



Last Rites Held Friday For Ed Johnson

CITY COUNCIL

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day night to complain of their telephone service and to protest the proposed rate hike. After several hours of discussion of the matter with Mr. Oldmixon, the council asked him to bring further information to substantiate the company's claim that it needs to increase its return from this service. The discussion will continue at the next meeting March 12th.

Serna Roofing Co. of Edna was awarded a contract for roofing work on the old-city hall building and the jail on a bid of \$19,750. The bid was the lowest, and the council withheld the possibility of erecting a new building, but decided Tuesday night to authorize the roofing work since the building project may be several years off.

Charles Edwin Johnson, a native, and lifelong resident of the Altair community, closed his eyes to a peaceful rest at 6:30 p.m. last Tuesday, Feb. 5th in the Methodist Hospital in Houston after an illness of some seven months.

Johnson, 75, was a participant

in farming and raising cattle, and in law enforcement throughout the state. At the time of his death he was a trail boss of the Texas Trail Riders Association for the 1973-74 year.

Johnson was a member of the

Methodist Church, and a participant because of his illness.

He was an honorary

president of the Texas Trail Drivers Association and was the founder of the Texas Trail Riders Association and a member of the association and of state of an honorary director.

He was also a member of the Colorado County Law Officers Association and was a Honorary Texas Ranger.

He was a former "Alcalde" of Altair, Altair, and was director to the youth in the Hondo and San Saba areas.

He was a member of the

Elkhorn Show and Rodeo organizations. He served as an Ambassador at the San Antonio HemisFair and was a speaker in Bexar and Harris County during his active life's span.

Mr. Johnson was a graduate of Texas A&M University in 1932.

Charles Edwin Johnson was born July 1, 1911 in Altair, Texas the son of Lee and Mary Johnson, both prominent pioneers in the area. He took Miss Bertha Cahn in his bride in February of 1932 in Austin, Texas and they have resided in Altair and Eagle Lake since that time.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertha Johnson, one daughter, Mrs. Patricia McAlister of Columbus; two sons, Robert and Joseph Edwin both of Austin. Also surviving are a brother, Lee Fred Johnson, of Eagle Lake, and two sisters, Mrs. T. A. Johnson and Mrs. Ruth Mobley of Texas City; also four grandchildren, James and John McAlister and Diana Lynn and Juliett Johnson; and other relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Highway Department engineers who made a decision at Monday afternoon's meeting to plant trees on the school grounds this season. They will give a book reception and entertainment at the school auditorium to benefit the benefit of the school library.

Many young trees and other nursery stock are being received by citizens here almost every day, but so far as we have been able to learn, we will not look upon the

"statewide" chinook in Eagle

City Park.

At the annual stockholders' meeting at the First National Bank the following directors were elected: C. P. Hoy, G. W. Keith, W. E. Lenhart, B. Leyhant, O. E. Sinclair, Hayes Stephens, W. L. Strickland, B. L. Vineyard and O. J. Wiedemann. W. S. Strickland was re-elected president; B. Leyhant, Hayes Stephens and B. L. Vineyard, vice presidents; B. E. Lenhart, cashier; S. O. Booth, assistant cashier; and Mrs. Edna Wiedemann, bookkeeper.

Commenting on the Headlight's item of last

week of Henry C. Thomas attempting to crowd a

fast freight engine off the track with his Ford, the Weimar Motor Co. said, "It's just old tricks, eh, Henry?" When oh, when will you settle down and cut out such foolishness?" You must remember, Henry,

you make many friends by speaking nicely about people.

Free Pizza

R. E. BIRDWELL, this

is your free ticket for a free

meal at the Eagle Lake Diner, Delite, where you get the finest foods - and now delicious pizza. Clip this out and present at the Diner for your free pizza not later than Feb. 16, 1974.

Let's Look Back
48 YEARS AGO

you are no longer a spring chicken, despite your assurance to the contrary... While no estimate is possible, it is certain there is going to be a considerable increase in rice acreage in the present season, according to the latest rice crop report. The Baptist people are contemplating the early erection of a new and modern church building. The new building will cost approximately \$15,000. At the time the building city primary there are to be erected a major to succeed Mayor R. T. Westmoreland, and two aldermen, to succeed Aldermen E. A. Toliver and G. E. Thomas. The town and a used tire man, as an oil truck by A. A. Klosterman, agent for the Pierce Oil Company, was totally destroyed by fire late Monday afternoon, when it turned over down an embankment near the town limits. Upon arrival of the fire department, instruments expected in the next few days, thirty-three handmen will be equipped for the hand which meets every Monday night on the larger-size highway, Department District Engineer Carl V. Ramert, "Improved highway design and engineering are the most effective factors in highway safety," he said, "and safety is a primary consideration of the Highway Department engineers who incorporate such features as modern rails, paved shoulders and wider bridges into their designs."

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More Vehicles Than Drivers In Texas

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He was prominently known throughout the state for his unique ability to get things done. He was a friend to many over this entire area of the state and he shall be missed greatly by his loved ones and friends.

Aubrey Williams and Dr. J. R. Laublin.

He was a member of the employees of the firm assisted in serving the delicious barbecued chicken menu.

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