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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING -

TSA URGES JULY 4TH TRAFFIC SAFETY

According to the Texas Safety Association, nationwide traffic fatality projections for the July Fourth Holiday are the lowest in almost 25 years.

TSA President Edwin B. Locke noted that Texas motorists can help keep the toll at a minimum by buckling their safety belts, observing speed limits and paying attention to some of the hazards which accompany the energy shortage.

He specified the increase of runoff cars on the highways. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the occupants of smaller cars involved in crashes tend to sustain more severe injuries than the occupants of larger cars.

Locke also noted the sharp increase in the presence of gas-saving motorcycles on the road today and the corresponding increase in cycle-car accidents. He urged drivers to be on the lookout for two-wheeled vehicles, and to accord them the normal driving courtesies.

Some drivers, Locke said, continue to put themselves and others in extreme danger by taking along an extra can of gasoline in the car. Trying to beat the fuel shortage by transporting gasoline anywhere besides the fuel tank is playing with dynamite, he said.

Even in safety cans gasoline vapors can leak, ready to explode with the introduction of the tiniest spark.

The National Safety Council has predicted that 450 to 550 persons will die in traffic accidents over the holiday period beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 and ending at midnight Sunday, July 7. The last comparable July Fourth Holiday in Texas was in 1972 when 80 people died in traffic accidents.

Farmers Need Records For '74 Census

Farmers and ranchers, get ready for the 1974 Census of Agriculture! Keep good records of your farming operations this year! This is the request of the Bureau of the Census, the Federal agency that will conduct the 20th nationwide Census of Agriculture during the first part of 1975. The Bureau is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Social and Economic Statistics Administration.

Farmers will receive their report forms by mail early in January. They should fill them out and mail them back promptly. Having accurate and detailed records will make it easy for farmers to do this. Questions will be much like those in the last previous agriculture census which covered farming and ranching during 1969.

County Peace Officers Sponsor Explorer Post

The Colorado County Peace Officer's Association has voted to sponsor Explorer Scout Post 312 with Highway Patrolman Ray Scholton in charge.

Capt. John Strother of the Texas Department of Public Safety was the guest speaker at the association's monthly meeting. About 25 officers were present.

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24 YEARS AGO

Let's Look Back

(Friday, June 2, 1950)

Most popular spot in town this summer-like week has been the American Legion Swimming Pool which opened for its third season last Sunday afternoon. . .The Rev. D. Rhea Allison was appointed at the San Antonio Methodist Conference last Sunday to fill the pulpit in the Colly Memorial Methodist Church here . . .W. E. Lenhart, A. H. Dipple and James Thermer of the First National Bank were guests of the City National Bank of Houston at a barbecue at Judge Elkins' summer home at Elkins Lake near Huntsville. . .Eagle Lake is on the air! This greeting will open the second Eagle Lake hour which will be broadcast from the stage of Cole Theatre through remote control by Station KULP, of El Campo Saturday morning 11:05 to 12:00 noon, and each Saturday thereafter. The program, a community sustaining program featuring local talent, is sponsored by the Eagle Lake Lions Club. . . .Joe Smith, 1420 Dallas Street, is opening in the Stephens building, corner Wednesday that was the Royal Cleaners' opening. There were lots of flowers sent to Mrs. Frances Koudelka for her opening. She is very proud of her shop—the building itself is new inside and out and she has all new cleaning equipment including a "puffer". . .A regular Hollywood premiere complete with giant search lights, helium filled balloons and individual livers will be held at the Phillips 66 End Of Main Service Station Saturday, June 10th, to celebrate the completion of the extensive remodeling and enlarging of the station, announced Bob Ashby, owner of the station. . .A twister, accompanied by a driving rain, hit the north and east parts of town shortly after 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, striking first at the Eagle Lake airport totally destroying five planes. . .

Let's Look Back 48 YEARS AGO

(May 8, 1926)

Call is issued for forming Chamber of Commerce here and all citizens urged to meet at City Hall Monday evening to form organization. . . .Many of our citizens have been "felt out" during the week on the question of organizing a commercial club. Nearly all of them have expressed themselves favorably. Some, while favoring such a move, are of the opinion that Eagle Lake is already a veritable commercial club grave yard. We have had numerous such organizations here, that after a brief existence, they have peacefully passed away. Chief among the causes of the death rate in our commercial clubs according to the men we have talked with, is that heretofore at almost every meeting the members present were invariably called on form some kind of contribution or donation. So, those who made it a habit of attending all meetings were called on too frequently for contributions. Others seem to be of the opinion that our former business men's clubs have tackled undertakings entirely too big and have overlooked the smaller things and smaller improvements that might have been brought about. These views should be carefully considered in the organization of another commercial club here. . . .The foundation work for the new city hall and fire station building is well under way. Contractor O. W. Stephenson of Floresville having begun activities early Monday morning. . . .This is Rotary International Boy's Week, and the occasion is being observed in Eagle Lake. Mayor Westmoreland turned the town over to boy officers. The mayor and justice of the peace heard numerous complaints from parties brought before them by City Marshal Sam Booths, and Marshal Sam saw to it that every fellow had to park his car on MainStreet at the proper angle. . . .Mrs. Helmer Seaholm, who has been at the Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton for a number of weeks, following a serious operation, was able to return home last Friday. . .B. H. McElhinney who has been in St. Joseph Infirmary for several weeks following an operation there, returned home last week and is able to be about town again, though he is still moving about in low gear. . .Hayes Stephens, who had surgery at the same time, is still at the hospital, but expected to return home during the coming week. . . . What is the matter with the Eagle Lake business men? Are you asleep or are you going to sleep and let your neighboring towns take your bread and butter away from you? Why don't you wake up and get certain roads put in condition that can be traveled, roads that have been bringing to your town thousands of dollars in trade every year. Signed, A Business Man. . . .

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I have flown through Peace and Prosperity and amidst it all I have been respected.

My Red stripes . . . symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.

My White stripes . . . signify the burning tears lost by Americans who lost sons.

My Blue field . . . is indicative of God's heaven under which I fly.

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I am your Flag.

(Submitted by Festus E. Mead, Sr., National Americanism Director, Veterans of Foreign Wars, published in the Indiana VFW Bulletin, June, 1974

MAKING HOME HERE

Mrs. W. E. Ward formerly of 4-H Lake Gonzales, Texas has moved to Eagle Lake to make her home and is residing at 201 Center Street. Mrs. Ward is an aunt of Mrs. V. J. Kana.

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Six Cities Win Gov.'s Achievement

Six South Texas communities have been named winning cities in the 1974 Governor's Community Achievement Awards Program.

Governor Dolph Briscoe presented plaques to representatives of San Antonio, Corpus Christi, New Braunfels, Freeport, Columbus, and West Columbia, representing one-third of all the award-winning Texas cities. The presentations were made in Austin at the annual meeting of the Beautify Texas Council.

San Antonio rated first place in the category of cities with a population over 60,000 while Corpus Christi took second place in that category. New Braunfels and Freeport received first and third place awards respectively for cities with 10,000-20,000 population. Columbus and West Columbia ranked second and third place for cities with a population of 5,000 to 10,000 and West Columbia ranked second and third place for cities with a population under 5,000.

The program is directed by the Beautify Texas Council and co-sponsored by the South Texas Chamber of Commerce and the three other regional chambers along with the Texas State Department of Community Affairs and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Judging was based on scrapbooks submitted by each city containing news clippings, photographs and other evidence of the community's accomplishments during 1973.

TWO GRASS FIRES

Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen answered two alarms, one right behind the other on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

The first alarm, at 3:30 was to a grass fire near the Gene Gibbs Concrete plant in the New Town area and the other followed only minutes later at the Rice Courts on Highway 90A on the western edge of the city.

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EAT MORE RICE

Judge Schraub Completes Judicial School

Judge B. B. Schraub, 25th Judicial District, serving Colorado County, has completed a two-week judicial education course at the National College of the State Judiciary.

Located on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, the National College acts as the educational branch of the American Bar Association Judicial Administration Division.

Entering its eleventh year, the National College has pioneered the field of judicial education in this country.

The in-depth course of study in which Judge Schraub participated included lectures, workshops and organized discussion groups. An experienced judicial faculty, augmented by professional specialists, from throughout the United States, systematically covered subjects including: evidence, sentencing and probation, prisoners' rights and criminal law.

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Religious Heritage of America, Washington, D.C.

Harold Niemeyer Is Drowning Victim June 25

Friends in the community learned with sadness of the death of Harold Niemeyer of Columbus who suffered an apparent heart attack and was drowned in an accident on the Colorado River near the North River Bridge late Tuesday afternoon, June 25th.

Mr. Niemeyer had been fishing when he apparently suffered the attack and fell face down in waist-deep water. A friend, Adolph Slovak who was also fishing in the area found the body. A neighbor of the Niemeyer's, Max Rogers, and the Columbus fire department and county sheriff's department were called to the scene.

Justice of the Peace Ernest Welshuhn held an inquest at the scene and ruled that death was due to accidental drowning.

Niemeyer was born Nov. 9, 1908 in Chicago, Ill., the son of George and Charlotte Niemeyer. He and Virginia Spalinger were united in marriage in Leroy, Ill., in 1946.

He was a veteran of World War II and was an active member of the Columbus Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was a retired grocery store owner.

Funeral services were held from the chapel of the Millbauer Funeral Home in Eagle Lake at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 27th with the Rev. B. A. Justice, pastor of Columbus Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were: Billy Davis of Victoria, Quinton Shult of El Campo, Herman Ireland of Houston, Rusty Spalinger, Edgar Adkins, and Allen D. Cassady of this city. Wayne Shult of El Campo was named an honorary pallbearer.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Virginia Niemeyer of Columbus, and one sister, Mrs. Edna Sattler of L'Anse, Michigan, and other relatives and friends.

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SHERIDAN NEWS

By MRS. G. H. HOLLUB

SWIMMING LESSONS

With the morning session of Swimming Course begun on Saturday, June 15th was completed. Instructions were offered in eight different areas. They were: Junior Life Saving, Survival Swimming, Swimmers; Advanced Beginners and Beginner Swimmers, that were divided into three classes.

One hundred and twenty-six of the students enrolled completed the course. W. C. Gohlke and his wife Lillian Gohlke were instructors for the swimming lessons and were aided by Kathy Scott and Beverly Botard, both of Sheridan.

CONVALESCENTS

Harley Fuller is out of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. He is residing in the Heritage House in Eagle Lake at the present time. He was well enough to spend Sunday with his family in their home.

Mrs. Ollie Mae Rummel returned home from the Gulf Coast Diagnostic Hospital, Wharton after having eye surgery.

Mrs. O. T. Myers of Sheridan is in the Bay Shore Hospital, in Pasadena, Texas, following surgery.

VISITS

Mrs. Wade Graves and daughters Debbie and Diana spent Wednesday through Saturday in Conroe with her parents, the Grady Hannas. She returned to her home in Sheridan Saturday with her husband, Rev. Wade Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hollub spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday in Lockhart visiting with their daughter Mrs. Janice Borchert and their son Case Hollub. Blaine Hollub visited Friday afternoon and Saturday with his parents before returning to Houston.

Mrs. James Murphy and children of Victoria are visiting with her parents the L. E. Botards of Sheridan.

Brock Ashby On Dean's List At UT

Dennis Brock Ashby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ashby of Eagle Lake, has been informed that he earned the Spring Semester Dean's Honor List at the University of Texas.

To achieve the Honor List a student must have recorded at least three hours of A work and maintained above a B average in all courses undertaken at the University.

Brock has completed his junior year at the University of Texas and is majoring in finance and business.

Rotarians Hear Stirring Talk On Competition

Rotary Club on Wednesday of last week and he presented an outstanding program on the importance of competition on the economy of this nation.

He stressed the fact that it is the modern American way to "spend a little more than you take in." Remmert said that competition comes from "anyone working for the almighty dollar" and added that only the fittest will survive.

He pointed out that the competition makes businessmen to become more knowledgeable in their professions and leads to a better standard of living for everyone.

Remmert, owner of an insurance agency in Sealy, cited competition as "the silent police force in the business world," and added that competition causes business "to put its best foot forward with enthusiasm."

Lloyd Spalinger was program chairman for the day.

Colly Church Members Honor Clarke Hewitts

Members of Colly Memorial United Methodist Church and others in the community gathered at the home of the Dexter Andersons on the evening of Sunday, June 23rd for a farewell party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Hewitt.

The Hewitts left this week for San Diego, Calif., where he will be associated with his brother in a travel agency. He formerly was employed with Ashby Oil and Mud Co.

Times are so bad with him he doesn't scratch matches on the bottom of his shoes any more because it tears his socks.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS

(Mrs. M. I. Nicewander)

Mrs. Nelda Loesch was in Brenham this past week to attend the funeral of her "all-brother," Rudolph Crimm. Mrs. Will Schneider and Mrs. Elwood Oesermann returned home with Mrs. Loesch for a short visit.

Mrs. Richard Streby and sons of Goshen, Indiana, and Miss Pauline Campbell of Albion, Indiana, have been guests here this past week with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Larsen.

Guests here this past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Girndt, Sr., were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Carpenter of Cleveland, Texas, and L. M. Girndt, Jr., John L., Libby and Lee Girndt.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wied returned Saturday from Houston where they had spent several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones and two children of Stafford were weekend guests here with Mrs. Fern Jones and the Walter Wieds.

Mrs. Robert L. Jones and daughter Christi of Copperas Cove are here this week with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams and family and Mrs. Fern Jones.

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Rice Bag Luncheon Honors Debbie Wiese

Miss Debbie Wiese, bride-to-be of Rick Christ this Saturday, July 6, was honoree at a Rice Bag Luncheon on Saturday, June 29 at 12 noon in the home of Robert B. Wells, Jr.

Invited guests were Mrs. Alvin Wiese and Debbie, mother and sister of the bride-elect; Mrs. H. B. Christ and Kathy, mother and sister of the groom-elect; the house party and the wedding party. They enjoyed a luncheon meal of chicken tetrazzini, molded fruit salad, cranberry sauce, toasted cheese biscuits, and apricot mousse for dessert.

After the delicious meal, rice bags for the coming wedding were made.

Hostesses for the luncheon presented the bride-to-be with a Paul Revere bowl. They were Mesdames C. E. Evoritt, Jr., Jack Grieves, Joe L. McCreary, Bruce Waddell and Robert B. Wells, Jr.

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Cocktail Buffet In Duncan Home Compliments Couple June 21

Miss Elizabeth Reed and Murray Cohen were honored with a cocktail buffet Friday, June 21 in the lovely country home of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Duncan. Approximately forty-five young people from Fort Worth, Austin, Houston and Bay City were present. Honored guests were the parents of the prospective bride and groom and their immediate families.

Pom-mum boutonnieres and corsages were presented to the honorees and their parents.

The polished mahogany serving table was centered with an interesting arrangement of jade grapes and rose quartz birds. Flanking the centerpiece were a pair of silver candelabra holding tall tapers. At either end of the buffet, silver wine coolers held fresh magnolia foliage.

A menu of smoked turkey, miniature crawfish pies, chicken drumsticks, a raw vegetable tray with dip, cheese balls and bean dip was accompanied by an assortment of homemade breads, crackers, toasted pecans and [illegible] prepared to tempt the service of foods.

Other decor included a lovely arrangement of mixed summer flowers on the table in the game room.

Hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Houston and Bay City were present. Honored guests were the parents of the prospective bride and groom and their immediate families.

THEFT BY CHECK

Charges of theft by check were filed in County Court last week against David K. Schlueter and L. Tamey, III.

The charge against Schlueter alleges that he issued a worthless check for $10.00 for cash at the First National Bank of Eagle Lake.

Tamey is alleged to have given a worthless check in the amount of $20.00 to Colly's Service Station of the Industrial Park of Houston.

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