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COUNCIL

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Councilmen to spend some time with Klockman on how they felt the budget should be shaped, and asked that consideration be given to reducing city expenses by at least five percent because of the current economic climate.

Other councilmen voiced some agreement with the suggested reduction and

Councilman Gene Baker suggested a 10 percent or more reduction may be necessary. On the other hand, there was some agreement that an expanded street-paving program should be undertaken soon. Struss believes city revenues from sales taxes and slower property tax collections may necessitate the reduction.

During Klockman's manager's report, he said Basic Constructors, builders of the new sewer plant, had requested payment of \$80,000 on work completed at the \$1.4 million plant, leaving only another \$3,359 part of the contract for financing yet to be completed.

After a long discussion a motion was made the payment to be deferred \$2. Council is asking the Texas Department of Water Resources to approve the plant first. It actually has been working since October, but only in its automatic status since mid-December. Council apparently feels the plant should operate a little longer to make sure it is working properly.

In other business, council accepted the resignation of city fire marshal Bill Thomas, Jr. Although it is an appointed position, he is paid a small sum by the city, and said he wanted to avoid any possible conflict of interest that payment might cause with his insurance business and the selling of insurance to be appointed by council.

Reappointed Dr. Curtis Laughlin as city health officer. Later in the meeting councilman Roy Dean Van Nort asked that Laughlin look into the problem of the accumulation of garbage from a small restaurant.

Instructed Klockman to revise the city's U-Turn ordinance.

Agreed that the front of The Eagle Lake Sewing Center at the corner of Main and Jones streets will not be deleted. Instead, the meter will be moved further back from the corner, and a larger yellow-painted area on the curb will denote that parking should be as far back from the corner as possible.



11 years

January 13 was a memorable day for Father George Welsh, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church here. He celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry, as well as marking the previous week which was his 11th anniversary as rector at the church here. Mrs. J. Edward Dangler commemorated the anniversaries by honoring Father George, The Daughters of the King (Christ Church Chapter), and their spouses at a formal dinner. It was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lang. Mrs. Lang prepared a gourmet dinner for the occasion. Present, in addition to those mentioned, were Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Dromgoole, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cone, Mr. and Mrs. William Lehrer, and Joe T. Lang.

***** Sports *****

ELMS basketball tournament

Eagle Lake Middle School 7th and 8th grade boys and girls hosted their annual basketball tournament this past weekend. The teams participating in the girls division were Columbus, Garwood, Sheridan and Youkum. The teams in the boys division were Columbus, East Bernard and Katy.

Eagle Lake came away with four 1st place victories. The 7th grade girls defeated Sheridan 31-13 and Youkum 30-17. The 8th grade girls defeated Sheridan 26-8 and Columbus

26-18 for first. The 7th grade boys walked with ease by beating Katy 33-22 and East Bernard 27-20. The 8th grade boys defeated Katy 29-19, and just got by Columbus 24-23 in the finals.

In the girls consolation bracket Sheridan 7th and 8th grade teams took home the trophies and Youkum placed second.

In the boys division, consolation was won by the East Bernard 8th grade and Columbus 7th grade took home the trophy.



8th Grade

Raiders capture the Bobcats

A few games ago, someone might have decided that it wasn't worth it to drive out to the high school or out to town to see the guys play. Well, I've got news for you. On last Friday night, the varsity boys had no problem defeating the Hempstead Bobcats.

Both teams were well prepared and ready to go. However, the Bobcats apparently left a few shooters behind. The only real trouble for the Raiders was the Bobcat's number 33, J. Holland. He ended the game with 29 points, scoring more than half of the team's total points. Also, earlier in the game he was able to sneak through the Raider defense and slip in a slam dunk. This turned the lights off for a few of the Raider players, but they got together, talked it over, and decided that enough was enough. Hempstead didn't have a chance, the buzzer sounded ending the game. The final score was 61 to 49.

Lead scorers along with outstanding performances were Parker with 22 and Powell with 18. Hats off to you fellows!



7th Grade

Shot at the buzzer puts Rice away

It was a terrible upset for the varsity girls. Hempstead pulled a fast one at the sound of the buzzer defeating the girls by one point.

This was the second meeting for the teams. The Raider girls had no problem with Hempstead the first time. But in this game, it was a matter of turnovers. Williams, number 15 of Hempstead, was not much at shooting, but her quickness and sticky hands were murder on the girls offense.

The Raiders managed to remain calm throughout the entire game. There was never more than maybe a 10 point lead. For the fans, Hempstead had lost another game.

But what to our surprise, Hempstead was on their way to recovery. They could no longer take the pressure of being defeated. Their coach was screaming. The crowd was roaring. The seconds were winding down. Hempstead was down by one. A shot went up and in the basket. It was all over, Hempstead had defeated the Raiders 49 to 48.

Raiders attack, JV victorious

By Cathy Lanyon

It was a night of victory and celebration for the JV girls last Tuesday night. They scored over the Royal Falcons with a score of 18-39. Part of the victory was due to the way Royal played. The Falcons tended to press the forwards, leaving the posts somewhat open. Consequently, the strongest play for Rice dealt with the post dropping to the baseline, receiving the ball, pivoting, and shooting the ball. By the end of the first quarter Royal trailed by five points. Stephanie Woods and Sharlotte King pulled them ahead with two points each. Janet Scott ended the quarter with a "fast" jump shot in the last second.

During the first quarter, Royal trapped and pressed the Raiders. Rice, however, fought back by rebounding most of the shots and shot with the more accuracy. When Sharlotte fought the defense, she was working on two points. She scored after battling her opponent for the ball. And again Rice set up their offense after getting the ball. They shuffled around trying to lose their defense. The Raiders work was not all in vain for Stephanie scored seconds later. Janet Scott made a great break for the basket, received the ball, and drove in for two points. Fields contributed her two bits after rebounding the ball. Elaine Higgins made a spectacular "fast" shot that made the score jump from 8-18 to 8-20. With the last thirty-five seconds, the Raiders were trying the Falcons patience and wit. The game was called "keep away" and it served as a true purpose. Not only did it stall the game but it almost produced some results that almost gave Rice an advantage. Royal almost fouled Rice and that could have been a disastrous step taken against the Falcons.

Elaine Higgins again started the third quarter on the right foot. She made two more points with an outside jump shot. With Rice under Royal's basket, Janet rebounded and moved in for a middle layup. It was up to Michele Milligan to make two points when her fellow teammates were covered. "Without hesitation, she sank in two with a base line jump shot. Towards the end of the third quarter there was a drastic change in fouls made. Rice was reaching in more in hopes of a steal but instead triggered a chain of free shots for Royal.

In the fourth quarter, Rice was leading in the rebounding. If there was ever a chance for scoring it was then. Rice burst forth with energy and scored one after the other. The Falcons were left back in shame with the final score reading 18-39.

The girls that contributed for the victory were: Sharlotte King, 4 points; Fields, 4 points; Janet Scott, 10 points; Elaine Milligan, 3 points; Elaine Higgins, 6 points; Stephanie Woods, 6 points; and Karen Bluntson, 2 points.

Members of the seventh grade basketball team at Eagle Lake Middle School are, front row, left to right, Carrie Israel, Felicia Frazier, Viola Cordova, Katina Carson, Isabel Aguilar; second row, l. to r., Kelley Jarvis, Cindy Garza, Patty Stephens, Teresa Saucedo; back row, l. to r., Jackie Smith, Sharon Harborth, Lakeshia Jackson, Sheryl McGrew, and Coach Rollins.

Photo by Linda Ferguson

Intimidation causes defeat

Intimidated by Royal's height advantage, the varsity girls were met head on with their first district loss with Royal beating them 43-38. They end the first half of play with a record of six wins and one loss.

"The girls shot consistently at the free throw line," stated Coach Johnson, "however, they could not rebound defensively and there was not enough outside shooting to help out offensively."

Ivey, number 31 of Royal, ended the first quarter scoring nine of the eleven points Royal had. Her height put the Raider players, under a little pressure. Ivey seemed to bully the girls, therefore, causing them to slack up on their shooting. The Raider girls ended the quarter with only one point which Bluntson tossed in at the free throw line.

Rearing to go, Lockett came into the second quarter and scored the first field goal for the Raiders. At that point everyone began to look alive. The girls were outscored due to the lack of concentration on the basket with the score 11-23 in favor of Royal.

It was the third quarter. The girls realized how bad they were playing but decided too late that they could play some ball. With the attitude of doing better, they came within nine points of the lead, but could not hold it. The score in the third quarter was 20-35, still in favor of Royal.

The fourth quarter looked hopeless, the girls were down by 15 points. However, Wunderlich and Hemphill were looking alive. Both girls shot 100 percent at the free throw line. The team came within five points of winning but it was too late. Royal won 43-38.

Leading scorers for the night were Bluntson with 12, Wunderlich adding 9 and Hemphill also hit 9.

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