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## REAL ESTATE BUSINESS IS NEGRO HELD FOR ROBBING OPENED IN EAGLE LAKE THIS WEEK BY MR. J. E. ROBERTS SAYS OTHERS IMPLICATED

President Citizen of City To Engage In Real Estate Business With Office in National Bank Building.

In connection with his cotton business, Mr. J. E. Roberts, one of the best known citizens of the county, this week opened in the real estate business. He will be noted in his half page advertisement in this issue of the Headlight.

Mr. Roberts says that it is his intention to establish a real estate business that will be a driving cart for this section, in that he expects to recommend no piece of property to any prospective purchaser for the growing of crops which he has any reason to believe cannot be grown on the same. That is he will not recommend to a buyer of land, corn and cotton can be made on some pieces of prairie land that he and every one else that lives in this country knows that the same piece of land is good for nothing else except pasture, and the coming banks and including people from other sections to move into our community, it will be Mr. Roberts' purpose to make those buyers of real estate satisfied buyers, and men who will live on their farms and assist in the growth and development of the county. To sell a man a tract of land and represent it to him as being a fine piece of cotton and corn land, when the same is good for nothing but pasture land, that man after coming here and seeing his land in farming for a while, soon becomes disgruntled, and moves away after making several payments on the piece of land while trying to farm it. This, in Mr. Roberts' opinion, is a detriment to our country, as all desolated land makes men move here from other states and try to farm land that will not produce a living, so war and are over afterwards knockers against this section of the State. This is the very thing that Mr. Roberts expects to guard against in his real estate business, so he says in his advertisement, that unless your land will produce cotton and corn, he will not represent it to a prospective buyer as cotton and corn land.

## Blood Thomas Former Porter at Station Here Held in Wharton Jail Charged With Robbery.

Government Officials Bring in Eight Cases of the Whiskey Stolen From Freight Car Here Last Week.

An arrest has been made in connection with the robbery of the Santa Fe station at Marthovna and Bonus. A negro, Blood Thomas, who was employed at the Bonus station, was arrested by officers of Wharton County, and is held in the Wharton county jail at Wharton. It is said that the negro has named others as being implicated and that other arrests would likely follow. Thomas at one time was porter at this Southern Pacific station in Eagle Lake. Only a small amount of money and a few other articles of minor value were taken from the station at Marthovna, and it is reported that about \$1500 and a pistol were taken from the station at Bonus.

### FIRST WOMAN OFFICIAL OF COUNTY QUALIFIES

Miss Blanche Barr of Weimar, the popular daughter of the late Billy Barr, one of the best known and best loved citizens of Colorado County, has qualified to Colorado and has assumed her duties as County Superintendent of Public Instruction. Miss Barr has the distinction of being the first woman to hold an office in Colorado County.

Mr. D. W. McAnna of Minneapolis, Minnesota, came in last Monday and will likely spend the remainder of the winter here. Mr. McAnna has been making annual winter visits to Eagle Lake for a good many years past, and has many friends here and throughout this section who are always glad to see him and have him with us.

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County Attorney Warns Auto Drivers That New Seals Must Be Displayed in Cars Now.

Columbus, Texas, January 8th 1919. Editor of the Eagle Lake Headlight: I desire, through your paper, to call the attention of all owners, operators and drivers of motor vehicles, who have not paid the registration fees for the current year on their motor vehicles, to the law regulating same.

Sec. 3 of the laws regulating the use of Public Highways, relating to the use of Seals, provides as follows: "No person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle on the public highways of this State unless such vehicle shall have at all times conspicuously displayed on the front and rear of the seal for the current year assigned to the said motor vehicle by the Highway Department."

Sec. 45 provides a punishment for the violation of this section by a fine not to exceed \$100.

Sec. 46 authorizes any peace officer to arrest without a warrant any person found violating any of the special provisions of this act.

The 35 Legislature at its 4th Called Session amended the State Highway Law to the extent that the Tax Collector of Colorado County is now authorized to collect the tax fee or license fee required by law and to issue out seals and number plates for motor vehicles, and he now has on hand a sufficient supply for every vehicle in this county.

There are about 1400 motor vehicles in Colorado County and I am informed that there are only 275 registered for this year.

This matter should be attended to at once, as the registration fees will have to be paid and there is no reason why the owners should pay themselves liable to a criminal prosecution because of their negligence.

Yours very truly,  
A. A. GREGORY,  
County Attorney, Colorado Co., Texas.

Mrs. O. H. DeBo of Elsie is visiting her brother, Mr. J. C. Cooper, and family.

## Wife of Jesse Westmoreland, Colored Living in "The Flat" Developed Case of Smallpox

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Mayor Moody is taking every precaution to prevent another epidemic of smallpox among the colored population, as was had here several years ago. At that time it is said that the disease was spread from the fact that so many colored people visited every home where there was one sick. The city authorities have given strict orders that no one shall visit this home while the woman is sick, and if any should disobey these orders and go into the home, all such will be placed in a detention camp which will be established out on the prairie and made to stay there until all fears of an epidemic have passed.

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## CAFE DALLAS WAS OPENED YESTERDAY UNDER MR. L. J. BURGER'S MANAGEMENT

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The dining room at the Hotel Dallas, which has not been opened since Mrs. Jos. Reynolds gave up the management of that hotel, was opened again yesterday, under the management of Mr. L. J. Burger, who is conducting the same on the European plan. Mr. Burger is an experienced restaurant man and has made a success in the restaurant business. He has made considerable preparations for opening the cafe and expects to well serve the traveling public and the people of this city and community with the best that the market will afford. He will operate the cafe under the name of "Cafe Dallas." Mr. and Mrs. Dallas are continuing the hotel business, but the dining room department and cafe are under the management of Mr. Burger and will be conducted as a separate business from the hotel business.

### VERNER LYLE GRODHAUS DIED AT HOUSTON HOME

Little Verner Lyle Grodhaus, son of Adolph and Lorene Grodhaus of Houston, formerly of Eagle Lake, died at their home in Houston on January 2nd, aged 9 months and 17 days. The little body was brought to Eagle Lake for burial. Little Verner Lyle was the idol of his parents, a sweet, beautiful baby. Not only do the parents feel their loss, but all of their relatives. And while we so much wanted the little one to stay with us, yet God knew best. The relatives and friends will miss his smiling and angelic ways, but this old world will be better for the influence of his short sunny life. The Headlight extends sincere sympathy to the parents and other relatives.

Friends in the city have received cards from "Mr. Gall-Neat," a former citizen of this city, who is with the army in France. He is stationed at Afters, France.

## COME IN

### DO YOUR PART

We can help you if you will only give us the chance. That's our long suit—helping people. We take pleasure in seeing people prosper. The more the community prospers, the more we will share in it. If you need the aid of a good bank, come in and let's talk it over. We will be glad to be of service to you. Our interests are mutual. Let us get together.

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### LAST YEAR

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## Letter From H. T. Neiswender With the Marines in France.

The Headlight is in receipt of the following letter from Mr. Homer T. Neiswender, formerly of this city, but who is now with the Marines in France, dated Gievres, France, December 29th:

Dear Editor: I received the Headlight today which reminds me that I promised to write to all of my friends in Eagle Lake, but have so far neglected to do it, and I will thank you very much if you will publish this letter, as the Headlight is read by all that I promised to write to.

I was very sorry to hear of the death of Dick Reading and Henry Carey, and I will miss their faces when I get back to Eagle Lake. I was in the hospital seven days with tonsillitis, otherwise have been enjoying the best of health.

I arrived at Brest on the thirteenth of October. It took us thirteen days to make the trip across. I didn't get seasick, so enjoyed the trip very much, but got tired of seeing nothing but water and sky. We were all glad when we landed and were greeted by the French people all along the streets. The small boys would come up shouting "Marines" and would beg for cigarettes.

The scenery is beautiful as you come into the harbor, as there are high cliffs along the water's edge, but the best sight of all was our convoy steaming into the harbor, our ship behind the other being the "Stars and Stripes." There were seven transports in the convoy. I was on the "Y-Rath," a former German ship which they say at one time was one of the finest in the German navy. I think she is a good ship for she got me across the "pond" safely.

My company stayed in camp at Brest about two weeks and from there we went to Melun where we did guard duty until December 25th, then we came here. This is one of the largest camps in France and is about 200 miles south of Paris. There is some beautiful scenery here—the pastures and gardens are green. This is the rainy season in this part of France and it has been pretty muddy, but this camp is more sandy than the one at Melun, so it wasn't quite so bad.

The houses here are all built of stone and look like they would last forever. The small patches of ground close to the larger cities are enclosed with a fence about four feet high made of dirt and stone, with shrubbery growing on the top and sides, making a pretty sight. They use every bit of ground possible for growing garden truck and grass for pasture. I use lots of good horses and cows here.

We have it pretty nice here. We have good dry barracks and the "Y" is just a few steps away. I am here at the "Y" writing and some of the boys are playing checkers, others are playing basket ball or reading and I hear some one playing the piano. They serve hot cream and cookies here every afternoon except Mondays, and charge one-half franc for it. We would all like to have some of the pie and cake "Mother used to make."

Since the war is over the boys are talking of the time we will "Shove 'em" home. We hear lots of rumors as to that time but I don't think I will be home for several months yet. When we get the command to "roll our heavens" I will know there is something doing.

I hope each of my friends will accept this as a personal letter, and I would be glad to hear from them.

I owe it to Mr. Garmon for the issue of the Headlight and I appreciated it very much, for I am always glad to hear from Eagle Lake. Hoping this letter will find you all well, I am,

Yours respectfully,  
Homer T. Neiswender,  
Co. F, 11th Marines,  
A. E. F., France.

## Liberty Bond Subscribers!

Those who have paid for their bonds may obtain the same by calling at the Cashier's Window.

The next installment will be due on January 16th. Please observe the date.

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