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Students win plaques

Rice High School VOE members won plaques in the OEA Area Contest at Alvin Community College on Saturday, February 16. They include, from left to right: Becky Witte, first place in Accounting and Related I; Sharri Webb, first place in Records Management II; Melissa Ruether, second place in Information Communications II; and Vivian Cumplian, third place in Records Management I. First and second place winners qualify for state competition to be held in Austin, March 28-30. RWS Photo

**Paul Grout to be guest preacher
at Garwood United Methodist Church**

The Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Garwood invites the public to worship services with the Rev. Paul Grout of Ward Memorial United Methodist Church in Austin, as the guest preacher on Sunday, February 24 and Monday and Tuesday, February 25 and 26. Services will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning and 7 p.m. each evening. A covered dish dinner will be enjoyed at noon on Sunday.

Rev. Grout served Garwood as his first appointment out of Seminary about 26 years ago. He has served churches in Brownsville, Corpus Christi, San Antonio and now in Austin. He is the son of a preacher and brother to a preacher. His brother, Ted Grout, serves in the Rio Grande Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Rev. Bill Huth, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Columbus, will be with us each evening to lead the singing. On Sunday morning, Mrs. Paul Labay (Sam) and Bill Carpenter each will bring a special solo, announces Edie May Young, pastor of Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church of Garwood.

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Third daughter for Spanihels

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mike Spanihel of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born on Tuesday, February 12 at 8:54 a.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The new arrival weighed ten pounds and measured twenty-one and one-half inches long. She has been named Lauren Kay. Welcoming the addition home are her sisters, Stacey Elizabeth, nine years old and Michelle Lynn, six years old.

Michael Lloyds welcome son

Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Lloyd, of Sheridan, announce the birth of their second child, a son, born on Friday, February 15 at 6:34 p.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake. The baby was named Matthew Wayne Lloyd and weighed seven pounds two ounces. The baby is welcomed home by a brother, Michael Jr., 19 months old.

Eric Ruben Belmonte born

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Belmonte of Columbus, announce the birth of their first child, a son, born on February 18 at 1:30 a.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake. The baby was named Eric Ruben and weighed seven pounds thirteen ounces. The baby is welcomed home by a brother, Paul, age 5. Maternal grandmother is Sylvia Hernandez of Columbus. Paternal grandparents are Pedro and Ediguisa Belmonte of Mexico. Great grandmother is Theresa Belmonte of Mexico. The new mother is the former Georgie Hernandez.

Ryan James Valdez born

Frank and Diane Valdez of Baytown announce the birth of a son, born February 1 at 9 a.m. at Gulf Coast Hospital in Baytown. The baby was named Ryan James and weighed seven pounds four ounces. He is being welcomed home by a sister, Erika Michelle, seven years old. Grandparents are Victor and Lola Valdez of Eagle Lake, Julio Sosa of Houston and the late Mrs. Sarah C. Sosa of Eagle Lake.

Austin county interagency council meets

On Thursday, February 8, the Austin County Interagency Council held its monthly meeting. Sealy to consider the goals for the organization in 1985. The council is comprised of many various social agencies in the area ranging from the Texas Commission for the Blind to the K.I.D. Project. The organization meets once a month to allow for the sharing goals and services of the member agencies. At the February meeting several goals for 1985 were recommended, however, they will not be approved until the March meeting. Also at the meeting, the final draft of a directory that lists the state, local and national social service agencies that have services available for Austin County residents was approved for publication. The March meeting of the council will be at Brazos Valley Hospital where the members will hear a presentation on the "Shelter on Wheels" program from Sharon Grigar of the Austin County Senior Citizens. If anyone is interested in knowing more about the Austin County Interagency Council, please contact: Jonathan McBride with the Austin County Education Cooperative at 885-2967.

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Darrell Appelt and Agnes Reel Strauss, above, look at Darrell's picture of Mr. Jimmy Reel.

Reel Hunting Club has after-season banquet

Hunting guides and land owners associated with the Jimmy Reel Hunting Club gathered for an after-season dinner February 10 at the Sportman's Restaurant. After dinner, club manager Bill Appelt introduced guests, made presentations of guide awards, and made a special presentation to Agnes Reel Strauss intended to help preserve the spirit of Jimmy Reel on the prairie.

Darrell Appelt, the son of Bill and Lynda Appelt, drew a special black & white picture depicting Mr. Reel calling the birds. Appelt hung the original in the restaurant for public viewing, and gave a smaller copy to Mrs. Strauss. He said only 50 copies of the drawing were made, and some still are available. "In general," Appelt said, "We had a good season. There were a lot of birds in the area, and about 2,000 hunters were taken into the field." He said when the club was purchased last year by himself and other partners, their intent was to bring new hunters into the city. Because of a wide advertising program, as well as personal calls in the Dallas area, about half of the Reel hunters had never hunted this prairie. "These people leave a lot of money in this town," Appelt said. "I think Fred Frka once estimated the hunters spend as much as \$6 million in this area." That money is spent with local businesses by the hunters, the guides who earn money on the prairie, and land owners who live here and lease their land.

Appelt also made awards to the top three guides in his club. Carl Seaholm III received the trophy for the most birds bagged, 491; Jack Penton of Alvin got the trophy for highest average birds per hunt with 10.6 bagged, and Lawrence Macha of Needville got the trophy for the most geese bagged at 484. The guides presented Appelt with a gift of their own, in an envelope. Appelt introduced several guests at the dinner, including Dr. Kamel Gligic, one of the partners in the club. Bill and Helyn Farris of the Farris 1912, and Laverne Obenhaus, and extended thanks to Bill and Glenda Blair of the Goosebushers picking house, and Mrs. Benito Rodriguez of Eagle Lake Pickers for their services during the season.

Heritage House News

BY PATRICIA A. HORNOT

Dr. Jeffery Brown to speak to EMS in Sealy

On Thursday, February 21, Dr. Jeffery Brown will be presenting a medical education course at the W.E. Hill Center in Sealy at 7:30 p.m. for area ambulance attendants.

The program will be on "diabetic shock" and will cover the techniques that emergency medical personnel should take when encountering a patient in diabetic shock. Dr. Brown is a practicing endocrinologist in Houston and a former Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas Medical School. The program is free to the public and has been approved by the Texas Department of Health for continuing education credits. The program is being sponsored by Brazos Valley Hospital. If you should have any questions please call 885-3585 for information.

Engstrom on Rice Council board

Elections results for the Texas Rice Council board of directors were announced at the organization's annual membership meeting held recently in Houston. Herbert Engstrom, of Garwood, was re-elected to the Texas Rice Council board of directors for the Colorado County area. Russell Rann of El Campo, representing Wharton County, was re-elected to the board of directors. Other board members from this area include: Lonnie Sommerlatte of Eagle Lake and Louis V. Crane III of Odessa, representing Colorado County; Dan Gerton of Lissie, Charles Boettcher of East Bernard and J.J. Hill Jr. and Philip Miller, both of El Campo, representing Wharton County.

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Black history month

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