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What's the Matter With Colorado County's Road System?

A great many taxpayers have the idea that a considerable portion of our County Road and Bridge Funds are used inefficiently, and that perhaps the Commissioners Court is to blame.

In order to investigate and determine what was the trouble, Messrs. M. E. Guynn, W. E. Welford, John Matthews, M. G. Calvert, C. H. Brosig, and other Eagle Lake citizens, spent several hours with the Commissioners on the matter, and the net result of their visit was the discovery that:

FIRST: The total annual amount paid into the Road and Bridge Fund (after allowing for the expense of collection and delinquents) is about \$26,000.00.

The expense of repainting and maintaining the 19 steel bridges and maintaining the Poor Farm, per annum, is \$18,000.00 leaving a balance of only \$8,000.00 which is apportioned among the four Commissioners' Precincts, giving each one about \$2,000.00 per year, which must serve to maintain all old culverts and bridges, costing less than \$500.00 each, build all new culverts, open and grade all new roads, and maintain all old ones.

SECOND: In view of the fact that there are more than 600 miles of road in the county, it is plain that the amount of money is evidently too little to accomplish any permanent good.

THIRD: After a thorough sifting of the matter, and acting on the advice of Judge Mansfield, it was decided that the best way (and in fact the only way) to raise the necessary funds, was to issue bonds.

FOURTH: It is estimated that there is something more than 80 miles of Public Road in Eagle Lake Justice Precinct, and the plan proposed is to issue bonds for \$100,000, which would be sufficient to grade up and thoroughly drain every road, expending on each one an amount proportionate to its importance and utility.

The idea is to elect a Committee of citizens residing in the District—one from each community, who would have charge of the planning and execution of the work.

The election will be ordered for Tuesday, Sept. 17, and it is practically certain there will be no opposition.

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Mr. F. L. Kippenbrock, who has been away from home a good portion of his time lately, has returned to Eagle Lake and will remain here in the future and engage in the gasoline engine business.

Mr. George Class and family drove up to Weimar Saturday, returning home the following night. Mr. Class says crops in the Weimar section are looking fine, that cotton is good and the corn in that section is the best he has seen this year.

Vice President M. E. Guynn of the Eagle Lake State Bank, was a visitor to Houston Tuesday. He was accompanied by his little daughter, Virginia, who went from Houston to Huntsville for a visit to her aunt, Mrs. T. W. Oliphant.

Mr. J. S. Poshel of Houston and Miss Minnie Skelton of this city, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Capt. and Mrs. G. B. Skelton, at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. Oscar Ferrell officiating. They left immediately after the ceremony for a short honeymoon visit to Galveston. The bride is one of Eagle Lake's sweet and popular young ladies, and the groom is a popular young business man of Houston. Our congratulations and best wishes for happiness and prosperity.

The Frank Stephens Company is putting on city style, having this week received and put into use a twelve horse power Reo auto truck, which is being used in the city for delivery purposes. There are very few towns the size of Eagle Lake in Texas, having in use auto trucks, and this improvement of the Stephens Company scores another mark in the progressiveness of Eagle Lake.

We return thanks to the Dixie Theatre for the use of a stereopticon machine, to the New Grand for a lense, to the Eagle Lake Manufacturing Co. for connecting up and free use of current, and to the Frank Stephens Co. for the use of the canvas on which the election returns were shown Saturday night. We venture the assertion that there were few towns the size of Eagle Lake that had flash light returns on election night, and it was through the courtesy of those above mentioned and the Telephone Company that the HEADLIGHT was able to give these returns on canvas free of charge.

Mr. P. H. Burger of Austin, formerly of Eagle Lake, was slightly injured in a wreck on the I. & G. N. near Taylor last Friday. Eighteen others were injured.

Mrs. P. O. Willson, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Bruce McCarty, left Sunday for her home in Taylor, going via Houston for a few days' visit, having been accompanied by Mrs. McCarty.

Mrs. John F. McClanahan entertained a crowd of little folks at her home last Saturday afternoon, from 5 to 7 o'clock, in honor of her little daughter, Pearl. There were twenty-seven children present, and all spent a jolly afternoon. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and grape juice were served.

Mr. J. C. Caver, who has been making his home in Houston for the past three years, has returned to Eagle Lake, and will again be with the Lakeside Rice Mill Co., the coming season. Mr. Caver's many old friends are glad to have him here with them again.

Miss Gladys Welford returned Tuesday from a visit to Corpus Christi. She was accompanied home by Miss Hollie Brooks, a popular young lady of Wharton.

A souvenir card from Miss Jewell Vineyard, who with her family is spending the summer in Pahrump, Nevada, was sent the HEADLIGHT to her at that place.

Eagle Lake's first bale of cotton of the 1912 season was received here Tuesday, and was raised by Mr. F. W. Wagner. The bale weighed 500 pounds and was sold to E. L. Mooney for 13.60. Eagle Lake is progressive in all other lines, but it seems that we are a little behind on offering premiums on the first bale. No premiums were offered.

Sunday was the hottest day of the year, the thermometer registering 104, and 102 on Monday. Crops, especially young cotton, are burning badly and rain would not only help but would be a blessing to the people.

Mr. Geo. Brower and family, who have been conducting the former Hanly restaurant, have given up same and returned to Garwood. The building has been rented by Mr. L. Shepard, who has same closed this week making repairs and remodeling. He hopes to complete the repairs and be open for business tomorrow or Monday.

During the past three weeks, according to interviews with prominent farmers of this section, the condition of the cotton crop of this section has materially changed for the worse, and at the present date the situation is becoming alarming on account of dry weather and excessive heat. Up to July 1st the plant in this section was doing well, making good growth and fruiting nicely, and this condition was sustained mainly by the moisture conserved during the winter and early spring months, as the rainfall in June was not sufficient to be of much benefit. Since the beginning of the month the weather has been very hot, ranging from 93 to 97 degrees, and exhausting every bit of the moisture. This has caused cotton to stop growing, and to shed rapidly, not only the blooms but many small bolls.

Capt. Siegfried Bock of Mentz, Colorado county's blue ribbon grape grower and wine maker, has the editor's thanks for a crate of his celebrated grapes. These grapes are fine for eating, splendid for preserving, excellent for jellying and can not be bettered for making wine. Capt. Bock's Colorado county grapes are on sale in Eagle Lake by all the leading grocery firms, and Eagle Lake people will do well to insist on the home county product when they want grapes. Owing to the fine acid flavoring of Capt. Bock's grapes they can not be excelled for making jelly. A number of Eagle Lake people have made jellies from these grapes this year, and they tell us that they have had better success and made prettier jellies of Capt. Bock's grapes than any they have ever used. Write Capt. Siegfried Bock at Mentz, Texas, and make arrangements with him for a supply of these grapes and put up a quantity of jellies for winter use.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McLain of Austin, former Chesterville citizens, are in the city this week. Mrs. McLain will remain in this section for a month.

Misses Gladys Wilson and Julie Ray Smith of Columbus were the guests of the Misses Chew last week.

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