversary calendars. For the price of \$3.50, one can get their family's birthdays and anniversary on the calendar plus the calendar.

Call Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3432 or Pat Cook at 234-3480 to place your order before September 30.

Proceeds go toward worthy causes in the community.

Caperton Says Not Candidate For Congress

Senator Kent Caperton issued the following statement:

"In the past few weeks I have received numerous inquiries about the possibility of my becoming a candidate for the Sixth Congressional District. Because of this, I want to say both to those who have said they would support an effort and to those who might oppose it, that I am not and will not become a candidate for Congress in 1982.

"My first term in the Texas Senate has been a productive one, and I feel an obligation to the people of the Fifth Senatorial District to continue to devote my attention to the duties of the Senate Office, as well as to my private law practice.

"I intend to make a formal declaration of my political plans for 1982 at a later time, but wanted to end the speculation about my entering this Congressional race publicly, as I have attempted to do privately."

Associate Degree Nursing Class At WCJC



Associate Degree Nursing Class Pioneers at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton proudly pose in front of new M. G. and Lillie A. Johnson Health Occupations Center to be dedicated Tuesday, October 6 at 11 a.m. public ceremonies. Pictured in front row, left to right, Lynda Gail Austin of Wharton, Joyce Bear of Boling, Suzanne Carso of Rosenberg, Becky Chalupa of Rosenberg, Wanda Clark of Needville, Annette Davis of Boling, Pamela Fleming of Wharton and Renee Hobbes of Bay City; second row, L to R, Lou Ann Houghes of

Pierce, Carolyn Hundi of Wharton, Marilyn Hundi of Wharton, Florence Kocurek of Rosenberg, Linda Long of Wharton, and Ruth Luebke of East Bernard; back row, L to R, Theresa Pavlas of Wharton, Angela Perry of Richmond, Mary Jane Richter of Rosenberg, Mary Saucedo of Eagle Lake, Carolyn Snyder of Bay City, Melinda Kay White of El Campo, Rebecca White of Wharton and Sherrill Willis of Wharton. Graduates are eligible to take the State examination for licensure to practice nursing as a Registered Nurse (R.N.).

VFW Post Seeks Support On 'Legal Bingo' Petition

The Texas Legislature has approved statutes relative to legalizing the playing of bingo in the State of Texas and one of the features of the legislation is that voters must petition the County Commissioners' Court to consider the issue in a special election.

The Rice Area Memorial Post 8783 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagle Lake, is circulating petitions asking the commissioners' court to take such action for this county.

To be eligible to sign this petition, the person must be a qualified voter in Colorado County and he or she must sign their name, date it and then print their name and enter their mailing address and voter registration number. The eligibility of the signatures will be verified by the County Clerk's office.

The petitions must be presented to the court on December 1, 1981 in order to hold the election on January 16, 1982, the earliest possible date as permitted by the election code.

James G. Cash, Post Commander of the Eagle Lake Post 8783, points out that the funds received from the Monday Night special events "are kept at home and returned to the people of Eagle Lake through donations to needy organizations."

He added, "we of the VFW hope that all citizens of the area will sign the petitions requesting the calling of an election early in 1982 to legalize the playing of bingo."

He added that information will be given in the near future on places where the citizens of this area may sign the petitions.

Pecan Bake Show Slated Dec. 1st

The Colorado County and Fayette County Pecan Bake Show committed to Tuesday, December 1st as their show and bake sale date, at their planning meeting at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nacogdoches, Sept. 16.

More cash awards will be presented to the top three Youth and the top three Adult Baked items entered in this year's show, in addition to the regular awards.

Microwave News Letter Being Prepared

The Extension Office is in the process of preparing a mailing list for a Microwave Newsletter. If you are interested in receiving this series of mailouts please contact the Extension Office at 316 Spring Street in Columbus, or call 738-3530.

Miss Susanna Miller To Wed Richard Dale Wessels Nov. 7th



Mr. and Mrs. Gus Herman Miller, Jr. of Columbus announce the engagement of their daughter, Susanna, to Richard Dale Wessels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn George Wessels of Columbus. Miss Miller is a 1980 graduate of the University of Texas with a B.B.A. degree in Marketing. She is employed by Allied Memorial Bank in Houston. Mr. Wessels is a 1978 graduate of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Houston. The couple will be married November 7th at the First United Methodist Church in Columbus, Texas.

Soil Conservation District News

Ignace Kainer, a district cooperater of the Nada area, is planning to construct a pond. Vance Duncan of the Eagle Lake area is being furnished technical assistance with a drainage problem.

District cooperater Lem-

Family Gathering At Dallas Hodde's Honors Birthdays

A family gathering was enjoyed on Sunday, Sept. 13th at Dallas Hodde's home on Austin Road. It was a surprise on the occasion of his birthday and present were members of his family and those of his brothers and sisters. Also celebrating birthdays this month are: Norma Hodde, Cindy Jones, Karen Jones, William Hodde, Jr. and Edna Taylor.

Those present were: Dolores and John Rud and Connie from Alvin; Karen and Don Jones, Donna and Cindy and Cindy's friend, Jennifer, from Richmond; Edna Taylor of Angleton; Jo Ann and Roy Taylor and Suranne and Lorene Love from Wharton; Ben and Norma Hodde from Simonton; Clifford and Karla Hodde; and Thomas from Houston; Max Martin from Houston; Also, W. E. Hodde, Sr., Charles Lee Hodde, William, Jr. and Liz Hodde, Rhonda, Grady and John, Floyd and Wilma Hodde and Kathy, Ida Ruth and James Rose and Curtis and Sophie Zoeller of Eagle Lake.

All enjoyed the barbecued chicken and sausage dinner with all the trimmings. Reminiscing of old times and getting to know new relatives were enjoyed by all. Reported.

WCJC Gets \$2,500 Check



Halliburton Education Foundation \$2,500 check is accepted for Wharton County Junior College in Wharton by Robert C. Ziegenfuss (right), chairman of the WCJC Electronics Department. The faculty support donation was presented by Welox officials Brian Holland (seated) and Howard Yarnau (standing at right). Standing on the left is Elvis Bryant, head of occupational programs at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

Brother Of Fred Henske Dies In Calif.

James D. Henske, brother of Fred Henske of Eagle Lake, died at his home in Rocklin, Calif. on Sept. 20th at 4:10 p.m. (C.S.T.) at the age of 49 years, he had been in failing health for one year. The local Mr. Henske had spent some time in California with his brother in the past several months and more recently had been there at his bedside since Sept. 10th.

J. D., as he was known by family and friends, was born in Canada, Texas March 26, 1932 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Henske. He had resided in Rocklin, Calif. for the past 25 years or so.

The deceased was preceded in death by his mother and father in 1962 and 1965, respectively.

Surviving are: his wife, Vera; a son, Mitchell; and a daughter, Rene, all of Rocklin; one sister, Mrs. Jeanette Anderson and brother-in-law, Preston Anderson of Bay City; one brother, Fred Henske, and sister-in-law, Florence Henske of Eagle Lake; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mrs. Fred Henske joined her husband and other relatives in Rocklin Monday. At the time of her departure funeral services were pending but were tentatively planned for Tuesday.

Out-of-Town Guests

During the past week, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thomas had as their guests for the tea hunting season, Dr. and Mrs. James Tyree, Mr. and Mrs. Needham Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McNeil, all of Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Carr Dorman of Charlottesville, Virginia and Cliff Eldred of Memphis, Tenn.

Last Rites For Frank Cheatham

Frank Cheatham of West Monroe, Louisiana, a former resident of Eagle Lake, passed away in the St. Francis Hospital in West Monroe Saturday, September 19 following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held from the Kilpatrick Funeral Home in West Monroe on September 21st.

Survivors include his wife, Gerry; a son, Mike; a daughter-in-law, Cindy; two grandchildren, Shane and Sherri Cheatham, all of West Monroe and one brother from Bay City, Texas.

Mr. Cheatham was retired but had been employed by an

Daughter Born Sept. 9th For Franklin Rohans

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Rohan of Wallis announce the arrival of a daughter Wednesday, September 9 at 8:39 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The little lady's name is Amy Ruth and she weighed nine pounds and two ounces and measured nineteen inches long at birth.

More than 100 family physicians from around the state attended this continuing medical education meeting.

The local physicians, who are members of the Academy, heard renowned speakers discuss up-to-the-minute health care topics. They also had an opportunity to attend mini-clinical discussions on different topics and visit some 60 scientific and technical exhibits.

Subjects covered in this scientific session were of immediate interest to family doctors both in their everyday practices and in their continual endeavors to keep abreast of the latest medical organization. It was the pioneer among medical organizations in requiring its members to take continuing medical education. Its 2,144 members must complete 150 hours of mandatory continuing study every three years.

Dr. Raymond R. Thomas and Dr. Jose M. Ugarte of Eagle Lake, attended the 32nd Annual Scientific Assembly of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFAP) in Corpus Christi, Sept. 13-15, 1981.

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LCRA Suit To Save Millions In Fuel Costs

The Lower Colorado River Authority has won a lawsuit in federal court that could eventually result in hundreds of millions of dollars in savings in fuel costs for Central Texas electric customers.

U. S. Federal District Judge Lucius Benton ruled Wednesday (September 16) in Austin that the Montana-based Decker Coal Co. cannot pass on the costs of changing its mining plans to LCRA and the City of Austin.

The two electric utilities in 1974 signed a 25-year

contract with Decker to provide coal for Unit 1 of their Fayette Power Project near La Grange.

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(By Cong. J. J. Pickle)

World trade over the next 20 years will focus increasingly on the Far East. That's why I was particularly pleased to be included in a Congressional delegation sent to Asia during the August recess to build ties with foreign leaders and work out the basis of a tough new trade treaty with Japan.

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