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TWO ANNOUNCE AS CANDIDATES FOR ALDERMEN

Three Places on Board To Be Filled At Election Next Month; Only Two Announce, But There Are Rumors of Others.

The Headlight has received authority to announce Judge W. S. Strickland as a candidate for alderman of the city of Eagle Lake at the coming city election.

Judge Strickland is one of the most untiring workers for the upbuilding of Eagle Lake in the entire town. For weeks he has been solicited by many citizens of the town to place his name before the voters, as a candidate for a place on the Board of aldermen.

Judge Strickland is one of Eagle Lake's best known and most progressive citizens and many friends will be glad to learn that he has finally conceded to their urgent requests and has given this paper authority to place his name before the voters as a candidate for alderman.

The Headlight's announcement column today carries the name of Chas. S. McLellan as a candidate for the office of alderman of Eagle Lake. He announces for the position now held by G. E. Thomas, who is not a candidate for re-election.

Mr. McLellan was frequently solicited to become a candidate for mayor, but declined to enter the race for that office. Later, when friends urged him to become a candidate for a place on the board of aldermen, he consented, and has authorized this newspaper to place his announcement before the voters.

Mr. McLellan is a well known young business man of this city, and stands high in the estimation of the people. Friends have been solicitous, asking that some younger man become a candidate for one of the places on the board of city dads.

He solicits your vote and your support in his candidacy for the office, and if he is elected, it will be his endeavor to work for the upbuilding and improving of Eagle Lake.

GARWOOD ELECTION FOR SCHOOL BONDS CARRIES

To Complete New School Building As Originally Planned, \$7,500 Additional Bonds Carries By 71 For To 1 Against.

A special election held at Garwood yesterday for voting an additional \$7,500 in bonds for school building purposes, carried by a vote of 71 for to 1 against.

When bids for construction of the new Garwood school were opened last week, it was found that to complete the building as originally planned, the recently granted PWA loan of \$60,000 was approximately \$7,500 short of the lowest contract bid.

In order not to eliminate anything from the building plans, the people of Garwood have voted the additional money to construct and equip the building as originally outlined.

While the contract has not been awarded at this time, the Walker Construction Company of San Antonio is the lowest bidder, having bid \$49,146.00 for construction of the super-building, and will very likely be awarded the contract.

Contractor R. H. Reese is well along with the foundation work for the new school building at Garwood, he having previously been awarded the contract for that part of the structure on lowest bid of \$7,898.00.

Lowest bid for equipping the building is \$3,472.77. Now that the additional bonds have been voted it is expected that the contract will be given to the San Antonio contractor with instructions to begin construction just as soon as the foundation work is completed.

Mrs. B. H. McIntert of Columbus spent Friday here visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary McDow.

WORK BEGINS TUESDAY ON HIGHWAY NO. 200

Officials From District WPA Headquarters Here To See First Dirt Turned On New Highway, Which Promises To Be One Of The Most Important Roads In State.

With a force of sixty men, County Commissioner H. L. Reading, Tuesday morning broke first dirt in Colorado county for Highway 200.

J. Perry Moore, assistant director for WPA District No. 6, embracing thirteen counties; J. E. Eptank, chief engineer; George Kelly, in charge of the field work, all from Col. John Bonner's WPA headquarters at Houston, and Seth Sheppard, county WPA supervisor from Columbus, were here to see the first actual work on Highway 200 get under way.

The 200 Highway work started here immediately south of the San Antonio & Aransas Pass tracks, grading, clearing and removing trees for the right-of-way through the McCarty pasture woods. This will be the connecting link to the town of Eagle Lake from the main line of the highway, which skirts the lake and intersects Highway No. 3 a short distance east of Mrs. B. L. Vineyard's home.

With sixty men on the job, fine highway is made on the grading, clearing and grubbing work and it is hoped to finish the work through Colorado county to the Lavaca county line in the shortest possible time.

At noon Tuesday, the WPA officials here were joined by a number of Eagle Lake's business and professional men at the Rotary Hall for luncheon.

Judge W. S. Strickland, in the capacity of toastmaster, thanked the visiting WPA men for the fine co-operation they have shown Colorado County in getting our projects through, and thanked them for having made possible roads through our country section which can now be traveled in all kinds of weather.

Mr. Moore, addressing the business men at the luncheon, told them this was their money that is being used, it is their projects and it is their men, and it is up to the taxpayers of the county to see that they get value received for the money expended on these projects.

Mr. Matthews also made a brief talk, both he and Mr. Moore complimenting highly Eagle Lake's county commissioner, H. L. Reading, and the Colorado County Plan.

(See Highway 200, last page)

OIL WELL PROJECT NEAR CITY CREATES INTEREST

WELL SIX MILES NORTH OF EAGLE LAKE IS RIGGING

Building Derrick In What Is Conceded "Hot" Area Causes Biggest Scramble For Leases And Royalty Ever Experienced In This Section.

L. W. Capps oil well drilling contractor of Houston, during the week-end, moved in derrick material and drilling machinery for a new Colorado County well at approximately six miles north of Eagle Lake.

A derrick, 122 feet in being constructed in the southeast corner of a 160-acre tract in the T. Kollman survey on land owned by Mrs. Frances Drymalla and leased to G. W. Johnson Houston Mr. Johnson, a meet pleasant and agreeable gentleman, will make Eagle Lake his home during the drilling work, and will be located at the Bentley Hotel. The well will be known as the G. W. Johnson No. 1.

The all-day rain Monday delayed derrick construction, though work has progressed rapidly since, and Mr. Johnson is of the opinion that the well will spud in next Monday or Tuesday.

Gas will be the fuel used for drilling, connections being made from the Southern Union Gas Company mains, which are 330 feet from the location.

For nearly two years, the section north of Eagle Lake has been generally talked in oil circles as a "hot spot," and the outcome of this well is scheduled to attract attention of oil people.

All lands in the immediate section are said to be under lease. The Humble Oil and Refining Company is said to own considerable acreage south of the location, which holdings are said to extend almost into the town of Eagle Lake. The Texas Company holds nearby acreage, and other companies are said to be interested in lease holdings. Many leases north of Eagle Lake were originally taken out by the Union Central Oil Company.

Royalty transactions have been active in the area, and during the past several weeks royalties have been sold on a considerable acreage. The Headlight is told that numerous royalty deals were closed during last week. Since last year, including the activity of last week, we are informed that land-owners have sold royalties on approximately 4000 acres in the neighborhood. The first royalties are said to have sold on a \$750 basis, advancing in price with a stronger demand to \$15.00, and during the closing days of last week, we are told, some of the last royalty deals were closed on a \$20 basis.

TEN DOLLARS AN ACRE PAID FOR LAND LEASE

A deal was consummated yesterday in which L. D. Allen of this city leased 650 acres of land, about a mile and a half from the oil well site on the Drymalla land, six miles north of Eagle Lake, for \$10 an acre. The land, known as the Burtcheil land, was leased to parties interested in the well project.

Miss Leona Gluck, who is attending Draughton's Business College in Houston, came up by bus Sunday morning to spend the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gluck.

Ulysses Lloyd, with the United States Army and stationed at Fort Clark, spent Tuesday here visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. R. Fleming.

Today's Market Report

Cotton Middling (Houston)	11:05
Cotton, Strict Middling	11:55
Eggs	13c-15c
Peas	18c-20c
Bakers' heavy	14c-16c
Hens, heavy	14c-16c
Hens, light	12c-14c
Old Roosters	08c-09c
Slugs	08c-10c
Guinea, each	35c-36c
Pork	10c-12c
Geese	10c-12c
Pecans	3c-4c

ELDRIDGE FARM IS PLANTING FOUR HUNDRED ACRE FIELD IN POPCORN

Sugar Land Industries Contract To Furnish Large Consumer With Thousand Acres, 400 Of Which Planted At Eldridge.

As a new money crop for Colorado county, the Colorado Operating Company at Eldridge will plant 400 acres in popcorn, beginning the planting work next week.

The fields, which will be opposite the Eldridge store, between the store and the river, are in excellent shape for receiving the seed. Popcorn is planted the same as any other corn, though thicker in the drill.

The Sugar Land Industries, of which the Colorado Operating Company is a connection, have contracted with a firm which is a large user of popcorn, for planting 1000 acres, four hundred of which are being planted at Eldridge.

This crop, according to contract is to be gathered and stacked in the fields and loaded into cars for shipment.

Last year a considerable acreage of popcorn was planted at Sugar Land, and the yield turned out well. Last year, however, was a wet year, and popcorn does not yield so well in dry years, it is said.

Manager L. W. Stiles of the Colorado Operating Company, stated that the contract price for the corn this year is not as good as was offered for the crop grown at Sugar Land last year, though with an average corn-growing season, he is of the opinion that the venture will prove a fairly profitable crop.

POTATO FARMERS FINISH PLANTING CROP THIS WEEK

Potato farmers finished planting their spring crop of potatoes during the first several days of this week.

The fields were in good condition and the seed went into the ground in good shape, the farmers say.

Although the Government estimates acreage in this district, the entire district including Simonton, Wharton, Sugar Land and Eagle Lake, at 8000 acres, only 4200 acres are planted.

Many farmers anticipated planting when it was believed the Government would control the crop and insure a good price, but after the AAA was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, the anticipated acreage dwindled.

There are 1700 acres planted in Eagle Lake district, that district from Egypt to Bernardo, including the acreage at Bernardo. All seed planted here this year is Nebraskan. No cobbler has been planted in this district.

ROTARIANS ENJOY HOME CANNED MENU WEDNESDAY

In appreciation of the co-operation shown by the Eagle Lake Rotary Club to the local canning plant—the Rotary Club sponsoring the canning plant here—Mrs. Lulu Tilton, manager for the cannery, complimented the Rotarians Wednesday.

Chief among the dishes of the Rotary luncheon were locally canned products, candied yams, spinach and hominy.

The products canned here are exceptionally fine. Recently, a citizen of Welmar, tasted the fine spinach, grown by J. M. Tate at Bonus and carried by the plant here. He liked it so well, that he wrote parties in Eagle Lake offering to purchase two dozen cans.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Roesner of Riesel spent a few days here during the first of the week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jochetz, and other relatives and friends.

PROF. R. E. SCOTT HAS AN EMERGENCY OPERATION

From the Richmond Coaster we learn that Prof. R. E. Scott, former superintendent of the schools at Richmond, well known school man throughout this section of the State, was operated on at a hospital in El Paso Friday night of last week. He had a ruptured appendix and other complications, and for a time his life was in jeopardy. The paper reports that he has shown improvement and doctors believe he has a chance for recovery.

MARYLIN YUVONNE MILES' BIRTHDAY IS EVERY FOURTH YEAR

Eagle Lake's leap year baby, little Marylin Yuvonne Miles, born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Miles on last Saturday, will have her first birthday just a few days from now. Marylin Yuvonne was born on February 29th, and there will not be another 29th day of February until 1940. As is a custom with many newspapers, because leap year babies do not receive so many birthday presents, probably, parents of a leap year baby are always placed on the local paper's list for a year's complimentary subscription. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Miles on the birth of their pretty little leap year daughter.

CHANGES MADE IN CAST FOR LITTLE THEATRE SHOWING

Three New Members In Character Cast For "Ladies of the Jury" And Date For Production Postponed To Friday, March 20th.

"Ladies of the Jury," the comedy sensation to be presented by the Eagle Lake Little Theatre is being rehearsed regularly, and promises to be one of the cleverest plays ever staged by this organization. However, due to illness among the cast, the date of production has been set back a week and will be presented on Friday evening, March 20th, in the high school auditorium, at 7:45 p. m.

Inasmuch as this is an anniversary occasion, the entire personnel of the Little Theatre is working to make the event an outstanding one, and the audience is promised a real dramatic treat.

Wherever this comedy has been produced the press has most favorably commented upon its excellent entertainment.

The cast has been splendidly selected, including such players as Mrs. L. D. Allen, Mrs. Hettie Carey, Mrs. Harry Larson, Miss Anna Margaret Martin, Mrs. W. C. Reed, Charles McLellan, H. T. Nicewander, Ben Howard, Harold Thomas, Max Conner, A. F. Harbert, Gardner Duncan, Noel Parker, Clarence Epps, George Salladay, Miss Kathryn McRee, Miss Ophelia Johnson, Harry Larson and Mrs. John Kearney. Recent additions to the cast include Miss Ethel Barker, Miss Lucy Kate Rogers and Paul Little, the latter being one of Garwood's favorite talented young members, and the citizens of that community have expressed much interest in the play since the action of this popular young man.

Mrs. I. V. Duncan is director and she is devoting practically her entire time towards a successful presentation of "Ladies of the Jury."

It is hoped that everyone in this community will make an effort to see this amusing play and lend their co-operation to its financial success.

Mrs. Grace Wink of Columbus is spending the week-end, a guest at the home of her brother, Mr. Carter Walker. Many friends here are glad to see her.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tibett of Ramsey returned home Wednesday from a visit to relatives at Beaumont, having motored to that city last Saturday.

ALFRED GERTSON IS IMPROVING IN HEALTH

Eagle Lake friends will be glad to learn that Alfred Gertson, who has been ill with influenza and pneumonia at his home at El Paso for the past four weeks, is improving and is able to be up and about the house some now. Al has indeed had a hard spell of it. His Eagle Lake friends have missed him and hope that he may soon be on his feet again.

FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY APPLICATIONS PENSIONS ARE ISSUED

Only A Few Applicants Each Day Applying Now, And All Eligible For Old Age Assistance Apparently Have Been Supplied.

Though the demand for old age assistance application blanks has lessened, the applicants have numbered from half dozen to a dozen during the days of this week. Apparently the bulk of those eligible for the pension have been supplied with the application forms.

Up to this time the Headlight has issued 450 application blanks. The paper still has some of the blanks on hand, and all who want one are asked to call at the printing office. Those living away from Eagle Lake are asked to enclose a 3c stamp for return postage for each blank requested. The blanks are in four pages and more than one blank will require more than a 3c stamp for postage.

Applicants are rapidly filling out the blanks and sending them in to district headquarters at Houston.

The maintenance of the old who are unable to care for themselves is a step forward for the state, which celebrates its Centennial this year. This complex age of machinery demands that some arrangement be made for those who have lived a life of toil and who, because of the stress of modern times, were unable to set aside anything for their old age.

The pension, while not a large one, will mean much to this immediate section if half of the nearly five hundred application forms issued locally are recommended for pensions. Newspapers from all sections of the state report that the demand for applications was greater than the first supplies issued.

MANY TUNG TREES ARE PLANTED NEAR EAGLE LAKE

For several weeks a considerable force of men has been engaged in planting tung trees, the planting work winding up this week. More than ten thousand trees have been planted here, near Bonus, around Eldridge and on the Ramsey prairie.

Among the citizens planting the trees are J. R. Colly, probably planting the largest acreage, Simon Sinclair, Harold Thomas and H. A. Dromgoole.

The tung tree experiment here will be watched with much interest, since it is generally believed that the industry holds a great future for a new and profitable farming crop for this country.

Conditions were exceptionally good for planting this season, and with the moisture in the ground, farmers believe that most of the trees planted here, with proper care, will grow and thrive.

MR. AND MRS. DELANY WILL MOVE TO HOUSTON

We regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Delany are contemplating moving to Houston during the coming week-end. They have been making frequent trips to that city, where one of their children is under care of specialists, and they are moving to Houston to be nearer their doctor. It is the hope of the people of Eagle Lake that their little one may be fully restored to health and that the family may move back to Eagle Lake in the near future. Mr. Delany is salesman in this territory for the Purina Mills of St. Louis. Both Mr. and Mrs. Delany have made many friends here during their stay in Eagle Lake.

GEORGE SALLADAY AND HIS TRUCK TURN FLIP

When something connected with the steering gear of Geo. Salladay's truck went haywire Friday afternoon, George, the truck and its load of three negro laborers went over into a ditch from a culvert off the Meadow road leading to the Helmer Seasholm camp.

With the exception of a bruised shoulder received by one of the negroes in the car, none of the occupants was injured. The truck was somewhat "damaged" in the somersault and George was late for lodge meeting that night.

ONE SURE-SHOT SIGN THAT SPRING'S BREAKING

Walter Little's ground hog theory seems to have played out. George Keith's redbird's song doesn't always mean spring. Kite time started a week before the last blizzard, and now some time ago to work a little early. Bon-here's a sign that spring's gettin' in the bones. Almost any day this week, gangs of colored women carrying a fishing pole in one hand and a tin can in the other, have been seen trekking along country roads.

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VOCATIONAL CLASS OF GARWOOD GOES TO HOUSTON SHOW

Boys of the School's Agriculture Class Truck Fed Stock To The Houston Show With Expectation of Selling Calves There.

Members of the vocational agriculture classes in the Garwood school, under the supervision of T. J. Denison, have fed out 11 beef steers and several capons and fryers.

They left this Friday morning for the Houston Fair Stock Show to exhibit and sell them. The calves are all Herefords, and have been fed since September 1 each weighing around 300 pounds. The largest calf is owned by Herman Popp.

The Garwood boys are also going to enter the poultry contest at the Houston show, which will be held tomorrow. The team is composed of Clayburn Delany, G. P. Harry, Freddie Kallina and Ned Stallman. These boys hope to make a good showing in Houston, as they have made in other contests they have entered this year.

The Garwood school board made possible the use of the school bus as a means of transportation for the boys to and from Houston. All the boys in the FFA Club planned to make the trip to Houston. Mr. Denison is in Houston to receive the exhibits on arrival at the show there. The Houston Fair Stock Show is becoming an ideal place to sell fat livestock, and the Garwood department is taking full advantage of it.

LOCAL FAMILY WILL MAKE HOME IN HOUSTON

Eagle Lake people will regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Allen and Mrs. George Herder are expecting to move to Houston to make that city their home.

Mr. Allen stated that they are not decided when they will leave and that it might be two or three months before they move.

Plans and specifications are being drawn by Wirtz & Calhoun, architects, for the construction of an elaborately appointed modernistic home on Glenhaven Boulevard in Braeswood for Mr. Allen, at a cost of \$25,000. It has been announced from Houston.

The Houston papers state that work is expected to begin within ten days, though Mr. Allen says his plans have not yet been accepted at this time. It is stated that Contractor R. H. Reese of Eagle Lake will likely be awarded the building contract. Mr. Reese, at this time is building a new \$17,000 home in Braeswood for Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Williams, the latter a sister of Mr. Allen.

The new Allen dwelling is to be of reinforced concrete and steel construction and will be air conditioned. The site on Glenhaven, purchased through E. H. Borden Realty Company, realtors and exclusive sales agents for Braeswood, is 140 by 300 feet.

DR. JONES HOME FROM OPERATION IN DALLAS

Dr. E. W. Jones, after a three weeks confinement in the Baylor Hospital at Dallas, returned home Tuesday night. The doctor underwent a double sinus operation in Dallas, suffering considerably following the operation. He is improving nicely now and is able to be about again.

Mrs. W. C. Sanders of El Campo is spending the week here, a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. D. Roberts.

Mrs. H. R. Jacobsen, Mrs. H. E. Jacobsen and Norman Jacobsen came over from Rock Island Friday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. "Jim" Jacobsen for the high school dramatic club play at the school auditorium. Mrs. H. E. Jacobsen is a teacher in the school at Sheridan.

FORTY-ONE MEMBERS OF THOMAS FAMILY CELEBRATE

Our old friend, G. E. Thomas, says last Sunday was a mighty happy day for him and his good wife. It was the occasion of a family reunion, when forty-one members of the family gathered at the old family home near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Denlow, in an all-day get-together. It's a fine family. Mrs. Thomas' family—not a black sheep in the bunch, and other old domino-playing friend has every reason to be proud of them. The Headlight, and the people of this section generally, are mighty proud of this Thomas family, too, old friend.