

Eagle Lake Headlight

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Bold Armed Robbery In Downtown EL Sat.

Bandit Gets \$150, Booze At Bottle Shop

Mrs. Jewel Adams had a Saturday afternoon when the Bottle Shop in downtown Eagle Lake was robbed in a bold daylight armed robbery. The Bottle Shop is owned by Mrs. Adams' son, Craig, and she manages the business for him. Local police officers received a call at around 4:30 p.m. Saturday that the package store had been robbed. Mrs. Adams told Chief of Police Roy Chisum and Game Warden Sam Center who responded to the call, that the man, a Negro wearing a metal safety hat, entered the store and pretended to buy two bottles of liquor. When Mrs. Adams turned to get the two bottles, the man reportedly pulled a pistol and told Mrs. Adams to give him money from the cash register and from a box under the counter. He said, "Don't look up and you won't get hurt."

Mrs. Adams said that she was told to put the money and a green bank bag which contained a set of car keys into a brown paper bag. The man then told her to go to the rear of the store and not to look back. He took the bag containing the \$150 in cash and the two bottles of liquor and fled.

Mrs. Adams was unable to see which direction he went, but officers later found a witness who told them that she had seen the man run around the corner of the building and get into a station wagon with a woman and child.

The witness told Chief Chisum that she believed that she had seen the man on previous occasions in front of the package store and officers are working on that lead but early Wednesday had not made an arrest.

Mrs. Adams was naturally shaken by the episode but fortunately escaped any injuries in the experience.

Chief Chisum Highway Patrolmen Rodney Green and Ray Scholton picked up a suspect Monday afternoon and put him in a line up with several others, but Mrs. Adams was unable to make a positive identification. The suspect was taken Tuesday morning to Wharton for a lie detector test and the officers released the man and began anew on the investigation.

Jury Called In Dist. Court 10 A.M. Mon.

A list of petit jurors has been called to appear in District Court in Columbus at 10 a.m. Monday, April 8th to hear civil cases with Judge B. B. Schraub presiding. The list includes the following from this area:

H. A. Johnson of Rock Island; Lemmie McGrew, Sr., Everett Ammann, A. P. Berger, William A. Manis, Charles R. Pavlu, Mrs. Florence Weisselski and Jim Carter of Garwood; C. C. Cole, James A. Jones, Mrs. Erna B. Bortard, Buford S. Ashby, Isam Brisco Sr. of Sheridan; Also, Weldon R. Miller, Paul L. Barrow James Raabe, Mrs. Florence Henske, Mrs. Virginia Guerra, Mrs. Josephine Rucka, Adolf Hollas, Mrs. L. V. Davison, L. C. Sims, Mrs. Elinor F. Burns, Johnny Parker, George B. Amos, Jr. of Eagle Lake, and also Lambert F. Baumbach, James S. Berger, Lenetz Zoranc of Nada; and Mrs. Rachel Brown of Allair.

Set for trial Monday is a workman's compensation case styled Albert Davis vs. Texas Employers Insurance Association.

Burglars Hit El Zarape Club Fri. Nite

Burglars entered the El Zarape Bar on A Street during last Friday night and hauled off a small amount of cash and five or six cases of beer. Chief of Police Roy Chisum said the police department received the call on Saturday morning. Investigation revealed that entry had been made by forcing open a back door.

The burglars broke into coin containers on three pool tables, but the containers had been emptied the day before and only a small amount of change was taken. The burglars also took a coffee can containing about \$30 in loose coins and hauled off some five to six cases of beer taken from a refrigerator and apparently placed into a large trash can that was also reported to be missing.

Local officers are still investigating the entry.

MAYC Benefit Fiesta Day Saturday

MAYC (Mexican American Youth Council) will sponsor a Fiesta Day this Saturday, April 6, at the Andrew Hall on Guadalupe Terrace. Local ladies will make hot tamales and beef tacos for sale. There will be orders to go or the food may be enjoyed in the air-conditioned hall.

Food will be sold from 11:30 a.m. and throughout the afternoon until all of the food is sold. Starting at about 1:00 p.m. there will be games for the children, including ring toss games and other games for small prizes. There will also be a white elephant booth.

Everyone is invited to come and bring their families and friends. The proceeds will go toward the funding of the tennis court project being sponsored by MAYC.

Free Immunizations For Pre-Schoolers Begin Tues.

The Texas State Department of Health will hold an immunization clinic for children of Colorado County on the second Tuesday of each month at the Eagle Lake Middle School, advises Mrs. Annette Rodgers, Rice District Health Nurse.

Absentee Vote In Primary Begins Apr. 14

Absentee voting will begin in the May 4th primary April 14th and will continue through April 30th. Absentee ballots may be applied for both Democratic and Republican primary elections through the office of County Clerk Lester Schneider.

There are three contests in this county and candidates in these races will be listed in this order:

For County Judge; incumbent Lester J. Cranek; and Ernest H. Moore;

For District Clerk; Harvey Vorhansd, Albert Hahn and Royce B. Miller.

The other race will apply in Weimar. Commissioners' Precinct 2 only where there are six candidates for office being vacated by veteran A. J. Kainer. They include: Rafael Veselka, Edwin A. (Bubba) Billeck, R. J. (Randy) Kotrla, Delbert Fuchs, James H. Janak, and Werner G. (Chudie) Booser.

The office of District Clerk was left vacant by the death of Charlie Allen. Mrs. Annette Wallace is serving in the office of district clerk for the remainder of Mr. Allen's term which ends Dec. 31.

Bill Raabe Named Sheriff Deputy

Colorado County Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller announces the appointment of Bill Raabe as the new deputy sheriff for this county. He will succeed Al Peterson who resigned April 1st to move to Colorado.

Raabe formerly was associated with the sheriff's department in 1971. His wife Joyce will serve as matron and cook for prisoners.

The Raabes have four children Allen, Williams Jr., Steven and Donald and they will become students in the Columbus school district.

Sheriff Mueller added that Mr. Raabe is a well qualified and certified peace officer.

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Officers For New R.I. Lions Club



The Sheridan Lions Club sponsored the organization of the new Rock Island Lions Club which will have its formal charter night program in the near future. In the photo above, Ernest H. Moore, president of the Sheridan Lions Club, extends congratulations to the new Rock Island club's secretary and treasurer, Elmer Larsen, left, and to the club's president Bob Hooper, right. The club was organized with a total of 34 members.

Rice Industry Historical Marker To Be Dedicated Here Wed.

During Noon Rotary Luncheon, Public Is Invited

The Colorado County Historical Survey Committee has set Wednesday, April 10, 1974 as the date for the dedication of the historical marker commemorating the rice industry in Colorado County. This marker was sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. James G. Hopkins of Garwood did the research and the First National Bank of Eagle Lake paid for the marker which will be placed on the southeast corner of the square in Eagle Lake.

The dedication ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Eagle Lake Rotary Club's luncheon meeting at 12 noon next Wed., April 10th. William H. Harrison, a member of the County Historical Commission, will be program chairman for the day. He invites all interested persons to attend the dedication program however reservations must be made not later than Monday with Mr. Harrison for those who plan to have lunch with the Rotarians. The dedication program will follow the luncheon at around 12:30 p.m.

Garden Club To Make Tour Wed., Apr. 10

The Eagle Lake Garden Club plans to depart from the Community Center at 10:30 on the morning of Wednesday, April 10th for a Blue Bonnet tour. Plans are to have lunch at Franks in Schulenburg; then go to La Grange, Fayetteville, Industry, Cat Spring, Sealy and then back home.

Members who are taking their cars are asked to call either Mrs. Edith Duty or Mrs. Geraldine Cason as early as possible in order that transportation may be provided for all who plan to go. Any persons who wish to make the tour are welcome to join the ladies.

Hospital Board To Have Annual Meeting Mon.

The Board of Directors of Eagle Lake Community Hospital shall hold its Annual Meeting, Monday, April 8, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Laughlin Clinic.

Anyone interested in attending the meeting is cordially invited.

Firemen Called To 3 Fires Past Week

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen were called to three fires during the past week, none false alarm, another a house fire, and the third fire at the Central Power and Light Co. sub-station at Matthews.

Most serious of the three was the fire at the CPL location on FM 950 at 3:45 p.m. Monday. A snake crawled into a regulator unit and caused the unit to short out. CPL workmen nearby spotted the trouble and called the Eagle Lake fire department to the scene.

Frank Sherrer, local CPL manager, said that extensive damage was done to the unit which is estimated to cost around \$6000. Power was off for a short time to the Gifford-Hill plant and other nearby facilities in the Matthews area. The snake - well it was pretty well barbecued.

Late Tuesday night of last week firemen were called to a fire west of the city but when the firemen arrived they found that the fire had been purposely set by the owner and was well under control.

At 1:30 a.m. Saturday, the firemen were called to a home at the corner of D and Lake in the "Flat" area of the city. Occupants of the house said wind blew a curtain against a stove causing the fire that damaged about half of the home before being contained. The house was the scene of several other alarms in years past.

City Sales Tax Receipts In Steady Climb

The City of Eagle Lake has received a sizeable check for \$17,337.01 for the collection of the one cent city sales tax for the final three month period of 1973. The check boosted the total for 1973 to \$63,854.14 a new record in collections.

In 1971, the first full year for collection of the one cent city sales tax in Eagle Lake, the total collections amounted to \$45,073.71 while in 1972 the total was \$53,464.72 indicating a constant rise in revenue from the sales tax.

For the first quarter in 1973 the tax collections amounted to \$12,429.93; for the second period \$17,861.61; for the third quarter \$16,325.59; and for the final quarter \$17,237.01.

Columbus had net revenue from the city sales tax for the final quarter of \$22,755 and Weimar \$12,357.

ROTARY FISH FRY SUPPER TUES., APRIL 16

Eagle Lake Rotary Club will stage its annual Fish Fry for the benefit of local Boy Scouts at the Community Center Tues., April 16 with serving and entertainment from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Plan to attend.

2 Performances Of Easter Cantata

Community Choir To Sing In Nado Mon., Here Wed.

The Community Choir, of about sixty voices from churches in Eagle Lake, Lissie, Garwood and Nado, will present "The Symphony of Easter" by Beethoven in two performances during Holy Week and the public is invited to attend either or both performances.

POLLS OPEN 8 TO 7 SATURDAY

HEAVY SCHOOL, CITY VOTING EXPECTED

Last Chance To Get Pet Vaccinated Tues.

Citizens in the area will have their final opportunity to have their pets, cats and dogs, inoculated against rabies in a clinic sponsored by the City of Eagle Lake from 5 to 7 p.m. next Tues., Apr. 9th. The first session was held at the police station on Tuesday of this week with a light response. Only 49 pets were vaccinated Tuesday.

Dr. R. H. Potter, D.V.M., is assisting city personnel with the inoculation program. The fee for the city license and vaccination is \$4.00 per animal.

Under city ordinance, all pets in the city must bear a registration and vaccination tag or are subject to being picked up and placed in the city pound.

7 Draw Terms Of Probation, Total 33 Yrs.

District Judge E. W. Patterson handed down sentences in seven criminal cases in 25th Judicial District Court in Columbus last Thursday. All of the defendants in the cases had entered pleas of guilty during the trial of criminal cases last month.

Judge Patterson granted probation in each of the cases. Sentenced were: Robert Olivera, two years probation on a charge of theft;

Jack Larson and Frank Wendell Powell, three years probation each on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property;

Beverly B. Burris, three years probation on a charge of assault with intent to murder;

Eva Samors, three years probation on a charge of forgery and passing;

Antonio Cantu Rios, not less than two nor more than ten years probation on a charge of possession of marijuana;

Joe Richardo Cantu, not less than two nor more than four years probation on a charge of possession of marijuana;

And Mary Burris was given not less than two nor more than five years of probation on a charge of assault with intent to murder.

NO COMMUTERS HORSE CLUB

An announcement was made here this week that the Commuter's 4-H Horse Club summer activities will not be held this summer due to lack of leadership.

Youth who participated in the Commuters program are advised that the program will not be held this summer.



JOSE J. GARCIA

No Opposition For School Bd. Places

Only two candidates are listed on the ballot for the two places to be filled on the Rice Consolidated Independent School District's Board of Education this Saturday.

Dr. Raymond R. Thomas is seeking his second three year term in Eagle Lake Position No. 5 on the Rice Board.

Harry Brisco, incumbent in the Sheridan Place 4, is not a candidate and Jose J. Garcia is the only candidate to file for the Sheridan place.

Voting will be done from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in three locations in the district. In Eagle Lake polls will be open in the Central Power and Light Co. office; in Garwood at the Garwood School; and in Sheridan at the Sheridan School.

Mr. Garcia is an employee of Shell Oil Company at the Sheridan plant and is active in the Sheridan Lions Club and other community affairs.

He has been employed at Shell's Provident City plant for the past seven years. Mr. Garcia is also a member of the Sheridan Fire Dept. He and his wife, Ezella, have three children, Henry 9, Roberta 6, and Amanda 3.

Dr. Thomas owns Thomas Clinic in this community and is also active in many community, church and civic affairs.

Terms of five board members carry over this year, including Lavo Brisco of Sheridan; Dale Hunt and Anthony Kallina of Garwood; and Frank Higgins and Arthur Anderson of Eagle Lake.

2 To Be Elected To County Board

Two incumbents are unopposed for places on the county board to be filled in voting county-wide. The county voting will be done in the same places as local school district elections.

Candidates for re-election for two year terms are Robert Wolters of Columbus as trustee at large and Arthur Beken of Weimar Precinct 2.

Carrying over this year are terms for county board members Dr. J. C. Laughlin Eagle Lake Precinct 2; Oscar Class in Menz Precinct 3; and A. N. Evans of Columbus Precinct 1.

Methodist Vote To Proceed With Building Plans

On Sunday morning, March 24th, members of the Colly Memorial United Methodist Church held a Conference and voted by a large majority to proceed with plans for the construction of a new church building on the lot which the church purchased at the site of the former Eagle Lake High School building.

The Rev. David Edgar reported that the conference called for a "lot of prayer and soul-searching" and added that it was reassuring that the vote was so close to being unanimous.

4 Seek Two Council Positions, Mayor Unopposed

Voters in the area will go to the polls this Saturday, April 6th with the polls open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition to City of Eagle Lake and Rice Consolidated School District elections, voters will also participate in the election of County School Board members.

There are four candidates for two positions for the Eagle Lake City Council. The city election will be held in the council room of the Municipal Building with H. E. Tate and Edgar Baring presiding judges.

Included among the four candidates is one incumbent Eugene Baker who is seeking his third two year term on the council. Mr. Baker is manager of the Eagle Lake Rice Dryer. The other incumbent who declined to seek re-election due to the fact that his business calls him out of the city so often, was Wilfred C. Luedcke, completing his first term on the council.

Also listed on the ballot are James (Jimmy) Woods, Roy Dean Van Nort and Harold Raabe. Mr. Van Nort is associated with Gulf Coast enterprises and has been a candidate for city offices in the past. Mr. Raabe is service manager at Universal Motor Co. and last year ran a write-in campaign since he had not resided in the city long enough to be listed on the ballot. Mr. Wood is also a newcomer to city politics and is associated with S&W Parts.

All are active in church, community and civic affairs and they urge you to go to the polls so that winners may be representative of a majority of the citizens.

The term of Mayor Elmer A. Struss also expires on April 6th and he is the only candidate for re-election. He is seeking his third full two year term as Mayor of the city.

Terms of Aldermen Bennie Miller, Glenn Locklier and Alvin W. Kobliefel carry over this year.

Interesting Races Elsewhere In County

In the city of Columbus voting, three incumbents are unopposed. They are Tanner Walker, H. T. Youens, Jr., and Mrs. Wilton Stallman. Richard Hefley is the only candidate for the one-year expired term of former alderman Jack Moore.

In the Columbus school election are five candidates who seek three seats on the (Continued on page five)

\$1.8 Million School Bonds At E. Bernard

The East Bernard Independent school board voted on Monday night in a special session to call for a \$1.8 million school bond issue.

Public meetings will be held on April 18 and Monday, April 22 at 8 p.m. in the East Bernard school cafeteria.

The election has been called for April 27th and will be for funding \$1,800,000 in bonds for necessary school expansion and improvements.

Included in the proposed projects are an addition to the elementary school, a new high school annex, a new gymnasium, enlargement of the cafeteria, moving the football stadium and air-conditioning and improvements to all present facilities.