

New Cub Scout Charter Presented To Lions



Eagle Lake Lions Club was presented a new charter for the reorganized Cub Scout Pack No. 3078, sponsored by the club, at last Thursday's meeting. The speaker at the meeting was George Strake, Jr., shown at the left, a member of the Executive Committee for the San Houston

Scout Council, who made the presentation of the charter to the Lions Club president, Ralph Truly. Also present for the presentation were: L. to r., Cub Master Larry Dulaney and the Brahman District Scout Executive Hanley Doerflinger of Wharton. See story on page 2.

L.L. Registration Is Now Underway

Applications Must Be Returned By Friday; Coaches Are Needed

Applications are now being accepted for participation in the Little League baseball or softball programs this summer, according to Charles Darnell, head of the local Little League organization.

Application forms are available at the Eagle Lake schools or applicants may use a form published elsewhere on page 16. Darnell stresses that the forms must be

returned to the schools or returned to him not later than Friday of this week.

He says that men and women are urgently needed to coach the Little League baseball and softball teams this summer and asks those interested to call him at 234-3297 after 5 p.m.

Last year over two hundred boys and girls participated in the Little League programs and enrollment this year is expected to reach or exceed that figure and volunteer adults are urgently needed to coach and manage the teams.

He reminds that this Friday, March 5th is the deadline to return the application to participate in both baseball and softball programs.

See application form on page sixteen.

Annual Charity Ball In Comm. Center Sat. Nite

The Happy Hoofers Dance Club reports that there are still some tickets available for the group's sixth annual Charity Benefit Ball which will be held this Saturday, March 6th in the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Tickets to the event are \$25 per person and proceeds are earmarked for the benefit of the Cystic Fibrosis Fund, the Knights of Columbus Deaf Community Fund and the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital.

Dancing will be from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight and will feature the music of Jurecka's Orchestra. Snacks and drinks will be provided during the event, concluding with a midnight breakfast.

Attendance is limited to 100 couples. If you haven't obtained tickets and want to attend this gala social event, contact J. T. (Tommy) Pilkington, president of the club, or L. J. (Sonny) Spanihel.

No Reserved Tables
There will be no advance table reservations for the Charity Ball. Doors to the Community Center will open at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and tables will be available on a "first come, first choice" basis.

Rice CISD Tax Office To Be Located In Courthouse

Rice Consolidated Independent School District taxpayers are reminded that the Rice CISD tax office in Altair effective Monday, March 15th will no longer be in operation.

After Friday, March 12th all school tax payments

should be paid at the Colorado County Central Appraisal District's office located on the main floor of the County Courthouse in Columbus, according to chief appraiser Billy Youens. "You may come in person to pay your school taxes or mail them to Colorado County Central Appraisal District, Drawer 1215, Columbus, Texas 78934 or call 732-8222 if you have any questions," added Youens.

Hospital Addition Ground-Breaking 10 A.M. Mon.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the addition to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital will be held next Monday, March 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the site on the northeast side of the hospital.

Drymalla Construction Company of Columbus which was awarded the contract;

and representatives of Page, Southerland and Page, architects for the new ten-bed addition; and members of the hospital board and medical staff are expected to be present for the ground-breaking.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

A&M Economist Sees Light At End Of Tunnel For Farmers, Ranchers

Dr. Carl Anderson Speaks At Bank-Rice Assn. Gathering

About one hundred farmers and ranchers from this area heard a Texas A&M University economist forecast a "glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel" for agriculture which has been hard hit by inflationary prices and depressed market conditions.

Dr. Carl Anderson, agricultural marketing economist at Texas A&M, was guest speaker at a meeting and barbecue sponsored by the First National Bank of Eagle Lake and the Eagle Lake division of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Assn. at Mrs. Ethel Konvicka's Circle K Ranchhouse on Calhoun Road last Thursday evening.

The economist painted a "not so rosy" condition which is expected to prevail for the 1982 crop year but foresees "better times coming." To emphasize this long-range prediction, Dr. Anderson noted that the world population is increasing 70 to 75

million persons per year. "In order to maintain even the present rate of per capita consumption of foods, with this annual increase in population, we will need 30 million metric tons more of food supplies each year," he stated. He compared this 30 million metric tons as being about 10% of all of the United States production.

Also, Anderson pointed out that much of the population gains each year are expected in the underprivileged countries of the world which will depend greatly on imports from other countries of the world. He predicted a "better market for grain because of this increase" in world population and increase in per capita consumption.

Emphasis On Marketing
In order to get farmers and ranchers through the present period of depressed markets due to overflow surpluses in most commodities, Dr. Anderson stressed that agriculturists need to place great emphasis on improved marketing procedures. He urged the use of forward contracts, hedges on the future markets and more integration of

crops as ways in which some relief can be gained.

Earlier he had discussed facets of the new 1981 Farm Program, commenting that the target price for rice in 1982 will be \$10.85 per cwt. Rice, soybeans, cotton, wheat and sorghum farmers are faced with the decision of complying with the program in order to qualify for deficiency payments on the 1982 crops, if the market price does not reach the target prices set out in the program. He urged farmers and ranchers to study carefully the requirements (such as acreage reduction) needed to qualify for 1982 program benefits. April 16th is the deadline for making such a decision.

Deficiencies Expected
Predictions by A&M economists are that the deficiency payment for 1982 rice will run in the neighborhood of \$1.00 per hundredweight. The deficiency payments on other commodities are predicted at: corn, 15c; cotton, 10c; wheat, 30c; and sorghum, 32c, reported Dr.

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City To Seek Reimbursement For Engineering Mistake

(By Jeff Frnka)

The Eagle Lake city council, in session on Tuesday night of last week, defended its position in a recent costly construction project mix-up and decided that it would ask its engineering firm, which admitted making the error, to reimburse the city for about half of the costs resulting from the mistake.

The "mix-up" occurred on the utility extension project to the Austin Estates Subdivision on the southern edge of the city. The city's engineer, a representative of O'Malley and Clay Engineering of Brenham, designed the extension along a fence line on the Garmer Tate property and after some work had been started, it was learned

that the city had no easement on that property. City officials recalled that they told the engineer not to enter upon the Tate property without permission of the landowner and later the engineer admitted that the error was his fault.

Because of the error, the utility lines had to be rerouted and an additional cost for the move was charged to the city.

Rerouting Costly
A change order for the added expenses was presented to the council on

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Grand Opening At General Hardware Sat.

General Hardware and Feed Company of Eagle Lake will have a Grand Opening this Saturday, March 6th at the firm's newly renovated facilities at 312 East Main Street. General Hardware and Feed Co. is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lee (he is a former resident of Eagle Lake) and Bob Hudson is manager of the business. The location is in the former Universal Supply Co. building which later housed Hudson Hardware.

The Lees have done extensive remodeling of the store and have added new lines of hardware and a complete line of Ralston-Purina Company feeds and feed supplies.

In observance of the grand opening, free barbecue and refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon, beginning at 12 noon. Visitors may also register for free "super" door prizes without obligation.

Also there will be special grand opening discounts on Purina Chows, Purina health products and other selected merchandise.

The firm will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. this Saturday, and the owners and manager invite you to come by any time during the day to view the renovated facilities and to meet the staff of General Hardware and Feed Co.

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Homicide Ruled In Black Man's Death

Theft Of Plants Reported At Canaris Nursery

Eagle Lake police are investigating the theft of some plants from in front of the Canaris Nursery and Garden Center on West Main Street some time during Saturday night.

Pete Canaris, owner, reported to the police Sunday at 7:30 a.m. that some plants had been taken. He told the investigating officer, reserve officer Dan Easter, that he thought he heard noises in the area at around 3:30 a.m.

Police are checking on a suspect whose car was seen in that area early Sunday morning.

The police department is looking into an alleged criminal trespass charge when a man forced his way into the apartment of a local woman and yanked out a telephone at around 9 p.m. Sunday. The woman was due to officially file charges on Tuesday morning.

Relief Officer Ike Etheridge was the investigating officer.

Window Broken By Air Rifle
Alton Herman who lives at 1109 Schley Street reported to the local police department Sunday morning that some children were shooting air rifles in the area and broke out one of the windows in his

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World Day Of Prayer This Friday

All women of the community are invited to join in the World Day of Prayer observance to be held at 9:30 a.m. this Friday, Mar. 5th at the Lissie United Methodist Church in Lissie.

The ladies of the Lissie Church invite you to "come and join with women all over the world who are taking this day to pray for the community of mankind."

Body Was Found On Road In Osage Area

Two Osage County Sheriff's office advises that the body of an elderly Black man which was found on County Road 207 northeast of Weimar (in the Osage community) has been identified and the case is a homicide with death resulting from a blow to the throat.

The body was covered with a blanket on the county road and an autopsy was ordered by Justice of the Peace Joe Kaye of Weimar.

The dead man has been identified as Samuel McCoy, 79 years of age, from Richmond, Texas. The autopsy revealed that death resulted from a blow to the throat causing suffocation.

The sheriff's department has a suspect and Sheriff Jim Broussard has filed capital murder charges on a subject and the motive is believed to have been robbery. No other information was available for release from the investigating officers until after an arrest is made.

Assisting with the Sheriff's Department in the investigation have been the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department; the Richmond city police; and Texas Ranger Ray Nutt of Columbus has been working real close with the departments with the result that the charges have been filed and a suspect is being sought.

Sonntag Files For Sheridan Position On Rice Board

A race for Sheridan Position 3 on the Rice Consolidated School District's board of education developed Monday when Michael Sonntag of Sheridan filed for the position. He and Reggie Brisco of Sheridan seek the position on the board which will be vacated April 3rd by Lavo Brisco. Mr. Brisco choose not to seek re-election in the April 3rd election.

Two other positions will be filled April 3rd, including Eagle Lake Position 1 with incumbent Bill Appelt the only candidate filed early Wednesday; and Garwood Position 2 where incumbent Billy Hefner is also the only candidate filed.

No New City Candidates
Only the three incumbents have filed to date for the three city positions to be filled April 3rd. They include Mayor Elmer Struss; and Councilmen Gene Baker and Roy Dean Van Nor.

The deadline for filing for places on either the city or school ballots is at midnight this Wednesday, March 3rd.

Terms of two members of the board of directors of the Garwood Water District also expire April 3rd and incumbent Sandra Huvar has filed for re-election but the other incumbent Frankie Beck, Jr., has moved from the district and is not eligible for re-election.

Free Immunizations Mar. 11

The Free Immunization Clinic sponsored by the Texas Department of Health will be held this Thurs., March 11th from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ugarte Clinic in Eagle Lake.

Immunizations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP), Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella will be given to infants, pre-schoolers, and school-age children. Tetanus and/or Diphtheria will be given to adults.

Texas Exes Award Scholarship To Ierma Yanez



The Colorado County chapter of The University of Texas Ex-Students Association held its annual meeting on Monday night at The Farris 1912 in Eagle Lake with over sixty former students attending. Highlighting activities during the evening were: the naming of the 1982 scholarship winner, Ierma Yanez; and a message from

special guest speaker David McWilliams, defensive coordinator for the U.T. Longhorn football team. Shown above are: left to right, Brock Ashby of Eagle Lake, scholarship committee chairman; Yanez; McWilliams; and Vance Duncan of Eagle Lake, president of the local association during the 1981-82 year. See story on page 3.