

Rice farmer plays war games

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Commander John T. Engstrom is one of 50 naval reservists from the Naval Reserve Center at San Antonio who is participating in a simulated war exercise at the Naval Reserve Center in Houston.

Commander Engstrom is a member of the Naval

Surface Group Western Pacific Detachment 610. If a national emergency were actually called, the unit would mobilize to San Diego, California. John is an independent rice farmer in Garwood.

"This type of competitive exercise is very realistic," says John. "The shipboard simulator contains all the major departments of a

ship, just like a flight simulator does for an airplane. Once the smoke and water start pouring in the compartment of the damage control trainer, during the fire fighting exercise, you forget you are on a weekend drill," he added.

The exercise, TENOREX 82 (Region Ten Operational Readiness Exercise), is a competitive training exercise sponsored by the Naval Reserve Readiness Command Region Ten, headquartered in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The reservists face many of the same shipboard battle problems likely to be encountered in a modern naval engagement. These include torpedo and missile attacks from enemy submarines, surface ships and aircraft. The crew will be judged on how well they

respond to these "attacks" as well as to problems caused by simulated enemy hits.

A selected group of reservists acts as graders during the four hour competitive exercise. The graders are surface warfare experts and members of the naval reserve unit called the Fleet Training Group. The reservist training group wrote the computer simulated battle problem.

Captain W. L. Horne, Commander of the Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Region Ten, the sponsor of the exercise said, "By the time the four hour exercise is concluded, we'll have a very good idea as to the sea and battle worthiness of our reservists."

John is the son of Harry C. and June Martin Engstrom, of Garwood.



Wharton County Junior College Band

Band to play in New Orleans

The Wharton County Junior College band, which includes Charlene McGrew of Eagle Lake, has accepted two invitations to appear in Mardi Gras parades in New Orleans next week.

The student band will march in the famed Rex Parade through the downtown area on February 15. The Court of Napoleon also has invited the band to participate in the celebration to be held Sunday, February 13, in the New Orleans suburb of Metairie.

The 41-member band is directed by Jim Paul.

State hay show winners

Ronald and Russell Beamsley of Hidalgo County captured both the grand and reserve championship honors in the recent Texas State Hay Show in Waco.

Ronald's sample of common bermudagrass hay won top honors while Russell's sample of mixed grasses took the reserve champion.

The state show featured 282 entries from 49 counties. Sixty-seven percent of the entries were awarded blue ribbons, signifying their high quality, said a Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Little League Officers elected

Officers were elected and plans made for the 1983 Little League year at the meeting of the officers and coaches Friday evening. Officers elected were: Charles Darnell, president; Draper Stephens, vice-president; and Laurel Holden, secretary-treasurer. Stephens is also in charge of all girls' activities.

Registration will be held February 18 from 3:30 to 5:30, February 19 from 3:30 to 5:30 and February 26 from 1 until 3. Everyone desiring to play Little League ball will have to register, whether they played last year or not. Also, a birth certificate must be brought to the registration to certify which age group a player will be in.

The fee structure has been changed slightly this year in order to help families with several children playing.

Plant shade trees

The time is at hand for planting shade trees, says a landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Root systems of winter-planted trees develop and become well established before top growth starts in the spring."

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Rotary hears talk on Ministerial Alliance

At their regular meeting last Wednesday, the Rotarians heard a most informative presentation on the purpose and functions of the Ministerial Alliance. Father Ray Widacki, Reverend Milburn Sibley, Rev. George Welsch and Rev. Paul Krupicka were present to discuss the alliance.

The Ministerial Alliance is the basis of conversation between the denomination's functions as a tool by which the pastors can coordinate the religious efforts of the community.

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John Engstrom smiles after a job well done during a simulated battle exercise.

150 attend book review lunch

Approximately 150 people attended the Luncheon-Book Review at the Baptist Church Friday.

Following the meal, Mrs. Bill (Margo) Harrison recognized all the ladies who had so willingly dedicated their time and efforts to make the afternoon a success.

Mrs. Phillip (Linda) Ferguson enthralled everyone present with her lovely voice when she sang "You'll Never Walk Alone" and finished the journey after "Walk the World with Me."

Mrs. Lawanna Melver, noted book reviewer, presented the review of "Walk Across America" by Peter Jenkins in a most unique manner by using the personal tense.

From the time she began with Jenkins becoming disillusioned because of Vietnam and Watergate the audience seemed enrapt as though they were truly living the experience.

Mrs. Melver took the audience through the beginning of the journey of Jenkins walk to the last days, 32 pairs of shoes and several years later, when he reached the mid-point of his trek. She

One arrested for cocaine possession

The Eagle Lake police department arrested one man Sunday morning for possession of controlled substances, including what police said looked like cocaine that could be worth \$20,000, depending on its purity.

In the Colorado County jail and on Kevin Day, 25, of Eagle Lake.

Acting on information received by the department, the police were issued a warrant about 9:15 a.m. Sunday by Judge M. M. Jones to search the property at 322 E. Main.

At about 9:45 a.m., two officers were stationed in front and five at the rear of the building, Sgt. Dan

Volleyball standings

About half way through the volleyball schedule the standings are as follows: Team 5 (Six A's) 6-0; Team 9 (Vandals) 6-0; Team 7 (Laker's) 5-1; Team 2 (Net Wranglers) 4-2; Team 4 (Purple Bird) 4-2; Team 1 (Atomic Dogs) 3-3; Team 11 (Sonic Boom) 3-3; Team 8 (Six Pac) 2-4; Team 6 (Slap Happy) 1-5; Team 10 (Misfits) 1-5; Team 12 (Golden Rods) 1-5; and Team 3 (Over 30) 0-6.

The schedule for the next two weeks is as follows: February 13, 6 p.m. 1 vs 8, 2 vs 9; 7 p.m. 3 vs 10, 4 vs 11; 8 p.m. 6 vs 7, 5 vs 12. February 20, 6 p.m. 5 vs 7, 8 vs 7; 7 p.m. 1 vs 9, 2 vs 10; 8 p.m. 3 vs 11, 4 vs 12.

Crop insurance lowers production, financial risks

A crop insurance program is one means available to farmers to counteract production and financial risks that they face every year, says an economist in management with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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Grace Lutheran women meet

The women of Grace Lutheran Church met last Wednesday evening to discuss plans for the coming year.

ALCW would participate in the spring festival sponsored by the Revitalization Committee in April by having a bake sale and supply of cookies. Cookies are to be baked at the church and to be packed after the Ash Wednesday service. Also, the Lutheran church is hosting the blood drive on February 19. The host church is responsible for the meal to be served to workers during the drive. Sign up sheets are placed in the narthex of the church for those wishing to contribute.

Also on the agenda was the planning of the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. This year the banquet will be a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14. It is hoped that this weekend date will allow more people from out of town to attend.

Hospital News

Patients (February 7)
Eagle Lake: Alex Johnson, Bether Cotton, Sally Little, Malcolm Tinsley, Mattie Barnett, Ethel Austin, Ruby Mae Cloud Long, Bernice Karber, Bennie Contreras, Margaret Aldridge, Hazel Wesson, Ardella Pettit, Ruth Nelson, Lula Mae Boone, Lola Albright, Yolanda Munoz, Jamie-Lynn Tillman, Michael Mareka, Columbus Lawrence, Giendi Kathleen Gieent, Molly McCausland, from Garwood; Annie Mae McCrewe, Elvas Hernandez, Michael Waligura, from Bellville; Louis Stanick, from Yoakum; Leslie Einhaus, from Ellinger; Chad Hinton, from Alleyton; Mildred McGoheen, from La Grange; Ella Rosecher, from Weimar; Matthew Herberich.

Dialysis
Eagle Lake: Alex Johnson, Evelyn Schindler, Edna Novahita, Edna Mascheck, Manuel Alvarado, Juanita Boethel, Marshall Montgomery, Mae Ella Nueles, Ruth Flowers, Alma David, son, Gregory Hemphill, Rosie Navarro and Baby Girl, V. J. Kana, Peggy Puhl, Marcelina Salinas, Addie Taylor, Howard Nolan, Billy Powell.

Columbus
James Whitcomb, Ronny Daley, Jose Israel Ruiz, from Sealy; Amanda Dvorak, Milton Sowa, Daniel Klatt, Anna Kexner, from Stafford; Ellen Segler, from Bellville; Eric Arising, from Richmond; Josephine Ruiz and Baby Boy, from Schulenburg; Danny Muras, from Wallis; Mildred Mayo.

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Obituaries

By Leroy J. Hajdik
County Extension Agent

Don't gamble on fertilizer needs

County Agent's Notebook

Mrs. Ripper was 45-year resident here

Mrs. Anna Faldyn Ripper passed away last Tuesday morning in the Heritage House Nursing Home after a brief illness. Rosary was recited at 6 p.m. Wednesday from the Mill Bauer Chapel with Joseph Wendel officiating.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 10 a.m. from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with the Reverend Ray Widacki officiating. Interment followed at the Lakeside Cemetery.

Palbearers were Edward Faldyn, Joe Faldyn, Jr., Jerry Lee Faldyn, Stanley Parma, Jr., Roy Fuller and Michael D. Lahman. Mrs. Cynthia Sunderman was the organist.

Anna Ripper was born to Joseph Faldyn and Frances Jurajda on January 15, 1905 in Ammosville, Texas. She was a resident of Eagle Lake for 45 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and had been active in the Altar Society.

Mrs. Ripper was preceded in death by her husband Frank H. Ripper, who died June 7, 1979. She is survived by her daughter Mrs. George (Joyce) Perry of Deer Park; her son Frank Ripper of Austin; her sisters Mrs. Martha Parma of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Mary Seydler, Mrs. Albina Huchek, and Mrs. Helen Kubesch; her brothers Joe Willie, Edwin and Jerry Faldyn; six grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Arrangements were made under the direction of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home.

Mr. Yanez dies in hospital

Lucio Garza Yanez died last Tuesday morning in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Gethsemane Baptist Mission with the Reverend Mathias V. Quintanilla officiating. Mrs. Charles Spalinger was the organist.

Mr. Yanez, a resident of Eagle Lake for over 75 years, was born in Mexico on February 8, 1893. He was a member of the Gethsemane Baptist Mission and worked in the rice fields here in Eagle Lake.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Ann Toris; his brother, Cayetano Yanez, both of Eagle Lake and other relatives and loved ones.

Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home.

Sympathy is expressed to the family.

Retired Garwood teacher dies

Robie Ann Milliard of Garwood died Saturday in the El Campo Memorial Hospital at the age of 82.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 10 a.m. from the Lehrer Memorial Methodist Church in Garwood. The Reverend Laurin Matthews, pastor of the Lehrer Memorial Methodist Church, officiated. Interment followed at the Wharton City Cemetery.

Robie Milliard was born to Herman and Louise Koyon Forrester on July 16, 1900 in Needville. When she was a youngster, the family moved to San Angelo. Aspiring to obtain her goal of being an educator, she graduated from San Angelo High School in 1918.

She attended Mary Hardin Baylor College in Waco and ultimately received her B.A. and Masters of Education degrees from the University of Houston.

Following her graduation, she dedicated herself to educating others. She taught school in various cities including Fairchild, Burr, Pledger, Orchard and Garwood. She retired from Garwood Elementary School in 1969.

Mrs. Milliard was a 32 year resident of Garwood and a member of the Lehrer Memorial Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, T.C. Milliard in December of 1946. She is survived by her daughter, Ann Milliard

Alma Davidson, life long resident here, dies

Mrs. Alma Helen Davidson, life long resident of Eagle Lake, passed away Saturday morning at her residence after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services for Mrs. Davidson were held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Mill Bauer Chapel with the Reverend Charles Runk officiating and Mrs. Lorena Matthews serving as organist.

Palbearers were T. J. Smith, W. C. Alley, Doyle Waldrop, J. O. Stein, Vic Scott and Mike Beard. Honorary palbearers were Dale Cassidy, Roy Van Nort, A. W. Kohlefeld, Simon Sinclair, Louis Mizny, Lloyd Spalinger, Dr. R. H. Thomas, Jim Cunningham, Harold Thomas and Albert Pustejovsky.

Interment followed at the Lakeside Cemetery.

Alma Helen Davidson was born to William G. Miller and Helen Tackett on October 26, 1903. She was a lifelong resident of Colorado County and lived in the Eagle Lake area during her adult life.

After attending Southwest Texas State Teachers College, Mrs. Davidson taught school in Calhoun, Matthews, Bonus, Garwood and Eagle Lake before retiring.

Mrs. Davidson was missed by all those whose lives she touched. She founded and was past president of the Eagle Lake Garden Club and served as its secretary for years. She was also an active member of the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, the Anita Wilcox Circle of the United Methodist Church, the Retired Teachers Association, Eagle Lake Study Club and member of the AARP.

Mrs. Davidson is survived by a son, George M. Cason, Jr. of League City; sister, Mrs. J. M. Skinner, Sr. of Fallurris; grandson, Glen Marshall Cason of Eagle Lake; nephews, J. M. Skinner, Jr. of Fallurris, David D. Skinner of El Paso; and numerous other relatives and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Colorado County Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Eagle Lake Unit.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to the family at the loss of this loved one.

Mrs. Geraldine Cason, former resident, dies

Mrs. Geraldine Cason, long time resident of Eagle Lake, passed away Sunday after a brief illness in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the Mill-Bauer Chapel with the Reverend Charles Runk and the Reverend Lorena Matthews officiating. Clara Mae Nash provided the organ accompaniment.

Interment followed at the Lakeside Cemetery.

Palbearers were Johnny Vasut, Charlie Vasut, Emil Vasut, Kenneth Abel, Hamilton Machlan and Frank Tate.

Mrs. Cason was born to James L. Walker and Clara G. Taylor in Columbus on

Last rites for Eva Chappel

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Eva McBride Chappel Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Providence Baptist Church with Reverend Coby Shorter, Jr. officiating. Mrs. Chappel died January 31 at 1:30 p.m.

Soft musical accompaniment was provided during the professional and the solemnly read obituary. The Reverend Paul Lee Barrow was the soloist.

Palbearers were Oddie Cloud, Rev. H. O. Williams, Sylvester Middleton, Oscar Chappel, Jr., Oshor Cunningham and Travis Davidson.

Honorary palbearers were Robert Selders, George Chappel, Lloyd McBride, Jessie Johnson, Charles Chappel and Anthony Chappel.

Eva McBride Chappel was born July 26, 1893 in Eagle Lake. She accepted Christ at an early age. She joined Mt. Olive Baptist Church, attended public school in Colorado County and also attended Austin College in Austin. She was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Mrs. Chappel was preceded in death by her mother, father, two brothers, one son, one daughter and one grandson. She leaves to mourn her beautiful memory one son, one daughter, one brother, 19 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Interment followed at the Eagle Lake Community Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Ben Davis Funeral Home, Inc. in Columbus. Dinner was served in the home of Mrs. Mary E. Selders.



Essay winners

Six winners have been named in the essay contest sponsored by El Campo Life Advocates and the Catholic Daughters. From left, front row, are: Jacqueline Janda and Donna Taylor, WJC; Karen Schneider and Laurie Bubela, Rice High School. Standing from left are Mrs. Eugene Netardis, Catholic Daughters regent; Jesse Morales, principal of St. Mary's Catholic School in Nada; Sharon Shimek and Owen Gallagher of St. Mary's; Al Kozel, EC Life Advocates president, and Monsignor Victor Schmidtznitzky, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Taylor and Janda won \$100 and \$50 respectively on the junior college level; Schneider won \$75 for first place on the high school level and Bubela won \$50. Gallagher won \$50 and Shimek \$25 for the junior high school level. The Catholic Daughters provided the prize money.

Quail, snipe season ends Sunday

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