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## EDITORIALS

### Measure of a Town!!

Want to measure your town? Do you wonder what kind of a yardstick to use?

If you want some guidelines as to how a city or town is rated, here is a questionnaire which has frequently been used to determine just how a community rates in the minds of its residents.

It has been printed in a number of newspapers throughout the country. You might find it interesting to put in "yes" and "no" answers to all questions and see how Eagle Lake stacks up the way you figure it.

Incidentally, it is said that if you can answer "yes" to 30 or more of the 38 questions, it is likely you live in a town of which you can be proud.

Here are the questions:

1. Most high school graduates stay in town?
2. Getting a loan on a sound business venture is easy?
3. There's a live wire Chamber of Commerce or similar group?
4. Local traffic violators get the same treatment as out-of-towners?
5. The local paper constantly pushes civic improvements?
6. There's a place to swim within easy reach?
7. Young couples have little trouble finding a place to live?
8. The local government is a "get-things-done" group?
9. Town entrances are free from junk, sticks, and billboards?
10. Teachers' salaries are better than the state average?
11. There's at least one doctor per 800 people?
12. There's a library with a good collection of recent books?
13. Newcomers quickly feel they're part of the town?
14. Service stations are clean and comfortable?
15. Fire insurance rates are low for your type of town?
16. Service, veterans' and women's clubs team up on projects?
17. There's active, well-organized 4-H, Boy and Girl Scout groups?
18. A modern hospital is within the trading area?
19. All streets are paved and sidewalks are in good shape?
20. There's a "something" you'd enjoy if you were a visitor?
21. It's easy to get to the business section?
22. There's at least one restaurant which serves outstanding meals?
23. The sewer extension program keeps pace with new housing?
24. It's easy to get volunteers for any worthwhile project?
25. Public toilets are provided for people stopping in the area?
26. Prompt, reasonably priced ambulance service is available?
27. Good zoning keeps factories away from residential areas?
28. There's an annual Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up Week?
29. Streets throughout the community are well lighted?
30. More than half the church congregations are under 40 years of age?
31. Shade trees line nearly all the streets?
32. There's an ample supply of good drinking water?
33. There's a recreation center where young people dance?
34. The business section has a modern, prosperous look?
35. There's as much interest in local as national or international news?
36. The tax rate is attractive to new industry?
37. There's a community council to guide town progress?
38. There's an active P-T-A?

There you have it. How do we rate? You figure out the answer and then do something about the results!

## REFLECTIONS ON

### International Sunday School Lesson

(Mark 1:21-34)

Christ was concerned about people. Not just a little concerning a part of a person's life, but the whole person. He offered food for the body and the soul. Physical and spiritual healing were both given freely. The Master often made it clear that persons are more important than customs, traditions, or rules.

Jesus' indifference to meaningless customs often caused distress among the diligent defenders of the tradition. There is a constant danger that churches can be more concerned about the customs it has created than the people it is meant to minister to. Sometimes old patterns must be broken before churches can successfully minister to their communities.

Jesus healed a mentally distressed man on the Sabbath day. He was not deliberately setting out on a program of civil disobedience. He was simply saying that doing good is always appropriate. He was concerned about the man's mental well-being to do something about it. Later in the day when the Sabbath was over, Jesus spent several hours healing the sick.

Physical illness has always been a mystery. Even with the discovery of germs much remains unexplained. Mental illness is even more of a problem. Dr. Paul Tournier, an eminent Swiss psychiatrist, wrote in one of his books, "Doubtless there are many doctors who in their struggle against disease have had, like me, the feeling that they were confronting, not something passive, but a clever and resourceful enemy." Christ considered his war on disease a conflict with an oppressive evil.

The strongest emphasis in the ministry of Christ was on the healing of the mind. He did not ignore the physical needs, though. His concern for the whole man prohibited this. This should be the continuing concern of churches and individual Christians today. We are most like Christ when we are concerned about people.

**TECHNICAL TRAINING**  
Hollie Education Committee has urged at least \$30 million for the building of a technical institute in Texas.

The committee, which conducted study and 10 hearings, said that 16 vocational schools should be provided in 10 years to furnish 160 such facilities. It said all private technical and business schools might be regulated by the Texas Education Agency and that James C. Hollie, technical institute at Waco should be operated as a separate entity for training scarce vo-tech instructors and counselors.

**HYACINTH ERADICATION**  
A plant hormone called "2,4-D" will be used in the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's campaign in the bay.

Hyacinths in the San Marcos, Rio and Alamosa rivers, Marion Toole of the P&W Department says that state workers, cooperating with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will apply the hormone when the plants are just beginning active growth. No harmful side effects are expected to result from the program, he said.

He said, "and never had reports of anything injured."

Toole says that the department plans to carry out a program to other areas of the state after the South Texas work. He reports that the department has been getting pressure from Louisiana about the problem with the Saline, and since the upper Saline is in Texas, this state must deal with the water.

**NOTHING WORSE N A FRIEND WHO'S ALLUS BROKE - YOU CAN'T BORROW FROM HIM.**

**NOTICE**  
To The Property Owners of Colorado County

I, or my Deputies will be at the following places on dates shown below to assess your property for the year 1969 and to collect 1968 taxes and REGISTER VOTERS FOR THE VOTING YEAR 1969.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DEED IF YOU BOUGHT ANY REAL ESTATE THAT IS TO BE RENEWED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1969.

ALTAM-Thursday, Jan. 2, 1969, Walker Grocery, 9 A.M. to 12 Noon.

LOME OAK-Friday, Jan. 3, 1969, Schultz Grocery, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

WEIMAR-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 7, 8, 1969, P.O. Station, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

SHERIDAN-Thursday, Jan. 9, 1969, School House, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

ROCK ISLAND-Friday, Jan. 10, 1969, School House, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

EAGLE LAKE-Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 13, 14 and 15, 1969, City Hall, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

OAKLAND-Thursday, Jan. 16, 1969, Mayes Store, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

NADA-Friday, Jan. 17, 1969, Schoolman-Store, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

FRESBURG-Monday, Jan. 20, 1969, Heinsohn Store, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

BERNARD-Thursday, Jan. 23, 1969, H. & S. Grocery, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

GARWOOD-Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1969, Hopkins Office, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

PLEASE BRING YOUR TAX NOTICE IF YOU DESIRE TO PAY YOUR 1968 TAX.

RESPECTFULLY,  
**Henry J. Hajovsky**  
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR  
COLORADO COUNTY

# Capital NEWS

hyacinth infestation there before Louisiana can get approval for control where the river links Texas and Louisiana.

During the pre-session huddle, secretaries and other workers in the Legislature are busy addressing invitations from Governor-elect Smith and U.S. Gov.-elect Ben Barnes to the January 21 inauguration festivities.

Smith's inauguration promises to be the most public of any such event since Austin became the capital of Texas. He wants everybody to come help him celebrate his assuming the chief executive's office.

GUARD UNITS PRAISED  
Texas' Army National Guard is the "highest state of efficiency and readiness ever achieved," Fourth Army spokesmen commented.

Annual general inspections of 121 units reflected that more guard units were rated "superior" than last year, despite massive reorganization. Twenty-one units received distinction in Fourth Army judging.

SHORT SKORTS  
All statewide elective officials (except the governor and lieutenant governor) who serve two-year terms began new terms on January 1.

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## "WOULD YOU BELIEVE"

(By Ernest H. Moore)  
HE HAD TO TELL THE TRUTH UNDER OATH. During a law suit concerning who was at fault for the collapse of an expensive building while under construction, an outstanding architect was giving his version of what caused the building to give way and fall.

An examining attorney asked him who he considered the best authority in the field of architecture. After a long pause he definitely stated, "I am." While being asked by his associates for giving such an epistolary answer, he replied, "Well you see I had to tell the truth as it was under oath." I hope you didn't place me in the same category that the friends and critics were placing the architect when you read my ad.

This week I was merely trying to convince you that by extensive advertising and hard work that I could and would successfully bring an owner who wished to sell and a buyer who wished to buy together and make a sale of the property.

More mutually benefit the three of us, in other words if we can't make a trade we will all three lose. I wish to give credit for the most part for what little success I had last year to my friends and business associates, and last but not least we shall ever be thankful to the supreme ruler of the universe for his many blessings, as he guides the destinies of us all. He has promised that if we as Christians if we will give him of our substance, time and talent that he will pour out upon us blessings that we can not contain. We have received so much and give so little that we should resolve to be more active in the service of his cause.

A Thing Of Beauty Endureth For Ever -- The poet could have been speaking of a beautiful, well planned and constructed brick home for which I just received an exclusive listing. It contains 1900 sq. ft. floor space, built on a sturdy concrete slab, reinforced by four 12 inch concrete beams resting on solid clay foundation. The floor space is divided into living-dining room, three bedrooms with two and one-half baths - shower and tub combination, large den, kitchen with thirty feet of cabinet space and an adjoining eating room. Tile covers the floor of the kitchen, den, bath and utility rooms. The living-dining rooms and the bedrooms are covered by the best quality wood rugs under laid with thick foam rubber. Some of the walls are decorated with beautiful paneling while others are sheetrock floated and painted. All water pipes are heavy duty copper. The house is well placed on a beautifully landscaped two and one-half acres. It has enough frontage on Highway 91 nearly intersecting Highway 90A which has just south of it, for a large drive in business. Water is supplied by a deep well, 1/2 H.P. submersible pump, pump and large pressure tank. Enough water to gate the whole house. The place has a large productive garden and a number of young fruit trees. It lies in the "A" tract and is only two miles from the Rice Consolidated School Site. Important by request of owner this place is to be shown by me only after making an appointment. If you fail to get me through the day call me after 5:00 p.m. You will have to see this house inside and out and you will love it. Better come right away if interested. It should sell at \$32,000. The entire house is centrally heated with a Heat Wave unit and cooled by a C. G. unit. Cost of heating and cooling runs about \$1,300 per year.

Don't sell your local paper short as an advertising media. After telling an interested buyer that I had advertised last week's 73 acre special in the local papers he bought to get ahead of prospects the ad would bring. We had three. The other special 640 at \$235 has been inspected by a non client. He has agreed to the price, terms and is ready to sign a contract if he can buy a Columbia 44 Thursday against Norma B. Inman. She is charged with theft of a water pump valued at \$400.00. The seller is Mr. M. J. McNeill Service Station in Columbus.

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**THE FOX**  
KEIR DULLEA finds himself caught in an explosive emotional triangle which also involves Sandy Dennis and Anne Heywood in "The Fox" at the 160 Theatre in Whar-

ter, beginning with a preview showing at 11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11th, continuing thru Tuesday, Jan. 14th. The Claridge Pictures release (a laie story of the masculine force, symbolized by a fox and portrayed by Keir Dullea) is a strange emotional responses.

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON INCOME TAX**  
(This column of questions and answers on Federal Tax matters is provided by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.)  
Q. Do the new tax forms explain how to figure the surtax?  
A. Yes, the tax instructions explain how to figure the surtax.  
Q. I had my 65th birthday in 1968. Will that make any difference when I file my tax return?  
A. Yes, there are various benefits the law provides for taxpayers 65 years of age and over. These are explained in our Publication No. 554, "Tax Benefits for Older Americans."  
Q. For one thing, taxpayers 65 and over are allowed an extra exemption because of age. If you are presently employed and have taxes withheld from your wages, you may want to file a new withholding statement. Form W-4 with your employer to claim this extra exemption. Doing so will reduce the amount your employer withholds.  
Q. I went into business for myself this year and have several employees. Is there any deadline for me to issue their withholding statements? One of my people already asked about it.  
A. The law requires employers to issue withholding statements by January 31. Many employers try to issue them as soon as possible after January 1 so their employees may file tax returns early.  
Q. Will farmers be entitled to a refund on gas tax again this year?  
A. Yes, farmers are entitled to a credit for Federal tax paid on gas used on the farm for farming purposes. This credit should be entered on line 10 of the Form 1040. Farmers claiming this tax credit should complete Form

**Sturgeon Is New TSTA Ex. Sec.**  
L. P. Sturgeon, longtime educator and a member of the executive staff of the Texas State Teachers Association since 1954, has been elected executive secretary of the 125,000-member TSTA.  
TSTA President Claude A. Hearn, Jr., of San Antonio, announced Sturgeon's promotion to the top administrative position after unanimous action by the association's executive committee at a called meeting in Austin.  
Sturgeon was given a contract extending to August 31, 1973. He succeeded the late Charles H. Tennyson, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Dec. 20 in Austin. Sturgeon moves up from the post of executive director of governmental relations.  
For an after-hours appointment to view beautiful diamond wedding ring sets, wide price range, call Eagle Lake Drugs, CE 4-2505.

**Soil Essay Contest Is Underway**