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CALIFORNIA White Potatoes 499¢ LBS. FOR	TENDER DELICIOUS White Corn 399¢ EARS FOR	SLICING SIZE White Onions 299¢ LBS. FOR
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LARGE SWEET CALIFORNIA Navel Oranges 12 2/.99	SWEET TENDER TEXAS Carrots 1 LB. BAG .39	FRESH GREEN Brussel Sprouts 1 LB. .99
ALL PURPOSE Russet Potatoes 15 LB. BAG \$1.99	FRESH TENDER Green Onions BUNCHES 3/.99	YOUR CHOICE, RIPE PEACHES OR Nectarines 1 LB. \$1.39
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Coca-Cola

\$1.69

6 PACK
12 OZ. CANS

TRUE VALUE SANDWICH

White Bread

2 \$1

24 OZ.
LOAVES FOR

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Tortilla Chips

\$1.39

7 1/2 OZ.
BAG

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750 ML.
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Musical celebration of Dr. King's birthday scheduled this Saturday

The Bay City Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is sponsoring a musical celebration commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The program will be held this Saturday night, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at Eagle Lake Primary School gymnasium (formerly E.H. Henry gym). Sponsors of the celebration are Marian Woolridge, Claudine Shorter, Helen Glover, Beryl Shorter and Sheryl Shorter Henry. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Reward \$1,000 may go for information on the Thomas Clinic break-in

Crime Stoppers of Eagle Lake is offering a cash reward for information concerning the Sunday morning break-in of the Thomas medical clinic at 610 S. Austin Rd. The burglary was reported Monday morning and after a police investigation only money was found missing. Although the Crime Stoppers board had not met as of Tuesday morning, the reward in this case may be as much as \$1,000. Anyone who calls Crime Stoppers at 234-5555 does not have to reveal his or her identity. Investigators only want to know information about the crime, not about the person reporting the information. (To collect the reward when the thief is indicted, Crime Stoppers assigns only an identification number to the caller.) This case should be turned over to the Colorado County Sheriff's Office.

Support your local charities with one donation

Area United Way fund drive opening with \$14,425 goal

The campaign to raise funds for United Way of Eagle Lake for 1986 will be kicked off this week with the installation of the goal-reminder sign on the lawn of the Municipal Building. The United Way Board met last Thursday to set campaign dates and make assignments. They also approved a goal of \$14,425. The fund drive will continue through March 1, 1986. There is no campaign chairman this year. Various aspects of the drive will be handled by members of the board. John Fearing is United Way president this year and he will function as coordinator. Other members of the board are Clark Powers, vice president; Laurel Holden, treasurer; Paulette Klockman, secretary; and Claudine Shorter, Mike Duarte, Rev. Ray Wadick, Marcy Salinas, Charles Garrett, Phyllis Thomas and Linda Ferguson. "While there is concern that the state of the economy may have a negative effect on the drive, the board voted to decrease the goal only slightly with the feeling that the community understands the support needed by agencies," Fearing said. The \$1,000 that was cut from the budget represents money the United Way gave last year for one-time requests, so the decrease will not affect others. The board traditionally holds its budget meeting in September, and hears requests from member agencies. This year, because the campaign has been delayed, Fearing asked the board to set the fund-drive goal, and at the end of the campaign will give agencies the opportunity to meet with the board. At that time the board will know how much money is available for distribution, and can make better decisions about disbursements. The campaign is conducted with letters to some individuals and businesses who have contributed in the past. However, all past donors will not receive letters, and are asked to mail their contribution to the: United Way, c/o First National Bank, P.O. Box 2015, Eagle Lake 77434, or make a direct contribution to any teller at the bank. Laurel Holden of Rice Industries again is the United Way treasurer and will make reports for publication in The Headlight so all donors can be publicly recognized. Other businesses will receive campaign kits that contain donor cards for their employees. If any business has not received their 14 agencies supported. Money from the drive supports 14 agencies, the majority of them locally centered.

Boy Scouts	\$1,000
Youth Development	\$ 900
Campfire Girls	\$1,100
Colorado County Children's Service Board	\$750
Community Center	\$500
Colorado Valley Council on Alcoholism and Drug	\$500
Little League Operations	\$1,000
Little League Capital Improvements	\$1,000
Local Relief	\$7,000
M.D. Anderson Hospital	\$500
Cancer Research	\$500
Colorado County Mental Health	\$1,150
Mental Retardation	\$1,000
Colorado County Red Cross Unit	\$1,000
Eagle Lake Salvation Army Unit	\$1,000
Waco Springs Rehabilitation Hospital, Gonzales	\$100
USO	\$125
Administrative costs	\$800
Total fund goal	\$14,425

Local 'Sesqui' celebrating to begin



Mrs. Avis Laughlin looks over a new piece of equipment recently purchased for Community Hospital in memory of Doctors J.C. and J.R. Laughlin. Standing is Dr. Curtis Laughlin, left, and Jack Harrell, hospital administrator. Seated is Tom Sherick, director of Respiratory Care. Story on Back Page.

The talking is over with, it's time to get to work. The Colorado County courtroom crowd was told Monday night when the county Sesquicentennial committee met to go over plans for the start next week of local celebrations. The speaker was Crockett Leyendecker, chairman. While many communities in the county have quietly signaled the state's 150th birthday by planting a commemorative oak tree, the kick-off Sesquicentennial Costume Ball will be held Friday night, January 24. The next day, horsemen will assemble around the courthouse with United States and Texas flags, be presented with official Sesquicentennial flags, then ride off to their home city. The horsemen will be the center of attraction along the way, at 11 a.m. at the courthouse. It is hoped there will be three mounted standard bearers from each community. They will be introduced and presented their flags. During that portion of the ceremony, the crowd will be asked to sing several songs patriotic to Texas. Once all riders are introduced, they will parade once around the courthouse square before heading off to their destinations. The standard bearers are to present the official Sesquicentennial flags to their communities for display throughout the year. Eagle Lake riders, Ross Obenhaus, Sam Meitzen and Ernie Rodgers will ride to Alton with John Wegehuff, Hines Harrison and Dick King. The group will stop in front of the county courthouse for a short ceremony followed by an open house at the Mount Moriah Baptist Church. Randa Simmons and Nettie B. Phillips are co-chairing that activity. Eagle Lake Riders then will proceed here for a ceremony near the municipal building around noon. The Mentz and Bernardo riders will be greeted at the Bernardo Fire Station where celebrations will include free food. Other riders include Lewis, Larry and James "Cotton" Crank from Garwood, Eugene Labay, Ricky Leopold and Lawrence Labay Jr. of Nada, Norm Hosen of Rock Island, and Dewight Dopplaf, Clay Seim and Vance Pence of Sheridan. At the meeting this past Monday night, Fritz Leopold displayed an excellent example of a home-made Sesquicentennial quilt. Produced by the Christian Mothers' Society of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, the quilt depicts scenes from the Nada prairie and from Texas. Students from Mrs. Sandra Benge's art classes at Rice High School helped design the scenes. Leopold said the quilters won't allow the huge quilt to be sold to a private individual, but prefer it to remain in the public domain. The committee also looked over several commercial items it is

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Drainage district could solve Garwood problem

A group of Garwood and Nada residents petitioned Colorado County commissioners court Monday to eliminate drainage problems, but learned the county can clean only some of the ditches. For some homeowners, that answer could make drainage problems worse, not improved. To provide drainage for the entire area, with the hope of decreasing flooding like that which occurred last summer, land owners in the area may be called on to re-activate a drainage district. After last summer's rainfall that measured between 15 and 20 inches, numerous homes were inundated with rainwater. Several homes suffered damage with water to three feet of water. Members of the board of the Colorado County Water Control Improvement District No. 2 drew up a petition and asked area residents to sign. The petition, aimed at commissioners court and approved by commissioner Ono Loessin, said that after small rains sanitary conditions worsen, and that after large rains flooding is a major problem. The petition suggested Loessin clean all drainage ditches. County Judge Lester Cranek said Monday that county tax money can be spent only where the county owns right of way; it can't legally clean ditches on private property unless the commissioner thinks he is eliminating flooding that could damage the county road. That means that if the county cleans ditches along the streets in Garwood, which are county roads, but doesn't clean further down the drainage line, water would back up in the uncleaned areas faster. Rex Allen Shoop, whose home was ruined by several feet of water last year, was one of the owners at the meeting who own property on which the county couldn't improve drainage. "That would mean water would get to me faster," Shoop said. Cranek told the audience that a commissioner could do the work on private land if he wanted to take the risk of being removed from public office, if he did the work and someone filed charges, the law calls for the removal. The judge suggested a drainage district be formed. It would have to be approved in a vote of the land owners, and if formed would have taxing authority. "I'm afraid that might not pass," Cranek said. In an election, a vote from a landowner with 1,000 acres would have as much weight as from a landowner with only one acre. There was a drainage district in the area but it was phased out of existence in 1974, Cranek said, because of the Texas Sunset laws. At that time there was discussion of revising it, but no interest was shown. The district even had \$385 in the bank that went to the precinct. After a representative of Colorado Oaks Development, known as the Falls near Freiburg, offered the use of their financial representative to provide financial advice, Cranek said he would ask the county water and soil conservation office to provide a map of the area showing drainage lines, and then ask the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide an estimate of cost of drainage improvements. The Colorado Oaks financial advisor then could tell land owners how their taxes would be affected. Cranek said that an estimate by the Corps of Engineers in the mid-70s was for \$400,000, and estimated it could cost about \$1 million today. Knowing the proper way to improve drainage is to start at the bottom of the flow and work up.

Sandies Creek bridge bids to be advertised

The bridge across Sandies Creek near Rock Island is a step closer to reality. Colorado County commissioners court voted Monday to advertise for bids. Specifications that will be sent to bridge contractors within 100 miles of this area call for a 12-foot wide span eight feet above the stream bed. Bids are sought for two types of structures. If a concrete span is chosen, it will be 105 feet long. If a steel span is chosen, it will be 88 feet long. The difference in length is due to pilings. A concrete bridge includes pilings, thus has to be longer to accommodate the same volume of water as a steel bridge that has no pilings in the stream. Bids will be opened February 24 at the second commissioners meeting of the month. It should take about 45 days to build the structure.

Don't forget...

...United Buyers, 77412, and made payable cords. Times will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

...The Tax Collector from the Colorado County Central Appraisal District will be in Garwood on January 16 at the Hopkins Rice Office and on January 17 in Eagle Lake at the Municipal Building. You can pay taxes and check returns.

...Candidates for Rice FFA Queen must participate in the annual trail ride. Weather permitting, it will form up at Sandy Creek Drive in about 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, and ride to the Rice FFA show barn. To participate contact Piv Van Nor.

...This Sunday is the day of the Pilot Club-sponsored United Cerebral Palsy Telethon for local headquarters at the Delta Savings of Texas office on McCarty. Proceeds from sales of \$3 each and helium balloons (2 for \$1) as well as individual donations go to UCP. Cold drinks and brownies will be sold with proceeds going to the Pilot Club operating fund. Delta Savings donated the food for the sandwiches. Pledges may be made by calling 234-5556 on Sunday (Jan. 19) from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

...Purchase your tickets this week to the annual Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce banquet from any director. Help the Chamber celebrate another exciting year; hear an excellent speaker (Dr. Barry Landrum), and learn who the first "Employee of the Year" will be.

...Purchase your tickets for the mean are \$7.50 each.