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Rotary Study Group From Australia Visits In Area

A Group Study Exchange Team of Rotarians from District 950 in Australia were visitors in Eagle Lake last week as part of a two-month visit to Rotary Clubs in District 589 of Texas.

Bob Perryman is District Governor of District 950 and Floyd Boze of Houston is District Governor of District 589 in which the Eagle Lake Club is a member.

Members of the team visiting here at the session of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club, in a joint meeting with the Sealy Rotary Club, reported that District 950 covers the major part of South Australia extending to Ceduna in the West and includes Alice Springs in the Northern Territory. There are seven states that form the Commonwealth of Australia with a population of 1.3 million of which 913,000 live in the capital Adelaide.

As is much of the 589th District, the State was heavily dependent on its rural sector but in the last thirty years there has been strong industrial growth. Natural resources include the recent discovery of natural gas; zinc and silver; and the district is the major producer of barley and provides 70% of Australia's wine production. It also produces wheat, wool, meat and citrus fruit and 90% of the world's opal, and exports lobster tails.

Adelaide experiences a temperate, Mediterranean type climate, with an annual rainfall of 21 inches.

Six In Group Study Team

The Group Study Team from Australia included six Rotarians from District 950 including Brian Cox, a computer center manager, and the team leader. Other members included: Alan Reid, a senior history teacher; Greg Tweiftree, a farmer and grazer; Kingsley Oakley, a police officer; John Hiatt, a lawyer; and Graham Agnew, minister of religion at a Disciple of Christ Church.

At last week's joint meeting with Sealy Rotarians, each member of the Study Group discussed facets of his profession and of his locale.

Cox pointed out that South Australia is about one and one-half times the size of Texas and has annual rainfall of 16 inches per year. Australia is known as the driest continent in the world.

Reid compared schools in Australia to those in Texas and stated that the average size of a school in Australia is around 450 students. He said the teacher pay is better. Students in the schools are divided into primary and high school groups and all wear uniforms.

Tweiftree said his family operates a 3600 acre ranch and raises cereals on a one year in and one year out basis. Harvesting is done in September and the area is heavily dependent on getting most of its annual rainfall of 16 inches per year during the growing season which starts in June and July. He noted that the price of land runs about $650 to $700 per acre but added that expansion of industry should run these prices up in future years.

Oakley donned one of the famous Australia "slouch hats" for his presentation and discussed duties as an officer. He said that the restriction on firearms is based on the knowledge of how to use the weapon and for the purposes to which the gun is to be put to use.

Hiatt said that attorneys are known as barristers or those who argue cases in court; or solicitors, those who prepare the cases for trial. He noted that all attorneys wear robes and long white wigs. All judges are appointed (for lifetime) and this frees them of obligations to individuals or groups who might otherwise have supported their election.

Agnew pointed out that religion plays a much larger role in the United States than it does in Australia noting that less than 20% of the Australians attend church regularly while in Texas this figure is as high as 50%. He added that contributions to the church are not tax deductible in his country.

Visit In EL And Sealy

During their stay in "the country" in this area, the Australians were guests of Dan and Jean Thornton, T. J. and Loraine Smith and A. B. and Ethel Cone in Eagle Lake and with the Charles Hinze, Bill Hill and Dave Hammond families in Sealy. Also on Tuesday night of last week the group enjoyed an overnight camp-out and "armadillo hunt" on the facilities of Tom Stallman on the banks of the Colorado River in Columbus. Tom spent several months last year as a member of a Group Study team which visited in Australia.

The Australians arrived here Sunday and spent Sunday night, Monday and Tuesday here and in Sealy and returned to Houston Wednesday. Tweiftree was a guest in the Thornton home, Oakley in the Cone home and Hiatt in the Smith home.

Other events while visiting here included a tour of Austin where Mansfield Dam and Lake Buchanan were viewed; to San Antonio for a tour of the Alamo and market.

Cox, speaking in behalf of the group, expressed appreciation of the hosts and hostesses and all others who made their stay in this area most pleasant. He especially thanked David Wintermann for use of his helicopter for aerial flights over the area, and to Tommy Pilkington for helping "guide the group" to places of interest in the area; and to Gerald Bradshaw of Royal Cleaners for providing free cleaning services for the neat dark blue jackets which the group wears on its visit in Texas.

Hinze presented in behalf of the city of Sealy, a key to the city to Cox and his group; and Sealy Rotary president Jim Barnett also presented to the group in behalf of his club pennants from the Sealy club.

Mrs. Ivy Tolliver, Egypt Writer, Injured In Fall

Friends in the community will regret to learn that Mrs. B. H. (Ivy) Tolliver, longtime writer for the Headlight from the Egypt community, suffered a fall at her home late Sunday evening and is now confined to the Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton.

When she did not respond to a knock on her door from a yard man or to phone calls, friends broke into the home Monday morning, and found Mrs. Tolliver collapsed on a couch with the phone receiver off the hook. It is believed that she became dizzy late Sunday night and then passed out and was unable to get to the phone to get help and it was not until the next morning that she was found by friends.

She was rushed to the Caney Valley Hospital and late Tuesday reports were received that she was in good spirits and doing nicely with no broken bones, but some bad bruises. She is expected to undergo further tests in the hospital this week.

All of her friends join in wishing her a quick recovery to good health.

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Truck Hits Gas Tank, Burns At Wied Barn Sat.

A bobtail truck was destroyed by fire but there were no injuries in a fire at the Eldin Wied barn in the Garwood community around 8:00 a.m. Saturday.

Mark Wied reportedly was driving the bobtail truck and was going to refuel the truck when the brakes went out and the vehicle knocked over a gas tank. Fire resulted and Mark was able to get clear of the vehicle but the truck was demolished and there was some damage to the walls of a nearby barn.

Eagle Lake firemen were called to assist with the fire, but received a call when en route to Garwood that the Garwood firemen had the fire under control. Gene Jones of Central Power and Light Co. was called however to cut off electricity to the gas pump.

Morgan Causey Celebrates Second Birthday

Morgan Rose Causey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Causey, celebrated her second birthday with her friends Saturday, March 6th in her home.

Her guests for the afternoon were: Jennifer Christ, Fulton Dromgoole, Kelli and Rachele Matthys, Lee and Michael Higgins, Kyle Fink, Britni Wood, Vanessa Rodgers, Risa Waddell, and their mommies.

Also present were Morgan's grandparents, George and Ida Causey; and her aunt and uncle, Terry and Dianne Causey.

Special guests and helpers were Morgan's cousins, Stacey and Stephanie Causey.

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Kim Henske Celebrates Fifth Birthday

Little Miss Kimberly Ann Henske celebrated her fifth birthday Tuesday, March 9th, 1982 at a party in her home from 3:00 to 4:30 in the afternoon. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Henske.

The Sesame Street theme was used in party accessories with the highlight being the Big Bird birthday cake decorated by Kim's mother. After the birthday girl blew out the five candles on her cake her guests enjoyed refreshments of cake, Rice Krispie cookies, sandwiches and punch.

Spending the afternoon with Kim were: her cousins, Justin and Brent Schneider; and friends, Kristi and Sammi Gertson, Sunny and Ralphie Gertson, Jennifer and Nicole Krenek, Clint and Cori Gertson, Justin Jobe, Bridget Baird I and Neil Broesche.

Special guests were her maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tate, and grandmother, Mrs. Frank Tate.

The five-year-old presented party favors of jumbo coloring books to her guests as they left.

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Five Suits Filed In Dist. Court

Five civil suits were filed in District Court at Columbus this past week.

On March 10th, Donald Braden and wife filed suit against Oldsmobile Division of General Motors Corporation and William Grafe doing business as Grafe Oldsmobile Co. of Hallettsville for damages which they say allegedly resulted when the 1980 Oldsmobile purchased from the Grafe firm did not perform as it was warranted. They ask damages in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the court plus attorney's fees and court costs.

On the same date, Ronald Christoph doing business as Christoph Paint and Wallpaper of Columbus and George W. Melvin filed suit against DAP Inc., a division of Scherico Inc. The plaintiffs contend caulking compounds purchased by Christoph and made by DAP were applied to a repair job at the Sts. Peter and Paul Church and School at Freisburg and the material did not do the job for which it was advertised. They ask for $3800 for recaulking and repainting and another $2500 for refinishing plus punitive damages in an unstated sum, attorney's fees and costs of court and interest.

On March 15th--Robert J. Heinrichs filed suit against Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. for payment of a claim on a policy held with the defendant on Robert M. Heinrichs who died in an accident Feb. 1, 1982. The plaintiff says that the defendant wrongfully refused to pay off on the policy and asks judgment for the face value of the policy plus attorney's fees and costs of court.

Water Well Damaged

On March 15th George D. Berger filed suit against Dee Exploration Inc. Berger says that on July 28, 1981 the defendant company did seismograph work on his property and set off an explosion which damaged and rendered useless a water well. Berger asks for $25,000 in actual damages plus $50,000 for exemplary damages, plus interest, attorney's fees and costs of court.

In another suit filed March 15th, Batesville Casket Co. filed suit against Columbus State Bank seeking garnishment on the account of Columbus Day Funeral Home for a judgment granted to the plaintiffs in district court. The judgment is listed in the petition as being $3,930.71.

2 Charged With Possession Of Marijuana After Shooting

At 12:36 p.m. Tuesday, March 9th, the Colorado County Sheriff's Office was advised of someone shooting from the roadway on the Bernardo Road, approximately two miles from IH-10. Investigation by sheriff's officers revealed two subjects in a 1970 Ford had been shooting at that location. Also noted by officers at the time of investigation was a small amount of marijuana on the front seat of the vehicle.

Arrested and charged with shooting from the roadway and with possession of marijuana was John Dale Sutton, 29 years of age, from Houston.

Also arrested and charged with possession of marijuana was Lyle Day Sampson, 33 years of age, also from Houston.

Both subjects pled guilty to the charges in Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt's court and Sampson paid a fine of $113.00 and Sutton a fine of $176.00.

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Columbus Mobile Home, Apartment Burglarized

The Sheriff's Department of Colorado County is investigating two burglaries reported during the past week, one at a mobile home near Columbus and the other at a Columbus apartment.

Bill Mitchell of Columbus, County Road 107, reported to the sheriff's office Wednesday, March 10th at 5:00 p.m. that his mobile home had been burglarized.

Investigating officers found that entry was gained by prying open the front door and reportedly taken were an Acoustic Research turn table, a Panasonic automatic unit, a Realistic TR88 tape player, a Realistic AM-FM turner and flight deck, a Lafayette four-channel amplifier, a set of headphones and an AM-FM clock radio.

Prints were taken at the scene by sheriff's officers for possible comparison with subjects.

Sunday, March 14th at 8:48 a.m. Lindy Burchett of the Columbus Oaks Apartments reported to the sheriff's department that someone had entered the apartment through one of the children's bedroom windows during the night and took a wallet containing $231.00, a lady's purse containing $1.00 and a number of credit cards and keys.

Burchett reported to investigating officers that no-one was awakened during the theft and none of the neighbors had noticed anything or anyone suspicious in the area.

Investigation of the two incidents continues.

and very courteous, friendly people. "All previous friends in the Eagle Lake area will not be forgotten," they said.

Their children, Randy and wife Carolyn and three children reside at 103 E. Waverly in Eagle Lake; and Darlene and husband Rod and three children are located in Bay City.

"We acknowledge the help of God all the way," concluded the Burrows.

Agricultural Observations

From Texas A&M Research Site Eagle Lake

Date	Air Temp 2/		4-Inch Soil Temp		Evap	Rain
March	Max	Min	Max	Min	(ins)	(ins)
9	71	43	62	45	.102	
10	76	48	67	50	.022	
11	80	54	72	54	.214	
12	76	60	68	60	.101	
13	81	66	76	66	.177	
14	84	65	74	66	.124	0.05
15	81	69	73	67	.026	

Warm and cloudy weather should continue across the Texas Coastal Plains through at least mid-week. The Rice Belt may feel early morning dampness because of fog and drizzle; however, no area of the Coastal Plains is expected to have any type of significant rainfall during the next several days. Showers may start developing over adjacent South Texas by Friday and Saturday.

Across the Rice Belt...a lack of sunshine and high humidity will hold down soil drying much of the week. Growers in the western counties should be able to continue corn and sorghum planting with fast germination results. Average soil temperatures in the upper 60s are also favorable to cotton planting, a mild cooling of soil temperatures could occur by late week, but no large risk to cotton is indicated.

Coastal Plains weather outlook through mid-April...cool and perhaps damp may characterize the weather expected between now and mid-April. The warming of temperatures could be slower than usual, while the rainfall outlook calls for heavier than normal amounts.

Rice CISD School Lunch Menus

Thurs., March 18: Meat/-Cheese Pizza, Vegetarian Beans, Fruit Salad, Million Dollar Cookie.

Fri., March 19: Tuna Fish Salad, Buttered Corn, Lettuce Wedge, Carrot Cake, Lunchroom Bread.

Mon., March 22: Beef/Veg. Soup, Cheese Wedges, Cole Slaw, Chocolate Cake, Corn Bread.

Tues., March 23: Country Fried Steak, Rice/Onion Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Hot Rolls.

Wed., March 24: Chili Hot Dogs, French Fries/Catsup, Tossed Salad, Kolaches.

Thurs., March 25: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/-Gravy, Buttered Spinach, Cherry Jello, Batter Bread.

Fri., March 26: Fish Squares/Catsup, Macaroni & Cheese, English Peas/Onion, Chilled Peaches, Hot Rolls.

Burrows Living In Loraine

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burrow were recently transferred out of Eagle Lake with Texas Industries to the Thurber, Texas coal mines. They have purchased residential property in Loraine, Texas (west of Sweetwater) and report experiencing colder weather

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