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Prairie Rice to be ready for harvest

Friday fire destroys controls; round-the-clock effort to restore operations



While unofficial damage estimates to the Prairie Rice Dryer exceed a half-million dollars, as a result of last Friday's fire in the control room and head house, general manager Harold Miller remains confident they will be in business in time for the rice harvest in July.

"It would have been a catastrophe had it happened three days before the harvest began," Miller said Friday afternoon, "but since it happened now, it gives us time to rebuild."

When dryer workers opened up Friday morning they found the control room destroyed by a fire

that officials think was burning much of the previous night and morning. The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department found only smoldering debris when they arrived at the scene just after 8 a.m. The dryer is located about nine miles east of Eagle Lake on FM 1093 at Chesterville.

By mid-afternoon Friday, company workers had begun clean-up operations while others began planning repair work.

"There's no doubt in my mind we'll be ready for the harvest," Miller continued to say Tuesday. As

engineers and electricians combed the damage and continued to find more problems company officials remained steadfast in their optimism.

Tuesday, Miller said much of the equipment needed was ordered or on its way here. Friday officials felt the down national economy would be to their benefit in quickly securing replacement parts and materials, since manufacturers are not operating at full capacity.

The control room was destroyed by the blaze. Fire, heat and smoke

damage extended to the top of the head house, approximately 65 feet. As clean-up and investigation operations continued additional damage was found extending at least 100 feet from the top of the head house along the dryer. No official damage estimate has been made and cause of the blaze had not been determined, although one person said he felt it was

Miller said a crash repair program is underway to get the dryer back in operation in three weeks, the approximate time for the start of the rice harvest.

Immediate repairs will include manual controls, instead of an automated system, and will require the hiring of additional personnel.

Plant Manager Harold Ross, supervisor Joe Salinas and electrician Dave Cain were on vacation at the time of the fire, but were called back to work Friday.

Chief Winebrenner leaving post

After much deliberation, Police Chief Earl Winebrenner announced to the city managers of Eagle Lake Tuesday afternoon his decision to accept a job offered to him by another police force.

Winebrenner said he would work through next Wednesday, and would be available for the July 4th weekend if necessary.

During an interview Tuesday morning, before he made his decision, Chief Winebrenner pointed out the positive and negative elements of the situation, and on what he would base his decision.

"I've been in law enforcement for almost sixteen years now, and

have had strong community support from the people of Eagle Lake since I took the job of chief," said Winebrenner. "That makes this decision very hard to make."

He said that when he first took the job in 1961 there were only two full-time officers, and a bad feeling about the police.

"The community made the transition a smooth one, to the point that we get along very well here. I have no gripes."

But the fact remained that he had been offered the job of Police Chief in West Columbia, with a "Substantial" increase in pay, a more modernized and younger department

per se, and as he put it, "a larger degree of closeness and cooperation."

According to Winebrenner, he heard about the job when he was approached by West Columbia officials a few weeks ago, and was later informed that he was a likely candidate.

Among the positive aspects the new job would offer, Winebrenner feels, is the fact that his family resides in the area and has long been associated with it. He was born and raised in Boling, Wharton County.

"I was Wharton County chief deputy for four years, and later became acting sheriff. I have always had a

good working relationship there."

When Mayor Elmer Struss was asked Tuesday morning what his opinion was, he said "I really don't know much about it, Chief Winebrenner hasn't approached me yet."

"We had some problems with the police force here before he came. The community has shown support for him and he's done a fine job. I don't blame any man for wanting to better himself, financially or otherwise," said the Mayor. "He was hired to do a job and he's done it well."

According to Winebrenner, Mayor Struss told him he "hated to see me

go." He said there was no animosity.

Beside the praise Winebrenner had for the community of Eagle Lake, he made a point of thanking Colorado County Sheriff Jim Broussard for his cooperation. "He's as fine a sheriff as there is. People of the county are fortunate to have a man of that caliber."

"Benefits and all that are fine, but the hard thing is to get the support of the people behind me like I've got them here," said Winebrenner. "I want to feel like an asset, like I'm accomplishing something. The decision is a hard one to have to make."

Mayor says financial state of city "excellent"

Mayor Elmer Struss presented his annual "state of the city" message to members of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club at the club's meeting at noon on Wednesday of last week, emphasizing the fact that the financial status of the city is "excellent."

The mayor was introduced by Brock Ashby, program chairman for the day. The mayor opened his report by stating that "the city is in very good financial shape compared to other cities of its size. . . as a whole things are going real good."

He reviewed the city's 1982-1983 budget of about \$659,000 of which \$488,000 is allocated to the general fund, \$328,000 to the water and sewer fund, \$36,000 to

revenue sharing and \$3,000 to the contingency fund.

One of the major increases in the current budget occurred in the police department where the allocation is \$147,000, up \$22,000. The mayor noted the allocation allows the department to have five full-time officers, other special and reserve officers, and the use of three automobiles.

Firemen commended Struss commended the Eagle Lake volunteer firemen whom the mayor said, "work like demons" and "buy most of the equipment needed by the department."

He also pointed to the fact that "no money from tax funds is needed for

bonded indebtedness." The \$104,000 allocated in the budget this year for bonded indebtedness and interest is for three sets of revenue bonds and one general obligation bond for recent water improvements, but being paid for with water and sewer revenue under an ordinance passed by the city council.

The mayor discussed future city projects, including: - Better streets which he said were now "in the worst shape ever" (a paving project is due to start soon); - Improved services in utility departments and in other services wholly or partially sponsored by the city;

- Completion of the city's new sewer plant "in late September or early October" (the million dollar plus project is being financed 75% by the federal government and 25% by the city);

- Filing of an application for a HUD Community Development Block Grant in the amount of one million dollars plus for drainage improvements, street work, housing rehabilitation, and removal of dilapidated structures in the "Rice Mill" area which is bounded on the north-east by the new Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation, Inc. property. The mayor called drainage in the "Rice Mill" area as "deplorable."

Carbona joins Headlight news staff

Vincent Carbona, 26, writer to the staff is part of the planned changes for the company," Fearing said. "I will be spending more time working with the advertising community which supports the newspaper financially, and managing the business," he said.

The newspaper will be moved this summer to the office next to Eagle Lake Insurance and Connie's Crafts, at 220 E. Main. Currently, a photographic darkroom is being built at that location to provide

expanded photographic coverage. Carbona graduated last May from Boston University with a master's degree in Journalism. He has an undergraduate degree in political science from the university.

A native of Valencia, Spain, he has lived in the Boston area since May of 1966. He and his wife Mona Louise Carbona have moved to Eagle Lake from Houston where they had

been living. Mona Carbona has a master's degree in international marketing from the Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Az.

"I'm here to be of service to the community and to learn at the same time," Carbona said. "I look forward to gaining acceptance as my job requires close personal contact with as many people as possible."

Carbona goes by the nickname "Vini."

Officer injured

An Eagle Lake police officer was injured Sunday morning investigating a break-in at Clyde's Food Market on Post Office St.

Officer Ronnie Frankum fell through the roof of the drive-through portion of the building.

According to Chief Earl Winebrenner, Clyde Farthing, owner, called police headquarters about 5 a.m. Sunday to report the burglary. He told police items missing included two sharpening stones, three pocket knives, ten padlocks, \$60 in foodstamps, \$15 in quarters and nickels and \$5 in bills.

Winebrenner said entry was gained from the front of the building.

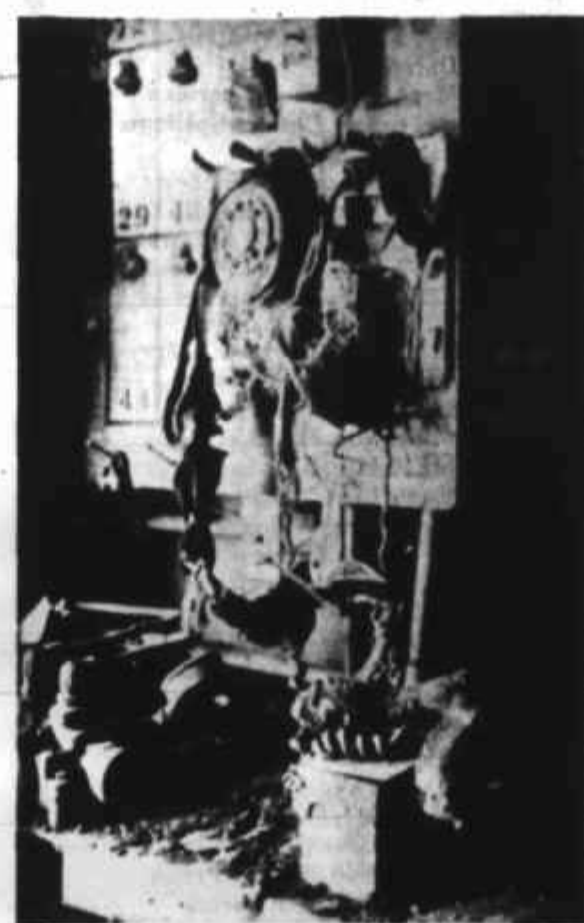
Frankum was X-rayed at Eagle Lake Community Hospital and released.

Handicap education meet next Tuesday

Plans and recommendations for the education of handicapped students in the three school systems in Colorado County will be presented next Tuesday, according to Victor A. Scott, director of the county's education cooperative.

The meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., June 29, in the psychologists office of the Columbus Elementary School.

The program will be presented in the special education advisory committee meeting for the Colorado County Education Cooperative.



Pickup truck, bicycle collide

An Eagle Lake man was treated and released from Eagle Lake Community Hospital following an accident involving a pickup truck and a bicycle near the 600 block of E. Main Street last Sunday at 12:23.

Jose Martinez of 1201 Conner St. was riding westbound on his bicycle in the right-hand lane of E. Main St. Next to him was Bobby Charles Semora, 29, of Eagle Lake, in his gray Chevy pickup, also going westbound.

Police reports indicate Martinez was struck by the front center of the truck when he tried to turn left in front of the truck. He was taken to community hospital and released.