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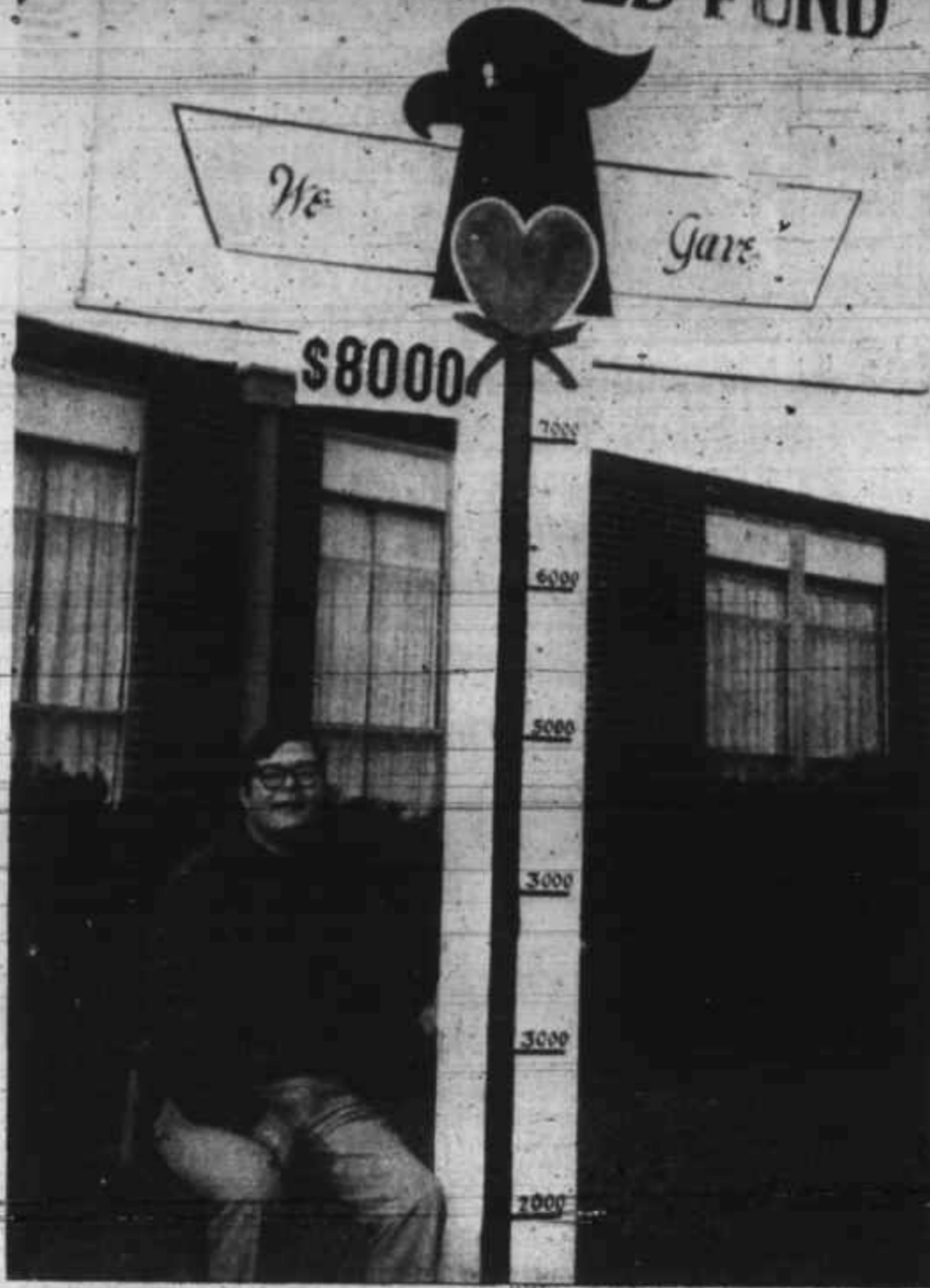
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## Consolidated Fund Over The Top

### CONSOLIDATED FUND



Page photo shows consolidated fund drive chairman Willard Shuart happily points out that the 1974 fund drive has gone "over the top" and has reached its goal of \$8,000 for the benefit of worthy charitable organizations.

## EL Consolidated Fund Passes \$8000 Goal

### Thanks Extended To Citizens For Cooperation

Thanks to the hard work of the 1974 Consolidated Fund Drive chairman Willard W. Shuart and other workers and through the generosity of local citizens, the Consolidated Fund has passed its \$8000 goal for the second year in a row.

Mr. Shuart announced Monday that contributions and pledges have now passed the \$8000 goal.

The drive chairman praised local businesses and individuals for their wholehearted cooperation in completing the fund drive in almost record time.

Directors of the Fund will meet later this month to allocate funds to the participating agencies, said Everett Anderson, president of the Consolidated Fund.

Drive chairman Shuart extended thanks in the following letter to the citizens of Eagle Lake community:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: "It is with a great sense of pride and pleasure that I once again inform you that our Consolidated Fund has reached our goal of \$8,000.00. I would like to thank each and every one of you personally for your efforts and support of this drive and the many worthy causes that it helps maintain.

"I have had the privilege of running this drive for the last two years, and it certainly makes me proud to be a citizen of Eagle Lake, Texas, where the people will get out and support to the fullest a worthy cause such as the Consolidated Fund.

"I would like to name each and every one of the people who have contributed to this fund, but if I were to do so, I know that I would leave someone's name out as there have been so many. In order not to hurt anyone's feelings, let me just say "thank you" to everyone.

Sincerely yours,  
Willard W. Shuart

### Tax Collector In Altair Fri., Nada Mon.

Colorado County Tax Assessor and Collector Henry J. Hajovsky and his deputies will make their final tour to collect 1974 taxes and to take assessments for 1975 beginning today, Jan. 2 and ending on January 21st.

The tax officer asks that you bring a deed if you purchased real estate that is to be rendered for the first time in 1975.

The tax group will be at the H&S Grocery in Bernardo on Thurs., Jan. 2 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; then at the Altair Rice Dryer from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Fri., Jan. 3; and at the Nada Grocery and Market from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6th.

The tax tour will continue at the City Hall in Weimar Jan. 7, 8, and 9; and then at the Sheridan School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 10th and at the Rock Island Community Center from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 10th.

The tax deputies will be at the City Hall in Eagle Lake from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Mon., Tues., and Wed., Jan. 13, 14 and 15; at Hopkins' Office in Garwood from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 16th; at the Community Center in Oakland Jan. 20; at Richter's Place in Lone Oak on the morning of Jan. 21st; and at Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg during the afternoon of Jan. 21st.

### Fun Center Opens Here

The new Eagle Lake Fun Center is now open in the Euers Building, the former Eagle Lake Furniture Co. lo-

### Paper Back On Regular Schedule Next Week

The Headlight will get back on the regular schedule of printing with the issue next week. Since the New Year's Day holiday came on Wednesday, our regular printing day, the paper was printed this week on Thursday.

Normal deadlines of 12 noon Tuesday for advertisements and 3 p.m. Tuesday for news will resume next week.

Thanks for your cooperation during the holiday period.

### EL To Be Featured On TV Jan. 13

Plans are being made by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce for appearance of local citizens on Dick Gottlieb's television program on Houston Channel 26 at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13th.

Representatives of the city, including the mayor, Elmer Struss, and other chamber dignitaries will appear on the program being planned by CC secretary Dianne Blake and Mark Anderson, the 1974 president, and Mrs. Emily Stiles, 1975 president.

Full details on the program will be announced in this paper next week.

Music boxes, game machines and pool tables provide entertainment for young and old.

Ike Pillsbury of Columbus is owner and manager of the Fun Center. He is a partner in a similar business in Columbus.

## Gus Seaholm Suffers Broken Legs In Gravel Pit Accident

Gus Seaholm of Eagle Lake was seriously injured in an accident at the Lone Star Industries Blue Roan Bend gravel plant south of Eagle Lake Monday morning.

Mr. Seaholm was working with other employees unloading a large generator motor from a truck. A dragline was being used to lift the motor when for some unknown reason the braking mechanism on the dragline slipped and the bucket of the dragline struck Seaholm in the back, knocking him to the ground, face down. The bucket then fell across his lower legs pinning him beneath the heavy piece of equipment.

In the accident he received compound fractures of both bones in the left leg and his right leg was also broken.

Gus was brought to Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the Eagle Lake-Volunteer Ambulance Corps and shortly afterward was sent by ambulance to the Herman Hospital in Houston. He went into surgery at around 2:00 p.m. Monday and was in surgery for over four hours in an attempt to repair the damaged limbs.

It was reported that he was resting fairly well, however the extent of permanent damage, if any, to the legs is not known at this time.

His wife, Shirley, and parents, the Gardner Seaholms; and other relatives and friends have been in Houston at different intervals to be with Gus and to keep a check on his progress.

Only a few short hours before the accident, Seaholm was among the volunteer firemen who battled a fire at the Corbitt home in Altair. He is an active member of the department.

Friends join in prayers for his complete recovery to good health. Those who would like to send him messages of cheer may forward them to Room 422 in the Herman Hospital in Houston.

## Local Man Charged In Shooting

An Eagle Lake man, Roosevelt Carson, is charged with assault with intent to murder following a shooting in front of the Zanibar Club near the downtown section of the city at around 9:30 p.m. Christmas night, Dec. 25th.

Chief of Police Roy Chisum said that Carson and Connie Upson were involved in the affray. Witnesses told the officer that Carson tried to borrow some money from Upson. When Upson refused to lend the money, Carson pulled a .22 caliber pistol from his pocket and fired a shot into the right shoulder of Upson.

Chief Chisum said that Upson took the gun away from Carson before he was taken to the hospital for treatment of the wound.

Chisum said that Carson allegedly had the gun in his possession when he was in the Stevenson Cafe near the Zanibar and Carson is also charged with possession of a prohibitive weapon on premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages.

The charges were filed in the court of Justice of Peace M. M. Jones and bond was set on each charge at \$1500 pending action by the February grand jury.

## Briscoe Re-Appointed County Auditor

M. Lee Briscoe, who has served as Auditor in Colorado County for the past eighteen years, was re-appointed this week for another two year term in that office.

His appointment was made Tuesday by District Judge E. W. Pattison and B. B. Schraub and will be effective for the years 1975 and 1976.

## Work To Begin On Bank Addition Mon.

Workmen of Contractor J. L. Drymalla of Columbus are expected to begin work Monday on the construction of the addition of a new drive-in window and drive-through area for the First National Bank of Eagle Lake.

The project will include the remodeling of the two buildings just east of the bank, now housing Merle Norman Cosmetics Studio and the Strickland Insurance Agency.

Mrs. Gene Baker is moving her Norman Studio to a new location at 103 West Main, in the building adjoining the former Eagle Lake Furniture Co. building. Robert Griffith is moving Strickland Insurance to the former Eagle Lake Florist location at 222 East Main Street.

Bank officers ask for the cooperation of citizens during the construction period. No curtailment of bank services is anticipated during the construction period.

## Beef Cattle Short Course Jan. 7, 14

Farmers and ranchers in the area are invited to attend a Beef Cattle Short Course to be conducted at the County Agricultural Bldg. in Columbus on Tues., Jan. 7th and Tues., Jan. 14th at 7 p.m. each evening.

Dr. James Armstrong, extension veterinarian at Texas A&M University, will be the principal speaker. He and resident veterinarians Dr. L. T. Baron and Dr. Bob Potter of Columbus, will also serve on a panel to answer your questions concerning beef cattle production.

Topic on the first night will be Diseases and on the second night Internal Parasites will be discussed.

The short course is sponsored by the County's beef cattle subcommittee, the extension service and resident veterinarians. There is no charge for attendance.

## Rice Schools Reopen Mon.

Students in the Rice Consolidated District will return to classes at their regular hours Monday morning, Jan. 6th ending a two week long Christmas and New Year holiday.

Teachers will get a head-start on the students and will attend an in-service workshop at their respective schools this Friday, Jan. 3rd.

## 1.8 Million Rice Acreage Allotment Set For 1975

Decrease Of 15% In Light Of Large 1974 Carryover

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced at the last hours of the 1974 year Tuesday, that the 1975 rice acreage allotment in the U. S. will be 1.8 million acres, 15 per cent below the acreage allotted for the 1974 crop.

The acreage allotment was reduced despite the fact that there has been a worldwide decline in production of rice and other key feed grains. The 1974 rice crop in the United States, however, was a

## New Dist. Clerk, Pct. 2 Commr. Take Office

### Corbitt Home At Altair Burns Mon.

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen were called to another tragic house fire early Monday morning when the James Corbitt home at Altair was completely destroyed by fire. It was the second house fire in less than a week answered by the firemen and ran the total number of alarms for 1974 to 55.

Mr. Corbitt told the fireman answering the call that he was awakened by his dog to find his house ablaze. Eagle Lake firemen were called to the scene but were unable to control the blaze and the house and all contents were completely destroyed. A car and truck parked at the home were saved when a passing truck driver assisted in pulling the vehicles to safety. Cause of the fire was not known.

Mr. Corbitt was alone in the home since he had taken his wife to the hospital with illness Sunday.

Heavy fog slowed traffic and delayed the firemen somewhat in getting to the scene.

The alarm was received by the local department around 6:30 p.m. and the fire destroyed a home occupied by the Kenneth Dufner family in Eagle Lake.

## Hit And Run Driver Arrested Here Dec. 26

A 1972 Oldsmobile, owned by the Clifford Evoritt, Jr. family, parked at the curb on McCarty Street was struck by a vehicle on Christmas night and the driver of the car was arrested the following day and has been charged with hit and run charges.

Mrs. Evoritt, Jr. parked the vehicle while she was visiting with her mother-in-law, Mrs. C. E. Evoritt, in her home. Neighbors who live in the area also reported hearing the crash at around 10 p.m.

Eagle Lake police officers looked for the vehicle which hit the Evoritt car for most of Christmas night and finally located the vehicle, a 1964 Dodge, which was driven by Vernon Stevenson, the following morning.

Stevenson was charged with failure to control speed and failure to stop and give information following an accident.

Considerable damage resulted when Stevenson's car, traveling north on McCarty, hit the rear of the Evoritt car.

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## Weekend Revival At Rock Is. Baptist Church

The Rock Island Baptist Church will hold a weekend revival beginning Friday evening at 7:30.

Robert Graham of the Garden Oaks Baptist Church in Houston will bring the message. Saturday evening at 7:30 Ross Hargrove of the Freeway Baptist Church in Houston will be the speaker. Sunday evening at 6:00 the Pastor Russell Davis will have the service. Johnny Peres of Houston will bring the music.

There will be two new faces among the county officials' roster. They will be Harvey Vornsand who was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late District Clerk Charles Allen. Mr. Vornsand is a Weimar resident. He will succeed Mrs. Annette Wallace who was appointed District Clerk to fill the office until such time as the newly elected official might be sworn in.

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Rafael Veselka will take over the office of Precinct 2 Commissioner in the Weimar area succeeding the veteran A. J. Kainer in that office. Mr. Kainer elected to retire at the end of the 1974 year after many years of illustrious service to his precinct and to the county.

Other officials to be sworn in for new four year terms include: Precinct 4 Commissioner L. W. (Bill) Stiles, Jr., of Eagle Lake; County Judge Crane; County Clerk Lester Schneider; County Treasurer Mrs. Martha Bodungen; Justices of the Peace M. M. Jones in Eagle Lake Precinct 6; W. A. Hefner in Garwood Precinct 2; Richard C. Schmidt in Columbus Precinct 1; Francis J. Truchard in North Columbus Precinct 6; Florenz Weishuhn, Jr. in Frelsburg Precinct 5; Chester A. Walker in Oakland area Precinct 3; Joe Kaye in Weimar Precinct 4; and Dittman Harrison in Alleton Precinct 7.

Also beginning new terms of office are many state officials from the governor on down. John Wilson, State Representative from District 30 which includes this area, also begins a new term in office January 1st.

## Ischy Given 3 Years On Marijuana Charge

David Phillip Ischy, 20, one of two men in a plane that crashed on Farm to Market Road 2434 in this county Nov. 13th, entered a plea of guilty and waived grand jury indictment on a charge of possession of marijuana in district court in Columbus Dec. 27th and he was assessed three years in the state penitentiary.

Ischy was recently given three years in the penitentiary and an additional ten years of probation on a charge of revocation of probation in a federal court in Austin.

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## County Judge Also Becomes Ex-Officio School Supt.

Newly elected state, district, county and precinct officials will begin new terms of office effective January 1st; and in Colorado County this will mark the end of the county superintendent's office.

County Judge Lester J. Crane, who was among the county officials re-elected to new four year terms, said that an official "swearing in ceremony" has been scheduled for 9 a.m. this morning, Thurs., January 2nd in the county courtroom in the courthouse in Columbus.

Judge Crane will also assume the office of Ex-officio county school superintendent with the abolishment of the county superintendent's office which has been filled since Jan. of 1959 by Herbert A. Schroeder, Sr.

Judge Crane will receive additional pay of \$2560 annually for handling the affairs of the county superintendent's office. The county board comprised of five members, one from each of the commissioners' precincts and one member at large, will continue to function as in the past. Business for the county school board will now be handled through the County Judge's office.

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## Burglary at Midnight Bar Sunday Night

Eagle Lake police were called Monday morning to investigate the burglary of the Midnight Bar on Third Street, during Sunday night, Dec. 28th.

Chief of Police Roy Chisum said that entry was made by prying off a locked latch.

Once inside the burglar broke into a drink machine and a music box and took an undetermined amount of coins. Owner Lila Castillo also reported that from \$2 to \$3 in pennies were taken from a cash register.

The burglars did not try to get into three pool tables or a cigarette machine in the building, said Chief Chisum.