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TWO DIE IN COUNTY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS DURING HOLIDAY

R. R. Bubela, M. A. Henderson Killed In Auto-Pickup Collision At Nada Fri.

Alvin Hensen In Same Wreck Only Other Serious Injury In Four Wrecks

Two men were killed instantly and a third was seriously injured in a head-on collision on Highway 71 in Nada, between a car and a pickup truck to make Colorado County's contribution to slaughter on the highways over the Christmas holidays.

Occupants of four vehicles in three other wrecks were unhurt.

Killed instantly were Robert Rudolph Bubela, 33, of El Campo and M. A. Henderson, 27, of Garwood. Alvin Hensen, 25 of Garwood, is in Columbus hospital with a compound fracture of the jaw, a fractured ankle and possible internal chest injuries.

Arrangements were made Monday by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hensen to move the injured man, their son, to the El Campo hospital in their home town. Mr. Hensen also received from Deputy Sheriff Buller the four guns and luggage which their son and Mr. Henderson had in the truck with them.

The two had been en route to Rock Island, where they planned to hunt deer on a lease which they own, the father said.

The collision happened about 9:45 p.m. Friday and was investigated by Highway Patrolman D. L. Wilson and Deputy Sheriffs M. H. Butler and Howard Chollett.

Mr. Wilson said his investigation indicates Mr. Bubela was driving his car south on the wrong side of the road when he met the pickup truck driven by Mr. Hensen. Skid marks on the pavement showed Mr. Hensen was making an effort to stop at the time of the crash, officers said.

Mr. Hensen and his friend Mr. Henderson apparently were on a hunting trip, as they had guns in the truck, Mr. Wilson said.

When he arrived at the scene of the wreck, Mr. Wilson said, Mr. Bubela was dead behind the wheel of his car and Mr. Henderson was dead in the truck, while Mr. Hensen, the only survivor, had been thrown clear of the truck.

Only Christmas Day Wreck

The only Christmas Day wreck in the county happened on Highway 71 at Garwood, only a few miles from the scene of the fatal crash. In this accident, Clay Brazz drove onto the highway and was struck by a car being driven south by Glenn Goodson, who was returning to Bay City, where he is employed, after a visit with friends in Columbus.

Brazz was charged by Deputy Sheriff Buller with failure to yield right-of-way and with not having a driver's license. He was taken to jail by Justice of the Peace J. Schilling at Garwood.

Pickup Collides With Bridge

The third wreck of the series happened on a bridge north of Columbus on Farm to Market Highway 109 about 5:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 27th. A pickup truck driven by Davis Alfred Lewis, 19, of El Campo collided with the bridge railing when it failed to make a sharp curve. Lewis had been working on a crew for the McCullough Tool Company shooting an oil well test. A Mr. McNeely who was following him in another truck belonging to the company, told Mr. Wilson the vehicle driven by Lewis skidded on the curve.

An automobile belonging to Haliburton Oil Well Cementing Company was badly wrecked Christmas eve on Highway 71 in Columbus when the driver, Emmitt Joe Cockrell, lost control and it turned over.

Mrs. E. L. Lange and Mrs. Duane Sheridan were business visitors in Hempstead last Saturday.

Headlight Carries Babson's Business Financial Outlook

Tax Officer Begins Tour Mon.; Poll Taxes Lagging

Tax Officer Henry Hajovsky announced this week that he and his deputies will begin Monday on their annual trips over the county to assess 1953 taxes and to collect 1952 taxes, including poll taxes.

Assisting Mr. Hajovsky this year will be Deputies Walter Gartner and Jim Youens.

Mr. Hajovsky said only about 2000 poll taxes have been paid up to the first of the year and he expects a total of about 4500 to be paid indicating that many receipts must be issued in the next three weeks.

The schedule of visits includes: Sheridan, Briscoe, Cafe, Jan. 7; Garwood, Hopkins office, Jan. 9; Rock Island Goodness store, Jan. 16; Eagle Lake; Spalinger Hardware, Jan. 19, 20, 21; Nada; Nada Mercantile store, Jan. 22.

The tax officers will be at the appointed places at 9 a.m. each day and will leave at 4 p.m. except in Sheridan, they will remain only until 3:30 p.m. and in Rock Island until 3:00 p.m.

RECENT DONORS TO COMMUNITY CENTER LISTED

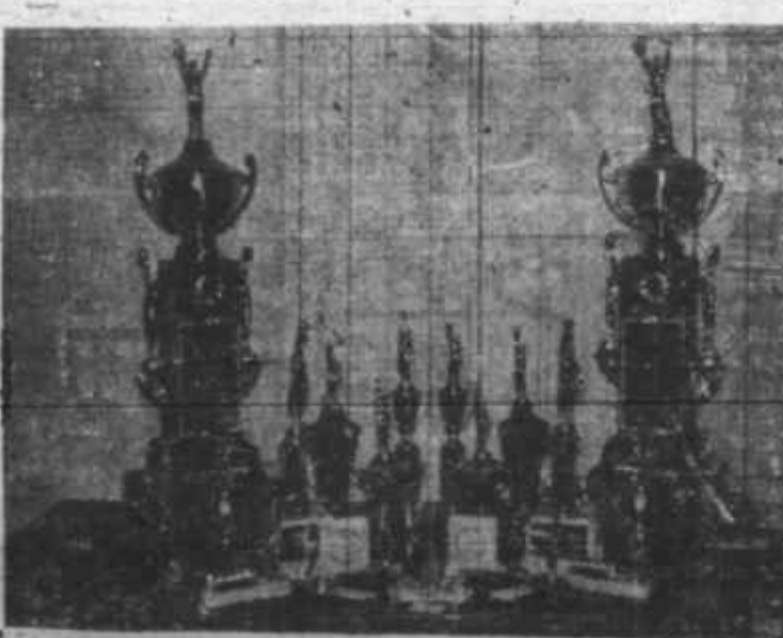
The Directors of the Community Center wish to express their appreciation to the recent contributors to the Community Center:

Raymond Jochems, Valued C. Duncan, George Cason, A. H. Seaholm, Epps' Store, C. E. Eoritt, Jr. Eagle Lake Implement Co. (Chas. D. Stephens).

David Wintermann president of the Center said these contributions were very welcome and expressed the wish of the Board of Directors to the citizens of the Community for a very happy and successful New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Burns and son, Ronald of Houston spent the week-end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Reuther.

3rd Rice Cage Tournament Trophies



Pictured above are the forty-four valuable trophies and awards to be presented to winners of the third annual Rice Basketball Tournament, slated to be held in Eagle Lake gymnasium January 15-16-17. The 44 trophies are valued at over \$600 and include four place winners or boys and girls, boys and girls sportsmanship awards, two boys and two girls all-star team awards, and awards for coaches of the eight winning clubs. The large trophies on each side are honorary trophies to be retained by the boys and girls champions for a period of one year. Size of the trophies may be judged by the large ones which stand 44 inches high.

Headlight Carries Babson's Business Financial Outlook

The Eagle Lake Headlight is publishing Roger W. Babson's BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1953 in this issue. You will find it on page one of section two.

Mr. Babson's 1953 OUTLOOK contains outstanding forecasts covering such important topics as: General Business, Commodity Prices, Taxes, Trade, Labor, Inflation, Farm Outlook, Stock Market, Real Estate, Politics.

We are calling this feature to your attention because we believe that every one of our readers will find it of inestimable value.

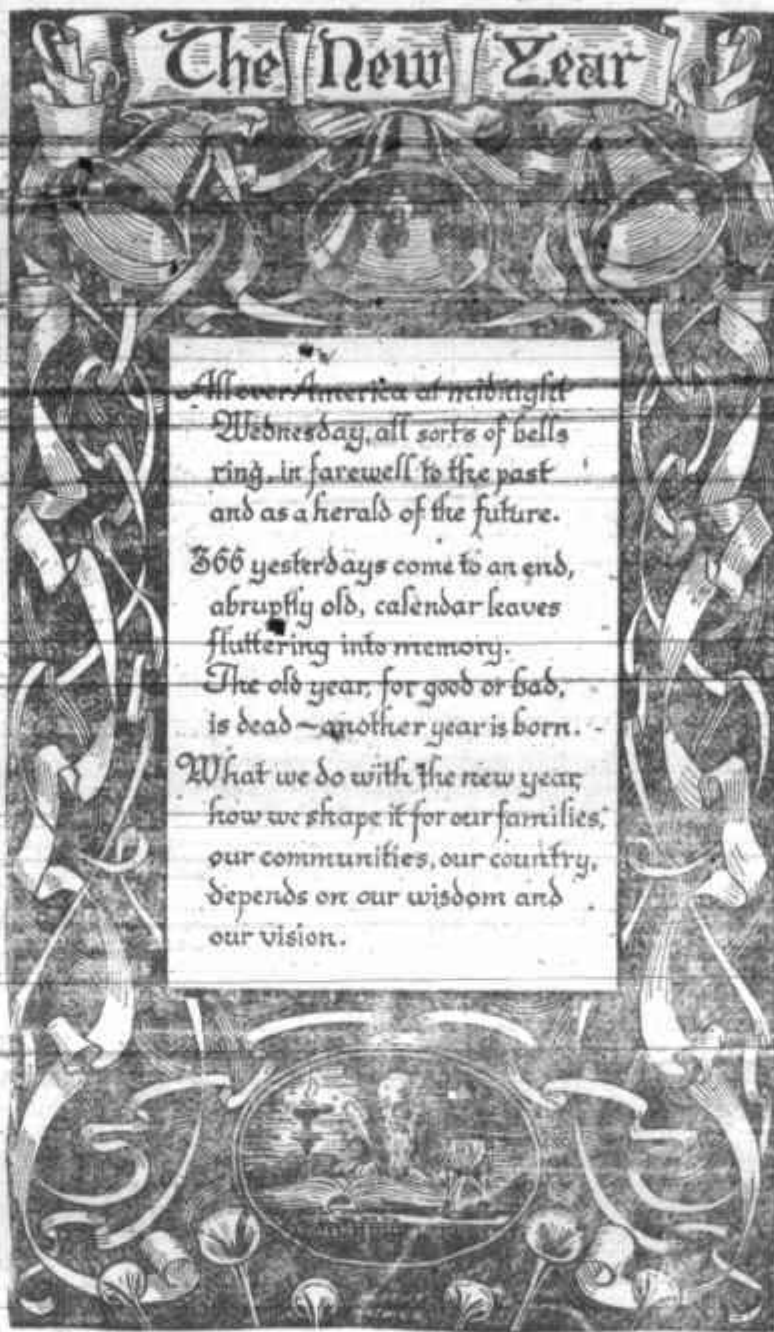
Mr. Babson—a pioneer in the field of business and financial statistics—enjoys an unusual record of accuracy in his Annual Forecasts. His score for 1952 was 88 per cent accurate.

On December 27, 1951, he predicted: (1) that World War III would not start during 1952; (2) that the Taft-Hartley Law would not be repealed during 1952; (3) that there would not be an increase in corporation and personal taxes; (4) that the National Income for 1952 would continue very high.

Eagle Lake OES To Entertain District Deputy Grand Matron

The Eagle Lake Chapter, Order of The Eastern Star, will entertain the District Deputy Grand Matron, with a dinner at the Gingham Girl, Cafe, on January 5th at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

All members of the chapter, who are interested and want reservations for the dinner, are asked to please call the Telephone Committee by January 2nd. The Telephone Committee is composed of Mrs. Alice Belle Blair, Mrs. Louise Spalinger, Mrs. Lula Seaholm and Mrs. Willie Mill.



The New Year

Allover America at midnight Wednesday, all sorts of bells ring, in farewell to the past and as a herald of the future. 366 yesterdays come to an end, abruptly old, calendar leaves fluttering into memory. The old year, for good or bad, is dead—another year is born. What we do with the new year, how we shape it for our families, our communities, our country, depends on our wisdom and our vision.

Ben G. Stapleton Dies Suddenly At His Home Dec. 27

Members of the family and friends were deeply saddened last Saturday afternoon, December 27 at the sudden death of Benjamin Gladney Stapleton, 82, a lifelong resident of Colorado county.

Mr. Stapleton became ill suddenly at his home from a heart attack and died very shortly after at 1:45 p.m.

Funeral services were conducted from the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home Monday afternoon, December 29, 1952, at 2:00 o'clock with the Rev. H. A. Lee, and David Boston officiating at services. The ladies of the Baptist Choir rendered beautiful favorite hymns of the deceased.

Mr. Stapleton was laid to rest in Lakeside Cemetery with the following friends acting as pallbearers: A. H. Dipple, Harry Larson, Sam Austin, Roy Tise, Rupert Lange and Ernest Seaholm.

The deceased was born on January 25, 1870 in Borden, Texas; to Seaborn and Kathryn Stapleton, and during his life's span in this community he was a successful farmer and was a friend to all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include: four sons: Ben and Dale of Eagle Lake; Cook of El Campo and Warrant Officer (Continued on last page Sec. 1.)

Armit Thomas, Age 93 Pays Christmas Visit To Bro. G. E. Thomas, 95

Armit Thomas, age 93 arrived by air Tuesday, December 23 from San Diego, California, to pay a Christmas holiday visit to his brother, G. E. Thomas, Sr., age 95, of Eagle Lake.

The visiting Mr. Thomas resides in Scranton, Penn., and has been visiting his son on the West Coast. He was met at the Municipal Airport in Houston Tuesday evening by his brother G. E. Thomas, Sr. and his nephew, W. M. Thomas Sr.

Mr. Armit Thomas will visit here for several months.

Epps' Cafe Open After Brief Closing Due To Road Work

Epps Cafe on East Main Street is open again for your patronage after a brief closing period when road work made the cafe property inaccessible.

Clarence C. Epps, proprietor of the cafe announced this week that facilities have been made for customers to reach the cafe across the road work and he solicits a portion of your business.

Mr. Epps in an advertisement of this issue, says that plate lunches will be served at the cafe each day from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Epps' boasts of delicious steaks, fried chicken, sea foods and other fine foods.

Curb service is available from 2:00 to 10:30 p.m. every day.

Mrs. B. R. Armstrong of Houston is visiting in Eagle Lake at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lenhart.

Mrs. Hugh Sheridan and little daughter, Janie, spent Monday in Houston.

DOG CLINIC FRI., SAT. AT CITY HALL FOR RABIES VACCINATION

The price of the rabies inoculation will be the same as charged at a similar clinic last year, \$1.50 per dog. At the time the vaccination is made, the dog owner will receive papers and a tag showing that the pet has been vaccinated and the dog will be registered at city hall so a record of immunization will be on file.

According to the ordinance, in effect since December, 1951, all dog owners must register their animals at city hall, regardless where they have the vaccination made. Dogs allowed to roam on the streets of the city, must be properly tagged, showing date of vaccination. There will be no charge for registration, but it is mandatory in the ordinance.

Dr. Driscoll, Wharton Veterinarian, will be at City Hall between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 2nd and between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 3rd.

MRS. C D STEPHENS, MRS. BOOTHE WINNERS IN LIGHTING CONTEST

Well-Child Conf. Monthly Exams Set For Jan. 7th

The next monthly examination period for the Eagle Lake Well-Child Conference will be held on Wednesday, January 7th, between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

All mothers of pre-school age children are asked to make note of the time and date so that they may bring their children in for examinations.

Mrs. Howard C. Fitzgerald, the General Chairman of the project, said this week that the Conference is progressing nicely and members of the Community Council of Christian Women, sponsors, feel that much progress is being made toward the betterment of health conditions for children in the Eagle Lake area.

City Police Kept Busy With Drunk Drivers, Revelers

The City Jail had frequent visitors during the week beginning December 22nd as a number of arrests were made by Chief of Police M. F. Campbell and Night Policeman Albert Schmidt for drunken driving and for affrays.

One such affray involving three out of town citizens, took place on Main Street near the First National Bank as two men and a woman tied up in a free-for-all in an automobile last Friday, December 26th. The arrested men were fined \$10.00 each and the woman also \$10.00 but her fine was suspended by Judge Helmer Seaholm in Corporation Court.

On the 22nd of December two charges of drunkenness and one for negligent driving brought fines of \$10.00, \$25.00 and \$50.00 respectively.

One arrest was recorded on the 22nd for not stopping at a stop.

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.90-IN. MORE RAIN HERE TUES. NITE; WEATHER COOLS

Slightly less than one inch more of rain fell Monday night and early Tuesday morning. Ninety-hundredths of an inch was recorded here and added to the frequent rains this month, it's going to take a pretty long pencil to figure out the total rainfall for this month and last.

Temperatures have remained in the fifties and upper forties, with cooler weather, forecast for the week-end.

Mrs. V. P. Matthews, Mrs. C. E. Eoritt Win Second Place Prizes

After a lengthy tour of the City of Eagle Lake and environs last Friday night, December 26th, four visiting judges from neighboring Columbus selected the winners of the third annual Christmas Lighting Contest, and were highly complimentary of the many beautiful trees and displays in our city.

The beautiful display of two large crosses with numerous white lights on the porch of Mrs. Chas. D. Stephens on Highway 299 was chosen by the judges as the most outstanding outdoor display; and the scene on the porch of Mrs. S. O. Boothe, consisting of a beautifully lighted tree and mother and father snowman and a little snowman, was chosen as the most beautiful and original indoor display.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Gilther and Mr. and Mrs. Truman McMahan of Columbus were judges for the contest and were accompanied on their tour of the city by D. S. Taylor, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest Committee and Clyde W. Nispiel, local manager of Central Power and Light Company, donor of the \$30 in prize money for the contest.

The judges of the contest judged all entries without the knowledge of their owners and after their final selections had been made, identity of the winners was revealed by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Nispiel.

Mrs. Stephens received \$12.00 for her winning outdoor display and Mrs. Boothe \$7.00 for her winning indoor display.

Second place winners were Mrs. V. P. Matthews for her beautiful outdoor display of a manger scene with hand-painted characters atop the porch roof at her home and camels and wise men on the lawn; and Mrs. C. E. Eoritt, Jr. for her beautiful indoor display which consisted of a glistening white Christmas tree in a large picture window, surrounded with multi-colored flickering lights.

Mrs. Matthews received \$8.00 for her second place outdoor winner and Mrs. Eoritt, \$5.00 for her indoor winner.

The judges gave honorable mention to the Santa Claus and reindeer scene at the E. W. Estlinbaum home. A red-nosed Rudolph, guided the reindeer and sleigh across the lawn to a beautiful white Christmas tree in a picture window. Mrs. C. R. Curry received honorable mention for her indoor display of a beautifully lighted tree and Santa Claus.

The contest was arranged so that the judging would take place on either of three night, Dec. 25, 26 and 27th, and those on the tour reported that in a few instances, lights were not on in some of the beautiful displays.

Mr. Nispiel of the C. P. & L. Company said checks will come direct from his company to the four winners.

The Civic Committee of the Chamber of Commerce expressed appreciation to the judges for their assistance in naming the winners, and complimented the citizenry for the many beautiful displays and trees that made our city one of the brightest along Santa's route.

BACK TO SCHOOL MONDAY AFTER 16-DAY HOLIDAY

Students of the Eagle Lake public schools will end a sixteen day Christmas holiday, when they trek back to schools Monday morning, January 5th.

The Eagle Lake High School, Elementary School and E. H. Henry Colored High Schools, dismissed classes Friday, December 19th and remained closed until next Monday for one of the longest holiday vacations enjoyed here in a great many years.