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LET'S LOOK BACK...

24 YEARS

August 24, 1961
 Harvesting of cotton and rice
 crops in the area is well under-
 way. Mr. and Mrs. Morris
 Loeffler announce the birth of
 their twin daughters, born at
 Laughlin Hospital in Eagle
 Lake on Monday, August 21.
 They were named Marianne
 Denise and Darcian Denise.
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kretschmar
 will hold a grand
 opening of their new store,
 Kretschmar Radio and TV
 Service, this Saturday, Dale
 Eldridge, son of Supt. and Mrs.
 Willard Eldridge, and Craig
 Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs.
 W.A. Adams, will graduate
 from Southwest Texas State
 College Friday.
 Dove season opens in South
 Zone, this area, on October 7
 and runs through December 5.
 Daily bag limit is 15 birds.

G.H. Crane, president of First
 National Bank of Eagle Lake,
 and Sherman Tryon, vice
 president, were in Austin last
 week attending the 20th annual
 session of the Texas Bankers
 Association.
 Janette Frnk of Garwood, a
 graduate of the Baptist
 Memorial Hospital school of
 nursing, tied for the second
 highest scholastic achievement
 in the school. E.A. Krivacka of
 Eagle Lake will receive his
 diploma from University of
 Houston August 26. William
 Farris, president of Eagle Lake
 Chamber of Commerce and
 Clyde P. Nispe and Rev. A.W.
 Dider attended the Agri-
 Business conference, sponsored
 by the South Texas Chamber of
 Commerce in Rosenberg last
 Wednesday.

Keep up with all
 activities of the
 Rice High School
 District by reading
 The Headlight.

Happy
 18th
 Birthday
 "Wee"
 From Mom & Dad

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 Air, Cruise, Tilt,
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New school committee to be formed

Sometime this fall, a new
 select committee will begin to
 consider reforms for the state's
 higher education system — just
 like the panel of a year ago
 which came up with "no pass,
 no play" and other public school
 reforms.
 The Legislature took those
 proposed reforms and made
 many of them law in a con-
 troversial special session which
 produced the state's largest tax
 legislation.
 While educators are wonder-
 ing whether their pet issues
 will even make it out of com-
 mittee, some legislators are more
 concerned with the price tag.
 Will the higher education
 reforms necessitate another tax
 bill? Or could they actually
 result in getting rid of some
 moneywasters? Can higher
 education become more ef-
 ficient?

The members haven't been
 named yet by the governor, the
 Lt. governor and the speaker,
 who together will pick the bulk
 of the membership.

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STATE CAPITAL
 HIGHLIGHTS
 By Marilyn Mueller

careers-on-the-line decisions
 that promise to plague
 lawmakers in the drama.
 Many a seasoned politician
 will tell you that local school politics
 are the toughest around, mainly
 because emotions are stronger
 when you're dealing with
 children and their futures.
 But with the higher
 education issue, college kids
 represent a voting constituency
 of their own, and if the reform
 program is highly controversial,
 it might turn into a hot cam-
 paign issue.

Legal winner
 On the subject of hot cam-
 paigns, the Justice Department
 last week quietly approved the
 special election in the First
 Congressional District.

Specifically, the feds found
 nothing amiss in the manner in
 which the governor and Texas
 secretary of state set the elec-
 tion date. The agency insisted it
 must approve the date to

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prevent further infringements
 on state law.

Clergy role
 Mattox had a full week last
 week.

Earlier he was busy
 straightening out a new child
 abuse reporting law that con-
 flicts with church doctrines.
 Then on Thursday, while he
 was flying back to Austin from
 Huntsville his state plane
 depressurized and filled with
 smoke. The plane landed safely,
 but the electrical system fire
 caused a stir.

His legal opinion earlier in
 the week also caused a stir.
 The Federal Election Commission
 will continue to audit Texas
 Senator Phil Gramm.

Golden Arches open in county

By JOHN F. FEARING
 Tuesday morning Colorado
 Countians woke up to find a
 new place for breakfast, lunch
 and dinner.

The golden arches of Mc-
 Donald's were lit this week
 bringing fast-food's champion
 restaurant into the county-
 side.

Monday night, by in-
 vitation, 50 or more area
 residents attended a preview
 reception at the restaurant,
 just south of the I-10, U.S. 71
 interchange in Columbus. I'm
 sure many people who live in
 the area will be stopping in
 to give the place a try. They
 should be impressed with the
 usual McDonald's style of
 doing business — meticulous
 appointments and sophis-
 ticated "kitchen" equipment.

Jeannine and I were
 looking forward to attending,
 but as usual, only one of us
 made it. With two kids, the
 business, and the event being
 held on Monday, it is difficult
 for both of us to get away
 at the same time.

Also, we both have the
 usual "Rice Cutting" sinus
 problems. That kept me at
 home Monday afternoon, but
 I recovered enough to attend
 the opening because I wanted
 to see the new McDonald's.

While I was preparing to
 go, I drew up a mental pic-
 ture of what a reception at a
 hamburger restaurant would
 be like. I had trouble pictur-
 ing everyone in suits and
 ties required of such a social
 reception; putting on a shirt
 and tie to go to McDonald's
 just didn't make a very har-
 monious mental image.

As it turned out, I needn't
 have worried. There wasn't a
 hamburger. Big Macs to be
 found. Instead, the usual
 reception cold-plate food line
 was beautifully displayed,
 along with free-flowing
 Champagne.

Only with long-in-cheek
 do I mention the missing
 hamburgers...It just seemed
 like a perfect opportunity to
 counter the locals with the
 chance to say they ate one of
 the first McDonald's served
 in Colorado County. At least
 I won't have to drive to Katy
 or Rosenberg anymore.

No matter how
 sophisticated the inside, it's
 the customer side of the
 family. Already my son-to-
 be-four-year-old Amy is
 nagging me to take her to
 the new McDonald's. At least
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It is only natural that in
 today's changing world,
 restaurants would have
 "computerized" food
 processing.

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Museum Notes

In keeping with the
 significance of its name, Prairie
 Edge Museum exhibits are
 designed to emphasize the en-
 vironment where open lands
 and wooded lands meet. We
 therefore wish to call attention
 to this particular environment
 by presenting exhibits of its
 natural history and the cultural
 history of the generations of
 people who have thrived here.

Many thanks are due Estrella
 Truly for having made the big
 curtain for the Prairie Edge
 Players stage. Many stitches
 have also gone into the
 beautiful embroidered pictures
 and centennial quilt. I hope you
 saw the picture of the em-
 broidered LCRA symbol in a
 recent issue of the Headlight.

All the squares should be com-
 pleted by now. You can expect
 to read more about the quilt
 soon.

If you belong to an
 organization that would like to
 have an extra interesting place
 to meet, we invite you to let us
 schedule a meeting date at the
 Prairie Edge Museum. The
 Colorado County Association of
 Retired Teachers met here this
 past spring. We are happy to
 have reserved November 21 for
 the meeting of the Dilus Rose
 Harris chapter of the Daughters
 of the Republic of Texas.

Did you know that many
 years ago ice cream was not
 only made here but also ship-
 ped to other places? The
 following ad from the 1904-05
 church directory mentioned
 several times before reads:
 "Siegle's Ice Cream is pure,
 made in Eagle Lake, shipped
 everywhere, the leader of low
 prices in groceries, Eagle
 Lake."

We are acquiring a number
 of old "soda pop" bottles, among
 which are Dr. Pepper, Coca
 Cola, and Circle A. Some, if not
 all of these, were donated by
 Franklin Reese.

Ed and Loraine Priesmeyer
 gave us a 1912 Ohio car license
 plate.

Jack Hopkins, another one of
 our faithful boosters and
 donors, has donated an old
 Philco Radio used probably in
 the 1930's. Clear reception was
 enjoyed from such faraway
 places as Australia, Swit-
 zerland, and Poland. He also
 gave a gasoline tank cap from
 an old International tractor, an
 old iron clamp, a wooden boot
 "pull" with the date November
 9, 1952, and pencil drawings,
 scene of which seem to be cattle
 brands. He donated a Smith-
 Corona adding machine, which
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Doris Thomas has given a
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