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Motor Vehicle Liability Law Now In Effect

The Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law is in effect as of January 1st and many citizens have made last minute applications for insurance as a means of satisfying the new driver's responsibility law.

Insurance companies here experienced something of a rush during the last days of the 1951, and since the law does not apply until after a collision, business is expected to continue good in the insurance line.

Insurance companies have been quick to point out that insurance is not compulsory. The law requires that if a driver has a wreck

and is damaged more than \$100, he must show ability to pay up to \$15,000 damages.

Public Safety Director Homer Garrison, Jr. emphasized that the law gives his department, charged with enforcement of the law, no judicial authority to determine question of fault before applying the law's full requirements to motorists who are involved in severe traffic accidents.

He added, "This does not mean that any motorist will be required to pay for damages he did not cause, or that he does not have recourse to the courts if he feels that any order issued under the new law violates his rights. It does mean, however, that pending a final court decree on a question of liability, the involved owner or operator must satisfy the Texas Department of Public Safety that he is prepared to meet damage claims for which he is apparently responsible."

If you are involved in an accident resulting in death or injury to a person, or property damage exceeding \$100 to any one person you must file a complete report with the Department not later than 10 days after the accident. If the report shows that you were properly insured at the time of the accident, you are not subject to (Continued on next page)

Two Ends Of Prairie St. Next For Curb-Gutter

The two ends of Prairie Street which have been the worst parts of the street improvement program this far, are next in line for curb and gutter construction, and for base materials immediately following the curb completion.

City officials are grateful for the co-operation received from citizens along this street, which has had an exceptionally excessive amount of parking. They also extend their thanks for cooperation of citizens on other streets of the city that have been inconvenienced and ask your continued support.

Curb and gutter was poured on Stockbridge Street on New Year's

day.

Some delay will be experienced during the present cold spell, but as soon as possible curb construction will be made at the northeast end of Prairie Street, moving back to the northwest end. From this point construction will be continued on Ove. B. intersecting Prairie St.

TWO INSPECTION STATIONS HERE WAIT FOR FINAL APPROVAL

Two Eagle Lake companies await final state approval as inspection stations under the new Texas Motor Mechanical Inspection Law.

Universal Motor Company and A. L. Baring company will be inspection stations in Eagle Lake for the inspection of all motor vehicles for mechanical and safety features before the purchase of new license plates can be effected. The new law provides a \$1 fee for the inspection service with 75 cents to go to the inspector and 25 cents to the state.

The law was passed by the state legislature in an effort to clear the highways of unsafe and unreliable automobiles that in so many cases, are causes of accidents on our highways.

CHARGES FILED TO HALT LIVESTOCK-AUTO COLLISIONS

In an effort to check the rash of traffic accidents on Colorado county highways due to livestock being illegally at large on the rights-of-way, Sheriff J. O. Walker filed charge against two men.

The two were Alonzo and Ernest Stovall, who pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace, M. J. ... and were fined \$1 and costs, totaling \$14 each.

A horse belonging to the men had been involved in a collision of an automobile driven by Simon White of Eagle Lake. The car was damaged but the driver escaped unhurt.

C of C Banquet On January 22 Will Feature Humorist-Barber C. Moore

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold a banquet meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd.



In the newly constructed elementary school cafeteria, H. B. Powell, chairman of the event, has announced that Barber C. Moore, Humorist and Philosopher, who until a few years ago, was a barber will be the principal speaker at the first annual banquet.

Lissie Church To Hold Week Of Special Meetings

The Lissie Evangelical United Brethren Church will hold a week of special meetings this coming



week, January 6-13, with Dr. J. Allen Ranck, Dayton, Ohio as guest minister. Dr. Ranck is the denominational director of Youth Work.

The theme chosen for the meetings is the denominational theme for the year "Christ Calls To Commitment."

The officers and heads of the various church organizations will meet each evening at 7:00 o'clock with Dr. Ranck and the pastor, to discuss and plan their respective programs for the coming year.

Monday: Officers and Teachers of the Sunday School;

Tuesday: Intermediate and Senior Youth Fellowship;

Wednesday: Officers of the Women's Society of World Service and the Brotherhood;

Thursday: Council of Administration;

Friday: Group meeting of all officers.

An evangelistic service at 8:00 o'clock, with Dr. J. Allen Ranck preaching, will be held each evening, except Saturday and the pastor, the Rev. Robert O. Tupper, extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

CONTINUANCE OF DISAGREEABLE WEATHER FORECAST

A norther reaching Eagle Lake late Tuesday night caused temperatures to slide after a summer-like New Year's Day.

Today's low reached 40 degrees, however, the weatherman predicts a high of only 45 for the day with the slow-moving cold air mass due to bring lower temperatures with rain.

Reports have been made of a severe ice storm in the upper portion of the state with many lines of communication out of order.

SHELL FILES SUIT TO REDUCE TAX BILL

Suits To Collect Delinquent Taxes Filed On 21 Eagle Lake Tracts

Suits to collect delinquent taxes on 21 different tracts in Eagle Lake have been filed in Columbus by Donald S. Owen of Wharton. Mr. Owen is under contract with the county to collect delinquent taxes. Involved are state, county, city and school taxes.

The suits cover lots and portions of lots plus one tract of one acre. They are against:

Edna Anderson, parts of Lots 1 and 4 in Block 8, H. M. Johnson addition.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Briggs, Lots 1, 2 & 3, Block 3, Semprey addition.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. ... addition.

Will and Pamela Duncan, an acre 47 by 165 feet out of Lot 3, Block 10, Westmoreland addition.

James Gibbs, a lot 50 by 100 feet in Block 60, Union addition, G. W. White survey.

Marshall Lilly, Lots 9, 10, 11 & 12, Block 4, Putney & Roos State street addition.

Joe Palmer and Ada Butler, Lots 5 & 6, Block 2, Keith addition.

Emit and Mary Lee Schaffer, Lot 10, Block 25, Westmoreland addition.

Philmore Austin, Lot 13 and part of Lot 13, Block 61, Clay addition.

Salvador Castellanos, West half Lots 16 and 17, Simmons-Whitely addition.

John Fields, Lot 4, Block 13, Westmoreland addition.

Willie Grant, Lots 8 & 9, Block 28, Westmoreland addition.

Bacilio Rodriguez, Lot 24, Block 5, Simmons-Whitely addition.

McKinley Christal, 100 by 120 feet in Block 62, G. W. White survey.

Robert Dillard, Lot 8, Block 14, Westmoreland addition.

Walter Gibbs, one acre in Block 62, town of Eagle Lake.

A. C. McClanahan, one acre in P. Reels survey and triangle tract in G. W. White survey.

Mrs. Phoebe McLeiland Estate, Lot 12, Block 56, McCarthy addition.

Julia Benjamin Parker, Lot 10, Block 2, Putney & Roos subdivision.

James Perry, Lot 5, Block 3, Mexican School addition.

Sam Woods, Lot 2, Block 14, Westmoreland addition.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zoeller and Ed Hodde visited their brother and son's family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hodde, in Simonton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Deane Fletcher and children are spending this week in the Panhandle visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. V. T. Matthews, Mrs. Chas. D. Stephens Win In Lighting Contest

Mrs. V. T. Matthews and Mrs. Chas. D. Stephens were declared winners of the outdoor and indoor lighting contest, respectively, by judges last Saturday night after a careful inspection tour of the city.

Mrs. Truman McMahan and Miss Sunny Northrup of Columbus were judges of the event and commented upon the number of beautiful lights in our city.

Mrs. McMahan and Miss Northrup were accompanied on their tour of the city by Clyde Nispe, and D. S. Taylor.

The judges named the winners by description and did not know the ownership of any of the entries until their final selections had been made.

In the outside lighting division, Mrs. Matthews' manger scene with hand-painted characters placed on top of her porch and accented with flood lights was named winner of the \$12.00 award. Mrs. Fred R. Frnka's scene of a moss-covered porch with a large Santa Claus face placed over a mirror that reflected Christmas ornaments and plastic animals. A deer head was used in the scene. The second prize winner received \$8.00.

The outside lighting effect and lighted Christmas tree of Mrs. J. E. McCasary on Highway 200 received honorable mention.

Mrs. Chas. D. Stephens used two

1952 Plymouth On Display Jan. 4 At Jones Motor Co.

The new Plymouth for 1952 will be on display in Eagle Lake at Jones Motor Company showrooms on Highway 90-A, Friday, January 4.

A long list of improvements—46 in all—has been incorporated in the engine, the brakes, the electrical system, the chassis, and to the inside and outside of the body.

The new car, according to M. M. Jones, has been improved and refined to provide "the most gentle ride, the smoothest engine performance and the greatest safety ever built into a car for the lowest price field."

Exceptional engine smoothness is produced through a newly designed combustion chamber; brakes are stronger and longer-lasting; Plymouth's famous Safety-Flow ride has been made even more comfortable by improvements in the springing and to the Oriflow shock absorbers; and the car's beauty is enhanced by numerous styling refinements.

The Plymouth has a road-hugging, sweeping appearance, accentuated by changes in the external adornment. A new luxurious standard for interiors is attained with the high quality upholstery fabrics in harmonious colors which blend beautifully with the instrument and door panels.

The smart hardtop club coupe, the Belvedere, is peer-setter in the lowest price field with its new concepts in styling and beauty. The car has glistering, lively two-tone colors which set it apart and give it the continental look," concluded Mr. Jones.

There are ten body types in the new Plymouth line, available in an array of eight regular, and two special parking new colors. The traditional interior roominess and the many "high-priced car" features for which Plymouth has been distinctive have been retained throughout the new line.

C OF C DIRECTORS TO MEET IN CC OFFICE MON. NITE AT 7:30

The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet in the Chamber office Monday night at 7:30 for their regular monthly meeting.

Three new directors, H. C. Johnson, Mose Thomas and Edgar Baring, and R. B. Powell, re-elected, will meet with remaining board members to elect 1952 officers.

Clyde Nispe, president will preside at the meeting and election.

The company complains also that it was not given legal notice of a hearing on its conditions, since a letter from Mr. Hajovsky failed to name the figure which the county was considering. The suit adds that agents of the company actually learned for the first time on July 11, date of the hearing, what the assessment was to be.

It adds that Mr. Stuitt in this hearing admitted that "no two acres are exactly the same in mineral reserves" and in particular that 1146.78 acres added to the pool in 1949 were less valuable than the other acreage included in the pool.

It complained further that as (Continued on last page)

Tax Assessor-Collector Here Jan 21, 22, 23 To Collect Taxes, Poll Tax

Colorado county Tax Assessor-Collector H. J. Hajovsky is making the rounds of county cities this month to collect current taxes and poll taxes.

He will be in Eagle Lake at Spalinger Hardware on January 21, 22 and 23rd.

Other stops on the schedule include: Nada, Wednesday, Jan. 9; Sheridan Jan. 10; Garwood, Jan. 11; and Rock Island, Jan. 18.

Mr. Hajovsky said this week that poll tax sale is expected to rise sharply toward reaching the estimated 6000 sales before the Jan. 31 deadline.

He also reminds that every taxpayer should render his or her property between January 1 and April 30th.

33 Inches Rainfall Recorded Here During 1951

A total rainfall of 33.71 inches was recorded in the Eagle Lake community at the Lakeside Irrigation plant for the past year 1951. July, with eight inches of rain, was our wettest month, followed closely by September with 7.12 inches.

Nary a drop was recorded during July with a bare .32 of an inch falling in August and .90 of an inch in April.

The year started out relatively light with January showing 1.95 inches, February 2.75 inches; March 4.65 inches, April .90; May 3.95 and July 8 inches, a total of 22.2 inches during the first six-months.

The last six months' total of 11.5 inches breaks down as follows: July 0; August .32; September 7.1; October 1.62; November 1.5; December 1.85 inches.

Average rainfall for Eagle Lake registers between 35 and 40 inches of rain with a record of 66 inches being reported during one year.

AIRPORT LAND SUITS SET FOR NEXT WEEK; RUNWAY GRAVELLED

Condemnation suits will be heard in county court at Columbus on 38 lots in the Highlands Park subdivision next week.

Suits are being brought to clear the City of Eagle Lake against unknown owners before a condemnation of the court to acquire the land for the municipal airport now planned for Eagle Lake.

The City has already acquired title to three lots from owners they were able to locate, and are in contact with owners of 97 other lots.

Meanwhile the City is graveling one runway with gravel salvaged from streets of Eagle Lake under the street improvement program. It was explained that the gravel will be used only after all city streets have been taken care of and plans are to gravel a runway 2000 feet long and 75 feet wide.

DRILLING UNDERWAY ON NEW WILDCAT ON WINTERMANN LAND

Drilling is underway on D. R. Wintermann's 64-170-1-1 by R. T. Ranger to a proposed depth of 9700 feet.

The new wildcat is being drilled 660 feet out of the southwest corner of T. & N. O. Railway Survey, Section No. 2, northwest of the city, between the Mose Thomas camp and the Prairie pumping plant.

Sinclair Oil and Gas Company is attempting a completion on a wildcat test in Colorado county.

Sinclair's No. 1 H. R. Houck, L&GN Survey 53, A-259, was drilled to 11,705 feet and 5 1/2 inch casing is cemented at 11,690 feet for completion.

Sinclair's No. 1 C. W. Freis, John Wigel Survey A-596 in the Freisburg area of the county, has been abandoned at 11,504 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steinbach spent the week-end and the New Year holidays in Brushland visiting relatives.

Miss Lillian Killough and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown of Houston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Killough on Christmas Day.