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Engineering Mistake

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Tuesday night of last week and included $1800 for rerouting the utility lines and $1793.22 for use of heavy equipment. O'Malley and Clay also sent the city a bill for the remainder of its services on the project, amounting to $547. The engineering firm receives 8.5 percent of the project cost as a fee for its services rendered and the $547 was the remaining amount left to be paid on the original construction cost.

The council agreed that it should not be responsible for the cost of moving the project because of the error but agreed to pay for the use of heavy equipment by the contractor. City manager Robert Klockman was instructed by the council to ask O'Malley and Clay for the $1800 cost of moving the project less the additional 8.5 percent of that figure, or $153, to cover engineering fees ($1647 totall.

The council also authorized the remaining payment of $547 to the engineering firm upon receipt of their payment of $1647.

More on the city council meeting on page 11.

BACK THE RAIDERS!

RR Crossings

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Pacific repaired its main line and elevated it more than it had been, causing somewhat of a "hazard" for motorists passing over the high crossings.

High Crossings Exist

The mayor indicated that railroad officials had been notified earlier this year that any more elevation of tracks in Eagle Lake would not be tolerated. However, it appears that additional elevation will be added to the "already high crossings" in the residential part of the Rice Mill area.

A letter was to be sent by the city protesting the problem and urging railroad officials to post warning signals at crossings that are rough because of the construction and also that the city "would not tolerate" elevating the crossings.

It was reported that the Columbus city council had threatened to lower speed limits of trains passing through its city to five m.p.h. if "bumpy" railroad crossings were not repaired and that stand prompted railroad officials to correct most of the problems within 24 hours.

Struss told the Eagle Lake city council that some type of similar stand might have to be taken if railroad crossings in Eagle Lake do not satisfy city officials.

No official action was taken by the council but it is anticipated that much more discussion will be done by the council at future meetings.

Police Dept.

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home. The youth ran off, but officers later learned the name of the juvenile who did the shooting and the father of the youngster agreed to pay for the cost of replacing the window.

Sgt. Gil Steen investigated this incident.

A charge of simple assault was filed Tuesday morning against Issac Howard of this city. He allegedly struck Monica Pool on the parking lot of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 1:40 a.m. Tuesday. Sgt. Steen was the investigating officer.

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EL Police Station Gets Face-Lift

Eagle Lake police department's office in the old fire station and city hall at the intersection of Commerce and Postoffice, has received a nice "facelifting" and is attractive with new flooring and a new paint job.

Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner said that he was surprised to find the improvements when he resumed duties following a vacation last week.

New carpet and vinyl flooring were donated and installed by Dan's Carpets of El Campo, owned by Dan Easter, who also serves as a reserve officer for the Eagle Lake department.

Sergeant Gil Steen, secretary Julia Gindratt and dispatcher Loretta Noska did the painting.

Desks and filing cabinets have also been rearranged to give the office a much neater appearance and to make work in the office more efficient.

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Hearing On Juvenile's Entry At ELMS

Eagle Lake Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner was due to appear in Juvenile Court in this county, with County Judge Lester J. Cranek presiding, at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday of this week to offer evidence gathered on fingerprints obtained at the recent entry of the Eagle Lake Middle School.

A 16-year-old black male juvenile was arrested last week and charged with the burglary of the Middle School on Feb. 5th. Fingerprints were lifted at the scene by Chief Winebrenner and reportedly matched those of the juvenile.

Last Rites For Thelma Alley Perry

Mrs. Thelma Alley Perry, 85, passed away in the Southeast Memorial Hospital in Houston Sunday, Feb. 28th at 8:30 p.m. She had been in failing health for the past year and a half.

Funeral services were held from the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home in Eagle Lake Wednesday, March 3rd at 2:00 p.m. with interment in the Alley Cemetery in Ramsey. The Rev. Walter Doty of Houston officiated.

Mrs. Perry was born February 4, 1897 in Ramsey. Her parents were John Ross and Eliza Hoover Alley. She has resided in Houston for the past fifty-five years.

Her husband, Arthur Perry, and one son preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. June A. Robertson; two sons, Lewis L. Perry and Alvin Ray Perry, all of Houston; grandchildren, Mrs. Janice Baldwin of Brownwood, Richard Perry and Zeno Robertson, Jr. of Houston, George W. Murphy of Lynchburg, Virginia, T. E. Murphy of Monrovia, California; and a number of great-grandchildren, nieces, great nieces, nephews and great nephews.

Mrs. Perry was a member of the Central Park Church of God in Houston and the Dilue Rose chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

The oldest living things are bristlecone pine trees, which scientists believe may have started growing from 4,000 to 5,000 years ago.

Rifle Stolen From Pickup At Garwood

Tommy Cranek of Garwood reported to the county sheriff's office at 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25th that a rifle had been taken from his pickup truck.

Investigation showed that Cranek's pickup truck was parked in Garwood and someone had gained entry by forcing open a vent window on the vehicle, then by reaching inside and opening the door. The rifle taken was a .22 caliber magnum rifle.

Investigation of the theft continues.

False Fire Alarm At Primary School

Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen were called out to a reported fire at the Eagle Lake Primary School Saturday night but fortunately the call turned out to be a false alarm. It was noted that an adult person called in the alarm, but the name of the person was not given.

At 6 p.m. Monday the firemen were called to a grass fire on Southern Pacific Railroad Co. right of way off FM 102 north of Eagle Lake. Some grass and railroad ties were reported to be burning.

Shannon Herman, Jennifer Ware Birthday Honorees

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Herman honored their granddaughters with a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller last Sunday, Feb. 28th.

Shannon Herman of McAllen, who will be nine years old on the 9th of March, and Jennifer Ware of Missouri City, who was two years old on the 18th of February, were the honored birthday girls.

Jennifer's paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mable Ware, was sick and unable to attend.

The group enjoyed a lovely dinner and watched the girls blow out the candles on their cakes. Shannon's cake, made by her grandmother, Mrs. Herman, was a strawberry party cake with nine candles. Penny Henske made Jennifer's Holly Hobby cake decorated in pink and white with two candles on her skirt.

The girls were also complimented with a beautiful white sheet cake with nine candles on one corner and two on the other. It was baked and decorated by their cousin, Donna Beck of Cuero.

After opening their gifts and visiting with friends and relatives, Shannon left for home in McAllen with her parents and brother, Lois, Martin and Steven Herman. Jennifer then left for Missouri City with her mother and daddy, Kathy and Mike Ware.

33rd Wedding Anniv.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Causey on observing their thirty-third wedding anniversary Saturday, February 27.

They were entertained in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Tom Laughlin, and Mr. Laughlin and their son Wade in Katy. Also guests were their son, Paul Causey, and Mrs. Causey and daughter Morgan.

The families enjoyed a dinner party and viewing films of past family occasions.

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BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

• There was quite a stir at the Eagle Lake Middle School last week when one of the students thought she had won a $5,000 prize in the Pepsi Challenge TV Cash Game. The girl had some can tabs with numbers and wording that her numbers could win up to $5,000; however, to date her numbers still are not among the winning numbers released on television. Winning numbers in the contest are posted at 6:30 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday on Channel 26 TV, Houston. On page 2 of this issue is shown this week's winning number, 82; and two other winning numbers, 48 and 17, which still might be good for prizes of up to $5,000. For more details on the contest see page 2 of this issue.

The rules in the advertisement point out also that "Only tabs with the imprint of Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Hallettsville (964) on the tab will be accepted."

• Tuesday, March 2nd was Texas Independence Day and if you tried to transact business in the county courthouse, you soon found out that offices there were closed all day Tuesday for the observance.

• The mayor, councilmen, city manager and other city employees are to be commended for attention to a number of problems in the community; namely one: the improvements at the city ball park.

• The Henry Kretzschmars brought by a half dozen large juicy red grapefruit which they had the pleasure of picking, right off the trees, while in the Valley for the past couple of weeks.

•Game Warden and Mrs. Buddy Mills have moved into their new home, the former E. Roos home on Prairie Street. Heidi Mills is manager of the Kevin Court Apartments.

• Friends in the area will regret to learn of the death of Walter R. Jenkins, 93 of Houston, minister of music at Houston's First Methodist Church and for 51 years leader of singing at the Houston Rotary Club, who died Sunday. Last rites were held Tuesday in Houston.

Mr. Jenkins was international song leader for Rotary International for 45 years and was a visitor at the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on numerous occasions. He and Thelma Lindsey, former resident here, presented Christmas programs for the local club on several occasions.

School Week Activities Continue In Rice CISD

Public Schools Week activities continue at schools in the Rice Consolidated Independent School District. Parents and friends are urged to attend the school of their choice some time during the week to watch the students and teachers in action in their classrooms.

Visitors to the schools are asked to report to the respective principal's office for assistance in getting to the classes which they might wish to observe.

Parents planning to eat lunch with the Eagle Lake Middle School students should contact the principal's office by the first period of the day you plan to visit or call the principal's office.

Eagle Lake Primary School has listed this Thursday as the special day for parents to dine with children in grades three of the school. The lunch price is $1.35 and you should call 234-3881 for cafeteria reservations before 9:00 a.m. Thursday.

Garwood and Sheridan elementary schools are also open all week for visitors and parents and friends planning to eat lunch at the school should contact the respective principal's office the day before you visit or have your child notify her teacher the day before you plan to join the students for lunch.

Visitors Welcome

Principal Fred Grahmann says parents and friends are invited to visit Rice High School at any time from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. but should contact the principal's office upon arrival so that assistance can be provided during your visit.

Public Schools Week is your special opportunity to visit the classrooms, to meet with teachers, counselors and administrators so that you may see the progress being made in providing the best possible education to our children the leaders of the future.

APPLICATION TO PLAY LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL ____ OR SOFTBALL ____

Player's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone No. _____

I/WE, the parents of the above named candidate for a position on a Little League team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League activities. I/WE assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from the activities; and I/WE, do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Inc., organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities, for any claim arising out of an injury to my/our child, whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident or liability insurance.

I/WE agree to return upon request the uniform and other equipment issued to our child in as good a condition as when received except for normal wear and tear.

I/WE will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above named candidate to League Officials.

Father's Signature _____ Occupation _____
Mother's Signature _____ Occupation _____
Name of Family Hospitalization Plan/Policy No. _____ School _____

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I would be willing to serve or assist in the following:
Coach _____ Fund Drive _____
Assistant Coach _____ Other _____
Umpire _____
Field Maintenance _____
Scorekeeping _____

(Must be returned to your Eagle Lake school or Charles Darnell, league president, not later than FRIDAY, MAR. 5TH)

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Low Rollers fell to sixth with 44.

Monday Nite Mixed

Bonus Lease had the top team series with a 2373 and A's had top team game of 831 in the Monday Nite Mixed League March 1st. Harold Williams led men's scoring with a 215-564 and Virginia Waldrop topped the women with a 201-574. Lonnie Sommerlatte rolled a 201-534, Mike Henske 203-522, Ralph Gertson Jr. 519 and Frank Tate 200.

Bonus Lease leads the league with 57 wins, followed by Pearl Lites with 51 and UFO's with 50.

Initial League

On Feb. 18 in the Initial League Marvins, Inc. posted high team game and series with a 1196-3056 score. In individual scoring Mano Graham bowled a 235-625 for high game and high series went to Erwin Knippel who rolled a 229-635.

On Thurs., Feb. 25 Lake Motors captured high team game with a 1050 game and Western Auto posted a 2993 for high team series.

Mano Graham bowled a 225-230-235-690 for high game and series. Other individuals scoring high were Lawrence Stallman 533, Jerry Zbranek 548, Jack Dromgoole 233-555, Glen Locklier 510, Bo Shirley 505, Draper Stephens 525, Gus Seaholm 201-579, Daniel Becker 512, Butch Schmidt 202-541, James Osburn 204-509, Roy Stallman 500, Larry Rothbauer 212-570, Leroy Janda 204-547, and Erwin Knippel 209-538.

Skull Creek Lanes pushed Jokers into second place while they took first place with 416 and Jokers have 410½, third place Eagle Lake Imps 351, fourth Misfits 350, fifth place Appelts Ins. 339½ wins and Western Auto 334½.

Long-Term Relief For Agriculture

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Anderson. These predictions," he cautioned, are based on "normal yields in world crops."

Dr. Anderson also predicted that fat cattle prices will be up slightly in 1982 - possibly up to $70 per hundredweight. He said surveys show cattle and calves are up 1% in population while the heifers for breeding stock show an 8% increase and this he said bears watching.

He told the gathering that Texas A&M offers a telephone marketing information service known as TOMI (Telephone Outlook and Marketing Information) and agriculturists can get recorded reports on marketing outlooks by dialing 713 845-8664.

1982 Much Like 1981

In summing it all up, Dr. Anderson predicted, "1983 and 1984 offer some hope, but 1982 is not expected to be much better than 1981."

Bill Harrison, Jr., president of First National Bank, welcomed the "good turnout" despite the wet, cold weather. Wm. H. Harrison, chairman of the Board, offered the invocation.

The speaker was introduced by FNB Executive Vice President Sam Thomson who made arrangements for the informative program.

After the program by Dr. Anderson, the gathering enjoyed delicious barbecued beef and sausage and the trimmings in the pleasant and spacious atmosphere of Mrs. Konvicka's Circle K Ranch House.

Women College Graduates To Meet Thursday

Women college graduates interested in community problems, cultural interests, international relations, challenges for education or advancement of women are invited to join a local group in forming a branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

On Thursday, March 4th, women college graduates will meet at Mrs. Rose Lange's home at 7:30 p.m. Mary King, who is the president of the Wharton AAUW Chapter, will be there to assist the local groups in the organizing process. Officers will be elected at this meeting and dues will be collected.

All women graduates of college and universities are invited to attend.

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Another Outstanding Week For RHS Students

Just over a year ago, the Headlight carried headlines which said "Whatta Week For Rice High School" in which reports were given on the State Championship won by the Rice High School Raider boys' basketball team; and the Sweepstakes Award won by the Rice High School Raider Band.

This week, the headlines are being repeated and read "Another Outstanding Week For RHS Students." The story this week reports on the outstanding awards which were captured by the Rice High School students in Skill Speed competition in the District Auto Mechanics competition last weekend. David Staff won first place in the skill speed event and Anthony Drlik won fifth. This is the first time in the history of Rice High School that there has been a Skill Speed winner. They competed with some 80 other students in this division and Staff had the best time with no errors.

Those who received Superior Awards for their Auto Mechanics projects were: David Sosa, Glen Janow, Randy Soto, Adrian Montemayor, Gregg Leopold, Mike Faichtinger, David Staff, Joe Medina, Anthony Drlik, Glen Payne and WarrenBoard. All of these students qualify for State Competition in San Antonio the first weekend of April. Sidney Frey is the Auto Mechanics instructor at Rice High School.

Cosmetology:

The following Rice High School students won first places with their projects at the Cosmetology Contest and thus qualified for the State competition. They included Priscilla Dabney, Suzanne Fajkus, Ninfa Perez, Ethel Shorter, Arneatha Smith, Ari Spears, Tracy Soape and Stephanie Woods. Florence V. McShan is the RHS cosmetology instructor.

Art:

The Rice Consolidated School District won the coveted Grand Prix Award in the Houston Livestock Art Show and Rice High School student Troy Corman's art was named the grand champion of the entire show.

Rice entries won the honor in competition with 46 other school districts from throughout the Houston area and thus Rice CISD became the first school district to capture the Grand Prix Award for the second time. The Rice School District captured the Grand Prix Award in the Houston Show's western art competition in 1979; and finished second in 1980 and again in 1981, but brought home the huge first place Grand Prix trophy this year with some outstanding entries.

In addition to the honor awarded to Corman, Troy Hagendorf was awarded a scholarship to the Museum of Fine Arts School. Mrs. Sandra Benge is the Rice High School Art Instructor; and Mrs. Lois Raabe heads art instruction in the junior high grades in Eagle Lake.

Katy Speech Tournament

More accomplishments were recorded by Rice High School students in the Katy Speech Tournament held last weekend. Coby Shorter III won first in Extemporaneous Speaking and also in Solo Improvisational Acting;

Ricky Miller won first in Prose Reading and Solo Improvisational Acting; Rachele Hunt won first in Poetry Reading; and Vicky Hernandez, first in Poetry Reading. Mrs. Suzanne Chiu is the Speech instructor at Rice High School.

Future Farmers Of America

Rice High School Future Farmers of America members swept nine of eleven places in the Commercial Steer Division of the Houston Livestock Show this past week. Stephen Mahalitc won first place and a $1,000 prize and a pickup truck; Paul Korenek, second, $500 and a gooseneck trailer; Kevin Brisco, third and a $250 prize; Marilyn Mahalitc, fourth, and a $200 prize; and Thomas Mahalitc won first in Record Keeping for a $50 prize.

Forty-eight students took part in the initial interview in the steer show competition and that number was cut to eleven in the judging and of the eleven, nine were from Rice High School.

Another award of note was a ninth place won in the Hog Division by Deborah Kretschmer, Rice FFA member.

Advisors and vocational ag instructors at Rice High School are Troy Krenek, Willie Fitzgerald and Ronel Roberts.

For more on the art awards and the FFA accomplishments, see separate stories in this issue.

Add all of these awards to other outstanding accomplishments of the Rice High School football and basketball teams; and 37 first division winners, 45 second division, 6 third division and 4 fourth division winners in the Region XIII Band Solo and Ensemble competition, and Rice Consolidated School District students are on their way to one of the best years ever!!

Floyd Spenrath is the Rice High School Band director.

To recognize the accomplishments, members of the board of education of Rice School District voted Monday night to send letters of commendation to the students and instructors or sponsors for the great work done in the various areas reported above.

Rice FFA Members Sweep Houston Steer Show Again

Take Top Five Places In Comm. Steer Show; Earn $49,189.98

Members of the Rice High School Future Farmers of America swept all five top honors in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Commercial Steer Show last week and returned home with the top five checks, a new pickup truck, a new gooseneck trailer and prize and ribbon money totalling $49,189.98.

Stephen Mahalite followed in the footsteps of his brothers in the Arthur Mahalite family, by winning first place in the Commercial Steer Show with a high score of 90 points out of a possible 100 and he received the first place prize of $1,000 awarded by Port City Stockyards and a new Dodge pickup truck, valued at $7,000 and donated by Radio Station KIKK. He also sold his three steers for $2,886.05 and received a $10 a headsman award and a total of $192 in ribbon money to make his total income of $11,088.05.

Paul Korenek captured second place with a score of 87.25 and he received a $500 prize from Blue Ribbon Packing Co., a Neckover Trailer worth $3200, and sold his three steers for $2,296.48 and added $240 in ribbon money for a total take of $6,236.48.

Third place went to Kevin Brisco and he received $250 in cash from Port City Stockyards, $144 in ribbon money and sold his three calves for $2,947.52 for a total income of $3,341.52.

Marilyn Mahalitc captured fourth place prize of $200 from the Terry Hayes family and earned $192 in ribbon money and sold her three calves for $2,515.40 for total income of $2,907.40.

Glen Hefner won fifth in the

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Council OK's Plat For Trendmark Subdivision

Is Assured RR Crossings To Be Better Than Ever

The Eagle Lake City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night of this week and discussed a proposed subdivision project, railroad construction, a drainage problem, the 1982-83 budget and highway department projects.

Trendmark Builders of Katy met with the council Tuesday and presented a plat for their proposed 35-lot development on Hubbards-Ferry Road adjacent to the Kevin Court Apartments.

Several minor changes were recommended and the developers agreed to correct these and the council approved the plat. Trendmark is now awaiting approval from the Farmers Home Administration before construction of the homes begins but expects the project to begin this year.

Meet With RR Officials

The council also met with Southern Pacific Railroad Co. officials and as a result, crossings along the Bellaire Branch tracks are expected to be improved while the construction project is

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9th, 10th Fatalities

Two Killed When Van Flips Over IH-10 Bridge Guard Rail

Two men were killed instantly when the 1979 Chevrolet van in which they were riding went over a guard rail on a bridge on IH-10 at 12:20 a.m. Sunday and crashed to the ground near railroad tracks crossing under the bridge.

Justice of the Peace Francis J. Truchard in J.P. Precinct 6 held an inquest and pronounced both men dead at the scene.

Investigating officer was Highway Patrolman Alton Adcock of Columbus and he was assisted by Highway Patrolman Gary Eden and other officers.

The report on the double fatality stated that the van was heading east on IH-10, apparently at a high rate of speed when the vehicle went out of control and crashed over the guard railing on the left side of the highway and crashed nearly fifty feet to the ground beneath the bridge under which cross railroad tracks. Reason for the tragedy was not known and late Monday it was not determined which of the men was driving the vehicle since both were ejected when the van rolled over several times.

Killed in the accident were Robert Alan Cory, 32 of San Antonio, and Ronald L. Campbell, 39, of Houston.

The van was totally demolished.

The fatalities were the 9th and 10th of the year in this county with just a little over two months of the 1982 year passed.

Rice CISD Board Re-Elects Teachers

The board of education of the Rice Consolidated School District in session Monday night approved new contracts for teachers; and approved $200 annual increases in the local increment (from $2100 to $2300) over the state schedule for the 1982-83 year.

Supt. Harold King reviewed the district's financial status and predicted the district would have a $49,000 balance at the end of the 1981-82 year but added that $21,000 of that has to be held in escrow to pay off bond coupons still unclaimed from a bond issue prior to consolidation and formation of the Rice District.

He added that tax valuations are uncertain at this time, but predicted that real and personal property values should remain about the same as for 1981 taxes, but the big question mark is in oil and gas and utility valuations where the bulk of the district's values lie.

Nevertheless he recommended that the $200 increase in local increment be granted and the board concurred unanimously. Consideration will be given at a later date to possible increases for hourly employees.

Delinquent Taxes Dropped

The board voted 5 to 1 to drop delinquent taxes accumulated prior to the 1961 tax year from the tax roll since

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Ambulance Corps Meeting

Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps' regular business meeting will be Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ambulance Hall.

Art Students Display Championship Awards

Rice Consolidated School District art students won the prestigious Grand Prix Award and other top honors in the Houston Livestock Show's School Art Program and shown above are the entrants who represented the Rice District in the final judging last weekend. In front, left to right, are: Shelly Rendtree, the Rice District's Best of Show in the elementary division; and Suzanne Corman, Best of Show in the junior high division. In the back row, left to right are: Troy Hagendort, the district's Gold Medal winner in high school art who won a summer scholarship to the Houston Museum of Fine Arts School of Art; Troy Corman, Best of Show in high school art, who won the grand championship trophy for having the most outstanding entry among the 242,214 entries from 46 Houston area schools entered in the competition; Rice High School art instructor Mrs. Sandra Benge; and Denise Hyek who had a Gold Medal winner in high school art. Corman and Mrs. Benge are holding the huge Grand Prix trophy won for an unprecedented second time by the Rice School District; while the individual artists hold trophies received for their outstanding work entered in the Houston Show. Story on page 11.

Ground Broken For Addition To Hospital

Monday morning at 10:00 ground was broken for the new ten-bed addition to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, a $521,137 project.

Drymalla Construction Company representatives of Columbus, representatives from the architectural firm of Page, Southerland and Page of Austin, Doctors and Board Members and Administrator were present for the event.

W. W. (Bill) Shuart talked briefly saying, "we're glad the project is getting underway and hope it will be completed in a short time."

"We're very excited about the addition to our hospital," said Shuart. "It will be a fine addition to our medical services and to our citizens of the Eagle Lake community."

Present for the ground-breaking and shown from left to right, are: Dr. Jose Ugarte, chief of the medical staff; Al Wittneben M.D.; Aeree Carlisle with PSP; W. H. Harrison, board member; Mayor Elmer Struss; Bob Ashby, board member; Dr. Ray Thomas; Dr. Preston Copeland; Earl Pitchford of Drymalla Construction Co. of Columbus; W. W. (Bill) Shuart (seated), chairman of the hospital board; Dr. Curtis Laughlin; Mrs. Fred R. (Eunice) Frnka, board member; Butch Broecker of Drymalla Construction; Tom Fannin, PSP; Anthony Kallina, board member; Charles Stephens, board member; Bill Harrison, Jr., president of First National Bank; and the hospital administrator, Jack Harrell.

We earnestly solicit all donations to help defray the costs, said Mr. Shuart.

Rice CISD Board Hears Comments On ELMS Discipline Program SAC

Teacher, Parent Urge Review Of, Changes In Discipline Policies

The discipline program in effect at Eagle Lake Middle School came under fire from a member of the school's faculty, Mrs. Bennie (Elizabeth) Miller, and from a concerned parent, Mrs. John (Nancy) Adkins, during the Rice School District board of education's meeting in the Administration Building at Rice High School Monday night.

Supt. Harold King, in a report on the Special Alternative Class (SAC) program of "discipline or improvement of discipline" made available to the board members and many of the thirty or so parents, teachers and administrators attending the session, noted that "controversy over the manner in which the SAC program is administered has arisen."

His report gave a background on development of the program; administration of the program; success of the program; nature of complaints; findings revealed by the survey; and recommendations. The recommendations included one that "the program be continued as it now exists for the duration of this 1981-82 school year" and that the campus principal do the following:

Require more complete reason for issuing minor misconduct slips;

Counsel with teachers in cases of application apparently out of the norm;

See that students know when they have received a slip;

See that all misconduct slips are processed in an orderly and timely fashion;

Encourage teachers to handle minor problems which they are capable of handling;

Ensure that students do not receive double penalties for the same infraction; and

Ensure strict supervision of SAC at all times.

"It is also my recommendation that the administration be allowed or directed to prepare and make recommendations regarding the operation of SAC for the 1982-83 school year to be presented to the Board for its consideration at the May 1982 regular board meeting," concluded the superintendent.

Under the program now in effect, handling of minor offenses is as follows:

1. Teacher writes slips for

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Limited Amount Of Pine Seedlings Available

Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles says that County Extension Agent Leroy J. Hajdik has arranged for distribution of some pine seedlings in this community. A limited supply of the pine seedlings will be available at the Headlight Office at 123 North McCarty from 10 to 11 a.m. this Thursday, Mar. 11th.

Since the supply is limited, those who wish some of the pine seedlings should come early. They will be issued on a first come, first served basis. No phone calls please.