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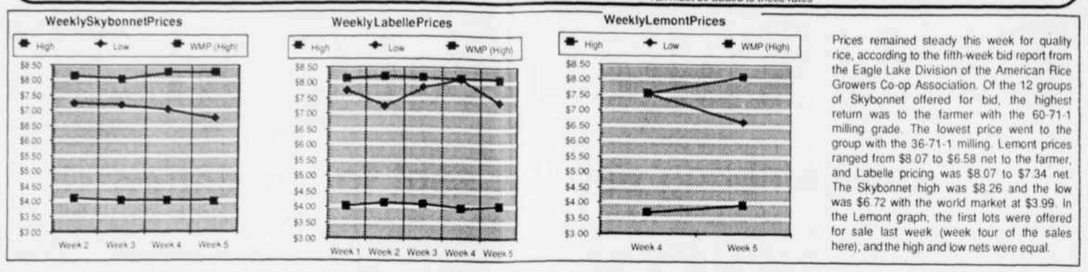

Prices remained steady this week for quality rice, according to the fifth-week bid report from the Eagle Lake Division of the American Rice Growers Co-op Association. Of the 12 groups of Skybonnet offered for bid, the highest return was to the farmer with the 60-71-1 milling grade. The lowest price went to the group with the 36-71-1 milling. Lemont prices ranged from $8.07 to $6.58 net to the farmer, and Labelle pricing was $8.07 to $7.34 net. The Skybonnet high was $8.26 and the low was $6.72 with the world market at $3.99. In the Lemont graph, the first lots were offered for sale last week (week four of the sales here), and the high and low nets were equal.

Budget balancing hurts medical efforts

By William C. Levin, M.D.
President, UTMB

It wasn't long ago that Texas lawmakers were concerned enough about indigent health care to pass four bills and appropriate $70 million for that purpose over the 1986-87 biennium.

Now, before these laws even go into effect (Sept. 1), the Legislature is threatening to cut deeply into the services that currently exist, deficient as they are. Inadequate rates of reimbursement for government and local health programs means that more and more of the burden of delivering health care services for the needy falls on the public hospitals.

University of Texas medical centers, including the University of Texas Medical Branch (at Galveston), already face funding problems of crisis proportions. The comprehensive, high-quality care that traditionally has been provided in the University teaching hospital stands at risk of being compromised.

In 1985, UTMB treated patients from 238 of Texas' 254 counties. The dollar figure in services rendered totalled $201.8 million. For all these services that UTMB provides to the citizens from across the state, we are reimbursed approximately 35 cents for each dollar of services rendered.

In Colorado County alone, UTMB provided more than $660,000 in charity medical care. Yet the House of Representatives in the Legislature wants to cut the budget of an institution that has provided care for many of the state's medically indigent citizens without their regard for their ability to pay.

The fat has long been trimmed. The cuts proposed for UTMB equal 20 percent of our budget. The only way to cope with a cut of this magnitude is through massive layoffs. At best, some 500 UTMB employes would lose their jobs.

With unemployment exceeding 10 percent, there is a whole new generation of medically indigent. It is inconceivable that our legislators would talk of additional cutbacks at a time when more and more Texans are in need of help and when the budgets for this assistance should be increased.

UTMB in the past has been asked to maintain standards with ever-eroding budgets and is addressing this challenge appropriately. Our need to generate in excess of 50 percent of our hospital operating budget means we must diversify our economic base if we are to maintain the highest standards of health care delivery for all.

It saddens me to see what is happening to this great state of ours. As a physician who has chosen to devote his career to the education of young people and to the care of the sick, I fear that much of the progress of past decades stands at risk of being reversed.

I trust that those who we have elected to office and in whose hands we have placed our fate will keep in mind the future and well being of our citizens and not have their actions during the coming weeks dictated by a bid for re-elecuon.

The current health needs of our poor and the future educational needs of our children cry out for a state university of the first class. The people of this state demand nothing less.

Senate working on House for sale tax hike

The real "secret plan" in the Legislature these days is the Senate's strategy to force the House to raise the state sales tax.

That's because nobody knows for sure what will finally force House members to vote out a tax bill. The Texas Constitution says all tax bills must originate in the House Ways and Means Committee.

It doesn't outline how the Senate can force a reluctant House to originate such a bill and the memories of several longtime Capitol-watchers can't recall a precedent.

Last week, Gov. Mark White officially opened the agenda to include his 1-1/8 cent temporary sales tax plan, saying the budget cuts already passed by the House weren't enough.

So far, the Senate refuses to adopt the cuts until the House sends over a tax bill. And so far, House leaders have laughed at that pressure.

Force certification

But a new strategy unveiled last week by Sen. Ray Farabee appears to be a product of the most logical of senate minds. The bill would require the state comptroller to certify whether the 1986-87 state budget will remain balanced.

Of course, it doesn't balance by an estimated tune of between $3.5 to $5 billion. The House would be constitutionally bound then to balance it, most likely by producing a tax bill.

Farabee said the Senate would hold approval of the House cuts until the House approved his bill. A few hours later, the House leadership responded — "no deal." Stare on.

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams

Man of hour

Thus, lawmakers remained deadlocked, tempers flared and the governor, Lt. governor and speaker met to cool the coals. Quietly, some lawmakers are wondering if a second 30-day special session is in the making.

The man of the house in the Texas Legislature, for better or worse, is Ways and Means Chairman Stan Schlueter, D-Killeen, gatekeeper for all tax bills.

As the stalemate thickens, Schlueter finds himself more and more in the vortex of new power and prominence.

An unapologetic conservative Democrat, he is unopposed for re-election. For years he has been a lieutenant in the House power structure, and included in every discussion about future House speakers. Now his prowess is on display for all Texans.

He refused fist week to hear the tax bill in committee.

For now, and maybe until next regular session, Schlueter keeps new taxes at bay. If and when he opens the gate, he will give the bill his conservative stamp and perhaps quietly leverage the passage of other issues as well. Some argue he holds the November success of other lawmakers in his hands.

Senate highlights

While it waits for the House to thaw, the Senate works on other issues. Last week, senators:

•Amended a House school discipline bill to allow immediate expulsion of students involved in assaults, drugs and possession of weapons.

•Passed two controversial banking bills designed to save failing Texas banks. The Senate vote was 26-2. If the House passes the bills by a two-thirds majority, and voters approve the constitutional amendments in November, Texas will finally allow branch banking and out-of-state banks.

•Gave committee approval and sent to the floor a bill to legalize betting on horse and dog racing. Senators are betting that Gov. Mark White, who opposes the bills, will be forced to add such revenue-raising measures to the special agenda.

•Tentatively confirmed White's controversial nomination of Jo Campbell to the Public Utility Commission. The nominations panel wanted her to explain her side of a pending lawsuit regarding allegations she had illegally discussed and taped rate cases with her staff.

The panel went so far as to summon Atty. Gen. Jim Mattox to a rare secret session to help members determine whether she had violated the law. After the vote, she won praise for toughness.

•Lt. Gov. Billy Hobby offered a new twist on public education by suggesting that school districts should be fined if their graduates are so poorly trained they must take remedial courses in college. "There is no reason for the taxpayer to pay twice," Hobby said.

Campaign shots

The negotiations for a televised debate between White and former Gov. Bill Clements broke off after Texas Democratic Party chairman Bob Slagle tried to link Clements with business ties to Libya. Clements' staff walked out of a meeting in protest, calling it low-blow, dirty politics.

Clements reportedly sold $32 million in shares of Schlumberger, Inc. stock recently, but still owns some 816,800 shares. Slagle accused Clements of indirectly aiding Libya, because the drilling company, the world's largest, operates in Libya, as well as 98 other countries.

White refused comment, denying any involvement.

As part of the GOP response, former vice president Gerald Ford announced he would come to campaign in Texas for Clements.

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Prairie Edge Museum Notes By Elizabeth Boothe

The red, white and blue banner with the bold black letters spelling "OPEN" at the corner of Main and Lake is there to let people know that Wendy Herman's Sno-Ball business is ready to serve customers. Some folks probably thought the sign was there to publish the good news that the red caboose is now ready to "be boarded." We hope we can make such an announcement in the near future. Wylie True of Weimar recently gave us two interesting items that will be suitable to place in our railroad display. One of these is a "golfer" fashioned from a railroad spike. Another donation is a hat rack made by attaching curved spikes to a heavy piece of wood. Dated railroad nails are used in this process. These dated nails served the purpose of letting those in charge of maintaining the tracks know when the ties had been laid. We hope many of you will donate or loan items for our display. Many thanks to KULM in Columbus for letting us tell about our caboose on the air.

Barbara Cosgrove Roesler of Brenham, Texas, a former resident of Eagle Lake and a 1938 graduate of Eagle Lake High School, has donated some very interesting items that not only will enhance our Eagle Lake High School collection, but also will lend interest in several other ways. There are several pictures showing young people at the old band stand on the square. There are also pictures of the filling station that was located on the corner where our caboose is located. (We have an oil painting of this filling station when it was operated by the Albert Pustejovskys.) I hope we can have the donated 1938 **Headlight** laminated because of so much special information. I shall give excerpts from it soon. I was happy to be able to show Barbara a pair of pillowcases in one of the display cases. These cases were trimmed with lace that had been knitted by her mother the late Hattie Cosgrove. The outstanding thing that I remember about Mrs. Cosgrove is that at 80 years of age she was playing the piano for the singing group of children directed by Dr. Raymond Thomas at the Colly Memorial United Methodist Church.

I believe you will enjoy seeing the baseball bat used by Howard Fitzgerald, about whom I wrote recently. This bat is a special Howard Fitzgerald bat, having his signature imbedded in the wood and giving the information that it had its own trade mark which is registered in the United States Patent Office. The bats were manufactured in Louisville, Kentucky, by Hillerich and Bradbury Co. Displayed along with the bat, which I presume is made of ash, is a large framed picture of Howard in his baseball uniform. The following information is written on the picture: Texas-5; TCU-4; April 7, 1920, along with the following notation: "This 17 year old Freshman hits ball pitched for homerun winning game." Along with the bat and picture we are privileged to have on loan a scrapbook of this famous player's baseball write-ups and **The 1950 Edition of the Texas League Record Book.** This book contains official records, both clubs and players from 1888 to 1949 inclusive. All this should be of interest to all you baseball fans. Visit the museum and enjoy seeing these displays along with many others.

Our next garage sale is only about six weeks from now. Generous amounts of donations continue to be brought to the museum. Our regular opening hours are 2-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. You may also bring donations at other times if you find that museum workers are working there during the time of around 8-11 a.m. Call Bill Harrison Sr. at 234-2662 or Elizabeth Boothe at 234-3361 for special tours.

The next meeting of the museum board of directors will be at 7 p.m. at the museum September 2.

Community blood drive September 6

The Knights of Columbus Council #4843 will sponsor a Community Blood Drive on Saturday, September 6 from 9-3 at Didner Hall.

To make an appointment, call Randy Burrow at 234-3073. Remember the rarest blood is the type you need in an emergency.

Weather Report

Here are the weather observations from the Texas A&M Research Site, Eagle Lake; in cooperation with the National Weather Service and the Texas Water Development Board. Air temperatures listed are sheltered air temperatures.

Date Aug.	Air Temp. Max-Min	4-Inch Soil Temp. Max-Min	Evap. (Inches)	Rain (Inches)
19	99-74	102-83	.336	--
20	97-72	98-85	.262	--
21	93-70	93-85	.260	--
22	92-69	94-82	.217	.28
23	82-68	83-81	.050	.34
24	92-68	92-79	.294	--
25	94-71	98-79	.261	--

Colorado County Courthouse Report

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Leonard Peters, 26, and Sheri Kay Kilpatrick, 23.

Andrew Gene Taylor, 16, and Susan Lynn Scott, 18.

REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Deed, Ronald G. Byrnes, Trustee of the Isabel Escobar Trust to Isabel Escobar, undivided 10 acres; 7-28-86.

Deed, Isabel Escobar to Virginia Byrnes, undivided 10 acres, Joseph Garwood Survey and Richard Dowdy League; 7-28-86.

Deed, Bonnie M. White to Carl I. Evans, undivided interest in tract of land, E. Tumlinson League; July, 1981.

Deed, William David Austin II to Ronald M. Janow, et ux, 8.442 acres, J.M. Steiner Survey; 8-7-86.

Deed, William David Austin II to Ronald M. Janow, et ux, 3.039 acres, J.M. Steiner Survey; 8-7-86.

Deed, Columbus Investment Corporation to Constance L. Tarlton, 11.00 acres, Philip Bugler Survey; 7-30-86.

Deed, Columbus Investment Corporation to Constance L. Tarlton, 17.00 acres, Phillip Bugler Survey; 7-30-86.

Gift Deed, Willie H. Knobloth to Helen Chavtil Gray, et al, 13.402 acres A. Kelso Survey; 8-86.

Deed, James T. Marek, et ux, to Walter Carl Dudensing Jr., et ux, tract of land, H. Krey Survey; 8-8-86.

Deed, Columbus Investment Corporation to W.R. Martindale, et ux, 15.000 acres, Phillip Bugler Survey and 7.10 acres Phillip Bugler Survey; 5-7-86.

Deed, Earl H. Rodgers, et al, to Leon Smith, et ux, 0.306 acres, Highland Park Addition, City of Eagle Lake, 10-2-85.

Gift Deed, Henry J. Hrachovey, et ux, to Lisa Marie Gerik, 5.20 acres, Joseph Ehlinger League; 8-7-86.

Gift Deed, Edgar Suchadoll, et ux, to Jay E. Suchadoll, undivided 1/2 interest in and to 14.209 acres, F.A. Zimmerscheidt Survey; 8-8-86.

Gift Deed, Edgar Suchadoll, et ux, to Darwin D. Suchadoll, undivided 1/2 interest in and to 11.966 acres, F.A. Zimmerschedt Survey; 8-8-86.

Deed, Dittman Webster Harrison, et al, to H.W. Besch, et ux, 8.00 acres, R. Alley Survey; 8-1-86.

Deed, Corry L. Craven to Frank Lee Hardung Sr., et ux, Lot 228, Lake Sheridan Estates; 8-5-86.

Deed, Tommy Charles Adams, et ux to Bobbie Terrell, 5.124 acres, Peter Piper League; 7-30-86.

Deed, Roy L. Girndt, et ux, to Corry L. Craven, Lot 228, Lake Sheridan Estates; 11-14-83.

Deed, Willard R. Phillips, et ux, to Barrington Warner, et ux, Lot 24, Memorial Oaks Subdivision, Section II; 8-13-86.

Deed, Virgie Mae Lange to William C.J. Wietsold Jr., et ux, 1.00 acre, B. Beason League; 8-15-86.

Deed, John L. Labay, et ux, to James J. Horecka, et ux, Lot 43, Second addition to the Krupka Subdivision; 8-14-86.

OIL & GAS LEASES

Doug Crouch to All Am Inc., 73.85 acres, John McCrosky Survey; 7-24-86.

Maryellen Stanton Wales to Shell Western E&P Inc., 320.00 acres, S.A. & M.G. RR Co.; 6-19-86.

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Test soils now for winter pasture

By Leroy J. Hajdik,
County Extension Agent

Colorado County farmers should take time now to collect soil samples from those fields which will be fall planted to winter pastures.

Soil test results will be returned early enough to allow plenty of time to apply recommended nutrients and incorporate them into the soil during final seedbed preparation.

Incorporating of knifing nutrients into a moist seedbed is important to reduce nitrogen volatilization losses associated with surface-applied urea-containing fertilizer. It also allows placement of non-mobile nutrients such as phosphorus into the active root zone of plants.

Small grains which are grazed naturally require more fertilizer than ungrazed grain because of nutrients removed by grazing. About 30 to 40 pounds of nitrogen are removed in forages grazed by stocker cattle for each 100 pounds of beef produced per acre. This nitrogen, less some recycling, must be replaced to provide adequate nutrition for grain production after livestock are removed.

A soil test is still the best way to determine fertilizer needs. How much of a given nutrient to apply depends on the level of that nutrient in the soil, residue levels, cropping history, available moisture, grazing practices and general management. A soil test will determine the amount of residual nitrate-nitrogen in the soil and reduce nitrogen recommendations by that amount.

Producers who have not yet made a final decision to plant a winter pasture this fall, but wish to leave the door open to plant corn or sorghum or soybeans later on, can submit a soil sample now and request fertilizer recommendations then can be used to assist each person in making cropping decisions.

Soil Testing Laboratories at Texas A&M University and Wharton Junior College are ready to assist winter pasture producers in making these economically important decisions. Although new automated laboratory procedures and computerized integration and reporting of soil test results have improved speed and precision, soil test recommendations will be no better than the quality of the soil sample analyzed. Therefore, it is important to collect soil samples which are truly representative of the field being tested.

To take a soil sample, remove the top inch and collect soil samples to a depth of 6 inches. Soil sample bags and detailed instructions for sample collection are available at the County Extension office.

Completes training

Private Gary Spates, of Eagle Lake, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Gary, son of Richard and Annie Spates, is a 1986 graduate of Rice High School.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curtis Anthony Fournier

Tony and Bonnie Fournier, of Rock Island, announce the birth of their first child, a son, born on Monday, August 18 at 1:09 a.m. at Wilford Hall Hospital in San Antonio. The baby was named Curtis Anthony and weighed seven pounds 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Richard L. Laughlin of Rock Island. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Fournier of San Jose, California. Maternal great grandmother is Mrs. Bonnie Laughlin of Rock Island and maternal great grandfather is W.C. Alley of Eagle Lake. Paternal great grandmother is Mrs. Lorraine Schnapp of Toledo, Ohio.

The new mother is the former Bonnie Laughlin.

Megan Ann Laughlin

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Laughlin, of Lake Jackson, announce the birth of a daughter born on Monday, July 28 at 9:40 a.m. at Brazos Port Memorial Hospital in Lake Jackson. The baby was named Megan Ann and weighed seven pounds six ounces.

Megan is welcomed home by a brother, Phillip, 7.

Grandparents are Mrs. Avis Laughlin of Eagle Lake, and the late Dr. J.C. Laughlin, and Mrs. Mary Theuman of Eagle Lake, and the late Miles Theuman. Great grandmother is Mrs. Raymond Jochetz of Eagle Lake.

Baptismal

Megan Ann Laughlin was baptized on Saturday, August 23 at Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Lake Jackson performed by Msgr. Leo Wleczyk. Sponsors were Susan Kaluza and Johnnie Kaluza, both of Eagle Lake.

Megan wore the same dress her aunt, Mrs. Johnnie Kaluza, her mother, and Susan were baptized in.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Laughlin and Phillip were Mrs. Mary Theuman, grandmother, and aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Kaluza and Susan and John.

Reinbeaux Latisha Guthrie

Reinbeaux Latisha Guthrie was born to Debbie Guthrie of Garwood on Friday, August 15 at 2:46 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The little miss weighed six pounds 13 ounces and measured 19 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Guthrie Sr. of Garwood. Great grandmothers are Mrs. Betty Tipton of Garwood and Mrs. Mary Guthrie of Pulaski, Tennessee.

Tiffany Dell Nicole Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Smith of Pearsall are very pleased to announce the adoption of a daughter into their family on August 1, 1986. Tiffany Dell Nicole was born on March 14, 1984. She is also welcomed by a big brother, Chris.

Happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Smith of Eagle Lake.

Joe Anthony Perez

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Cruz Perez, of Eagle Lake, announce the birth of their first child, a son, born on Thursday, August 21 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake. The baby was named: Joe Anthony and weighed seven pounds 10 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches long.

The baby is welcome home by Johnny Salas, 19, Diana Salas, 18, Jesse Salas, 16, and Jacob Salas, 4.

The new mother is the former Yolanda Salas.

About town...

•A complete and speedy recovery is wished for Shirley Luedecke who was a patient at Memorial Southwest Hospital in Houston last week.

•Monday, September 1 is Labor Day and a holiday for the businesses of Eagle Lake. Those businesses that reported they will be closed include the Colorado County Courthouse and all DPS offices, First National Bank of Eagle Lake, the Post Office, Eagle Lake Headlight and other businesses in downtown Eagle Lake. Eagle Lake Insurance will be closed Saturday, August 30-Monday, September 1.

•Past Bunch, a softball team comprised of members from Eagle Lake, Columbus and Hallettsville and sponsored by Dan and Sue Canaris, won the second place trophy in the first annual Sealy Little League mixed tourney held this past weekend. Team members included: Pat and John Marshall, Steve Almanza, Mark Salazar, Lynda Appelt, Beverly Rucka and Tammi McNeal, all of Eagle Lake; Debra Marshall, Marian Werland and Dolly Johnson, all of Columbus, and "Wash", Thurman Herring and Xtine Carter, all of Hallettsville.

First National Bank officers attend NABW July meeting

The July meeting of the National Association of Bank Women, Bluebonnet Group, was hosted by the First State Bank of Weimar on July 17 at Schobel's Restaurant in Columbus.

The evening began with registration and a social among the members and guests in attendance. A delicious dinner of prime rib was served and enjoyed by all.

A most interesting and informative program entitled "Stress and Biofeedback" was presented by Dr. Virendrakumar Desai originally from Nairobi, Kenya and presently associated with Womens Hospital of Texas in Houston. Dr. Desai gave a most interesting presentation on stress. He spoke on the symptoms of stress and how to handle it.

After the program, a business meeting followed and then door prizes were given.

Those attending from the First National Bank of Eagle Lake were Bluebonnet Group president Barbara Harborth, vice president/auditor; membership chair Monica Stock, data processing officer; audit committee chair Carol Mitchell, assistant cashier; Pat Matula, assistant cashier and Elva Ann Romo, audit secretary, was their guest.

Dr. Virendrakumar Desai

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