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Nearly Half Million Dollars In Marijuana Burned

Nineteen boxes of "high grade" marijuana containing an estimated twenty pounds each, went up in smoke shortly before noon Monday when Sheriff Jim Broussard and other officers of the sheriff's department burned and disposed of the marijuana which was confiscated in a "record" drug bust made by the sheriff's department with the assistance of other officers in the county near Garwood.

There were a total of twenty-one bales of 420 pounds of the marijuana judged by Department of Public Safety narcotics officers as some of the best ever seen. Two of the boxes, or about forty pounds, are being held by the sheriff's department for evidence, if needed. If not, the remaining two boxes will be disposed of at a later time, said Sheriff Broussard.

Sheriff Broussard [illegible] watching the marijuana, with an estimated street value of close to a half million dollars, go up in flames and smoke were on the burning of the cache of marijuana on page 3.

Scott's Appeal On Sentence Is Rejected

In 1977, Benny C. Scott of Columbus was found guilty of aggravated rape in District Court in Colorado County and received a 99 year prison sentence. Scott appealed his conviction, and in 1980 a re-trial was ordered on a technicality.

Scott was re-tried and again was found guilty and sentenced to 99 years in prison. Scott again appealed his conviction.

On May 20th, 1982, Colorado County Sheriff's Office was advised that the Court of Appeals had affirmed the conviction and Scott will be retained in the Texas Department of Correction until he becomes eligible for parole.

The number of years before Scott is eligible for parole is unknown at this time.

New Owners Take Over The E.L. Headlight Fri.

Discuss Future Of The Headlight

Headlight Publisher Fred R. Frnka, left, and John Fearing discuss one of the pages for the final issue of the Headlight for the Frnkas and plans for the future. Fred and Eunice Frnka are selling the newspaper to John and Jeannine Fearing after thirty-one years of ownership. The Fearings, who take over the paper Friday, are purchasing a home in Eagle Lake.

Fred R. Frnkas Sell Newspaper Facilities To John Fearings; Printing Dept. To Jeff Frnka

Fred R. and Eunice G. Frnka, who have owned and published The Eagle Lake Headlight for the past thirty-one years, announce that the newspaper facilities of The Eagle Lake Headlight will be sold upon the signing of final documents at 10:00 a.m. this Friday, May 28th, 1982 to John F. and Jeannine Fearing; and sale of the Headlight's commercial printing and supplies department to Laker Printing, owned by Jeff R. Frnka who has been associated with the Headlight as Associate and Sports Editor for the past five years.

The Fearings will continue to operate the paper as The Eagle Lake Headlight under the ownership of Eagle Publishing Incorporated, Mr. Fearing, formerly publisher, [illegible] Mayer and minority owner of the Lockhart Post-Register, will serve as president of Eagle Publishing Inc. and publisher of the Headlight. Mrs. Fearing will serve as the only other officer of the corporation and will handle office and composing room duties with the Headlight.

According to Fearing, long-range plans call for improvements, primarily in the accounting, mailing and photo departments, but generally the operation will remain as it is at this time, with the paper carrying a Thursday dateline and with printing to be done on Wednesdays.

Jeff says that Laker Printing will be doing all kinds of printing and he invites you to give him a call to discuss your printing and office supply requirements.

Degree In Journalism

The Fearings purchased a 25% interest in the Lockhart paper in May of 1980 at which time he was named publisher and general manager of the Lockhart paper and also in operations of a three unit News King press which printed other papers in that area.

He holds a degree in journalism from Texas [illegible] University in Kingsville, Texas.

Fearing served in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970. Prior to his Naval service he was part-time photographer and regional news writer for the morning Huntington Herald-Dispatch in West Virginia. In 1975 he served as promotion director with the Niagara Falls (N.Y.) Gazette and in 1977 returned to Huntington as director of public service and promotion.

From March of 1977 to November of 1978 he served as director of promotion/sales for the Texas Daily Newspaper Association in Houston and was promotion director for the Minneapolis Star/Minneapolis Tribune from November of 1978 until coming to Texas in February of 1980 when the Fearings purchased an interest in the Lockhart Publishing Co.

Fearing is 35 years of age and he and his wife Jeannine have an eight-month-old daughter named Amy.

The Fearings have been active in communities where they have resided. In West Virginia and New York he served as communications director for United Way; and in other locations he served in volunteer duties in chambers of commerce (he is on the board in Lockhart), as a fund-raiser for Goodwill Industries, and other civic clubs and organizations.

Well Experienced

Publishers Fred and Eunice Frnka stated, "we feel fortunate to have found such

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Thank You, Friends

In over thirty years of journalism, no assignment was more difficult to meet than the writing of a "thank you" which would adequately and appropriately relate the heartfelt appreciation which we feel for the wonderful friendship, cooperation and patronage accorded to us during our ownership and publication of the Eagle Lake Headlight for over three decades.

This issue will be the final one which we will publish since the newspaper facilities are being sold, effective this Friday, May 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. John F. Fearing; and the commercial printing and supplies department to our son, Jeff R. Frnka.

We have strived to the utmost of our abilities to produce a paper which would live up to our motto that the Headlight is "Your Weekly Newspaper". Each of you has contributed to this goal and without your help this ambition could not have ever been reached. It has been our desire to publish a paper which you would enjoy reading, one from which you could learn, one through which the entire community could share in moments of sadness, moments of happiness, times of tragedy and feats of accomplishment.

The time has come for us to relinquish this great responsibility to someone else and allow us a bit more time for lots of things which we were unable to enjoy because of the constant demand of deadlines that come each week and as we age they appear to come with an ever-increasing rapidity. In the choice of our successors, we sought to find persons who could agree with many of the philosophies of the Headlight (such as "Nothing Extentuate, Nor Set Down Aught In Malice") handed down by the paper's founder, Bruce W. McCarty. We have tried to adhere to Rotary International's four-way test: "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendship? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" We believe that John and Jeannine Fearing can and will fill that role and bring to the newspaper new experiences which could lead to making it an even greater service to the readers, advertisers and to the community.

It is fitting that our first words of thanks should go to those who have worked on our staff, some for pay, some for community pride, but always with the thought in mind that the only way to do anything is the right way and always for the welfare of our paper and betterment of the community, state and nation.

Any successes which we might have enjoyed could never have become a reality without the support and patronage of our subscribers, advertisers and printing customers. We shall be grateful forever for your help in making it possible for the paper to flourish and expand. To the writers, reporters, correspondents and "just good friends", we owe a great debt of gratitude for helping to make the paper a complete and newsy one.

Contrary to the opinions of some, we are far from ready for days of retirement. We plan to continue an active role in the community and look forward to many years of association with each of you in an endeavor to make this a growing and prospering community.

If you feel that our efforts have been worthwhile, it would be a fitting tribute that you continue to show our successors the same kindnesses and cooperation in the years ahead.

We bid you adieu as newspaper publishers and close by wishing each and every one of you God-speed in the days and years ahead. Thank you for your many years of friendship.

Fred and Eunice Frnka

Permit Sidewalk Sales To Get Test Run Soon

Committee Named To Work Out Final Details

Eagle Lake will soon have a sidewalk sale permit ordinance to regulate use of public sidewalks in the downtown area for sales promotion events (charitable non-profit groups will be exempt from having to have a permit). This decision was made by the City Council in regular session Tuesday night.

The issue of placing items offered for sale on sidewalks was discussed, rather heatedly, at previous sessions and the council was determined to settle the issue once and for all Tuesday night. Although it voted unanimously to set up a permit-type system, by ordinance, details are yet to be worked out by a six-member committee which will make recommendations to the Council in a near future meeting. These details will include such items as: length of time required for permit approval; fee, if any; space to be used in order not to obstruct pedestrian traffic; etc.

Councilman Roy Dean Van Nort, who has been pressing for the permit plan for control of sidewalks for

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Homecoming At Rock Island Sunday

The Annual Homecoming and Memorial Day Service will be held at the Rock Island Community Center this Sunday (May 30).

Chicken or sausage barbecue dinners, with all the trimmings and dessert and iced tea or coffee included, will be served at the noon hour.

A cake auction at 12:30 p.m. will be followed by the Memorial Service and program at 1:00 p.m.

Tickets are $4.00 and $3.00.

The public is invited to attend.

John Howard Reed

John Howard Reed Graduate Of Austin Seminary

Among the 23 names of those graduated in the class of 1982, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary lists that of John Howard Reed, a native of Eagle Lake. He is the son of Joe and Virginia Reed and a member of First Presbyterian Church. The activities which concluded the three-year course of study for the Master of Divinity degree were conducted at University Presbyterian Church, Sunday, May 23. They included a baccalaureate service and celebration of the Lordh Supper at 11:00 a.m. worship.

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Andy Pena Is Assigned To DPS Station Here

Citizens of the area welcome a new Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrolman to the Eagle Lake station. He is Andy Pena, 24 years of age, a native of Falfurrias, Texas. He graduated from Falfurrias high school and attended Texas A&I University before entering the DPS training school.

He completed the DPS school on May 14th and last Friday, May 21st began duties here. He will be working with DPS Patrolman Joel Garcia, who has been assigned here for four years and has been manning the station alone since the transfer of Raymond Munsell.

Trooper Pena is single. He will reside in the Griffith Apartments on West Main St.

Absentee Voting Begins In Demo. Primary Run-Off

Absentee voting in the Democratic Primary statewide run-off election began this Wednesday, May 26th and will continue through Tuesday, June 1st.

In Colorado County, the absentee voting is being handled in the office of county clerk Lester Schneider in the county courthouse at Columbus.

Schneider noted that even though there is no county official run-off, registered voters are urged to vote in the statewide run-off.

Poppy Sale Sat.

Eagle Lake Post No. 8783 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary will be selling Buddy Poppies in the downtown area this Saturday, May 29th.

Contributions received from the sale will be used for handicapped veterans and for support of veterans in need and their families.

Ordained Catholic Priest 25 Years

The Rev. Father Ray Wilinski, center, is shown being congratulated on the observance of his twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood by Joe Wendel, right, president of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Council. At the left is Monsignor Floyd Biel, friend of Father Ray and pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Brenham, which was Father Ray's last assignment before coming to Eagle Lake to succeed Father Tom Hanna [who was assigned to Rockdale] last February. For more on the silver anniversary observance, see page 6 of this issue.

MAYC Scholarship Benefit Dance Sat.

MAYC (Mexican American Youth Council) will hold a scholarship benefit dance in the Eagle Lake Community Center this Saturday, May 29th from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.

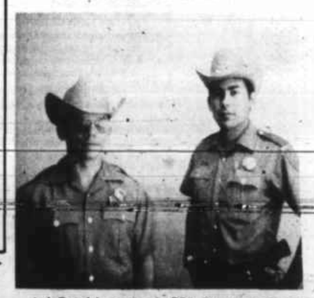
Music will be provided by Cecilio Garza and The Kasinos. The public is cordially invited to attend this event which provides funds for scholarships for worthy Rice High School seniors to attend Wharton County Junior College.

Heritage House Benefit Luncheon Fri.

The Heritage House Auxiliary will hold a benefit luncheon and game party at The Farris 1912 this Friday, May 28th, at 12 noon.

According to Fay Anderson, president of the Auxiliary, Dr. Raymond Thomas will speak briefly.

New DPS Patrolman Here



Andy Pena, left, a native of Falfurrias, is a new Trooper assigned to the Eagle Lake station by the DPS. At the right is Joel Garcia, also a DPS Patrolman, who has been assigned to the Eagle Lake station for the past four years.

More Scholarship Awards

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Schlueter and Margaret Henry; to John Lee Kocurek, Jr.

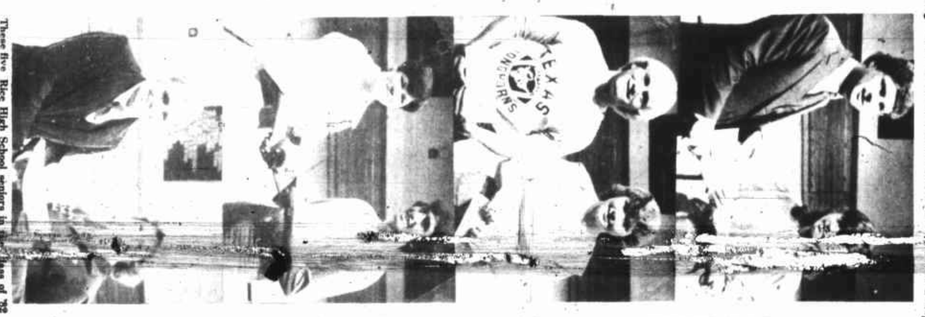
Mrs. Henrietta Baumgarten presented two scholarships from the Stovall Foundation to Patty Perry and Renee Hunt; and four from the H.M. & Hettie Page Garwood scholarships to Cindy Rodriguez, Sharla Dopp, Paula Rohwer and Trina Hyek.

Trinity scholarship to WCJC from the Eagle Lake division of the American-Rice Growers Cooperative Association was presented to Kathy Isbell by Melvin Sunderg, Counselor Beane presented Pan American Club scholarship awards to Troy Hagendorf, Mark Roether, Robert Kleker, Kitty Thomas and Carmen Schneider, and he also presented the Garwood Lions Club scholarship to David Staff.

Vance Duncan, immediate past president of Colorado County Texas University Ex-Students Association, presented a scholarship from the county chapter and also the U.T. President's Award for academic excellence to Jerrin Yates. Asst. Supt. Charles DeShazo announced that the National Society of Women Engineers, Sam Houston State University and Dow Chemical chemistry award went to Barbara Ross, that Kenneth Hamilton will receive a University of Houston athletic scholarship to play football; also that Ricky Miller was recipient of the W. R. Fruka Memorial scholarship, and Chrisy Mayes was recipient of the Annette Rodgers nursing scholarship.

Scholarships announced by her sponsor Carolyn Junior College high achievement awards to Sharla Popp, Kitty Thomas, Paula Rohwer, Jerri Clipson and Denise Hyek; and valedictorian Renee Hunt received the state's valedictorian's scholarship.

Many RHS Seniors Get Scholarships



These five Rice High School seniors [illegible] were among many who received scholarships at the end-of-school awards ceremony at RHS Monday night. At the top, Vance Duncan, immediate past president of the Colorado County chapter of the University of Texas Ex-Students Association, presented a scholarship from the Texas Exes and also a University of Texas President's Award for Academic Excellence, to Jerrin Yates. Next to the top, Ricky Miller (left, was named recipient of the W. R. Fruka Memorial scholarship and at the right, Chrisy Mayes received the Annette Rodgers Memorial nursing scholarship.

Next to the bottom, Mrs. Vicki Ashler [illegible] presented the Sheridan PTA in presenting a scholarship to Billy Townsend; at the bottom, Melvin Sunderg represented the Eagle Lake division of American-Rice Growers Cooperative Assn. in presenting a two-year scholarship at Wharton County Junior College to Kathy Isbell.

RHS Principal Commends Smallest Senior Class Ever

In his final comments to the 1982 Senior Class at Rice High School during the senior awards assembly held May 7th at Rice High School gymnasium, Principal Fred Grahmann noted that the class is the smallest in the twelve year history of the Rice School District, and he urged the seniors to take an attitude of "reaching down to decide to put down roots."

The principal praised the accomplishments of the 1982 seniors and complimented the class as being one of the best despite the fact that it was the smallest.

He urged the seniors to be proud of their high school accomplishments in their school capacity. He further urged the graduates to choose their careers wisely and to "be proud of what you do."

He stressed that "we are fortunate to live in a nation of such an abundance of opportunity. He added, "try to make this a better country in which to live and be proud of whatever you do" and he welcomed them to make constructive criticism of their high school careers, but challenged them to "have something to offer as a substitute."

Urges Active Role

He urged the seniors 11 to be active 2 to be contributors, and 3 not be just takers.

The principal challenged the graduates to encourage others to follow them in the high school to be "the catalyst to take such good care of the facilities and to continue a high respect for the faculty."

Grahmann contributed the excellent condition of the high school to be "due to the efforts of people just like you."

"While this is the smallest class in the history of Rice High School, good things come in small packages, and I agree," concluded the principal.

The 86-member senior class will receive certificates of graduation in ceremonies to be held this Thursday, May 20th at the Rice High School gymnasium, beginning at 8 p.m. and Grahmann extended an invitation to all parents and friends to attend this momentous occasion.

Fred Grahmann

RHS Underclassmen Get Many Awards

Rice High School's underclassmen, freshmen, sophomores and juniors received awards in the Raider gymnasium Monday, May 10th. The awards included:

Honor Roll

Freshmen: Susan Gold, Rachelle Hunt, Janice Hyek, Michael Sibley, Temple Thomas;

Sophomores: Julia Roeprim, Coby Shorter, III, Shawn Spanihel;

Juniors: David Adkins, Becky Benge, Laurie Bubela, Susanna Fajkus, Leslie Harris, Deborah Kretschmer, Kim Schneider, Kim Wunderlich.

Perfect Attendance

Freshmen: Valerie King, Annie Mozisek, Jesus Castillo, Nelson Dabney, Stephen Drilk, James Lockett, Michael Romo, Marcus Tillman, Derrick Williams; Sophomores: Leal, Brandon Cope, Brett Ward;

Juniors: Becky Benge, Belinda Cavazos, Bobbie Johnson, Deborah Kretschmer, Sherlyn Lockett, Marilyn Mahalitc, Jaklyn Parker, Bryan Woods, Alan Zbranek.

UIL Awards

UIL Ready Writing: David Adkins; Ready Reading: Annie Morris, Becky Benge, Tessie Morris; UIL Number Sense: Julia Roeprim, Temple Thomas, Melissa Wilson;

UIL Calculator Application: Shawn Spanihel;

UIL Debate: Kevin Brown;

UIL Persuasive Speaking: Coby Shorter, Jose Urquiza;

UIL Poetry Interpretation: Rachelle Hunt, Vicky Hernandez, Tessie Morris, Jan Zbranek;

UIL Spelling: Darlene Lee;

UIL Science: Janice Hyek, Patrick Williams, Patrick Lockett;

UIL Typing: Renae Dierschke, Tamra Patrick, Roxanne Roper, Kim Wunderlich;

UIL One Act Play: Karen Kocurek, Tessie Morris, Rachelle Hunt, Brandon Cope, Glen Payne, Vicky Hernandez, Jan Zbranek, Annette Jones, Trinita Thomas;

UIL Interpretation: Catherine Lockett, Temple Thomas, Rachelle Hunt.

Rice Schools Dismiss Early

Schools in the Rice Consolidated Independent School District will dismiss classes at 2:15 p.m. on the last three days of school, May 18, 19 and 20th.

Winners In Mason's Essay Contest

The students shown above received a $100 award for submitting the best essays on "Educating for Freedom", marking Public Schools Week. Masonic lodges (seven of them in District 33 donated the cash. Now the essays go on for state judging.

Two of the winners are from this area.

The winners are, left to right: Kurt P. Deruiter of Schulenburg (Schulenburg High School); Barbara Ross of Sheridan, (Rice High School); Kitty Thomas of Eagle Lake, (Rice High School); and Kenneth Sury of Fayetteville. (Fayetteville High School). Photo by Wednie Mercury.

Congratulations CLASS OF '82

Diplomas in hand, you're equipped to meet the challenges that lie ahead. Whether you're heading for further education or planning to start in on your career, we wish you all success and future happiness.

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