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Stories

I couldn't see any, so I took the jeep to the highest point from where I saw smoke in the far distance. By that time the fire had spread over many sections. Every GI personnel was picked up off the streets in Casper to help fight the fire. It took over seven hours to put it out. The story made the national news.

After the war was over, we were put on shipping orders to Japan. I had more than 36 points on the point system, so I was taken off shipping orders and sent to Second Air Force Headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

After two months I was sent to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio where I received my honorable discharge in Feb. of 1946.

David Gindler was inducted into the Army at Fort Sam Houston, on Oct. 30, 1942. He served in the United States and in the European Theater with the 94th Cavalry Reconnaissance, 14th Armored Division, Seventh Army and later with the Third Army. David has this war memory:

Our troop was on a reconnaissance mission in Germany when we were surrounded by Germans. We received a message over the radio asking if we needed air support. Obviously we did. Shortly thereafter, a company of all black troops broke through the German lines and rescued us.

After the war, we supervised the digging up of people killed in the Holocaust. The local people dug the skeletons from large mass graves and the local Germans were all made to come and view what they had done.

I was single and consequently, did not have many points, so I was transferred to the Philippine Islands as a replacement.

We were in the middle of the Atlantic when the atomic bombs were dropped. Our ship then received new orders and we changed course for Newport News, Virginia. An Army band met our ship and played "Sentimental Journey".

We were all on our way home on a two week furlough within a week. Capt. Rollin Baker, MSC, USNR (Retired) sends this story of war. He was sworn in at the Office of Naval Officer Procurement in Houston in Nov. 1942.

When stationed on Florida, we were not to fraternize at all with the German prisoners of war. We could see many formations marching to their quarters carrying blocks of ice, which were so welcome in the heat. Many of us also gave them cigarettes.

When returning to the U.S., we were sleeping on the floor at "The Palace" (Kelly Air Base, San Antonio). One young man who had been extremely quiet during the return jumped up and started screaming wildly. Medics were called. We were told the next day that he would be confined for the rest of his life.

For me, all turned out well, but my heart goes out to those less fortunate. It is sad that so many lost their lives, but those I knew gave their lives for Home, Family, and a Country they loved. It hurts to see the flag slip upon, trampled in the dust, and burned.

Thank God for the best flag and most wonderful country in the world. The Collection of WWII veterans stories will be placed in Weimar's museum. If you have a story to add to the collection, mail it to Lee Jones, Committee Chairman, RR 1, Box 114, Weimar, Texas 78962.

Please answer the following questions in your story: name, where and when were you inducted, where did you serve, tell about your duty during the war, tell the story you best remember and tell about your homecoming. Tickets for the program, social hour, USO-type show, dinner and dance will remain on sale until the event is sold out.

The ticket, which includes all events, costs \$5. To buy a ticket, contact Bubba Billeck, Werner Steinwachs or mail to Lee Jones or call 409-263-5239.

COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT

Columbus Livestock Auction Inc. Sale Every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. We will be on the air at KULM, Columbus, every Wednesday from 6:30 to 6:45 a.m., and every Thursday, live at ring side from 2:05 to 2:20 p.m.

Market Report for June 29, 1995 Cattle on hand: 1763; goats, 4; horses, 51. Packer Cows: higher dressing utility and cutter cows, 39-43¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility and cutter cows, 32-38¢; light weight canner cows, 26-31¢.

Packer-bulls: heavyweight bulls, 52-56¢ per lb.; utility and cutter bulls, 45-51¢; lb. weight canner bulls, 44-46¢. Steers #1: 150-200 lbs., 94¢-1.04; 200-250, 94¢-1.04; 250-300, 80-93¢; 300-350, 80-99¢; 350-400, 73-83¢; 400-450, 68-78¢; 450-500, 64-75¢; 500-550, 63-69¢; 550-600, 59-69¢.

Steers #2 & 3: 150-200, 50-93¢; 200-250, 45-93¢; 250-300, 40-79¢; 300-350, 46-79¢; 350-400, 48-63¢; 400-450, 45-63¢; 450-500, 40-58¢. Heifers #1: 150-200, 70-81¢; 200-250, 67-77¢; 250-300, 70-80¢; 300-350, 66-76¢; 350-400, 65-74¢; 400-450, 60-66¢; 450-500, 55-67¢; 500-550, 60-65¢. Heifers #2 & 3: 150-200 lbs., 60-70¢; 200-250, 40-66¢; 250-300, 40-69¢; 300-350, 50-61¢; 350-400, 50-65¢; 400-450, 46-63¢; 450-500, 53-60¢; 500-550, 55-60¢; 550-600, 50-55¢.

Stockers: good stocker cows & heifers, 45-50¢/lb.; medium stocker cows & heifers, 35-40¢/lb.; good cow & calf pairs, \$600-700 pr.; medium cow & calf pairs, \$500-600 pr.; common cow & calf pairs, \$400-500 pair. Columbus Livestock will have a sale on July 6, and all holding pens will be open Wednesday and Thursday. Have a nice day, say George, Art, Roy, Ken, Max and Charley

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I was released from active duty in July 1946 in Washington, D.C. My homcoming in July to Eagle Lake (home town of my wife Mary Elizabeth Waddell Baker) was no special event. I mostly visited with relatives and friends and attended a rodeo. Then I hurriedly packed to leave for advanced schooling under the GI Bill of Rights and an academic position at the University of Kansas.

I was an inactive member of the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1946 to 1976. The following story is from Staff Sgt. Leslie L. Townsend. I was inducted on Feb. 19, 1942, at Fort Sam Houston. I was inducted into Signal Corps of the U.S. Army, training bases in Missouri, California, and Fort Lewis, Washington.

I departed for overseas on Nov. 28, 1942, serving at Adak and Unimak in the Aleutian Islands as a running messenger in the 11th Air Force. Upon being cleared by the FBI and Army Intelligence, I was placed in the radio and coding/decoding section, having access to secret and classified material. My service was rewarding.

For some out there who might not know—have you ever been on an ocean carrier, your quarters being bunks stacked four or five high on each side of a narrow walkway next to the engine room with the water six to eight inches deep on the floor and sick soldiers in the bunks?

The sad can't be forgotten. A fine, intelligent young man with a future, after two years in an isolated overseas base, seemingly could not take it any longer and refused to get off his bunk. He was ordered three times to get up and go on duty. For not doing so, he was arrested and court-martialed. He lost all his rights and was sent to prison.

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One young German soldier told me, "Glad when war over. You go 'Heim' ad me go 'Heim' (home). After returning to the U.S., we were sleeping on the floor at "The Palace" (Kelly Air Base, San Antonio). One young man who had been extremely quiet during the return jumped up and started screaming wildly. Medics were called. We were told the next day that he would be confined for the rest of his life.

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PJs... PJs... PJs... PJs... Prairie Edge Junior Theater Group is back for 1995! They will begin their activities for the year with a summer program of drama fun. The summer program will consist of drama games, skills building activities, dance and singing, as well as preparing some short pieces to perform at a recital to be held at the end of the summer program. The program will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m., beginning Aug. 1 and ending with the recital on Aug. 10 at 5:30 p.m. The program is absolutely free! Everyone aged between 5 and 15 is encouraged to see (P.23, P.6, 5)

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School Board hears more bad news about ELPS

Options for correcting foundation problems at the Eagle Lake Primary School were discussed Monday night during a meeting of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees. (Two special meetings were also held recently, June 26 and July 6.)

Two options for the foundation problems at the ELPS were presented in a distress evaluation presented by soil engineer Kenneth Tand and representatives of PBK Architects.

Tand and Associates (KETA) completed work necessary to obtain a soil analysis at the ELPS site on June 21.

"After completing the soil study, I have to conclude that the most probable cause of the building distress is due to heave of the expansion clay, not settlement of the building," said Tand.

Tand explained that heave or rising of the expansion clay is caused by too much moisture. In relation to the ELPS facility, Tand concluded that the infiltration of water under the slab due to poor drainage around the building is the source of excessive and even the moisture possibility of plumbing leaks could be about six to eight inches deep on the floor and sick soldiers in the bunks?

The Board revised the school calendar from Aug. 14 to Aug. 21 with the first day for students being Aug. 23.

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recommend the change. Since the state raise for teachers will result in some losing funds, the board approved the new state pay scale or the 1994-95 contract pay, whichever is higher.

The state pay scale passed in House Bill 1 by the legislature pertains only to teachers and librarians. This full-time cafeteria workers in the Rice District will receive \$5.80, maintenance \$6.00 minimum, secretaries \$300 based on 183 days excess prorated accordingly, cafeteria manager \$200, administration, principals, counselors, athletic director and band directors \$750 based on a 202 day contract and teacher aides \$300.

Teaching personnel will receive their daily rate beyond 183 days and the District retains a pay of \$400 for a masters degree. All local increments, steps and career ladder funds were abolished in the District's pay scale.

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- Boys will not wear their hair bound in any manner;
-Boys will be clean shaven; and

Board President Melody Grigar expressed the hope that improvements to the field will allow for girl's softball should the sport ever become a part of Rice's athletic program.

"I hope we see ourselves as a community school, not just academic and school activities. Anything we can do to enhance life in the community, I'm all for. I hope to see us working as a partner with all our communities," said Gott.

In other business, the Board:
-Awarded the painting bid for RHHS and ELMS to Morales Construction of Eagle Lake;
-Approved food service bids for the 1995-96 school year;
-Approved contracts for drug prevention/intervention services and counseling services with Colorado County Youth and Family Services;

-Approved a transportation contract with St. Mary's School in Nada;
-Approved Liz Jackson as PEIMS aide; and
-Approved the Sheridan Community Park Joint Use Agreement which will allow the district to use the park facilities.

Commissioners turn down tax abatement request by Apex

Colorado County Commissioners Court denied a variance hearing on tax abatement for Traffic Supply Inc. of Eagle Lake, owned by APEX Inc., a California-based company, on Monday morning.

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campaign, estimated the government will save 30¢ in printing and postage costs of each direct deposit payment. In June, VA enclosed an announcement in its monthly compensation and pension checks advising

beneficiaries of the easy enrollment method and the advantages of receiving their benefits through direct deposit. A message promoting the program also was included in check envelopes.

Have you always wanted to help your fellow man, but didn't know how to go about it? Join the Eagle Lake Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Call Membership Committee Member Dorothy Flores at 234-3323... TODAY!

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Army nurses, Army engineers and hospital grocers. The ship left Calcutta on Aug. 29, 1945, and steamed past the Statue of Liberty on Sept. 26, 1945.

We were escorted into the harbor by boats shooting water into the air. There were bands and the Red Cross serving milk, donuts and fresh fruits. The arrival of the General Greely in New York made all the New York papers.

Then, after a train ride that lasted a couple of days, I arrived at Fort Sam Houston where I was discharged.

To add your story to this collection or to purchase tickets at a cost of \$5 each, please contact Lee Jones, Commemorative Committee, RR 1, Box 114, Weimar, Texas 78962.

Years later, an environmental tragedy, in part attributable to the war and the military, really affected me. In 1981 I revisited Guam and examined the biota which I had studied during 11 months of Pacific duty in 1945. I looked in vain for the array of attractive endemic birds which had delighted me and my associates. Gone were the white-throated ground-dove, Mariana fruit-dove, Vanikoro swiftlet, and others. Somehow, perhaps as a

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NEWSBRIEFS

TxDot meeting in Columbus If you are interested in future proposed improvements to various highways in Colorado, Austin and Fayette Counties, plan to attend the Texas Department of Transportation's meeting on Thursday, July 13, at 7 p.m. at the Colorado County Courthouse. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Courtroom on the ground floor.

City-wide revival next week There will be a city-wide revival at Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church July 17 through 21. Rev. R. Kiser, host pastor and evangelist, invites the public to attend the services which will begin at 7 p.m. nightly.

4-H schedules day camp The Colorado County 4-H Council is making plans for a Bi-County Day Camp to be held in Lavaca County. The camp is scheduled for July 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the park in Sheridan and is open to all youth in the county between the ages of 9-19. The cost is \$3, paid by July 14, the pre-registration deadline. Contact the County Extension Office in Columbus at 409-732-2530.

Class of 74 reunion next month The Class of 1974 is planning its 21st reunion on Aug. 26. Classmates are asked to contact Jerry Fink at 234-2659 or Melody Grigar at 234-3608 with address information.

White Cloud youth BBQ on July 29 The youth of White Cloud Baptist Church will have a barbecue plate sale on Saturday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. Contact Gussie Henderson at 409-234-3702 to place an order. The cost is \$5 per plate.

Last swing softball classic this Saturday The last swing softball classic will be held July 15 at the Stratton Ridge Sportsplex in Clute. ASA rules and umpires will be used for men and co-ed divisions. T-shirts for first through fourth place will be given. Contact Ronnie at 409-848-0741 for more information.

PAC weight room open The weight room in the PAC Center at Rice High School will be open for use Monday through Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. through July 27.

Defensive driving courses set A Saturday defensive driving courses have been set for Saturday, July 15, in Columbus at the Mansfield Building, 930 Travis Street, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, July 29, in Eagle Lake at the Wintermann Library from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, call 409-234-5411, or 1-800-285-8297. Walk-ins are welcome.

'The Last Rose of Summer' in Bastrop The Bastrop Opera House presents "The Last Rose of Summer," each Friday and Saturday through July 29. The show will begin at 7:30 with a dinner served at 6:30 p.m. in the historic Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring Street, Bastrop. For more information and reservations for the show and dinner, call 512-321-6283.

of John Meyer (ELMS), Theresa Koster and Kathryn Clardy (ELPS), Patrick Milligan and David Peacock (RHHS) and PEIMS aide Sharon Jackson.

Employment was approved for Doris Brocker (special education), Gwendolyn Knight (counselor), Carol Sanders (bilingual 2nd and 3rd grades), Debra Lipos (Chapter 1) at ELPS.

Also, Carleen Bradford (5th grade), Paul O'Toole (special education), Ruth McClauley (TAAS reading), Vickie Sparks (reading) and Willard Hill (language arts) at ELMS. The Board approved the Garwood Little League agreement for proposed improvements/renovations, as well as a lease agreement and financial considerations in connection with the district-owned facility in Garwood.

"Since we are in the process of decentralizing our junior high athletic program and going back to our community teams, improvement of this field will allow for a practice field," Gott said.

"Communities will be better served by decentralizing junior high facilities."

ing set on fire." "We have a brand new facility and it would be nice not to have it all smoked up," said Seifert.

"The prisoners are under stress. When they are allowed to smoke, it helps keep them calm," said Esterling.

"It is time that we stop giving these taxes away," said J.W. Golla, a resident of the County.

"The business is already established. I think when you obtained the cost of the structure, you have started the necessary paperwork to seek a tax abatement," said Commissioner Leon "Sonny" Spanihel, who made the motion to deny the request. "I just don't think it is right for the other businesses in the County."

The Court also declared the new Colorado County Detention facility a "tobacco-free building" despite the objections of Sheriff Bill Esterling.

Golla and Jack Corman, members of the Jail Committee, were on hand to promote the "tobacco-free" status.

"I think jail is a punishment. Letting the prisoners smoke is a privilege and, therefore, I am totally against it," said Golla.

County Judge Vince Slominski agreed with Golla and Seifert said that he has a "real fear of having the build-

Police report fairly quiet 4th

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls for the week ending July 11, 1995. The police department had a relatively quiet 4th of July with only three calls of fireworks being discharged within the city limits. In each incident, the fireworks were confiscated and a verbal warning given.

On July 6, Chief Keith Webb met with a subject who reported that his vehicle had been broken into. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

On July 7, Sgt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to the Zanzibar on Beaks Street in reference to a burglary. Several cases of beer were reported taken. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

On July 8, Officer Brian Baklik was dispatched to the report of a prowler. The area was searched, but no one was located.

Officer Eric Bilbo is investigating a report that he received on July 8 in reference to criminal mischief. There is a suspect in the case.

Sgt. Steve Hasin was dispatched to a civil disturbance on July 9. After talking to both parties involved, the matter was resolved.

On July 9, Chief Webb met with complainants who reported a series of harassment incidents. The case is being investigated.

On July 9, Officers Eric Hart and Carl Risk made a traffic stop and checked, found that there were three outstanding warrants on

Where'd everybody go?

The Eagle Lake City Council meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, had to be cancelled after the few who were present gave the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Of the five council positions, only two were present. Councilman Mike Duarte commented that he didn't recall any Council meeting being cancelled due to the lack of a quorum; until Tuesday.