

Bert Tise receives masters degree

Bertice Lee (Bert) Tise, son of Sam and Barbara Tise of Sublime and grandson of Woody and Milly Bolton of Eagle Lake, received his master of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico on May 17. He had maintained a 4.0 grade point average for three semesters at UNM Graduate School. Bert graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M University in 1985 and was valedictorian of the Rice High School Class of 1981.

Bert has worked for Sandia National Labs at Albuquerque since June 1, 1985. He and a co-worker have developed and applied for a patent (1986) on a laser navigational system for robots.

Al and Kathy Tise, Mike, Sam and Layci of Edna, along with Sam and Barbara Tise and Woody and Milly Bolton went to Albuquerque to attend the commencement exercises.

On May 18, they all left for the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Places of interest visited on the trip included Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, Meteor Crater, Indian ruins and extinct volcano national parks. While

Hamner graduates magna cum laude

Finally Hamner Jr., recently graduated magna cum laude from the University of Houston with a degree in accounting. He was in the top ten of his class and while attending the University of Houston, he had received a number of scholarships.

Finally, he accepted a position with Peat Marwick accounting firm, which is the largest firm in the world. He is the son of Edna Hamner of Sheridan.

Letter of appreciation

Clyde L. Parker, controller, was presented a letter of appreciation for a job well done by his supervisors, Gume Alvarado and Jay A. Fisher.

Mrs. Lillie Lee Parker of Eagle Lake, is a civil service employee at Kelly AFB in San Antonio.

Public hunting lands program announced

In a major step to provide more public hunting lands in the state, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Thursday announced the establishment of a new public hunting lands permit that may open up 350,000 acres of additional lands to hunting for the 1988-89 season.

The commission authorized the Parks and Wildlife Department to proceed with the "Type II" permit program through agreements with the State General Land Office, forest product companies and other landowners.

The program, which will begin Sept. 1, creates a \$35 annual permit which will entitle purchasers to hunt during open hunting seasons on any or all of the Type II hunting areas.

Charles Allen, director of the TPWD's Wildlife Division, told the commission the Type II permit system will provide low-cost hunting opportunities to hunters and their families. "Less than 10 percent of lands in Texas are open to the public," Allen said, "and many Texans have been denied the hunting experience because they cannot find a place to hunt. Some of these people have been

priced out of the traditional lease system." Announcements will be made later about when the Type II permits will go on sale at TPWD headquarters in Austin and field offices.

Hunting regulations for Type II areas will be consistent with regulations for the county where the area is located, with certain exceptions. Pursuing deer with dogs will be prohibited. However, dogs may be used to legally hunt other game species where applicable. Hunting or trapping of furbearers during the furbearer season also will be permitted.

Persons under age 13 may hunt without purchasing a Type II permit; however, persons under 17 must hunt under the immediate supervision of a permitted parent or legal guardian.

Loaded firearms (cartridge in chamber or magazine) may not be possessed in or near the hunting blinds may not be permanent and must be removed after each hunting experience or within 72 hours of construction, whichever is latest, and blinds must be located more than 50 yards from all roads and border fences.

Fluorescent orange will be required of all hunters. Camping is permitted but no longer than five consecutive days. Allen told the commission that the Type II program is consistent with goals outlined in the department's Six-Year Plan, and possibly will provide up to 1.3 million additional acres of public hunting lands in the next few years.

Mid-year crop, livestock reports

Predicting Texas' weather is often easier than forecasting the direction of Texas' agriculture. But representatives from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) have begun contacting farmers and ranchers across the state to help set the 1987 planted acreage estimates and mid-year livestock inventories.

"These estimates will be very important this year because of the severe economic conditions facing many of the state's producers. These estimates will also be the first measure of the impact of participation in the 1987 government farm programs," state statistician Dennis Findley explained.

"Information from these surveys will provide Texas producers with solid facts and figures they can use when making their marketing plans." Individual reports will be compiled.

Go Texan quilt contest announced

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is now accepting applications for the 1988 Go Texan quilt contest. Go Texan events include: quilt contest, hay baling, fiddlers', washer pitching, barbecue cooking and horseshoe pitching contests.

As with all Go Texan contests, winners of the quilt contest will be chosen within the county or metro area before going on to the Houston Show. One quilt may be entered from each of the 38 Go Texan counties and each of the 11 Metro Go Texan areas.

Awards will be given for best of show, best of division and honorable mention, and blue, red and white ribbons. Winning quilts will be displayed in the Astrohall during the 1988 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 20 through March 6.

Quilt entry forms are due in the

Pre-anniversary service for Rev. and Mrs. Shorter.

A pre-anniversary service for Rev. and Mrs. Coby Shorter Jr. will be held this Sunday, June 14. A sermon will begin at 3 p.m. by Rev. Paul Barrow.

Also there will be services on Friday, June 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 21 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker for the June 21 service will be Rev. R.A. Ratcliff.

The service is invited to attend.

Conservation provisions for 1985 farm bill

People who own cropland and lease or rent it to others need to take a close look at the conservation provisions of the 1985 farm bill.

If your land is highly erodible, or if it falls under the swampbuster or sodbuster provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, you and your tenant could lose most USDA farm program benefits by January 1, 1990 unless you take action soon.

Contact the Soil Conservation Service where your land is located this year to find out if the following four provisions of the act affect you:

1. The conservation compliance provision affects you if you or your tenant plants annually tilled crops on highly erodible fields. To remain eligible for program benefits, you and your tenant must develop and be actively applying a locally approved conservation plan for those fields by January 1, 1990. The plan must be fully implemented by January 1, 1995.

2. The sodbuster provision applies if you or your tenant plants crops on highly erodible fields that were not used for crop production during the period 1981-1985.

3. Swampbuster applies if you or your tenant converts naturally occurring wetlands to cropland after Dec-

ember 23, 1985, the date the act was signed. With some exceptions, your tenant must discontinue production of annually tilled crops on newly converted wetlands to remain eligible for farm programs.

4. The loss of USDA benefits applies to all the land you and your tenant farm... not just the affected fields.

The conservation reserve program offers producers help in retiring highly erodible cropland. If your land is accepted into CRP, USDA will share up to half the cost of establishing permanent grasses, legumes, trees, windbreaks, or wildlife plantings on your highly erodible cropland.

Under 10-year contracts, USDA will make annual rental payments as long as the terms and conditions of the contract are met. The land will be ineligibility for farming during the 10-year contract.

The lease of hunting rights on CRP land has been accepted into CRP in Texas during 1986 and 1987 while 19.3 million acres have been accepted nationally.

The average bid accepted in Texas during the February 1987 sign-up was \$39.70 and the average contract size was 228.8 acres. Nationally, the average bid accepted was \$51.17 and the average size was 124.6 acres.

The goal under CRP is to retire 45 million acres of highly erodible land from cultivation to reduce erosion and the production of surplus crops.

The telephone number of the Columbus field office, Soil Conservation Service, is 732-2773.

Poems — English III-Premium

Below are some poems from the English III-Premium class. They are typed as written.

Wild Animal

Such an innocent thing as a Koala bear
You loves to just sit and stare.
They love to sit and eat eucalyptus trees
and feel the cool gentle breeze.
They are so cute and cuddly.
I wish I had one named Dudley.

— Shannan Pustejovsky

Progress

In the beginning man first learned to walk
And in years past he then learned to talk
Centuries have gone by —
And now man has learned to fly.

It was a breezy day when it all came about —
Kitty Hawk, South Carolina was where it took place
Orville and Wilbur Wright were to blame
They became competitors in the technology game.

They studied and worked
And came up with some thing
In the end —
They had a plane with wings.

On December 7, 1903 —
59 seconds of flying free —
A big step for mankind took place
As these two brothers made history.

— Suzanne

Dreaming of Summer

In the afternoon hours,
We'll go to the pond.
As the sun sparkles the water,
You'll know, or I'll fond.

The light dances with the ripples,
And skits across the blue.
It sings to us, it does.
Just to me and you.

And then you leave,
You have found another
I still can't believe,
You left me without either.
Sometimes I still go,

To that place in my heart,
I live for the memories,
The water nearly does part.

— Jason Priesmeyer

The darn dirty
dog ran through
the dirty yard. His
ugly face looked like
a monster from the night.

He was as mean
as a mad man.
He would once in a
while come out at
the break of day.

— Derrick Wallis

An Ode to Nobody

He told me you were nobody to him.
I believe it all as true,
But as time goes on I'm finding out
He's always around you.

You chase him down and call him, too,
Then try to deny it all.
But one day you are gonna see
He won't answer your call.

He's been mine for some time now
And will be again, you'll see.
Just because he talks to you
He'll end up loving me.

One day he'll drop you cold as ice,
Hard on your face you'll fall.
As time goes on I'm finding out
You're nobody at all.

— Sherri Cheatham

Depression

Does anyone know what depression is?
Some people say depression is being sad.
Some people say depression is being bad.
Paused, ominously.

Like a lion before the hill,
Droplets began falling toward the earth,
Reminding the tears
That cascaded down your face —

Gentle, cool, tranquil, comforting.
Then, as suddenly as they had arrived,
These nomads of the sky moved on.

— Michael Canaris

It can also be defined as sadness.
It is also inactivity.
Depression can also be pressing down.
But you would always rather have gladness.

— Trip Clippson

My friends are very important to me.
They help me through hard times.
That I couldn't cope with without them.
They are my confidantes.

I trust them with my deepest thoughts,
They know they can confide in me, too.
I'll never tell if they don't want me to,
My friends —

— Laney Thomson

They are like blessings from heaven.
I have many memories I'll cherish
Forever
And ever.

They help me with problems that I
Can't work out on my own.
Difficult,
Emotionally trying.

Problems of everyday life.
My friends —
I don't know what I'd do without them.

— Leslie Sunderman

April Shower
A line of gloomy, lurid clouds
Quietly covered the sun,
The same way a woolen blanket

Would be drawn over your head —
Blocking out all light,
Creating a sense of doom.
The sky's dingy field of cotton

Paused, ominously.
Like a lion before the hill,
Droplets began falling toward the earth,
Reminding the tears

That cascaded down your face —
Gentle, cool, tranquil, comforting.
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The Warlock
We walked toward the covered window and peered at a
wanly warlock.
He warily wandered away in a wanton manner into the
wine cellar.

(He was acting weird as if he were worried!)
The wizard returned whetting a huge knife wrathfully.
(He was preparing to ward off something with a wanoon.)
We wondered what, or worse,
...who?

As he wandered nearer the window
with a wicked grin and laugh,
We became aware we were
the ones to be waited.

— Jeff Marquart

Area WCJC students

named to dean's list

Wharton County Junior College in Wharton has recognized a number of area students as distinguished scholars for the fall semester of 1986, according to Dr. Jim A. Coats Jr., vice president and chief academic officer.

Area students who were designated to the dean's list for earning at least a 3.5 gpa (on a scale of 4.0) in all work completed during at least 12 semester hours include: John T. Dawson and Robert T. Johnson, both of Eagle Lake; Susan A. Gold and Janice L. Hyek, both of Nada; Bonnie L. Fournier of Rock Island, and Robin R. Pence of Sheridan.

SHSU presents degrees to area students

Students receiving degrees from Sam Houston State University for the spring 1987 term were Stephen Malachuk and Michael Schorlemmer, both of Eagle Lake. Stephen and Michael were awarded bachelor of science degrees in agriculture.

Sam Houston State University, with 10,000 students and 400 faculty members, is located in Huntsville in a region of lakes, forests and hills.

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