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1957 March of Dimes Drive Gets Underway

"Let's finish the job!" This is the theme announced by March of Dimes headquarters for the campaign that will be carried on through January.

The Eagle Lake Lions Club will conduct the campaign here, with George Causey chairman of the campaign committee.

The job is two-fold: "To raise funds for repair of the damage that polio has done to thousands of Americans in the past and to prevent the disease from crippling more thousands in the future," said Mr. Causey.

March of Dimes spokesmen explain that an estimated 80,000 persons have been left handicapped by polio, throughout the length and breadth of the United States, and they point out that the job of conquering the disease cannot be considered finished until these patients have been helped to regain normal and productive lives.

The second objective of the campaign is to promote the widest possible use of the Salk vaccine, which was developed under March of Dimes sponsorship, and which has been proven safe and effective many millions of times over.

Commenting on the 16,000 cases of polio reported in 1956, Robert Schiuring, county chairman of the March of Dimes drive said:

"We are determined that 1957 will not see a repetition of the polio record of 1956. Even so, we know there will be attacks of the disease, and we must provide for the care of all who need it."

FOUR Lions Clubs in Colorado County will conduct the March of Dimes campaign. In Garwood, the drive will be headed by Harry Engstrom; at Columbus by Harold Niemeyer; at Weimar by B. B. Braun; and here by George Causey.

Containers for the collections were placed in business places last week, however the Lions plan to concentrate most of their efforts during the period of the MOD Teletthon over KPRC-TV.

Contributions may be placed in the March of Dimes containers or checks forwarded to the March of Dimes, care of the Eagle Lake Lions Club, Eagle Lake, Texas.

Newly Elected County Officials Take Office

One new Colorado County Commissioner and one new constable had filed bonds and taken the oath of office by Wednesday afternoon in Columbus along with three re-elected county officials, Sheriff J. O. Walker, County Attorney O. P. Moore, Sr., and Tax Assessor and Collector Henry J. Hajovsky. There was no special ceremony.

Two other newly elected constables, Manly Leyendeker of Precinct 7 and Elton Semora of Precinct 8 (Eagle Lake), were expected to qualify later in the day.

Bonds and oaths also had been filed by District Judge Lester Holt, District Attorney Paul Boer, State Representative Homer Kolba and others.

The new commissioner is Reinhard Brod of Bernardo, who will succeed Mrs. A. J. Aschenbeck, widow of the late A. J. Aschenbeck in Precinct 3, and the new constable is George (Doc) Mueller of Weimar.

First Nat'l Bank Deposits Increase

The First National Bank of Eagle Lake reports a sizeable increase of \$440,251.94 in deposits over the bank's last call on September 26th, 1956. Deposits as of December 31st, 1956 are listed at \$5,790,438.83, while deposits on September 26th were \$5,350,186.89. Resources cited by the bank's statement as of December 31st are \$6,198,693.03. Resources as of September 26th were \$5,762,044.28. In the bank's report for the period ending December 31st, 1956, deposits were listed at \$5,929,462.25 and resources at \$6,238,271.97.

Lions Clubs Plan For MOD Teletthon January 19-20

The 1957 March of Dimes was launched here and throughout Colorado County on January 2nd, according to Robert C. Schiuring, Colorado County 1957 March of Dimes Campaign Director.

Funds are needed, Mr. Schiuring said, to provide for the treatment and rehabilitation of tens of thousands of polio victims. "We can't claim victory over polio," he said, "until we have helped these people find the road back to full and useful life. For this reason, our March of Dimes campaign slogan this year is 'Let's Finish the Job!'"

Funds are also sought by the March of Dimes to train such needed medical specialists and to pay for research which may produce still better weapons against polio.

He asked for wholehearted support of the March of Dimes activities that will be conducted in the various communities, and he pointed out that the Lions Club of Southeast Texas are again sponsoring a Teletthon this year on January 19 and 20. It will be carried by Channels 2 and 11 and possibly 13. Lions from the four Colorado County Clubs will be in Houston to participate and assist in the program.

Money raised during the teletthon will not go to Houston, but will stay in Colorado County—but will be reported to teletthon headquarters in Houston.

Regular telephone reports of funds raised will be made to Houston for use on the program. Remember—call your Eagle Lake number to make contributions, use the Houston number that will be flashed on the screen.

GARWOOD Lions Club teletthon chairman, William N. Green, has announced that teletthon headquarters for their community will be set up at his office on Highway 71. Persons wishing to make a contribution during the Teletthon on either day may arrive by this headquarters or 99 3/4 in Garwood and a Lion will be sent to pick up the contribution. Regular telephone reports will be made to Houston from this headquarters.

Last Rites Held Yesterday For Mrs. T. P. Haley

Citizens of Eagle Lake community were deeply grieved this week to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Thomas Preston Haley, native of this community and one of its most dearly loved people. Mrs. Haley became ill at her home here Sunday, December 23rd, as she was admitted to Laughlin Hospital. She never recovered from a heart ailment and passed away at 10:08 a.m. Monday morning, December 31st.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Presbyterian Church at 3:00 p.m. yesterday, Wednesday, January 2nd with three ministers, the Rev. Warren W. Bee, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Joe R. Townsend, pastor of First Baptist Church, and the Rev. F. Parke Smith, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church, officiating. Mrs. Clara Mae Haley played favorite hymns as she planned during the services.

Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery beside her husband who preceded her in death on March 13, 1944. Serving as pallbearers were: D. R. Wintermann, Samuel Martin, M. M. Jones, S. Sinclair, Joe S. Reed, Jr., George Smith, Gordon Birdwell, Raymond Wadwell, Mill-Bauer, and Home was in charge of the funeral. (Continued on last page)

DEEDS BEING SIGNED FOR 90A BY-PASS

Property owners along the proposed Highway 90-A by-pass south of the business district of Eagle Lake, are being contacted for the purpose of signing deeds for right-of-way for the proposed route. Mayor Harold Thomas said yesterday that by the end of this week, all property owners from the intersection of the by-pass route with Highway 90-A in front of the Farmers Equipment Company, east to the intersection of Lake Avenue should be signed.

This distance should encompass over half of the proposed route east to the Alamo Lumber Company where the route will join Main Street are being contacted and hopes are to have all of the deeds signed by January 15th.

THE HIGHWAY Department has asked that the deeds be returned to them not later than February 1st in order that plans can be made to include the project in the February or March letting.

Included in the deeds already signed are plans to move several houses and a garage building now occupied by Bill Chavis but owned by Effie Penn. The remainder of the route from Lake Avenue East will require movement of three small houses and removal of the north corner of the Alamo Lumber Company's building.

"The Highway 90-A By-Pass is essential to remove the heavy traffic and in particular the large gasoline and butane trucks and others from the Main Street route which is already crowded with only two lanes of traffic due to parallel parking on both sides of the street," commented Mayor Thomas. "The new route will relieve the traffic situation downtown and will enable us to condense parking in the downtown area without endangering the lives of local citizens and passing motorists."

Old Christmas Cards Being Collected For Hedgecroft Clinic

Citizens of Eagle Lake and community who have old Christmas cards which they desire to put to good use, are asked to contribute them to a collection being made for use of patients at the Hedgecroft Clinic in Houston.

Persons having cards to add to the collection are invited to bring them to the Eagle Market where they will be assembled and shipped to the hospital for use of polio-afflicted patients.

Construction of a new Metallic building across State Street from the D. R. Wintermann Rice Warehouse has been completed. The building will be used for storage of machinery and for supplemental rice storage if needed, said Mr. Wintermann owner of the building.

Schedule Set For 27-Team Seventh Rice Basketball Tourney Jan. 10-12

Pairings for the Seventh Annual Eagle Lake Rice Basketball Tournament were completed yesterday and interest is beginning to mount for another star-studded attraction that boasts a field of twenty-seven teams, fourteen boys and thirteen girls, and over \$700.00 in trophies and awards.

The event will get underway at Eagle Lake High School gymnasium at 8:45 p.m. next Thursday, January 10th, and continue through Friday and Saturday, January 11th and 12th. Eagle Lake's Mayor Harold Thomas drew the names for the original pairings in the office of Supt. Deane D. Fletcher, general chairman of the Rice Tournament activities and in the presence of coaches and other interested parties.

Supt. Fletcher and Coaches Ben W. Cobb and Victor Scott are making final plans this week to see that the event runs off with the usual clock-like precision from the opening game at 8:45 p.m. Thursday through the boys' finals ending the event at 9:00 p.m. Saturday. Overnight accommodations are provided for numerous boys and girls teams for both Thursday and Friday nights. Persons who

Funeral Services For Lee Goode Set 2 PM Friday

Funeral services for Lee Goode, 64, resident of this community for the past twenty years, will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday afternoon, January 4th, from the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home. Interment will be in Lakeside Cemetery. The Rev. Charles Walton, pastor of Colly Memorial Methodist Church, will officiate at the services.

Citizens will be saddened to learn of the passing away of Mr. Goode at 2:00 p.m. this morning, Thursday at Laughlin Hospital. He had been in failing health since a heart attack in October of 1955, but developed a serious illness on Christmas day and was admitted to the hospital, where he remained until his death this morning.

SURVIVING are his wife, Mrs. Lee Goode of this city; two daughters, Mrs. Allen Glueck of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Fred R. Frnka of Eagle Lake; two sons, Robert Lee Goode of Eagle Lake, and John T. Goode of Eastland, Texas; one sister, Mrs. Leona Allison of Corpus Christi; nine grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Lee Goode was born on February 26th, 1892 in Weimar, Texas, to the late John (Jack) and Hatie Goode. On April 5th, 1917 he and Tillie Nelson were married in Osage and the family moved to Columbus where they resided until 1936. In that year they came to Eagle Lake and have been a prominent part of this community since that time.

He was employed in various vocations, from farming to employment with the Highway Department with the gravel pit, and more recently with the Dillard-Waltemire Oil Drilling Company. Wherever he went he made untold numbers of friends with his friendliness and willingness to help his fellow man. He was affectionately known to his friends as "Uncle Lee" and leaves a host of friends to join his family in mourning their great loss.

Eagle Lake Awaits Arrival Of First Baby In 1957

Arrival of the first baby in the community to be born during 1957 is awaited with no arrivals reported up to late yesterday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Glueck just missed the honor when their eighth child arrived at Laughlin Hospital December 31st.

Last year's first arrival of the year did not make its appearance until January 6th.

RETURN HOME W. C. Reed has sufficiently recovered from a recent operation in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston to return to his home here for further convalescence. Friends join in wishing him a continued successful recovery.

New Boxes Up For Collecting Parking Violation Fines

Four collection boxes for the convenience of citizens of the community for remitting parking meter violation fines were installed about the city this week and are now in use along with a new type of ticket for meter violations.

The red collection boxes are located on meter posts in front of the Kollmann's Plumbing Shop, the Kovacka Jewelry Store, the Blue Drug Store, and the Home Appliances. A new type of parking ticket went into use this week, being an envelope type of ticket in which motorists may deposit the twenty-five cent fine if paid within twenty-four hours. The top of the ticket which bears a corresponding number to the envelope bearing the remittance, will be torn off and used as a receipt of payment.

City officials pointed out that the 25c fine is only in effect if the fine is paid within twenty-four hours. If not paid within that period, the fine advances to \$1.00.

The collection boxes will be emptied daily in order to allow officials to keep an accurate account of remittances and whether or not the remittance was made within the required time.

"The new method should prove to be popular with citizens of the community and will enable them to make the necessary remittances of parking violation fines without going all the way to city hall, as in previous instances," said Mayor Harold Thomas.

Rudolph Rabel Dies Suddenly; Last Rites Today

Funeral services will be conducted this morning, Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church for Rudolph Rabel, 55 who passed away at 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 1st almost immediately following a stroke. He became ill at his home and was rushed to Laughlin Hospital but passed away within a very short time.

The Rev. A. W. Dieder will officiate at services at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church here at 10 a.m. this morning. Interment will be in the Lakeside Cemetery.

Holy Rosary was recited at the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday evening. Serving as pallbearers will be Nolan Grasshoff, Edwin Kveton, R. E. Altman, J. R. Reel, Bob Meitzner and W. A. Adams. Mill-Bauer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Rudolph Rabel was born March 2, 1901 at Weimar, Texas, to Ferdinand and Theresa Rabel. He (Continued on last page)

GARWOOD WATER DIST. VOTERS TO ELECT 5 DIRECTORS TUESDAY

County Traffic Fatalities Drop From 18 to 8 In '56

Colorado County rounded out the year 1956 with only eight traffic fatalities, as compared to a total of eighteen on county highways during 1955. All of the deaths were multiple deaths, with more than one person killed in each of four collisions.

Highway Patrolmen Tom Halbert and Neal Binford report no accidents in this area during the New Year's holiday period.

A Latin-American escaped serious injury when his automobile struck a bridge railing on a country road in Elm Grove area last week-end. The driver was fortunately thrown from the automobile which went over an embankment and fell into a deep ditch upside down, smashing the top flat with the lower part of the car.

CHARLEY Woodrow Rau, 49, of Columbus was charged with failure to yield the right of way following a collision of two motor vehicles 11 miles north of Columbus on Highway 71 at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday.

A car driven by Mrs. Artie Talley Gee, 33, of LaPorte collided with the rear end of a pickup driven by Mr. Rau, according to Highway Patrolman J. O. Tanner of the Columbus station, who investigated.

Mr. Rau told the officer he pulled off the highway to permit a truck to pass and then pulled back onto the pavement in front of Mrs. Gee, both vehicles being headed south.

C. of C. DIRECTORS TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS MON.

The Board of Directors of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will meet next Monday night, January 7th for the first meeting of the 1956 year and to elect new officers.

Meeting for the first time with the new board will be newly-elected directors: Chas. D. Stephens, Hal Fentress, Harold Ware and Harold Thomas.

All interested members and citizens of the community are invited to meet with the group.

Plans for the annual banquet to be held on Monday, January 21st will be completed. Tickets to the banquet were mailed out this week and are to be purchased or returned to the C. of C. office prior to the banquet date, or else members will be charged for them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nimmons and two daughters are new residents of the community, occupying the former George W. Keith home on State Street. Mr. Nimmons has been here for the past few months repairing and remodeling the home and Mrs. Nimmons and daughters joined him here during the holidays.

Citizens join in extending to the Nimmons family, a hearty welcome to the community.

NEW TRAFFIC VIOLATION FINE SCHEDULE GOES INTO EFFECT

A new schedule of minimum fines for traffic violations went into effect here this week. The new schedule was adopted last month by the City Council and increases numerous violation fines and adds several others to the list.

The new schedule to be used for all future traffic violations will include:

- Speeding \$15.00 plus \$2 for each mile in excess of 10 miles over legal speed limit.
- Running Red Light \$15.00
- Running stop sign \$10.00
- Making illegal turn \$10.00
- Driving or parking on wrong side of street \$5.00
- Driving wrong way on one-way street \$5.00
- Illegal passing \$10.00
- Double parking \$2.00
- Parking in restricted zone \$5.00
- Improper parking \$5.00
- Defective brakes \$15.00
- Defective lights \$10.00
- Failure to dim lights \$10.00
- No muffler or defective or illegal muffler \$15.00

The Colorado County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 at Garwood will hold an election for the purpose of naming five directors on January 8th in the Garwood Memorial Library.

The three candidates receiving the greatest number of votes next Tuesday will be elected for two year terms; and the next two highest candidates will serve for one-year terms.

Serving on the board at present are: E. H. Stienke, president; C. J. Kaitma, secretary; F. J. Westelski, Jr., W. J. Huval and Clyde Muesse. Election officials will include Messrs. J. M. Harvey, L. E. Cornelius, A. J. Arnold, and Daisy Pinchback. The polls will be open in the Veterans' Library from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The district was organized for the purpose of installing water and sewer facilities within the district located in the townsite of Garwood.

Only candidates to file before the deadline yesterday were the five men seeking re-election, according to information received this morning. Voters may write in candidates at the election next Tuesday.

Night Patrolman Hobbs Resigns For Sheriff Deputy job

Colorado County Sheriff J. O. (Boycie) Walker has announced that W. A. Hobbs, night policeman for Eagle Lake, has been appointed as office deputy for the sheriff's department in Columbus. He took over duties there on New Year's Day, January 1st.

Officer Hobbs began duties here as night policeman on September 11th and he came here from Hallettsville.

He will succeed Raymond Canik in the sheriff department position. Mr. Canik resigned recently to become chief of police in Columbus. Citizens of the community regret to learn of the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs and their children.

No successor for the night policeman's position here had been named this week by the Eagle Lake City Council. Chief of Police James Adams will continue as chief of police and will also patrol the city at nights until a successor for Mr. Hobbs is named.

S. K. SEYMOUR, JR. RE-APPOINTED TO LCRA BOARD

Sam K. Seymour, Jr., of Columbus, received information last Saturday of his appointment to a new six-year term as a Director to the Lower Colorado River Authority. Governor Allan Shivers made the appointment.

Mr. Seymour has served on the LCRA board for many years and is a former chairman of the LCRA Board.

A LINE OF SUNSHINE "The Son of Man is come to save that which was lost." Matthew 18:11.

legal muffler \$15.00
No operator's or chauffeur's license \$20.00
No vehicle license or illegal license \$10.00
Following fire trucks \$25.00
Running over fire hose or parking within 300 feet of fire or fire truck \$25.00
Failure to have State inspection sticker \$20.00
MINIMUM of \$10 will be charged for the issuance of a warrant after failure to appear for trial.
No pleas of guilty will be accepted in reckless driving, negligent collision, or any accident charge, except in person and on date and time specified on ticket issued at the arrest.

In passing the new schedule, Councilmen said the new schedule was approved in an effort to conform with other cities in the area and for the protection and welfare of the motorists and pedestrians of this city.