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STRICKLAND CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK HERE

Owing To Ill Health, Mr. Frank Stephens Tenders Resignation, Effective at Once.

NEW PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTION IS NOW ON ACTIVE DUTY AT BANK

Family Will Move Back to Eagle Lake In Spring and Will Erect Handsome New Home Here.

Judge W. S. Strickland is now serving in the official capacity of president of the First National Bank. At a special meeting of the board of directors of that bank on last Friday evening, Mr. Frank Stephens, president, tendered his resignation as president to become effective immediately. Mr. Stephens' resignation was accepted and Judge W. S. Strickland was elected by the directors to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Stephens.

Mr. Stephens, some time since had made known to the directors of the bank that he expected to retire from the presidency at the expiration of his term, but at a called meeting of the directors they persuaded him to withdraw his action and to again accept the presidency of the bank for another year. Mr. Stephens finally decided to

POSTOFFICE AT ROCK ISLAND AND STORES THERE BURGLARIZED

Failing To Find Money, Burglars Molested Nothing In Any of Business Houses Entered.

The postoffice at Rock Island and four business houses there were entered by burglars sometime during Tuesday night. Besides the postoffice, the buildings entered by the burglars were the Nicwander Drug Store, Roper & Company's store, Mrs. L. Lites' store and the Foster Garage.

Entrance was gained to each of the buildings through windows, some of the windows having been pried open from the outside and the glass of others being broken and the windows opened from the inside.

Nothing in any of the places seems to have been molested or has been missed with the exception of 204 which was taken from the cash drawer at the Nicwander drug store.

That no merchandise of any kind was taken from any of the places at Rock Island that the burglars were after money only.

Sheriff John F. Wezenhoff was at Rock Island the following morning, having been notified of the burglaries. With his blood hounds, the hounds look up a trail at the drug store and followed it to the railroad track at the depot, where the trail was lost. Judging from this it is thought that the burglar or burglars boarded a train at the depot after entering the buildings and made their get away.

There is no constable or deputy sheriff or peace officer of any kind at Rock Island, and as a Rock Island citizen states, that community is a law abiding peaceful place, and occasions of this nature, when strays drop in to do the mischief is the only time Rock Island really needs a peace officer.

EAGLE LAKE GIRL MARRIED AT HOUSTON NEW YEAR'S DAY

A surprise wedding took place in Houston on last Saturday morning, New Year's day, when Mr. Dorin Andrews of Bay City and Miss Helen Chew, a pretty and popular Eagle Lake girl, were married in that city. They left immediately after the ceremony for a honeymoon visit to San Antonio, after which they will be at home in Bay City.

The bride is a beautiful and attractive girl, and until a few weeks ago lived in Eagle Lake, moving with her mother and family to Houston just before the holidays. For the past several years she has been connected with the bookkeeping department at the Frank Stephens Company store.

The groom is formerly of Wharton, but has made Bay City his home for the past two or three years, where he is conducting one of the handsomest and most up-to-date cold-drink and confectionery stores of any town of like size in the state.

The Headlight joins the many friends here of this popular and estimable young couple in extending congratulations and all good wishes for a long life of happiness, prosperity and contentment.

PAY ALL TAXES THIS YEAR. TO MAYOR WESTMORELAND

Heretofore citizens of Eagle Lake and community have been in the habit of paying their state and county and school taxes through the local banks, but the Headlight is requested to state that all taxes, state and county, school and city taxes, are this year being collected by Mayor R. T. Westmoreland.

Mr. Westmoreland has his office at the City Auto Supply Company place of business, next door to the Headlight office, where you are to call and pay your taxes. Remember the local banks are not collecting for state, county and school taxes this year, but these taxes, the same as your city taxes, are to be paid to Mayor Westmoreland, at Mr. Lindsay's.

STATE BANK AT EL CAMPO IN HANDS OF COMMISSIONER

The following notice has been posted on the door of the Citizens State Bank at El Campo: "This institution is in the hands of the commissioner of insurance and banking of the State of Texas." One official of the bank stated that a plan to reorganize was being considered.

His Annual Diversion



Many Land Owners Giving Leases Here for Oil Development

The parties who are interested in getting up the leases in the Eagle Lake section, Messrs. F. S. Clery, J. C. Armstrong and A. M. McCarty, for the purpose of inducing some reliable company to come in here and drill a well for oil, are meeting with encouragement on every hand. Many of the land owners are coming to them and giving their leases without solicitation. And this is as it should be, for every land owner should be willing to give a lease for oil development on his land, and if an oil well should be brought in here, the royalty which he will get from his land will give him all the money he will need.

There is oil in all sections of the coast country, is the belief of all experienced oil men, and why can't it be found here as well as anywhere else? Geologists at various times have given their opinion that there was oil around our lake and that it would some day be found. But it will never be found unless a well is drilled. And a well will never be drilled by outside capital unless a sufficiently large solid-block acreage lease is given, for a company is going to come in here and put down a well in wild cat territory unless they have a lease acreage sufficiently large to encourage them to spend the large amount of money that is necessary to drill an oil well during this day and time. And to this end it is hoped that no land owner will "hold off" with the giving of his lease and queer the proposition again. It will be remembered that on two occasions Eagle Lake has had a chance to get an oil well drilled without one cent of cost to the land owners, but both times some few of the land owners held back thinking the well would be drilled without their leases—but it wasn't. And it won't be again unless all of the land owners in the required block give leases. This will likely be the last attempt for some time to come at any rate to get an oil well drilled here if some few of the land owners again hold back. Some of them, so we learn, state that they will give their leases but want to wait a while. Why do they want to wait and make the thing just that much later getting started? If all of the leases in the block are not given, all of the leases given will be turned back to the owners without further progress in the matter, so there is nothing to be gained by waiting. Waiting until later will only make matters slow in getting the deal closed up with the company to do the drilling. If the land owners of this section want an oil well drilled here they should come in at once and give their leases to the gentlemen named above without further waiting and without waiting to be solicited.

EAGLE MEASURES NEARLY SEVEN FEET TIP TO TIP

While hunting ducks several miles below El Campo C. Fisk and L. O. Lundy shot an eagle that measured nearly seven feet from tip to tip of its wings. They have sent the bird to a taxidermist to be mounted.

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Will Organize Band At Meeting Tonight Held in the City Hall

There will be a meeting of all interested in the organization of a band in Eagle Lake at the city hall tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock.

The movement for the organization of a band here has met with a hearty approval by all of the people of the town and the venture gives promise of starting off with the largest membership of any band Eagle Lake has ever had in the past. And too, there will be quite a number of people in the organization who are finished musicians and who have had much experience in band work.

Until the move was started by Mr. H. R. Davis for the organization of a band here it was not known just how many musicians were really living in Eagle Lake and surrounding country, but since the move has gotten underway it has developed that there are quite a number of people living in Eagle Lake and this section at this time who have previously been members of good bands at other places.

From indications it is likely that Eagle Lake's band will be organized with more than twenty members, the largest band organization that our town has ever had, and old Eagle Lake has had some good bands in the past.

As soon as formal organization is made tonight, the band will get in shape and at once order what instruments that will be needed and begin practice work, and by the coming summer the "band boys" will be ready to give weekly concerts at the park. And all the people of Eagle Lake will welcome the weekly concert nights again.

Mr. Davis, one of the proprietors of the K-T Garage, who recently located here from Iowa Park, has had about twenty years experience as a band instructor, and will be instructor for Eagle Lake's band after its organization tonight.

All musicians and all others who are interested in the organization of the band are urged to be at the city hall tonight at 8 o'clock.

SOME FAVORITES IN NEXT WEEK'S BILL AT THE REX

William S. Hart, Bert Lytell, Mary Miles Minter and Charles Ray, some of whom are favorites with the show going people here are on the bill at the Rex Theatre for the coming week.

Today, Friday.—Lee Moran in "Fixed By George," and a Big V Comedy. Saturday.—William S. Hart in "The Silent Man," and Ruth Roland in the 9th episode of "Ruth of the Rockies," also a comedy.

Monday.—Robert Warwick in "The Man of the Hour," and the 11th episode of "The Lost City."

Tuesday.—Bert Lytell in "Jimmie Valentine," and a Pathe News.

Wednesday.—Mary Miles Minter in "Anne of Green Gables," and Harold Lloyd in "High and Dizzy."

Thursday.—Charles Ray in "Greased Lightning," and a comedy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bacon and son, Burdette, of Greentown, Ohio, who have been spending the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Krider, left Monday for a few days' visit to San Antonio. They will return to Eagle Lake for a longer visit before leaving their home in Ohio.

SEVENTY YEAR OLD MAN HANGS HIMSELF TO RAFTER IN BARN

Bohemian Citizen Named Slovack Committed Suicide Wednesday on Will Brandt Farm.

An aged Bohemian citizen by the name of Slovack, whose initials we have been unable to learn, committed suicide by hanging himself to a rafter in the barn at his home on the Will Brandt place, the former J. W. Westmoreland farm, adjoining the Tate place, about six miles from Eagle Lake. When Slovack was discovered hanging by a rope to a rafter in the barn he was dead, but had been dead only a short while, the suicide having been committed late Wednesday afternoon.

Slovack was seventy years of age and was but little known in this immediate section, having moved to the Brandt farm only about three weeks ago from the W. H. Gilthero place where he lived last year. He is originally from near Ellinger.

The dead man leaves a large family; the youngest child being about seven years of age. No cause has been assigned as a motive for Slovack's rash act.

MANY AUTOMOBILES IN THIS COUNTY NOT YET REGISTERED

Up to Saturday night, January 1st, 1110 automobile licenses were issued by Mr. H. Braden, Tax Collector, representing a tax of \$629.10, of which amount one-half is remitted to the State Highway Department and the other half is to be used for the maintenance of the highway through Colorado County.

There are about 1600 automobiles in Colorado County and the automobile license tax was due on or before January 1st, 1921. Automobiles that do not carry the 1921 seal cannot be legally operated or used until the seal is attached.

The Tax Collector's office has been unusually busy during the past few days issuing the 1921 seals and collecting the State and County taxes, necessitating the employment of two extra deputies, Messrs. Hattie Hasted and Grace Walters.

The State and County taxes are being paid very slowly, the total amount collected to date being only about \$20,000, which is probably about one-seventh of the entire amount to be collected by January 31st.

DRILLING BEGUN AGAIN AT WELL AT LISSIE YESTERDAY

After suspension of work since the holidays, drilling was begun at the Lissie oil well on the J. N. Lee land, again yesterday. When the drillers knocked off for the holidays the drill was down to a depth of 300 feet. Mr. McMaisters, who is in charge of the drilling work, returned to Lissie Tuesday from Houston where he spent the holidays with relatives.

The derrick at the Lissie well is an unusually strong one and is capable of drilling to a depth of 3500 feet. The Burk Burnett-Houston Company, which is drilling the well, proposes going down that depth if oil is not found at a shallower depth.

Machinists were busy Tuesday and Wednesday making repairs on the boiler at the well, the damage to the boiler said to have resulted from getting the boiler too hot.

First class machinery and equipment is installed at the Lissie well, showing that the company means business and means to make every effort to bring in a well there. Many new and improved pieces of oil machinery have been lately installed, so that as few delays as possible will be made during the drilling work.

The drillers and others interested in the well have faith in the proposition and say they stand just as good a chance to bring in a well there as anywhere else. Everyone in this section believes that there is oil all over this coast country, but the Lissie people have gone the other sections one better by making a determined effort to find it.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Frazer of Sealy spent last Monday in the city visiting his mother and sister, Mrs. Susie Frazer and Mrs. Annie Cordz, the latter of San Diego, California, who is the guest of her mother, and attended the dance at Frazer's opera house at night.

NEGRO ADMITS TO STEALING TICKETS AT S.P. RAILROAD OFFICE

Says He "Reched In" and Got Then While Operator Was Out Giving Train Orders.

STOLEN CLOTHING, JEWELRY AND OTHER ARTICLES IN HIS BAGGAGE

Wanted By Officers For Burglaries in Dallas, Houston, Galveston And At Other Places.

The negro who was arrested last Thursday afternoon by Special Agent Tom Stacey of the Southern Pacific railroad and turned over to City Marshal C. J. Harter on a charge of having stolen tickets from the ticket office in Eagle Lake, made a confession of the theft to Mr. Harter. The negro stoutly maintained his innocence until the following day, but finally stated to Mr. Harter that he was going to tell all he knew and said he stole the tickets from the ticket cabinet in the office here at the Southern Pacific passenger station on the morning of October 20th, at about 1:20 in the morning, when the ticket agent and operator on duty left the office for a few moments to give orders to a passing train. The tickets were for passage from Eagle Lake to San Antonio. The railroad company missed the tickets promptly, but kept the matter quiet and when the tickets were presented for passage by the train last Thursday, he was placed under arrest. The negro gave his name as R. S. Williams.

When arrested the negro had in his possession two suitcases, one of which still showed the name of the person and the person's name as they were made. The two suits were stolen out of a tailor shop in Houston on the night of December 20th, when a lock on the back door of the tailor shop was broken off and entrance to the shop gained through the back door. He also had a handsome black suit case and an expensive hand bag, a twenty-three ounce gold watch, Waltham movement, the watch being found on him on the inside of his drawers leg, six pairs of silk socks, with the price tags still on them of from \$1.20 to \$3.00 per pair, four leather belts with silver buckles and a different monogram on each buckle, one brand new gold belt buckle, a small cameo, new pair of gold link cuff buttons, in case showing Galveston jeweler's name, two rings, one a handsome one in platinum, with the set removed, a chip diamond stick pin, two flash lights, two razors and quite a number of other smaller articles. Practically all of the articles in the negro's possession have been identified as stolen articles, the watch and chain belonging to a man in Houston, who states that the watch originally had a gold chain and a Knight Templar charm. The negro states that he threw the chain and charm away when questioned. The suits of clothes, the watch and most of the other articles were stolen in Houston, but the negro claims to have gotten the suit cases in Dallas. The negro was taken to Houston and turned over to Houston officers. Galveston officers also notified Mr. Harter that the negro was wanted for theft in that city. He claims to have had a partner in the burglaries, but says the only name he knew him by was "Joe."

NEGRO BURGLAR IS HELD TO AWAIT GRAND JURY ACTION

The young negro, Robert Hall, who has confessed having burglarized the A. F. Harbert home in this city, some weeks ago and also to having stolen a watch belonging to Dan Schneider from a tent at the highway camp at Ramsey's Point, was brought down from Columbus yesterday morning by Sheriff John F. Wezenhoff and County Attorney A. A. Gregory for examination before Judge Davidson. The negro waived examination and was given bond in the sum of \$500 in each case. Failing to make the bond, he was taken back to jail in Columbus to await the action of the grand jury.

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New President of First National.

accept the presidency again, but continued illness since that time caused him to again change his plans and hand in his resignation to become effective at once.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders and directors for the election of officers does not take place until next Thursday, the 11th, at which time Mr. Stephens' term as president would have expired. Judge Strickland at the meeting last Friday was elected to fill the office of president until that time, when he will be duly elected as president for the ensuing year.

Judge Strickland has for many years been one of the directors of the First National and attorney for that institution. While he and his family are making their home in Houston, where his daughters are in school, it is Judge Strickland's intention to move back to Eagle Lake at the close of school in the spring and again make his home here. He will erect a new and modern home on his present home site on Strickland avenue in this city. Judge Strickland expects to spend the greater part of his time here before moving back with his family in the spring and will be on duty at the bank, and in connection will continue his law and insurance businesses as he has done since he has been living in Houston.

When Judge Strickland and family moved to Houston two years ago, he stated at the time that he was not leaving Eagle Lake permanently, as he had lived here too long for that, but was moving to Houston temporarily in order to have his daughters enter the schools there. All of the people of Eagle Lake will be glad to welcome a good family back to our city, although we have never considered Judge Strickland a resident of Houston, as he is here looking after business matters every week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jennings, after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. McCarty, left Monday morning for a short visit to relatives in San Antonio, going from that place to their home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.