

MISS YATES IS HOME FROM CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Miss Bessie Lena Yates arrived home Monday from Cincinnati, where she has been attending the Conservatory of Music. She returned home a month sooner than she expected as the artist teacher, Mr. Kraupner, left for Europe on August 9th. He allowed Miss Yates to double up on her work and finish the three months' artist course in the time she has been there. She brings with her this testimonial from the Conservatory:

"Miss Bessie Lena Yates of Eagle Lake, Texas, was during a summer session, a student of Pianoforte Theory, History of Music and Applied Harmony, at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Having previously received good instruction, she was at once admitted into the Artist Department continuing her studies under the distinguished Concert Pianist and Teacher, Mr. Wilhelm Kraupner. Miss Yates is a young woman of musical gift and intelligence and evinced superior application during her period of study in the Conservatory, making highly satisfactory progress in all the branches of her choice. Possessing the ambition of artistic natures that ever strive for higher states of advancement, she will likewise inspire her pupils and thus lead them to success. Miss Yates is a young woman of refinement and excellent character. —Bertha Baur, Directress."

The following letter was also received by Mrs. Yates:

"Mrs. M. C. Yates, Eagle Lake, Texas. —My Dear Mrs. Yates: It gives me pleasure to write you of your daughter's excellent work during her period of study at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She has entered enthusiastically into the conservatory ideals and her work in her major, as well as her collateral branches, has been of a superior character. She has a musical gift, an abundance of artistic enthusiasm and has applied herself with excellent intelligence and great zeal. She has been a delightful member of our Conservatory family and we are sorry to have her leave. Sincerely yours, Bertha Baur."

Miss Yates is a most gifted and finished musician having had the best of training before going to the Conservatory in Cincinnati, and the people of Eagle Lake are proud indeed of the splendid record made at the Conservatory by an Eagle Lake girl.

VISITING COUNTY FAIR AT OLDMISSOURI HOME.

Mr. G. E. Boothe is visiting his former home in Sturgeon, Missouri. Mr. Boothe took advantage of this time to visit the old home as the county fair is in progress there at present, thus enabling him to see more of his old friends than he would otherwise have gotten to see. His son, Mr. S. O. Boothe of Uvalde, is here with the family during Mr. Boothe's absence.

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Miss Gertrude Russell of San Antonio is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Westmoreland.

Mrs. O. Green and Miss Cora Green have returned home from an extended visit to Dallas.

DARBY & REED FIRST TO HARVEST RICE.

Mr. W. G. Darby of Nottawa was among the business visitors in the city Monday. His firm, Messrs. Darby & Reed, have already begun cutting rice and will likely begin threshing next week. Nottawa is holding up her record for early rice again this year, this firm being the first to cut rice in the Eagle Lake rice district. The rice planters of Nottawa for a number of years past have remained right at the top place as to early rice and a good quality of rice. Speaking of this on the street here the other day, the question was asked: "Why Nottawa was always first in time and in quality?" when some one remarked that it was because those people down there were real rice farmers.

PRAIRIE CHICKENS ARE DAMAGING CORN CROPS.

Mr. Chet Edwards, one of the prominent rice planters of Nottawa, was a visitor in the city Monday. He is responsible for the statement that prairie chickens are doing considerable damage to the corn fields below Nottawa. He named one corn field in particular in that section, which he says is simply being eaten up by prairie chickens. The chickens flock to these corn fields in great numbers and are rapidly eating the corn in the fields. On account of the drought, there being scarcely any grass on the prairies, or anything else for the birds to feed on, they are flocking to the corn fields to feed.

HARRY LANDA ERECTING HOME ON MAIN STREET.

Contractor J. M. Bryant has begun work on a home on Main Street just beyond the home of Mrs. Jennie Clark, on the lot where the old colored U. B. F. hall formerly stood, for Mr. Harry Landa. The new home will be four rooms, bath and a hall.

Mrs. J. R. Westmoreland, Miss Esther Westmoreland and Master Joe Billie are spending a few weeks in Corpus Christi.

Election Order

Be it ordered by the board of trustees of the Eagle Lake Independent School District that an election be held at the Band Stand in the Public Park in the town of Eagle Lake in the said Eagle Lake Independent School District on the 27th day of August, 1913, to determine whether the board of trustees of said district shall have power to annually levy and collect a tax upon all taxable property in said district for the support and maintenance of public free schools in said Eagle Lake Independent School District, of and at the rate of not exceeding fifty cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in the district; such tax if voted, to be levied and collected for the year 1913 and annually thereafter unless it be discontinued as provided by law.

J. R. Westmoreland is hereby appointed manager of said election, and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding same.

None but property tax payers who are qualified voters in said Eagle Lake Independent School District, shall vote at said election.

A copy of this order signed by the president and attested by the secretary of this board shall serve as proper notice of said election, and the president shall cause notice of said election to be given in accordance with law.

Witness my hand and the seal of the said district this 21st day of July, 1913.

S. O. McCARTY, Pres.

Board of Trustees of said District Attest: P. T. GORDON, Sec.

Board of Trustees of said District [SEAL]

MRS. LOTT ENTERTAINED MISSIONARY AUXILIARY.

Though the heat was very great, thirteen persons were present at the missionary meeting held with Mrs. H. W. Lott on Thursday of last week. Only six of these were members of the Auxiliary, but as our visitors always contribute to the offering, and the absentees send in their dues, the collection amounted to \$2.45. The lesson was unusually well prepared. After the program, white cake, devil's cake and ice cream were served. The next meeting will be September 11th with Mrs. Bruce McCarty, Mrs. Lott being leader.

SOME FINE SPECIMENS OF PRAIRIE POTATOES.

Mr. Leo Breitkreutz, accompanied by Mr. Adolph Brast of near the Bernard, dropped in to see the Headlight force Tuesday morning. Mr. Brast left with a number of the potatoes. We have ever seen grow on any land. These potatoes were grown on his place on the Bernard on, as he stated, as poor land as there is in the country. The land is the poor sandy land, and these fine potatoes were produced with the addition of fertilizers. This is just an example of what can be done on the poorer prairie land where fertilizers are used. These potatoes were as good as any that we have ever seen grown on bottom lands.

MANY SNAKES ARE IN THE RICE FIELDS.

Mr. W. M. Taylor of Lissie was among the visitors in the city Monday. Mr. Taylor says the rice fields and all other water holes that still have a small amount of water in them are simply filled with snakes of all kinds. On account of the long and severe drought there is but little water anywhere and the snakes are rapidly making their way to the rice fields to get water. Mr. Taylor says there is a tank near his place that is simply alive with snakes of every size and kind.

Mrs. J. R. Wooten of Columbus was the guest of Mrs. W. F. B. Wicker the first of the week.



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SEALY BALL TEAM "BILKS" EAGLE LAKE.

The Sealy baseball team "bilked" the Eagle Lake boys for a game here last Sunday afternoon. The game had been advertised to take place at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. After waiting until almost time for the game to commence and no Sealy team had shown up, the Eagle Lake boys telephone to Sealy to find out if they were coming, but were informed that Sealy was at that time playing a team from Houston.

Mr. Carl Bentley of Simonton spent Sunday in the city visiting relatives.

SAYS QUAIL NUMEROUS IN GANADO SECTION.

Mr. W. Q. Guyann, with the Southern Rice Growers' Association at Ganado, writes us that he failed to get last week's issue and that he didn't want it to occur again. "There are more quail in this part of the country than any place I ever saw," he says, "and no trouble whatever to see a dozen covies in a short ride along the road."

Misses Doris and Myrtle Carlton, two pretty and popular young ladies of Velasco, arrived yesterday afternoon for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Calvert.



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Bruce W. McCarty, Editor and Proprietor.

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AN IMPORTANT ELECTION

If School Tax Election is Defeated It Means No School For Eagle Lake Next Year.

The election held Saturday, July 19th dissolved the Eagle Lake Municipal Independent school district and formed the Eagle Lake Independent school district. When it dissolved the old district it also abolished the tax, making it necessary to call an election to re-levy the school tax. NOT to vote an additional tax or to vote another tax, but to RE-LEVY THE SAME TAX. Under the old district the school board could levy fifty cents on the \$100 taxable values for maintenance and twenty-five cents on the \$100 valuation for bonds, or seventy-five cents on the \$100 for all purposes. Under the old district the board never levied more than forty-five cents for both maintenance and bonds and under the new district the tax is limited to fifty cents on the \$100 for all purposes.

The board promises that it will not levy the full fifty cents that it will not increase the taxes, but if the assessable values warrant it, to decrease the taxes. In any event the tax will not be more than forty-five cents on the \$100 valuation for all purposes. Within the past four years the enrollment has increased from 225 to 385 pupils, the faculty has had to be increased from six to eleven teachers and, another grade, or year's work, has been added. With all of the above increase the board has never raised the taxes.

It also must be taken into account that the board lost about \$1500 per year in delinquent taxes from firms and individuals who take advantage of all technicalities in the law to evade payment of their taxes. The board has tried to follow the law in forming the new district so there will be no way to avoid paying taxes in the future and all will pay their share of taxes.

When all in the district who are liable for taxes are made to pay them the board will be in a position to materially decrease the tax rate. None but property tax payers will be allowed to vote in the tax election. If the tax proposition is defeated it will mean the closing of the schools next year. The per capita tax from the state will only run the schools three months. Teachers can not be employed for this short time nor can the grade work be kept up. If you wish the schools to be kept going next year go to the polls and vote for the tax. If the tax is defeated, we will have no school next year.

The election will take place next Wednesday, August 27th. All friends of the school are urged to go the polls and vote for the tax so that the school may be carried on and not be forced to be closed next year for lack of funds.

Dr. W. T. Beard and wife and little Billie Beard of San Antonio motored to Eagle Lake in their Paige car last Sunday and are the guests of Mr. Welford's family.

Miss Virginia Holmes left for her home in Turtle Bayou Wednesday after a delightful visit here to Miss Josephine Thatcher.

JACK BEELER IS DROWNED

Treacherous Colorado Claims Another Victim—Body Recovered Several Hours Later.

Mr. Jack Beeler of near Nada, was drowned in the Colorado river near that place last Friday afternoon. He and his wife were in swimming, and we are told that his wife was unable to swim. He told her to hold on to him and he would take her out into deep water and teach her to swim. After swimming quite a distance out into the river he sank twice and soon went down for the third time to arise no more. Mrs. Beeler caught hold of some passing drift wood and floated to shallow water, then ran barefooted for almost a mile to give notice of her husband's drowning. Searching parties dragged the river all Friday afternoon and until ten o'clock that night the body having been found at about ten o'clock a short distance from where it went down. Mr. Beeler was interested in the saw milling business in that section and was well liked and very popular with all who knew him. He was a young man about thirty-four years old and had been married only since last Christmas.

UNDER TAKING BUSINESS SOLD TO HERMANN CO.

A deal was consummated here Tuesday wherein the G. Hermann Furniture Company purchased and took over the undertaking business of Mr. F. B. May. The business will be moved to the Hermann furniture building and will occupy the west side of the building. Some improvements will be made at the Hermann building, the stair way leading to the second floor set back and other changes made so as to give the west side of the building to the undertaking business. Mr. Emshoff, manager of the Hermann Furniture Company, informs us that an experienced man will be in charge of the undertaking and embalming business.

MANY MOTOR BINDERS TO BE USED THIS YEAR.

Motor binders, driven by gasoline engines, will be used extensively in this section in the harvesting of the rice crop this year. The rice farmers report that their use last year was very successful, proving a vast saving in time, labor and team hire. It is possible with the motor binders to operate longer hours and cover much more ground than with binders drawn by teams.

EXAMINATION FOR ROCK ISLAND POSTMASTERSHIP.

Mr. J. A. Dufner, who has been appointed postmaster at Rock Island to succeed N. C. Rigg, resigned, will take the examination for fourth class postmastership on August 27th. The examination will be held at Cuero.

Mrs. Harry Landa and daughter, Miss Clara, left Tuesday for a ten days' visit to Wharton, Bay City and Houston.

Mrs. J. H. Morgan returned Wednesday afternoon from Seguin, where she had stopped over for a visit to relatives en route home from a visit to Corpus Christi and Kingsville.

TILE AND DRAINAGE WORKS

Southern Tile & Drainage Co., a Home Industry, Ships Out Five Car Loads This Week.

The Southern Tile & Drainage Company, a new industry recently organized here, gives promise of becoming one of the biggest industries of this section. This is a partnership company between O. L. Miller and L. J. Edwards, both Eagle Lake citizens, for the manufacture of cement tile and drainage system. Every person who has seen this drainage proposition is simply carried away with it. It has proved a big success wherever it has been demonstrated. The patent on this drain head system has been applied for and granted. Attorney W. M. Williamson made a trip to Washington City several weeks ago for the purpose of putting this patent through the patent office. This week he has been informed that everything went through all right and that the final patent papers would reach him in a few days. The Southern Tile & Drainage Company has rented the former John J. Raezer barn, on east Main Street, where the concrete work is now being carried on. This system, which is said to be one of the best ever offered on the market, requires one drain head and well to the acre, and Mr. Edwards stated to the editor this week that they have yet their first demonstration to make that don't prove entirely satisfactory. He says they have been making successful demonstrations all over the coast country. With one of the machines in use at their plant, three men are making two thousand and six inch cement tile in ten hours. All the drain heads and other cement work used in the manufacture of this drainage system is of reinforced concrete. The state agency has been sold to Mr. E. A. Dreoben of this city, who is pushing things with the proposition, though none of the members have exerted themselves much yet to push their splendid patent, they waiting until all papers concerning the patent have been received. Every one that has seen the system of the Southern Tile & Drainage Company says it is one of the coming big industries of the Eagle Lake country. Three solid carloads were shipped out from their factory the first of the week, besides numerous local shipments. They had already on hand when the Headlight man visited the plant Tuesday orders sufficient for the shipping out of two more cars the latter part of this week.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH ORGANIZED.

The German Lutheran people have organized a church here with a membership of nine families. The organization was completed at a meeting held last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagner, where services were held by Rev. Chas. Roth of Sabline. After being duly organized, church trustees were elected, they being Messrs. Leo Breitkreutz, Alfred Weber, and Chris. Rebe. The German Lutheran people will in future have services here one Sunday in each month.

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