Eagle Lake Headlight

30¢ Per Copy

VOLUME 80 | NUMBER 19 | P.O. BOX 67 | EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS 77434-0067 | THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1983 | PHONE 409-234-5521 | (USPS 163-760)

This week in pictures:

Local centenarian

Mrs. Elena Hernandez of Eagle Lake celebrated her 100th birthday Sunday at a party given in her honor in the Community Center. In the picture with her, from left, are some of her children, Raymond of Eagle Lake; Lupe Lopez of San Antonio; Anita Mesa of Edna; Concha Escobedo of Los Angeles, and Rita Sanchez of Throall.

Hot lunch program

The local hot lunch program for senior citizens entered its fourth week Tuesday. See page 6 for story and more pictures.

Congressman visits

Congressman Bill Patman was in Columbus last week, right, where he visited with area residents, including Henry Stoelke of Borden. Above, he greets familiar faces at a barbecue held in Brenham last Thursday. It was an appreciation dinner sponsored by area county judges, including Colorado County Judge Lester Cranek, at the right in the photo.

Chamber to recommend parking meter removal

After spending a month asking area merchants and residents to express their opinion on whether the city's parking meters should be removed, the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce board of directors voted Monday to recommend to city council that the meters be removed through the first of the year.

The large majority of opinions gathered by the chamber were in favor of removal by a margin of 3 to 1. In the general poll, 178 voted to remove the meters while 64 voted they should be kept. Of those that were signed, the tally was 137 in favor of removal with 46 against. Unsigned opinions were 41 for removal and 18 against.

In a separate poll of businesses with meters in front of them, 22 said the meters should be removed, six said they should be kept, and six more indicated no preference.

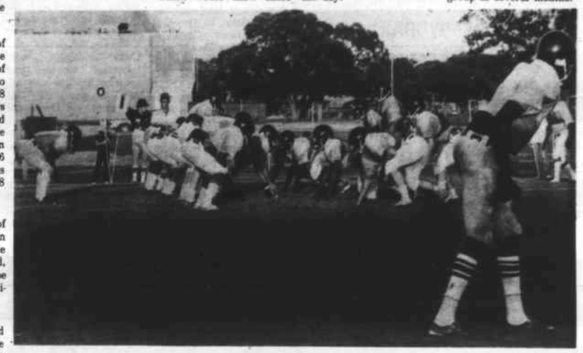
Monday at its board meeting for August, the vote was unanimous to recommend to the city that the meter heads should be removed, and the poles kept in place until January 1, when additional recommendations and decisions could be made. There was some discussion of whether the meters should just be covered, but that was found unacceptable, since paper bags are easily damaged by the weather and passersby.

It is now up to council to discuss the recommendation, and take action.

In other business, the chamber voted to rent a booth at the Colorado County Fair, September 15 to 18. Chamber secretary Fred Frnka said the chamber would like to share the booth with other organizations in town, which would allow those organizations to promote their projects as well.

Frnka also reported that more than 300 sandwiches were sold last Saturday during the chamber's retail trade promotion. Frnka and others noted that traffic in the area of the square seemed to increase during the day.

Chamber past president Roy Van Nort suggested the organization recognize new businesses in some manner, but there was no action taken. Seventeen chamber members attended the meeting, the largest group in several months.



Fired Up!

The Rice Raider varsity football team took to the field at Raider stadium last Saturday for an inter-squad scrimmage. For additional pictures, see page 10.

Beautification picnic opened to all

The fund-raising picnic to sponsor the beautification project on the municipal building grounds, announced last week in The Headlight, has been changed from a special invitation affair, and now is open to everyone, according to members of the Beautification Committee of Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc.

Admission is $25 per person for the "Care About Our City Square" benefit picnic. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 27 starting at 4 p.m. at Stuart's Seventeen Acres off FM 102 on the edge of Eagle Lake.

This and other revitalization projects, designed not to change the city but preserve its history and heritage, began last year with renewed interest in the downtown area. Through the square project, the chamber of commerce's very active and successful retail trade promotions and the low interest loan fund established by the First National Bank to assist in restoring the exterior of the buildings, revitalization directors are anticipating not only a more attractive downtown but an increase in business.

Over the last several months the beautification committee, lead by Carey Stuart and Steve Edwards, has been planning the landscaping project. A private donation paid the cost of hiring a landscape architect who surveyed the square and drew up the specifications. The revitalize board of directors approved tentative plans and as did city council, since the only cost to the city will be additional water for the plants.

If sufficient funds are raised through the picnic and raffle ticket sales, the square will be enhanced with such items as new shrubbery, crepe myrtle trees, an underground sprinkler system, park benches and antique light fixtures. At one time the square was the pride of citizens with its gazebo, and the beautification committee is attempting to renew that pride.

If you plan to attend the picnic, the fee should be paid to Jacalyn Ashby. The registration form printed on Page 2 should be used. Committee members ask that you bring your lawn chairs or blankets, dress for fun, and attend to support the non-tax-money endeavor.

Next Chamber promotion Sept. 10.

Rummage sale & flea market

Individuals and non-profit organizations who plan to take advantage of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce sponsored Rummage Sale and Flea Market in the downtown area on Saturday, September 10 (corrected date) are invited to reserve space beginning this Friday.

The Retail Trade Development Committee is making arrangements for the event and will make available space on Commerce St., in front of the First National Bank. The chamber plans to ask city council to close the street for the day. There will be no charge for the spaces. The sale will begin at 8 a.m. and all items, tables, etc., must be removed not later than 4 p.m.

Display space will be provided; however, it will be the obligation of those participating to furnish their own tables, chairs and other equipment they might need. If electricity is needed, arrangements should be made with adjoining businesses or with Central Power and Light Co. The chamber will not be resposible for these items.

Also, it will be the obligation of those displaying and selling items to clean the premises thoroughly upon completion of the sale. Participants must sign a release which relieves the chamber of commerce and the city of Eagle Lake from damages that might occur. They also must make a $10 deposit to insure proper compliance and cleanup. The deposit is refundable.

Some food and drinks will be available from participants in the rummage sale and flea market throughout the day.

The chamber committee said that commercial entries **will not** be eligible to participate. To reserve space and for further information, call 234-2780 or come by the chamber office at 123 N. McCarty.

Fair catalogs available

The catalog for home economics, fine arts and special events for the fifth annual Colorado County Fair are now available. They may be obtained at the county extention office in Columbus, city hall in Weimar and the First National Bank of Eagle Lake.

Also, a general meeting of the fair association is scheduled August 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mansfield Building in Columbus.

August 26 is deadline for submission of qualifications for CCA representatives

Combined Community Action, Inc. (CCA), the anti-poverty agency serving Colorado, Bastrop, Fayette and Lee counties, will soon be holding elections for representatives of low-income residents of Colorado County to serve on the CCA Board of Directors. The By-laws of CCA require that each county have representation on the Board of Directors, and this representation must include one-third elected public officials, one-third representatives of the poor, and one-third private interest groups. The public officials appointed by the Colorado County Commissioners' Court are Precinct 3 Commissioner, Jerome Wicke, and Weimar Mayor, Thomas Brasher. The representatives of the poor must be elected in a democratic manner by low-income residents of the county. Private interest groups to be represented are selected jointly by the public officials and low-income representatives.

Election of low-income representatives is to be held in September, and CCA is seeking nominations for two positions. One representative is to be elected from Precincts 1 and 2, and the other will represent Precincts 3 and 4. These representatives need not be low-income themselves, but must be elected by the poor. Representatives serve for a term of two years.

Qualifications for the persons elected are as follows: must reside in the precincts from which he or she is elected; must be a United States citizen; must be 18 years of age or older; must declare his or her willingness to serve on the Combined Community Action Board. Nominees must submit a form indicating their qualifications, and a petition signed by 5 low-incomed persons who are residents of the precincts involved, and who are enrolled in CCA programs. Deadline for submission of the petition and qualifeations statement is 5 p.m., Friday, August 26.

Petition and qualification forms may be obtained in person at the Columbus Community Service Center, 903 Preston, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Eagle Lake City Hall Conference Room, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Fridays. Interested persons may call the Columbus Center at, 732-6390, or the CCA Central Office in Smithville, 512/237-2434, for more information, or to request nomination forms to be mailed.

Eagle Lake Primary School

Veteran principal Benge details changes at school

As on other campuses in the Rice Consolidated Independent School District, Eagle Lake Primary School students and parents will see one big physical change inside the building when they report for classes.

(**Student-teacher assignments are listed elsewhere in this issue.**)

The district's project to conserve energy costs includes the primary school here, and perhaps most noticeable will be the installation of new windows. Until now, there was a space between the ceiling and the wall, between the classroom and hallway. One of the methods of saving energy will be to air condition the classrooms and hallways, but classrooms are more important to education than cool hallways.

Also, an electronic controller is to be installed that will turn the heating and air conditioning in the building and turn equipment on and off according to a schedule. If a classroom is not to be used during a certain period, then there is no need to waste energy air-conditioning it.

Of the few other changes in the school not energy associated, principal Major Benge noted that the teacher-student ratio improves slightly for kindergarten and the first grade, but increases slightly for second grade and third grade classes.

For instance, at the close of school in the spring, the kindergarten ratio was one teacher for every 25 students. This year, Benge anticipates one teacher for each 23 students.

Three new teachers will be on the staff, replacing Candy Pietsch, Claudette Powers and Cathy Tower in the primary school. Staff members are Barbara Hale, Sherryl Gerke and Brenda Rogers, all from El Campo.

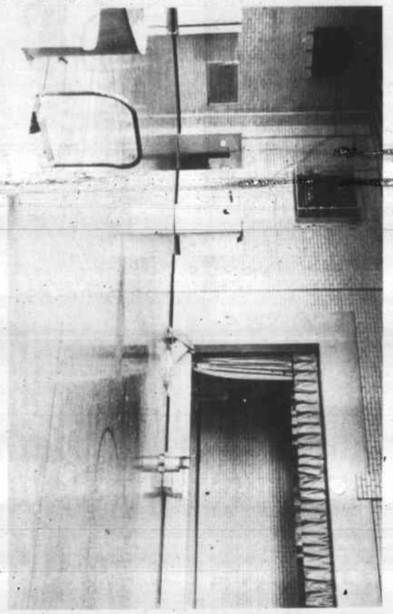
As for the overall staff, Benge emphasized their quality, saying, "I have a heavily good staff," he said, "and they are experienced."

Because of the student population at the school, second and third grade classes still will be on a "continuing" basis, as students are placed by learning needs, so teaching is more relevant to more members of the group. This allows us to better serve the high and low performers."

"There is an ever-widening gap we have between children's abilities and their grade level," Benge said of the student population. "It's like a foot race, "trying to find ways to close the gap." Tests that now show a student's "ability gap" widens, Benge said, the student lagging behind a grade level gets higher, the general rule is that student's "ability gap" gets wider.

Tests that now show a student lagging behind a year in the second or third grade, probably will continue to fall further behind. And, although educators question testing to show student progress (or lack of progress), if a student's grade level gets higher, the general rule is that student's "ability gap" gets wider.

"These kids need patience and understanding," Benge said. He adds that in a classroom it is a tough job to teach not only to "and I defy you to find anyone who works harder," but also to offset outside influences. With "school with kids from a variety of backgrounds," he said, "we have to be patient." Benge said, such large reasons it would be difficult for him to leave the primary schools, because of the higher cost of construction.



The gymnasium at Eagle Lake Primary School sets it off from other primary schools in the area. Principal Benge points to it proudly, explaining its advantages, especially on rainy days. Just ask any teacher or mother how to cope with children when they can't vent their energy.

As Benge toured the school, he stated, the staff is attuned to that, and is working to help students keep up.

"These kids need patience and understanding," Benge said. He adds that in a classroom it is a tough job to teach not only to "and I defy you to find anyone who works harder," but also to offset outside influences. With "school with kids from a variety of backgrounds," he said, such large reasons it would be difficult for him to leave the primary schools, because of the higher cost of construction.

As Benge toured the school, he stated, the staff is attuned to that, and is working to help students keep up.

"These kids need patience and understanding," Benge said. He adds that in a classroom it is a tough job to teach not only to "and I defy you to find anyone who works harder," but also to offset outside influences. With "school with kids from a variety of backgrounds," he said, such large reasons it would be difficult for him to leave the primary schools, because of the higher cost of construction.

A clean bus for a new year — Workmen at Eagle Lake Primary School recently made sure school buses not only were clean, but well maintained.

Primary School supplies available from Eagle Lake area merchants

For the benefit of the merchants and pupils, the Eagle Lake Primary School announces the following list of school supplies will be needed in grades K through 3 in Grades 1 through 3 for the 1983-84 school term:

KINDERGARTEN: One box of 16 Crayola colors per box crayons; 8x10 Nifty boulder jump 6 colors; one pair blunt scissors; one school box; one large box or Hytone manuscript tissues; two packages 12x18 Nifty primary composition paper; one No. 2 pencils; blunt scissors; 4 oz. Elmer's school glue; one box of 16 Crayola colors; one box of kleenex tissues; one box of 1 dozen sharpened pencils; box of Kleenex tissues; one soft eraser; one pair pointed scissors; one box of 16 crayons; one box of regular tissues; four folders with brads and pockets; notebooks; 8 oz. Elmer's glue; and one school box.

FIRST GRADE: Hytone manuscript tablet No. 48-1032; two packages 12x18 Nifty primary composition tablet No. 48-1520 pencil tablet; box of 1 dozen sharpened pencils; box of Kleenex tissues; one box of 16 crayons; one box of regular tissues; four folders with brads and pockets; notebooks; 8 oz. Elmer's glue; 16 oz. bottle Elmer's glue; 16 per box crayons; 8x10 Nifty blunt scissors; one box or Hytone manuscript tablet No. 2179 Nifty primary composition tablet No. 48-1032; two packages 12x18 Nifty primary composition paper; two No. 2 lead pencils; one pair blunt scissors; one soft eraser; one plastic bottle (8 oz) Elmer's glue; one box of 16 crayons; one box of Kleenex tissues; one school box.

SECOND GRADE: Two boxes of 1 dozen sharpened pencils; box of Kleenex tissues; four folders with brads and pockets; notebooks; 8 oz. Elmer's glue; and one school box.

RESOURCE CLASS: Three-ring ruled notebook; regular ruled notebook paper; two No. 2 lead pencils; one soft eraser; one pink eraser; one plastic bottle (8 oz) Elmer's glue; one box of 16 crayons; one box of Kleenex tissues; and one school box.

Leopold, Room 5: Almanza, Melinda Baker, Bernardez, Myron Howard, Rodriguez, Donald Simmons.

Anderson, Room 8: Alvarez, Michelle Bailey, Chandler, Michael Hernandez, Michael Kaiser, Ashley Rodriguez, Jeremiah Simmons.

KINDERGARTEN

Appelt, morning: Shonda Black, Miguel Castillo, Tina De la Rosa, Misty Duncan, Aundre Hatton, Cynthia Jodi Heard, Ricky Lugo, Michael Martinez, Nicole Parker, Luis Rodriguez, Michael Billie Salazar, Anna Schmidt, Norman Shropshire, Michelle Spanbel, Jumita Tillman, Christopher Tolliver.

Appelt, afternoon: Blake Canada, Tina De la Rosa, Tony Garcia, Sabrina Grimes, Eric Hernandez, Robert Melanie Hernandez, Lashawn Johnson, Darilyn Norris, Draper Parker, Antonio Puente, Leon Pustejovsky, Monica Rodriguez, Mark Rodriguez, Jill Satsky, Termika Shropshire, Donald Stovall, Tyna Tyler, Jared Vawter.

Gertson, afternoon: Aubrey, Brian Jimmy Avery, Paula Barrow, Rebecca Burrow, Jeremiah Chandler, Derek Sosa, Juan Esquilin Nicholas Hengst, Jorge Hernandez, Erica Martinez, Rachel Matthys, Tressy McGowan, Stephanie Parker, Anna Perez, Peyton Powers, Tarasha Stovall, Cynthia Vawter.

FIRST GRADE:

Kennedy, Room 3: Meredith Anderson, Corey Brown, Amy Dornak, Dale Fry, Brian Gonzales, Baby Gonzales, Rosalinda Granillo, Kimberly Hengst, Belinda Hernandez, Lazaro Hernandez, Roberto Hernandez, Timothy Jones, Lance Lanige, Leticia Lozoya, Bahazar Martinez, Annette McTear, Lance Spears, Joseph Villahoya, Breana Wood.

Leopold, Room 5: Almanza, Melinda Baker, Andrea Alaniz, Shannon Bolen, Caesar Buitrago, Adrian Carroll, Ana Castillo, Rose Clark, Brandie Contreras, Herberto De la Garza, Max Delgado, Bernie Fry, Anthony Gonzales, Jesse Munoz, Erlinda Navarro, Elton Perry, Albert Sockman, Ginger Thorpe, Rodriguez, Paulette Carter, Jessica Shorter, **Room 4:** Elias Balderas, Jani Chapman, James Cotton, Miguel DeSantiago, Noel Hernandez, Shawn Hurd, Kimberly Ishee, Melanie Jason Brunner, Jonathan Darian Barrow, Fritz Beth, Hemphill, Veronica Hernandez, Yesenia Carlington, Cassie Cavazos, Jesse Martha De la Garza, Joe De la Rosa, Davy Diaz, Clay Dietsch, Corey Farrow, Cash Perrill, Ubaldo Garza, Lisa Gonzales, Gregory Everett Ramirez, Lena Cabrera, Michael Cirda, Cynthia Tenorio, Rosendo Hemphill, Beth Lippardt, Tavera, Nekesha Tillman, Erika Trevino, Peter Melissa Medina, James Santos, Lacretia Sims, Michael Yeandy Valdez.

Kinker, Room 14: Eddie Abrego, Terris Alexander, Keith Bendy, Randolph Buffington, Benjamin Cardenas, Mitchell Eaton, Erick Bachtell, Dora Latisha Stovall, Quintus Stovall, Brian Wied.

Antrosa, Clark, Matilda Chandler, Michael Eddy, Garza, Mary Elaine Gaeng, Vince Gonzales, Jamie Green, Barbara Hernandez, Sandra Hopper, Tara Johnson, Yvette Marshall, Monica Mitchell, Kenneth Rodriguez, Juan Roque, James Steen, Jennifer Torres, Evelyn Washington, Misty Wilkens.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Darnell, Room 12: Socorro Cano, Ricky Hernandez, Beth Lippardt, Melissa Medina, James Santos, Lacretia Sims.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Mrs. Gerke, Room 1: Erick Bachtell, Dora Cardenas, Mitchell Eaton, Latisha Stovall, Quintus Stovall, Brian Wied.

THIRD GRADE: Regular ruled notebook and one school box.

Arelis, Room 10: Robbie Klockman, Todd Mackeck, Joan Mendoza, Brad Mullins, Belinda Nelson, Melinda Nichols, Kimberly Nichols, Belinda Reyes, Broderick Stevenson, Eddie Stribe, Dawson Thomas, John Garcia, Kenneth Rodriguez, Debra Henderson, Clinton Hudson, Joy Johnson, Rodriguez, Juan Roque, James Steen, Jennifer Torres, Evelyn Washington, Misty Wilkens.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Darnell, Room 12: Socorro Cano, Ricky Hernandez, Beth Lippardt, Melissa Medina, James Santos, Lacretia Sims.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Mrs. Gerke, Room 1: Erick Bachtell, Dora Cardenas, Mitchell Eaton, Latisha Stovall, Quintus Stovall, Brian Wied.

Take the Headlight back to college

(See Page 11)

CHALK up these BUYS.

Boys' Knit Shirts 2 for $7.00

Boys' Fruit of the Loom Briefs & T-Shirts $2.50 Pkg. of 3

Men's Shirts $5.00 ea.

Boys' Tube Socks $4.00 Pkg. of 6 Pair Sizes 6 to 16

Back to College Special...

Twin Size Quilted Bedspreads $19.90

Man's Wrangler No Fault Denim Blue Jeans $12.50 Pair

Sheet Sets Twin Size (Includes 1 fitted sheet, 1 flat sheet, 1 pillow case in a variety of prints.) $8.88 Set

Boys' Football Shoes $3.00 Boys' Sizes 2½ to 9½

J.B. WHITE CO. "AHEAD WITH BETTER VALUES"

1402 Walnut Columbus 732-5862

Room, teacher assignments at Primary School listed