

Memorial service, barbecue mark holiday observance

Eagle Lake celebrated Memorial Day with the rest of the United States on Monday — by holding a memorial ceremony at the Municipal Building, by enjoying a barbecue in the recreation center picnic area, and with personal holiday activities.

The city's Chamber of Commerce sponsored the public activities here that saw a small crowd attend the memorial services, with a larger participation in the barbecue.

Long-time Headlight editor and publisher Fred R. Frnka delivered the main address. Master of ceremonies T. J. Smith introduced Frnka, saying that although he no longer was owner of the newspaper, Frnka has devoted much of his time to staying in the center of community ac-

tivities and helping the community.

Frnka's ten-minute address asked the audience and the community not to forget that the day is set aside to offer our respect and gratitude to the men and women "who sacrificed so much for us in all of this nation's wars...so that this nation is free to live in peace without fear."

"On this traditional Memorial Day, 1983, there exists a time of peace though trouble clouds continue to dim the horizons of the future. Memorial Day 1983 is certainly not a time for complacency or apathy — but instead a time for ALL people of ALL lands to continue the pursuit of ALL honorable means to a lasting peace."

"We must realize the importance of keeping this

nation strong, remembering that 'only the dead have seen the end of war'."

"May it be our fervent prayer that our national priorities continue to be raised, while there is still time, in order that our nation continue to be strong...Let us provide those who now stand in defense of our great nation with the tools they need so that they can do their job."

As for past wars, Frnka continued, "Unfortunately too many Americans are not taking time today to recognize the dead...So...this Memorial Day, let us take a 'second look,' with renewed dedication, at the sacred obligations which have devolved on this generation. The great trust now descends to new hands, to our hands."

"Let us cultivate a true spirit of union and harmony. And thusly, by the blessing of God, may this country itself continue as a vast and splendid monument of wisdom, of peace and of liberty, upon which the world may gaze with admiration forever! Thank God."

Before Frnka spoke, the Eagle Lake Cub Scouts presented the colors, and the audience, led by Frank Davidson, sang the Star Spangled Banner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison, led by Louis Muzny, adjutant of Post 108, American Legion. Rev. Paul Krupicka gave the invocation.

Tommy Pilkington of Eagle Lake Post 8783, Veterans of Foreign Wars, read the Gettysburg Address. Then following

the address by Frnka, chamber president Jo Ann Mahalite gave some remarks on behalf of the chamber. The audience again was led in song by Davidson, singing God Bless America. Rev. Melburn Sibley gave the benediction.

Afterwards, more than 100 small flags were given away by the chamber to decorate area graves. Smaller flags donated by the VFW post, also were given away.

About 525 members of the beef and barbecue dinners served in the picnic area of the Recreation Center. The day's public activities were sponsored by the chamber to support community and business development projects.



Fred Frnka delivered the Memorial Day address Monday before a small audience. Below, the picnic area of the Recreation Center became the scene of the Chamber of Commerce barbecue.



Police investigate abandoned airplane

Eagle Lake Police were joined last Friday by state and federal authorities in investigating an airplane abandoned at the airport here.

According to police reports, Rice Aero, which has facilities at the airport, called police about 11 a.m. to report the plane. It was a Cessna 411 twin engine aircraft, with passenger seats removed.

According to patrolman Albert Martin, the plane was parked just off the far end of the runway in use, and tire tracks led up to and away from the plane.

A Texas department of public safety narcotics of-

ficer and the U. S. Customs Service were notified, with the customs service arriving on the scene quickly via helicopter.

When the identification number on the side of the vehicle was checked with federal records, it was found to be bogus, therefore the plane was flown back to customs offices in Houston for a check of the craft's serial numbers that are similar to automobile VIN numbers.

Martin said the plane was locked, and that two narcotic-sniffing dogs indicated some type of drug had been on the plane.

Building rehabilitation has tax savings; Klockman loan contact

The recent low interest loan fund set up by the First National Bank has prompted many inquiries, according to Revitalize Eagle Lake directors. The fund is designed to be one incentive to the rehabilitation of downtown buildings.

Another incentive is the many tax advantages set up by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1976 and the Revenue Act of 1978 which were intended to both stimulate private action and to discourage destructive development in downtown areas.

Generally, two of the tax

rules permit owners of certain historic structures who invest in their rehabilitation to recoup their investments either through rapid amortization of the rehabilitation expense or through accelerated depreciation of the entire structure. Other buildings which are not historically significant also may qualify under Section 48 of the rules. Either way, a rather substantial tax savings can be realized by the building owners.

The application for the loan will be a two-step process. First, a statement of intent describing the

work to be done will need to be submitted to Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc. for its approval as to the relevance of the project in respect to the goals of the organization. Second, once the project has been approved an application for the loan will need to be completed at the bank for its approval.

The approval of Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc. is needed only if one is applying for a low interest loan. For further information concerning tax advantages or to submit a proposal to Revitalize Eagle Lake contact Paulette Klockman.

Rice student wins one of few music awards

Christine Corella, who will be a junior at Rice High School in the fall, earned a first division rating this past weekend in competition in Austin at the UIL state solo and ensemble music contest.

The award, equal to a superior rating, was given Saturday on her tuba solo at the University of Texas campus. William Rose, principal tubist for the Houston Symphony, was the judge.

Christine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Corella, 20 Campo Rossa, Eagle Lake. Her accompanist was Mrs. Charlene Spanihel.

Other Rice students also won awards.

Julia Rosprim, tenor saxophone; David Adkins, baritone saxophone, and Shawn Spanihel, trombone, received third division

ratings at this contest for their solo performances, according to Bill Atkins, Rice band director.

A saxophone quartet with Tamara Psencik, Derrick Williams, Rosprim and Adkins also received a third division rating.

These students qualified to enter the state contest by earning a first division rating at the regional competition which was held in March.

Atkins said Christine has put a lot of hard work in to her music, and that for a freshman to win such an award was unusual. He equated the first division state rating to the individual effort and achievement associated with winning a state athletic award.

She takes private lessons on the tuba from John Wanner in Wharton.

CC float wins 1st at parade in Ellinger

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce float won first place as the most beautiful in the 1983 Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Parade last Saturday in Ellinger.

LeeAnn Smith adorned the float and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith accompanied the float to Ellinger.

This ribbon is one of many that have been won by the Eagle Lake float which depicts the town as the "Goose Hunting Capitol of the World."

Computing

30 teachers volunteered for a four-day course in computer programming this week at the middle school. At right is assistant principal Stan Mitchell. The course was taught by the Region III educational service center to familiarize teachers with computers.

LeRoy Burt, Jr. scholarship is given to Bruce Lesikar

Bruce Lesikar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lesikar of Columbus, is the 1983 recipient of the LeRoy Burt, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, which is administered by the Colorado County Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc., a non-profit corporation funded by tax deductible contributions.

This scholarship, given annually in memory of LeRoy Burt, Jr., is awarded to a high school senior in Colorado County and designed to encourage any interest in agriculture and promote scholastic achievement. The student receiving this scholarship

must demonstrate a continuing interest in agriculture and must achieve scholastic excellence.

Bruce graduated from Columbus High School in May and plans to enroll in Texas A&M University. Active in many school and civic programs, which included sports activities, 4-H and student council, Bruce is a three year member of the National Honor Society and graduated fourth in a class of 106 with an overall grade point average of 4.125. He also won the Youth Scholarship given by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Commission sets hunting, fishing regulations for 1983-84

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission set hunting and fishing regulations for 1983-84 in a public session in Austin recently.

Regulation changes authorized by the commission were generally minor and were limited to items presented in public hearings held in 241 counties across the state during March. The hunting changes will become effective September 1, 1983. Saltwater fishing regulations will become effective as soon as possible in order for an emergency amendment concerning throwlines to become permanent.

Commission chairman Perry R. Bass of Fort Worth said legislation recently adopted by the Texas Legislature giving the Parks and Wildlife Department authority over fish and wildlife resources in all Texas counties will become effective August 29. "I would like to emphasize that no further changes in hunting and fishing regulations will be made after August 29 by this commission in any county without additional public hearings," Bass said.

Before passage of Senate Bill 94, called the "Wildlife Conservation Act of 1983," some counties' game and fish laws were set by legislative act rather than by the Parks and Wildlife Commission. Other counties had a "county commissioners court clause" which enable the courts in those counties to approve or disapprove changes adopted by the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

One significant change for the upcoming hunting seasons which will not be subject to change is an alteration in the buck hunting permit system in Webb, Duval, Maverick and Zapata counties. Effective for the upcoming hunting season, buck permits will be issued on an unlimited basis in all four counties, rather than on an acreage basis.

Ted Clark, Wildlife Division Director, told the commission the buck permit system has not achieved its announced goal of improving overall quality in the deer herd and enhancing the production of "trophy" bucks in that area. Clark said in spite of liberal regulations enacted

to encourage an adequate annual harvest of antlerless deer and spike bucks, high deer populations are continuing to place too much pressure on the habitat. "If this trend continues I'm afraid we will see a continuous decline in South Texas deer quality, similar to what has happened in the Hill Country," he said. Chronic overpopulation problems in many areas of the Edwards Plateau have caused smaller deer, with little potential for trophy buck production.

Clark said that even with unlimited issuance of permits, the buck permit system will be maintained as a method for monitoring the harvest and collecting data on the condition of bucks in those counties.

Most hunting seasons in Texas vary by county or region, but the general white-tailed deer and turkey season set for most counties this year will be November 12 through January 1. The archery deer season in most counties will be October 1-30.

Quail seasons vary

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