

Eagle Lake Headlight

THE ONLY PAPER IN MANY HOMES, THE ONE PAPER IN MOST HOMES IN SOUTHEAST COLORADO COUNTY AND NORTHERN WHARTON COUNTY

D. S. TAYLOR, Owner and Publisher.

"NOTHING EXTENDS, NOR SETS DOWN AUGHT IN MALICE"

\$2.50 a Year in Advance. 8c a Copy.

VOLUME XLVI

EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1950.

NUMBER 39.

1950 Dodge Has New Styling And Speed Proofing

Two models of the new Dodge line were on display at the Jones Motors display room Wednesday of this week. They were a four-door stone beige Meadowbrook and a two-door island green Wayfarer.

M. M. Jones, local Dodge dealer, said he thought the two outstanding features in the 1950 Dodge are the new styling of the body and the chemical treatment of cylinder walls.

Dodge engineers call the process speed proofing because it makes the break-in period of new car ownership easier, briefer, more enjoyable and safer from a service standpoint. It also prolongs the life of the engine. Dodge's instructions to new car owners are to hold speed to 40 miles per hour for the first 250 miles, then add 5 MPH for each 25 miles. Thus at 350 miles on the speedometer, a speed of 60 MPH is permissible, although owners are told not to drive at sustained high speeds during the first 1000 miles.

Mr. Jones may start predicting weather by the display dates of the new Dodge models. This is the second year in a row the Dodge has gone on display on one of the winter's coldest, wettest days.

Does Advertising Read About W. Duffy, Contr.

Some people will try to tell you that advertising doesn't pay. And many people probably believe such a thing. But as the full page advertisement in the Eagle Lake Headlight last summer or the rice section in the Houston Post anniversary edition in December, they do you suppose M. W. Duffy, retired Army Air Corps man, happens to be in Eagle Lake today announcing the forming of a partnership with W. B. Martin, to engage in general contracting?

Believe it or not, he saw the Chronicle page on Eagle Lake, being at Houston at the time investigating locations for making his home "out of the army." (Incidentally, in telling of seeing the story and pictures, he mentioned specifically the picture of the American Legion Swimming Pool.)

Mr. Duffy said he wrote Mayor Roos, asking about the contract business and Mr. Roos referred him to local contractors. He was in Eagle Lake for 5 days, working for R. H. Reese, and recently forming the partnership with Mr. Martin.

He wondered how Mr. Duffy got out in the contracting business after 23 years in the Air Force and that he was "raised in the Air Force" and that his peace of mind was in the Air Corps was in the Air Force.

He is an eight-year old man, still in the Air Force, and he is still in the Air Force. The Duffy's will be in the Air Force.

He is an eight-year old man, still in the Air Force, and he is still in the Air Force. The Duffy's will be in the Air Force.

He is an eight-year old man, still in the Air Force, and he is still in the Air Force. The Duffy's will be in the Air Force.

He is an eight-year old man, still in the Air Force, and he is still in the Air Force. The Duffy's will be in the Air Force.

He is an eight-year old man, still in the Air Force, and he is still in the Air Force. The Duffy's will be in the Air Force.

He is an eight-year old man, still in the Air Force, and he is still in the Air Force. The Duffy's will be in the Air Force.

He is an eight-year old man, still in the Air Force, and he is still in the Air Force. The Duffy's will be in the Air Force.

He is an eight-year old man, still in the Air Force, and he is still in the Air Force. The Duffy's will be in the Air Force.

He is an eight-year old man, still in the Air Force, and he is still in the Air Force. The Duffy's will be in the Air Force.

He is an eight-year old man, still in the Air Force, and he is still in the Air Force. The Duffy's will be in the Air Force.

Local High School Affiliated In Over 30 States

Notice was recently given that the Eagle Lake High School membership in the Southern Association of Accredited Colleges and Secondary Schools has been extended another year.

This membership has been held for more than 25 years.

The meaning of the membership is that through this Association and its affiliated organizations, such as the North Central Association, graduates of Eagle Lake High School may enter practically any institution of higher learning in the country which accepts students on certification of high school.

In other words, according to Supt. W. C. Reed, membership in this Association extends the area of the local high school's affiliation outside the State of Texas so as to include about 30 other states.

The Eagle Lake High School is the only high school in Colorado County ever to hold membership in this Association.

C. P. & L. Crew To Headquarter In Eagle Lake

Another indication of progress in Eagle Lake is the announcement this week that a Central Power & Light Company distribution crew, working on the distribution system for the north district of the Rice Belt, will be headquartered in Eagle Lake.

This crew, formerly working out of Bay City, will service the area including Eagle Lake, Columbus, Garwood, Matthews and Nada.

J. W. Shuttlesworth, who will be in charge of engineering for this district, has already moved his family here.

About five other families are expected here in the middle of January, according to C. W. Nispe, local manager of the Light Company.

Mr. Nispe said the back part of the present Light Company office is being remodeled to take care of the new force.

New Bus And New Stars And Stripes At Local School

There is a new 54-passenger school bus on the Calhoun run this week. The bus, driven by Frank Ripper, is a Chevrolet chassis with a Superior body.

The bus formerly used on this run has replaced the Chesterville bus, and the Chesterville bus is now on the Altair run for the negro school.

According to Supt. W. C. Reed, there are now no buses over three years old in the Eagle Lake school system.

Another piece of school news this week is that there is a new rayon American flag flying from the flagpole. Mr. Reed said that appropriate ceremonies will be accorded the new flag as soon as the weather clears. All students and the high school band will take part.

Holiday Binges Bring Fines And License Losses

With the holidays came a number of complaints and convictions. Within little more than a week's time three men drew \$50.00 fines for driving while intoxicated and had their driver's licenses suspended for six months.

George Henry Mueller was convicted after a pre-Christmas binge that ended with Mueller damaging Buster Bunge's car and hitting Bud Shoop's house. Walter Andrew Koch drew his lot after being involved in a minor accident on Highway 71 north of Columbus. The third DWI complaint was filed by Patrolman Stone against Claude Frank Matthews for driving while intoxicated on the streets of Eagle Lake.

James Williams was fined \$100.00 and given 10 days in jail for unlawfully carrying a pistol and Rodrigo Carranza landed a \$25.00 fine and a seven day jail sentence for an aggravated assault on Jessie Torres and Angela Reis with a knife.

Rice Acreage Cut 13.7 Per Cent By US Farm Program

Secretary of Agriculture Brannan last Friday announced a production control program calling upon farmers to plant 13.7 per cent less land to rice this year than in 1949.

The program sets up acreage planting allotments, but not rigid marketing quotas. Brannan said the current rice supply, while large was not big enough to require quotas.

The Secretary's announced rice program is not far away from the position taken by the American Rice Growers Association in a letter to the Secretary the latter part of November.

At that time it was estimated there would be a 20 per cent cut in rice acreage in 1950, and the Rice Growers contended that a 20 per cent cut was far too severe a reduction.

The Rice Growers' letter also stated that statistical figures did not justify the establishment of marketing quotas.

The cut in production was urged by the government because of a decline in war-expanded overseas markets.

Brannan set a 1950 national planting allotment of 1,593,112 acres. This compares with 1,845,000 planted this year and with the 1949 average of 1,378,000 acres.

The national allotment will be divided among rice-growing states, with each state's share apportioned among individual farms on the basis of a formula set up in crop control law.

The letter to the Secretary pointed out that California increased its production 2,000,000 barrels over 1947, and the Rice Growers said they believed that was responsible for the estimated record supply of 1949. The letter further stated that the Association did not believe the other rice growing states should be penalized to level off the situation caused by the sudden increase in California production.

Only those farmers who plant within their allotments will be eligible for government price supports.

The new parity is about \$2.26 a bushel based on the current price relationships as compared with the old one of \$1.95.

Rice is the fourth important southern crop to be put under controls for 1950. The others are Cotton, peanuts and tobacco.

This rice acreage allotment decision announced only one day ahead of the deadline, December 31st, brings to mind the resolution passed at the County Convention to the Colorado County Farm Bureau November 10th asking that the Secretary of Agriculture announce decisions on acreage allotments and marketing quotas prior to November 15th each year.

Since the farmers customarily make financial and other arrangements for the coming year prior to the fall, the resolution reads, it is to the best interest of the farmers to plan their crops prior to November 15th.

District Clerk Reports 116 Cases Disposed Of In 1949

According to a report made by District Clerk Richard C. Schmidt to the Secretary of the Texas Civil Judicial Council 32 civil cases were disposed of by either judgment being issued or dismissal during 1949. Fifty-two divorces were granted, one tax suit settled and 31 criminal cases disposed of. On the agenda for 1950 at this time are 32 civil cases, 30 divorce cases and 19 criminal cases.

Filed recently in the District Court were two divorce cases and one debt and agreement case. Joe Semora is named as plaintiff and Charlie Semora, defendant, in the debt and agreement case which arose from a farm partnership agreement.

Mrs. R. C. Galentine of Rock Island returned Thursday of last week after a ten-day visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holston, in Amarillo. Before her trip, Mr. and Mrs. Galentine had as pre-holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Galentine of Lackey, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Galentine and son, Jack, of Charleston, South Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Galentine of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. York of Houston.

New Chevrolet To Have Automatic Transmission

The automatic transmission, hailed as the most revolutionary driving aid since the advent of the self starter, makes its first appearance in the low-price automobile field, Saturday, January 7, with the introduction of 1950 Chevrolets.

Chevrolet's application is an exclusive development known as Powerglide. A product of company research covering the entire post-war period, it is the chief element in an optional extra-cost "power team." Included is a larger, more powerful engine and many refinements that extend throughout the line of new passenger car models.

Also presented for the first time to the retail automobile market is the Bel Air, a luxurious six-passenger coupe possessing the swank of the convertible with the practicality of the solid top. With the Bel Air as leader, the latest series contains two individually styled two-door sedans and two four-door sedans, a sport coupe, business coupe, convertible coupe and all-steel station wagon. As in the 1949 models, when Chevrolet set new volume records to once again lead the industry in sales, most of the bodies are available in "special" and "de luxe" treatments.

There are 26 production credit associations in Texas and together they make up one of the 12 production credit districts in the nation. The government put up \$80 million to get the associations going, of which about \$9 million came to the Texas associations.

Nine of the associations in Texas paid back the last of the government money in 1947 and six in 1948; the other 21 paid back the last cent on December 31, 1949. The last order of business for K. E. Simank, secretary-treasurer of our association, last Saturday was to write a check for \$500.00. Mr. Matthews said, "That was all we had out of the \$200,000 government capital stock we once had on December 31, 1941."

"When we opened our doors for business on January 3, we were 100 per cent owned by our 754 farmer-rancher members, and from now on, we'll be fully self-supporting."

"Not only that, but in paying back the last of the government capital we lost our tax exempt status, so we'll be paying taxes just like any other private business from now on."

Mr. Matthews said he had no way of knowing exactly what the El Campo Production Credit Association tax bill would be, but he heard it estimated that the associations in Texas would pay around a quarter million dollars a year in taxes.

The El Campo Association was organized 16 years ago with headquarters in El Campo and later opened branch offices in Eagle Lake, Edna, Bay City, Port Lavaca.

By the end of 1949 we had paid back \$20,000 of the government's money," Mr. Matthews said, and the past six years we really got to work on it. We not only raised the \$180,000 to repay the government but today we have \$468,000 in capital stock and surplus on which to operate. Our members themselves were responsible for getting the job done and did it by keeping their B stock over and above their loan requirements and having it converted to preferred A stock when they were not currently borrowing, by making additional purchases of A stock, and by increasing in every manner possible the accumulated earnings.

"In 16 years of operation, the association has made loans totaling \$21,000,000 and has \$550,000 out in loans at the present time."

In explaining the associations' reasons for voluntarily giving up the use of type capital and assuming heavy tax burdens, Mr. Matthews stated, "Since Congress felt back in the hard times of the (Continued on Last Page)

The last ones issued in '49 were: Dec. 23rd Louis James Thomas and Eldora Williams; Dec. 24th Enloe C. Parker and Mrs. Fern Krullbeck; Dec. 24th John William Greck and Mrs. Dorothy Eunice Henry; Dec. 30th William Davis Manley and Mrs. Marlene Lou Hem-bree.

Among those attending the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas January 2nd were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Warnick, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Wilcox Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Marylin Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Groby Tyler of Altair.

Is marriage on the decline? During 1949 there were only 380 marriage licenses issued in Colorado County—compared to the 222 issued in 1948 and since January 1st there have been no applications.

The last ones issued in '49 were: Dec. 23rd Louis James Thomas and Eldora Williams; Dec. 24th Enloe C. Parker and Mrs. Fern Krullbeck; Dec. 24th John William Greck and Mrs. Dorothy Eunice Henry; Dec. 30th William Davis Manley and Mrs. Marlene Lou Hem-bree.

Is marriage on the decline? During 1949 there were only 380 marriage licenses issued in Colorado County—compared to the 222 issued in 1948 and since January 1st there have been no applications.

The last ones issued in '49 were: Dec. 23rd Louis James Thomas and Eldora Williams; Dec. 24th Enloe C. Parker and Mrs. Fern Krullbeck; Dec. 24th John William Greck and Mrs. Dorothy Eunice Henry; Dec. 30th William Davis Manley and Mrs. Marlene Lou Hem-bree.

Texas PCA First To Pay Back U. S. Gov't Treasury

The El Campo Production Credit Association helped to make Texas the first district in the United States to pay back the U. S. Treasury.



C. H. MATTHEWS

States to pay back to the Treasury all of government money put up in 1933-34 as capital stock, C. H. Matthews, of Eagle Lake, President of the association said Tuesday.

There are 26 production credit associations in Texas and together they make up one of the 12 production credit districts in the nation. The government put up \$80 million to get the associations going, of which about \$9 million came to the Texas associations.

Nine of the associations in Texas paid back the last of the government money in 1947 and six in 1948; the other 21 paid back the last cent on December 31, 1949.

The last order of business for K. E. Simank, secretary-treasurer of our association, last Saturday was to write a check for \$500.00. Mr. Matthews said, "That was all we had out of the \$200,000 government capital stock we once had on December 31, 1941."

"When we opened our doors for business on January 3, we were 100 per cent owned by our 754 farmer-rancher members, and from now on, we'll be fully self-supporting."

"Not only that, but in paying back the last of the government capital we lost our tax exempt status, so we'll be paying taxes just like any other private business from now on."

Mr. Matthews said he had no way of knowing exactly what the El Campo Production Credit Association tax bill would be, but he heard it estimated that the associations in Texas would pay around a quarter million dollars a year in taxes.

The El Campo Association was organized 16 years ago with headquarters in El Campo and later opened branch offices in Eagle Lake, Edna, Bay City, Port Lavaca.

By the end of 1949 we had paid back \$20,000 of the government's money," Mr. Matthews said, and the past six years we really got to work on it. We not only raised the \$180,000 to repay the government but today we have \$468,000 in capital stock and surplus on which to operate. Our members themselves were responsible for getting the job done and did it by keeping their B stock over and above their loan requirements and having it converted to preferred A stock when they were not currently borrowing, by making additional purchases of A stock, and by increasing in every manner possible the accumulated earnings.

"In 16 years of operation, the association has made loans totaling \$21,000,000 and has \$550,000 out in loans at the present time."

In explaining the associations' reasons for voluntarily giving up the use of type capital and assuming heavy tax burdens, Mr. Matthews stated, "Since Congress felt back in the hard times of the (Continued on Last Page)

The last ones issued in '49 were: Dec. 23rd Louis James Thomas and Eldora Williams; Dec. 24th Enloe C. Parker and Mrs. Fern Krullbeck; Dec. 24th John William Greck and Mrs. Dorothy Eunice Henry; Dec. 30th William Davis Manley and Mrs. Marlene Lou Hem-bree.

Is marriage on the decline? During 1949 there were only 380 marriage licenses issued in Colorado County—compared to the 222 issued in 1948 and since January 1st there have been no applications.

The last ones issued in '49 were: Dec. 23rd Louis James Thomas and Eldora Williams; Dec. 24th Enloe C. Parker and Mrs. Fern Krullbeck; Dec. 24th John William Greck and Mrs. Dorothy Eunice Henry; Dec. 30th William Davis Manley and Mrs. Marlene Lou Hem-bree.

Is marriage on the decline? During 1949 there were only 380 marriage licenses issued in Colorado County—compared to the 222 issued in 1948 and since January 1st there have been no applications.

C. Of Commerce In Final Third Of Membership Drive

With a fund of \$4630.00 in the bank and 182 members signed up, the organization of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce was ready to enter the final third of its project.

Goals set at the start of the drive were 250 members and a fund of \$7500.00 to carry the organization thru the current year. Consideration will begin shortly on the selection of a full-time secretary to assume the active operation of the local chamber. Three names have been submitted to the directors of the organization by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce. All three men are said to be thoroughly trained in chamber of commerce work, and are now engaged in it elsewhere.

Several weeks ago it was announced from Rosenberg that several powder companies were moving their stocks and employees from Houston to Rosenberg, resulting in a gain of twenty new families for the latter city. This move was promoted by the Rosenberg Chamber of Commerce.

This week the Uvalde Chamber of Commerce consummated a deal which will bring a branch of a large box company to that city. Events such as these are mentioned here only to illustrate the benefits that may come to a city by having an active chamber of commerce.

Highway 200 From H'ville To Sublime Nearly Completed

Uvalde rock asphalt topping is being applied to the 22-foot wide gravel base of Highway 200 between Hallettsville and Sublime at the rate of about one mile per day by Heldenfels Brothers who have been working on the 9-mile project for the past six months, under the close supervision of highway department engineers and inspectors.

Engineer H. P. Krause and Inspector Eldon Wendt estimated that about one week more of favorable weather will be required to complete the topping which was started at Sublime and is more than half finished.

At Sublime the road is closed toward Sheridan while contractor H. P. Zschary completes grading and structures of Highway 200 to the Colorado County line.

Miller & Rutta Columbus Law Firm Reorganizes

The Law Firm of Miller & Rutta of Columbus this week announced a reorganization effective January 1st. James Milton Rutta, newest Colorado County Attorney is entering the active law practice as an associate, however the firm name will remain Miller & Rutta.

James Milton Rutta, better known as Bill Rutta, is a veteran of four years service in the U. S. Army Air Force in World War II. He was half way through the University of Texas when the U. S. went to war. After his service he resumed his course and received his license in September 1949. He is 27 years of age and was born and raised on a farm near Columbus.

G. H. Miller and James Milton Rutta will be in active charge of the law practice with offices over the First State Bank Bldg. Chas. D. Rutta who is manager of the Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association will continue with the firm as an associate but will be in the law offices only during non-banking hours.

C. W. Springfield New Salesman At Farmers Equipment

The Farmers Equipment Company announces this week the association of C. W. Springfield with that company.

Mr. Springfield has been employed in the capacity of salesman, for both the Oldsmobile automobiles, for which Farmers Equipment is dealer, and for the J. I. Case farm implements.

W. H. Strahan, local manager of the Glass Equipment Company, will be transferred to the Richmond branch in the near future. The move will depend on Strahan's health. He expects to return to Martin soon for treatment of an arthritis in his hand. Lawrence Tate, who has been service manager at the Glass Company, will be in charge here.

More Bus Parking Space Agreed To By City Council

The City Council, after hearing the committee from the local Chamber of Commerce, E. H. Shirley and David Wintermann, E. T. Hudson, district passenger agent of the Greyhound Bus Line of Houston, and L. W. Stiles, whose White House Cafe here is a rest stop for the bus line, agreed that space be marked off for parking space for two buses, one in front of the White House Cafe and the other immediately behind that, in front of the Santa Fe station.

The men appeared before the Council at their regular meeting at City Hall Tuesday night.

In the past, space has been provided for the parking of only one bus, in front of the White House. In recent weeks, there have been two buses on many of the runs and there have been infractions of traffic rules by some of the drivers, resulting in traffic violation tickets.

It was reported at the last Chamber of Commerce meeting that the passenger load was being divided so that only one bus stopped in Eagle Lake, the other bus going on through, and the Chamber was asked to appoint a committee to investigate the situation.

Mr. Shirley and Mr. Wintermann were appointed as that committee. Mr. Shirley asked the Council to consider the matter of providing an additional parking space for the bus line saying, "As a citizen of Eagle Lake, as well as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce, I want to help keep money in Eagle Lake."

Mr. Wintermann said the Chamber of Commerce was in favor of doing what they could to secure additional parking space for the buses, remarking that in several instances where the bus line had difficulty loading and unloading passengers, in certain towns they had quit making stops in those towns.

"It looks this way to us," said Mr. Wintermann, "they can stop here or stop in Columbus. We feel that we'd rather have them stopping here than going on through. If it means just one additional parking space, we think some way ought to be found to arrange for that parking space."

Mr. Hudson and Mr. Stiles assured the City Council that if adequate parking space is provided, the bus drivers will carefully obey the traffic rules.

The Council then agreed that it was advisable to provide the additional parking space, but made the condition that the bus company and Mr. Stiles make an effort to obtain other parking space as the downtown space is already limited.

City Treasurer W. E. Lehart gave a report on the city's finances as of the end of 1949.

The Council voted that W. A. Baumert, hired January 1 as City Water, Sewer and Street Superintendent, sign all checks motion on the Water and Sewer Construction Fund, along with City Secretary Mrs. Lawrence Tate and City Manager E. H. Booth.

Mr. Shirley, in his capacity as Roadmaster of the Southern Pacific Railroad here, reported to the Council that his company plans to replace the cast iron pipe under the street and railroad across from the water tower, opening up an old drain on the south side of the street. The replacement will necessitate the laying of 192 feet of pipe.

It was pointed out that the street in front of the City Hall will have to be closed, probably for one day, during the replacement work.

Acting Mayor H. J. Campbell opened the meeting by reading a prayer, asking for guidance of the Council in administering the affairs of the city. Present meeting also were C. W. F. Abercrombie, C. M. Jones and W. H. Strahan.

W. H. Strahan, local manager of the Glass Equipment Company, will be transferred to the Richmond branch in the near future. The move will depend on Strahan's health. He expects to return to Martin soon for treatment of an arthritis in his hand. Lawrence Tate, who has been service manager at the Glass Company, will be in charge here.

W. H. Strahan Will Be Transferred To Richmond Gless Co.

W. H. Strahan, local manager of the Glass Equipment Company, will be transferred to the Richmond branch in the near future. The move will depend on Strahan's health. He expects to return to Martin soon for treatment of an arthritis in his hand. Lawrence Tate, who has been service manager at the Glass Company, will be in charge here.

W. H. Strahan, local manager of the Glass Equipment Company, will be transferred to the Richmond branch in the near future. The move will depend on Strahan's health. He expects to return to Martin soon for treatment of an arthritis in his hand. Lawrence Tate, who has been service manager at the Glass Company, will be in charge here.

W. H. Strahan, local manager of the Glass Equipment Company, will be transferred to the Richmond branch in the near future. The move will depend on Strahan's health. He expects to return to Martin soon for treatment of an arthritis in his hand. Lawrence Tate, who has been service manager at the Glass Company, will be in charge here.

W. H. Strahan, local manager of the Glass Equipment Company, will be transferred to the Richmond branch in the near future. The move will depend on Strahan's health. He expects to return to Martin soon for treatment of an arthritis in his hand. Lawrence Tate, who has been service manager at the Glass Company, will be in charge here.

W. H. Strahan, local manager of the Glass Equipment Company, will be transferred to the Richmond branch in the near future. The move will depend on Strahan's health. He expects to return to Martin soon for treatment of an arthritis in his hand. Lawrence Tate, who has been service manager at the Glass Company, will be in charge here.