Pictured above is the "Yard of the Month" for March as chosen by the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club. The beautiful yard, decorated with different kinds of azaleas and other plants, belongs Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison Sr. and is located on Laughlin Road. Posing with Bill Sr. and Roseanne is Anna Lee Higgins, right, representing the Garden Club. *Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas*

Harrison's home is 'Yard of Month'

By Carol Cardenas

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison Sr. was chosen as the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Clubs "Yard of the Month" for March.

Located on Laughlin Road, the Harrisons have lived in the home, which they had built themselves, for 31 years. The couple moved to Eagle Lake in 1964 and have now been married for 57 years.

I had a chance to sit and talk with the Harrisons about their yard and home.

They have Ivory Stewart, who everyone knows as "Shorty", come in and help with the yard work.

Mrs. Harrison said, "I do the designs, Bill does the planting; and Shorty is the caretaker.'

Just for the while I was in their home, I could feel a lot of love and warmth there and not just because the heat was on.

The entire home was decorated by someone who apparently has great taste; I'm really not sure who that was. I didn't get a chance to ask.

The "Yard of the Month" photo was taken in the back yard of the home which, by the way is breath-taking. Azaleas and other plants make for a beautiful flowerbed which is adorned with cement statues.

The bed also has King Soloman and George Taber azaleas in it.

The front part of the home is lovely as well and decorated with beautiful President Clay azaleas.

Mr. Harrison commented that living near the lake is wonderful and, in his 31 years there, has had only one encounter with an alligator. Which, by the way, only wanted to catch a few winks in the back yard.

Bill is also an avid photographer. His pictures of sunrises and pelicans out on the lake will take your breath away.

I told him he should go into the post card business with those beautiful photographs.

So, Mr. Harrison, if you decide to do so, remember your partner... me!

EL Methodist Church becomes covenant church for 'Habitat'

In Feb., Eagle Lake United Methodist Church (UMC) voted to become a Covenant Church with Colorado County Habitat For Humanity (CCHFH).

Larry Bailey started things off right away by having the Confirmation Class distribute Habitat Banks to all church members present at the March 3 Sunday service.

He asked that all members place their extra change in the banks on a monthly basis and the banks will then be brought to the church on the first Sunday of each month.

The Confirmation Class will be responsible for collecting these monies and delivering this to CCHFH. As a Covenant Church which promises to keep CCHFH as a mission goal and to support CCHFH with its time and money, we at CCHFH feel that Eagle Lake UMC is off to a great start!

Also, the church has pledged $25 to be paid when CCHFH receives its affiliation.

We are so excited about our new partnership with Eagle Lake UMC and hope that other area churches will be moved by the Spirit and join us as well!

Congratulations Eagle Lake UMC and CCHFH - a match made in Heaven!

Alleyton

By Rollin Baker - Chapter 13 - Clem Ashby

Sure enough, Major Beacon's instructions were precise, for at noon in the dining hall, Seth saw his would-be partner - and the fellow had the red kerchief, as promised, about his neck in full view.

Seth, who had eaten earlier, had taken a seat in the hotel lobby where he could watch patrons in the dining hall. Now he waited patiently to see what would happen next.

Clem Ashby finished his meal methodically, arose, waved at a couple of diners, wandered slowly out of the hall and through the lobby, and finally stepped out on the front porch. He passed through without so much as a glance in Seth's direction.

Clem's blunt nose stood out above a heavy mustache and several-days growth of dark stubble on his cheeks and chin. He wore a loose-fitting shirt and trousers and short, dusty pull-on boots.

Seth immediately sized him up as a heavy-set, 6-footer with broad shoulders. He surely looked capable, thought Seth, of physically defending himself - this attribute comforted Seth!

Clem had turned right on the board walk edging the shops on Center Street and across from the rail road station. He was at least fifty steps away in the direction of the Colorado River ferry when Seth first stepped off the porch to follow.

Seth's wide-brimmed hat shaded his level eyes from the noonday glare. The sun was behind him - always a good way to be positioned when out-of-doors and uneasy about a confrontation in a strange environment.

The two widely-separated men strolled along, passing both military personnel and civilians, seemingly on errands, but slowed by the heat. Finally Clem turned left again up a side street. By the time Seth made his turn, Clem was leaning against the tree-shaded door of some kind of warehouse. There were no passers-by.

As soon as Clem saw Seth, he opened the door and walked in, leaving the door invitingly ajar. Seth dawdled a bit before reaching the door and, seeing no one about on the street, stepped hurriedly inside.

He closed the door by reaching behind in order to keep himself from being silhouetted for too long in the bright light. Also he could make out some of the furnishings in the cool dimness of the interior. Meanwhile, he pocketed hand was wrapped around the pistol grip of his Derringer.

"By your description, I judge that your name is Henry Grant," remarked Clem, still secluded in the shadows.

"That's right," answered Seth, "and your red kerchief is my only means of identifying you as Clem Ashby. All along I was wondering what would have happened had another person just happened to have had something red around his neck as well.

"Who to follow in that situation," chuckled Seth, "would have meant making one of two choices, perhaps on of them bad?"

The two men grinned in a relaxed way and shook hands in the gloom of what proved to be the interior of an unused cotton warehouse.

"I'm glad to meet someone," said Seth, "with whom I can have an unguarded conversation for a change. Frankly, the brass dug way down in the barrel to find me for this unusual assignment.

"I must warn you first off," he continued, "that I'm a born-and-bred Virginian, poorly versed in investigative methodology, and definitely untried in this western country. But of course I want to assist as much as possible."

"That's fine," answered Clem.

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KC fish fry benefits Garwood EMS

Thanks to the generous contributions from the Nada Knights of Columbus and others in the community, the Garwood Ambulance will be better equipped to serve and protect citizens in the Garwood-Nada area.

The Nada Knights of Columbus donated $3,000 to the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of an automatic external defibrillator. The donation is from the proceeds of the fish fry held at the KJT Hall in Nada. Serving is from 6 to 9 p.m. each Friday through April 5.

The EMS personnel can use the defibrillator to "restart" the heart of a person in cardiac arrest by giving an electric shock. For a person who has experienced a cardiac arrest, the restoration of an adequate heart rhythym is vital for the person's survival.

The American Heart Association has recently endorsed the use of defibrillator by all first-responding emergency personnel.

The defibrillator which the Garwood firemen plan to buy will cost approximately $5,600. Thanks to the Nada Knights of Columbus, over one half of the cost of this piece of equipment has been raised.

If you would like to make a personal contribution, you may mail your check to: Garwood VFD, P.O. Box 131, Garwood TX 77442.

Tom Kallina, Grand Knight of Garwood KC Council #3371, presented a donation of $3,000 to Garwood Volunteer Department's Fire Chief Richard Seifert for the purchase of an automatic external defibrillator. The money came from proceeds of the annual fish fry held in Garwood. The fish fry continues through April 5. *Photo Courtesy of Richard Seifert*

About Town...

We were told by "a little bird" that Cindy (Phillips) Harkins, sister of Susan Gertson, is in Methodist Hospital in Houston. If any of you would like to drop her a line, do so by writing Methodist Hospital, Main Building, NICU-4th Floor, 6565 Fannin, Houston, TX 77030.

We're sure she'd love to hear from her friends in the area.

Catholics, Episcopalians share Lenten study here

The Parish of the Nativity and Christ Church have launched a six-week series of Wednesday night supper and discussion session held in the parish hall of Christ Church on Stockbridge Street beginning at 6 p.m.

Under consideration are parallels between the two communions' use of the Holy Eucharist, and its historical development from Apostolic times.

The Rev. Eddie Winkler, the Rev. Russ Minter, and Dr. Alan Blackstock are sharing the leadership role for the discussions. The Protestant Reformation and the Roman Catholic Counter-Reformation come under treatment this week.

This ecumenical effort across 450 years of separation between the two bodies has met with enthusiastic response from participants of both parishes, as members discover how much they share.

As Rev. Minter said, "We share the prayer that the day may come when we shall again be one body. This is our local undertaking toward that end, which we both believe is the express will of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Final session will be the Wednesday of Holy Week, March 28.

"The most exhausting thing in life is being insincere." — Anne Morrow Lindbergh

RHS students score big in HLS&R steer competition

The 1996 Junior Commercial Steer competition was entered by 140 students who competed by raising a pen of three steers in a feed lot situation.

Each student was required to keep a record book plus complete a 25-question test and an interview during the Houston competition. Nine students from Rice High School entered the competition.

Out of the 140, 12 finalist were chosen. Jenny Hajovsky and Clint Krenek, members of Rice FFA, were among the 12 who were then required to complete a second interview.

Jenny, the daughter of Jerry and Fran Hajovsky, took the top prize of a new Dodge pickup and $1,000 in cash.

Clint, son of Billy Ray and Sue Krenek and a senior at Rice, won fourth place. He was awarded a computer and $250 in cash.

It was noted by Leroy Stavinoha, FFA Advisor at Rice, that Amy Obenhaus and Michelle Spanihel finished 13th and 14th respectively in the competition.

Amy, daughter of Janice and the late Ray Obenhaus of Eagle Lake, was chosen "Rookie of the Year" from the 90 first-year entrants. She is a sophomore at Rice.

Michelle, a senior, is the daughter of Joe Mike and Diane Spanihel.

According to Stavinoha the students spent many hours studying meeting at night and on Saturdays and learning from experts who came to address the group on various subjects needed for the competition.

"Lots of time and hard work went into this competition," Stavinoha told the board.

An awards banquet, sponsored by the Houston Show, was held for participants as a culmination to the competition.

Other Rice students competing were Stephanie Thompson, Brooke Cranek, Chad Pucik, Brent Schneider and Kyle Korenek.

Raven

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Records, he signed Raven as an artist. What followed was a string of charted songs, none of which brought him stardom, but all of which made him an interesting prospect to fans and labels alike.

It would be five years before he signed with Elektra Records and cut the breakthrough song, "I Should've Called".

Just to prove that was no fluke, Raven followed with "Who Do You Know In California" to establish himself as a stylist of note.

He started his own publishing company and continued to write hit songs for others as well as for himself. In 1982, his "Thank God For Kids" became a monumental hit for the Oak Ridge Boys, giving him financial breathing room and the opportunity to stretch a little in his own work.

The following year he had his first number one hit, "I Got Mexico", and from there went on to solid chart success.

His guitar player since 1981, Frank J. Myers, co-wrote "I Got Mexico" with Raven and, with that success, they continued to write together, producing songs such as "Sometimes A Lady", "You Should Have Been Gone By Now" and "Bayou Boys".

With all the success Raven and Myers had writing as a team, it was decided they should co-produce Raven's new "Wild-Eyed And Crazy" album since they knew the music better than anyone else.

This package from Intersound Entertainment was released in 1994 and contained eight of Raven's biggest hits and five new songs including "Wild-Eyed And Crazy".

Jail

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mistake and break a law.

If the people employed at the jail don't enjoy their jobs, maybe they should look for something else and let the position be filled by someone who really cares and won't be there just for a paycheck.

A concerned sister,
taxpayer and citizen
Carol Cardenas

EL Middle School celebrates Black History month

Strains of "We Shall Overcome" echoed through the halls of Eagle Lake Middle School Thursday, Feb. 22, as students, faculty, staff and guests celebrated Black History Month.

Dedicated to the late Barbara Jordan, the program featured songs by the fifth grade classes of Carleen Bradford, Alannah Mozisek, Patricia Fink and Jeanne Young.

Readings by fourth grade students Joyce Scott, Charlotte Foster and Candance Spears paid tribute to Barbara Jordan, Oprah Winfrey and Mae C. Jemison, three African-American women whom all young girls can follow as role models.

A special reading by sixth, seventh and eighth grade students of the work "I Have A Dream", Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous speech and life in America during the civil rights movements, proved to be the highlight.

Students involved in this reading were Jason Barrow, Samantha Bluntson, Corissa Mathis, Conrad Diggs, Nakeshia Parker, Crystal Scott, Jordan Konesheck, Misty Morales, Cleo Johnson, LeTeshia Banks, Robert Hassin, Stephanie Jackson, Brian Hemphill, Stephanie Sommerlatte, Jerry Cleveland, Johanna Lopez, Adrian Middleton, Danisha Reggins and Norris Powell.

Rice High School students Christy Aldridge, Paula Burrow, Courtney Parker, Laulita DeVille and Shonda Black treated the audience to traditional spirituals and gospel numbers.

Mrs. Mozisek, Olivia Maxie and Gwen Knight planned and directed the program. Knight and Stan Miller planned the music, which included "Lift Every Voice and Sing", "I Have a Dream" and "We Shall Overcome".

Black History Month was celebrated by the school during Feb. with special lessons and a black history trivia contest.

During the ELMS Black History Month celebration, Rice High School students joined ELMS students in song. *ELMS Photos*

ELMS students banded together to celebrate African-American heritage during a Black History Month celebration held recently.

Sheridan School 19th fair winners recognized

This year proved once again to be a success for our science department. For many weeks, our young scientist busily prepared for the 19th Annual Sheridan Science Fair.

The air was filled with enthusiasm and anticipation as the time ticked

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Winners in the elementary grades, were, from left, Jason Laake, Chelsea Ray, Tarrah Stern, Ashley Tieken, Arianna LeVine and Amber Buegeler. Pictured in back, Jeremy Hill, Griff Clipson, Stephanie Botard, Tylar Kloss, Stuart Ray and Allen Greak. *Sheridan School Photo*

Winners of ELPS science fair

Picture are third grade winners and their projects, from left, Kristi Johnson, first; Lindsey Thomas, second; and Robert Scott, third place.

Second grade winners Trent Kucherka, first; Amber Douglas, second; and Robert Salinas, third.

The first grade winners were Jonathan McElwee, second; and Christopher Cordova, third. Not pictured was Clayton Bowen who won first place. *Headlight Photos by Carol Cardenas*

Garwood School announces recent science fair winners

Winners in this year's science fair at the Garwood School were:

First grade: first place, Ashley Brown, "Flowers How They Grow"; second, Ross Lobpries, "Where Does Gravel Come From?"; third, T.J. Danklefs, "What Colors Are In A Color?"

Second grade: first, Hunter Smith, "Pet Detective"; second, Kristen Danklefs, "Will Seeds Grow In Anything?"; third, Layne Perry, "Cohesion & Adhesion."

Third grade: first, Judy Sepeda, "Nature's Heart"; second, Theresa Henry, "Colorful Carnations"; third, Alyson Lanier, "What Type of Clothes Should You Wear On a Cold Day?"

Fourth grade: first, Morgan Perry, "How Much Is Really There?"; second, Dustin Krenek, "Guidance Precision System"; third, Reinbeaux Guthrie, "Is Rain Water Absorbed at the Same Rate in Different Soils?"

Fifth grade: first, Kenisha Wicks, "Using Plants to Make Dyes"; second, Melanie Brown, "String Phones"; third, Aimee Bubela, "Plants."

Sixth grade: first, Janna Janish, "Does Color Affect Plants?"; second, Tiffany Perry, "A Wet Subject"; third, Jacqueline Thomas, "Wire Works."

Seventh grade: first, Cari Hamon, "Stain Stompers"; second, Lori Smith, "Tap Water or Distilled Water"; third, Victoria DeLeon, "Rust."

Eighth grade: first, Carmen Llorca, "What Colors Appear Better In Your Peripheral Vision?"; second, Amanda Engstrom, "Flaming Vacuum"; third, Nicole Krenek, "Soil."

The first science fair was held at the Eagle Lake Primary School with a total fo 84 entires.

The first grade contributed 17 entries, second grade had 33 and third grade had 34.

A donation from the Christ Episcopal Church of Eagle Lake earmarked for a district-wide science fair, made the event possible.

Juding the entries for the contest at ELPS were Mae Ashby, Major Benge, Janie Schwemm and Claudine Shorter.

Congratulations to all the winner!

"The most complete revenge is not to imitate the aggressor."
— Marcus Aurelius

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need and, in general, made a difference in the lives of many people and the community as well.

The event will feature an evening meal followed by presentations and awards and a variety of entertainment by local artists and talented groups from the community.

Anyone interested in nominating a person or persons for good deeds may contact Rosemary Lewis at 409-732-5369 or mail the name of nominee, contact person or group making nomination with phone number and brief description of deed or services to: 300 North Street, Columbus, TX 78934.

Anyone interested in assisting with the food and/or entertainment committees, evening program and decorating committee is encouraged to call.

Any and all help with this fun filled event will be appreciated!.

Alleyton

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"They pulled me out of a front-line outfit in Tennessee for this duty. I'm glad you are here to help.

"We generally move slowly in this investigation," Clem began, "getting leads mostly from paid informants, and keeping in mind to be very careful. This cotton-stealing crowd is powerful, ruthless, dangerous. The gang has plenty of money to hire informers, legmen, and cut-throats; bribe cotton-guarding service men; and silence ferry boat operators and teamsters.

"However," he added, "if we can catch the clever leaders, the ring - consisting mostly of hired toughs - should collapse."

"Where do I fit in?" Seth made this statement as the only one he could think of at the time.

"First let me fill you in on the operation," replied Clem.

"The cotton bales are stock-piled here and in Columbus come from two sources," he began, "either by rail from points east of here or by wagon from extensive bottom-land farming areas mostly along this river and the Brazos. That's the big one the train crosses coming from Harrisburg.

"From now until November," Clem explained, "more bales will come into Alleyton than can be safely carted with existing transportation facilities under the auspices of the quartermaster to the receivers at Fort Brown in the Rio Grande Valley.

"The bottlenecks are a poorly-operated ferry and the lack of cross-country teams of oxen and wagons," Clem continued. "When a heavily-guarded convoy of bale-loaded wagons leaves Columbus for the Rio Grande, it is then several weeks before it can return for another load - slower if it brings back a load of munitions or other needed imports.

"Major Beacon and his officers," Clem concluded, "are constantly looking to hire more ox cart teams and reliable teamsters. The supply is short, since most able-bodied workers are in the army."

"So what happens?" questioned Seth.

"Simply this," Clem responded. "The warehouses in both Alleyton and Columbus stock-pile the bales until wagons on the Columbus side of the Colorado become available to transport them south.

Next week: Chapter 14, Larceny In Alleyton

Highlights

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mits.

For the first time, the DPS released information on rejected applications for permits to carry. As of March 6, only 16 applications had been rejected.

In Feb., a Grand Prairie man became the first permit holder to be charged with using his gun illegally in the shooting death of a Dallas man.

By March 6, the DPS reported, 59,291 completed applications had been received.

Other Capital Highlights

•For the first time in history, Texas' Republican Party on March 12 outdrew the Democratic Party. Political observers say the presidential nomination battle, plus the unusually large number of contested local races on the Republican Primary ballot, attracted conservative Democrats to the GOP Primary.

•State Comptroller John Sharp has negotiated an arrangement to allow welfare recipients who use the state's Lone Star Card to do their grocery shopping in other states' border towns. Sharp said agreements had been signed with New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana to permit grocery stores to opt into the Lone Star Card program.

•Gov. Bush has designated James Francis Jr. of Dallas to replace Robert Holt as chairman of the Public Safety Commission. Holt will remain on the commission, which Francis joined on March 29, 1995. Francis, a partner in an oil and gas company, served as a special assistant to former Gov. Bill Clements.

•Donald R. Haragan has been appointed interim president of Texas Tech University and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. Haragan, who currently serves as executive vice president and provost of Texas Tech, will serve until a permanent successor to Robert W. Lawless is appointed. Lawless has accepted the presidency of the University of Tulsa.

Tours

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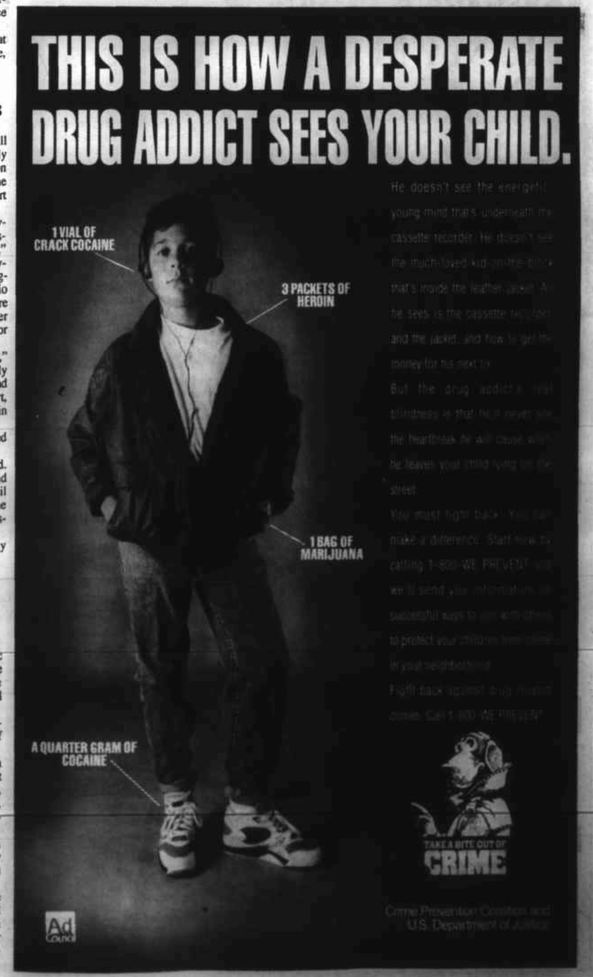
which is normally closed to the public and touch on topics such as refuge management techniques, prairie chicken recovery efforts and coastal prairie ecosystem issues.

Tours are expected to last approximately 2-1/2 hours; they are free of charge.

Other festival activities include a 5K fun run and kiddie kilometer, silent auction, wine and cheese reception, arts and crafts booths, carnival rides, local entertainment and guest speakers just to name a few.

The festival will kick-off Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m. with a concert by Nashville recording artist Eddy Raven and the band Colorado.

Those interested in learning more about the festival or the tours should contact the Attwater Prairie Chicken Wildlife Refuge at 409-234-3021 or the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, 234-2780.