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Sheridan Woods: 3 1/2 to 100 acres, lots of deer, excellent terms.

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1/4" 4'x8' 1.39
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235 lb. Shingles, BONDED per square 14.95
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50 lb. roll roofing 6.95

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798-2148

For Sale

LUCKY YOU - if you'd like to move NOW - without fuss and bother, spacious 4 bedroom, carpeted and draped, plus privacy fenced yard and pool. Shown by appointment.
SPALINGER REALTY
234-2836 Eagle Lake

FOR SALE: 5 Acres of Rock Island. Nice small ranch, live oaks and wonderful pasture. Lots of improvements, no house. Hanly Realtors, 234-2825, Eagle Lake. (12-11-tf)

BEAUTIFUL JEWELRY gifts now available at the Rice Package Store, East Main St. (Hwy. 90A) in Eagle Lake. (12 18 2t)

FOR SALE: Brick Home on corner. Three bedroom, 2 bath, air and heat, built in appliances. [illegible] and swimming pool. An exceptional buy. See
HANLY REALTORS
234-2825 Eagle Lake

WOODED TRACTS
11 to 13 acre tracts near Rice High School - no restrictions. Low Down Payment. Owner finances, will sell Texas Veterans.
SPALINGER REALTY
234-2836 Eagle Lake

FURS WANTED
Hunters, trappers and dealers, raw and dried furs wanted. Steve Tyler, Box 150, Lane City, Tx. 77453. Highest prices paid. Location, Shell Service Station, 90A, Eagle Lake. Starting Dec. 5, Fridays only from 2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Send me your dried furs. (11-27-5tp)

FOR SALE
A fine old home, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, needs some repairs, also garage, 12 lots with plenty of trees in Rock Island.
HANLY REALTORS
234-2825 Eagle Lake

FOR SALE: John Deere MT Tractor with 5' Belly Mower and Hyd. 3 point Hitch Attachment. Excellent condition. Phone 234-2920 or 234-2755. (7-17-tf)

ACREAGE
2 1/2 to 5 acre tracts in several localities - wooded or open land. Owners will finance. Call us for information.
SPALINGER REALTY
234-2836 Eagle Lake

FOR SALE: 1975 Tandem Cattle Trailer with cover, 14 ft. long. May be seen at Berger Mobil Station on South Main. Phone 234-3334. (11-13-tf)

Clyde's Corner

We will be open all day Dec. 24th but open only 8 A.M. to 12 noon Christmas Day, Dec. 25

CLYDE'S FOOD MARKET
304 W. POST OFFICE - PH. 234-2820
OPEN DAILY from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
OPEN SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Your Patronage Appreciated

For Sale

FOR SALE
Rice Courts, 8 units, nice home, space for 8 or 10 mobile home units on 2 1/2 acres. $35,000. Located on Highway 90A-West, Eagle Lake.
HANLY REALTORS
234-2825- Eagle Lake

FURS WANTED: Will be at the square in Eagle Lake every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. starting Dec. 4th to buy furs. J. & L. Fur Buyers, Glidden, Texas. (12 4 6tp)

FOR SALE: We have plenty of telephone glass insulators, beautiful beverage commemorative bottles in Porcelain China, also glass top fruit jars. A lot of commemorative stamps. Call George Meschwitz, 836-3423, Brenham. (12-18-2t)

TOTALLY UPDATED
Older 2 story on 1 acre. Three bedroom, modern kitchen, large den. Rock Island. Shown by appointment.
SPALINGER REALTY
234-2836 Eagle Lake

GET JEWELRY GIFTS at the Rice Package Store in Eagle Lake. (12 18 2t)

FOR SALE: 40 gallon pressure tank and quite a bit of second hand galvanized iron roofing. Call Gordon Birdwell, 234-3193. (12-(6-2tp)

FOR SALE: 197 acres rice and soybean land or potential industrial site, adjacent to railroad and blacktop road. Terms.
SPALINGER REALTY
234-2836 Eagle Lake

FOR SALE: 1974 Sears 19000 BTU Air Conditioner. Excellent condition, $250, or best offer. B. Coveaux, 234-3653. (12-23-tf)

FOR SALE: Two story brick Business Building on Main Street.
HANLY REALTORS
234-2825 Eagle Lake

FOR SALE: 1971 blue Ford Torino 500. Clean, runs good. Must sell, $800.00. Call Bill at 234-3115. (12-23-1tp)

FOR SALE: Twin beds and mattresses and box springs; also a four drawer chest of drawers and a twin headboard only. Call 234-3663 or 234-2500. (12 23 tf)

GAS SAVER: 1974 Maverick for sale - six cylinder, standard, with air. Phone 234-3468. (12-23-2t)

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: Call 234-3758, Jerry Fajkus, Eagle Lake. (12-23-2t)

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Large two bedroom house located at Rice Courts. All utilities. Call 234-3006. (12 9 tf)

THE MOBILE VILLAGE
The Complete Mobile Home Park
NOW RENTING $55 per month
* Curb and Guttered Paved Streets
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Area Code 512 865-3587 Flatonia
P. O. BOX 247

Help Wanted

MEN WANTED: No experience necessary. Hurricane Steel Industries, Fittings Division, Sealy, Texas. Apply Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., AC 713 885-3569. (4-24-tf)

NEED full-time and part-time cooks; waitress and desk clerk (full or part-time); and Motel help. Skull Creek Lanes, Altair, 234-2583. (1 3 tf)

SALES REPRESENTATIVE wanted for Hurricane Steel Industries, Fittings Division, Sealy, Texas. - Apply Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mr. Virgil Womack, AC 713 885-3569. (4-24-tf)

DRINKING PROBLEM: Call AA at 234-3443 in Eagle Lake or 732-2074 in Columbus.

Rice Allotments Wanted

We have buyers for rice allotments.
HANLY REALTORS
234-2825 Eagle Lake

NEED MERCHANDISE for my antique business. Will buy old furniture, fixtures, glass and other miscellaneous. Call Wm. Kell 234-3045 after 5 p.m. (10-3-tf)

NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals, plainly marked, addressed to the Commissioners' Court of Colorado County, Texas, will be received at the office of the County Judge at Columbus, Texas, until 10:00 A.M. on Monday, January 12, 1976, and then publicly opened and read before the Commissioners' Court in the regular meeting place of said Courthouse at Columbus, Texas, for:

1 new 1975 or 1976-model car for the Sheriff's Department with trade-in (wrecked).

Specifications to be obtained from office of County Judge.

A certified or cashier's check for 5 per cent of the amount bid, payable to Colorado County, Texas, must accompany each proposal as a guaranty that the bidder, if successful, will deliver the equipment called for by his bid, in accordance with the requirements of the Commissioners' Court. The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept any bid deemed most advantageous to the County and the right to reject any or all bids.

By Order of the Commissioners' Court, December 8, 1975.

Lester J. Cranek
County Judge
(12-18-2t)

SERVICES

LISTINGS NEEDED on Farms, Ranches, Land and other Real Estate. Have huge demand from Qualified Buyers.
HANLY REALTORS
Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

WALL TO WALL CARPETING for the home or office. Priced to meet every budget. Call us for samples and prices at the Furniture Shoppe in Eagle Lake, 234-2534. (5-9-tf)

LEVEE SURVEYING -- Rice Field Levee surveying using Laser Plane equipment. Experienced operator, proven equipment. For information call Lakeside, Inc., Roger Birdwell, Mgr., 713/234-3533 (Eagle Lake), 713/342-4886 (Houston), 713/234-5465 (night). (11 20 6t)

CABINETS AND INTERIOR Remodeling. Calvin Kollmann, Columbus 732-3467. (9 4 tf)

NOW OPEN: Jim's Custom Upholstery Shop. Large selection of materials. Free estimates. Pickup and Delivery. Call 234-3988 in Sheridan, Texas. (8 1 tf)

MISC. SALES

FOR SALE: Turkey Dinners for sale Christmas Day and Christmas Night at Five Sons in Rice Mill area. $1.50 per plate. (12-23-1tp)

LIFE can be so beautiful - and so are carpets cleaned with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer. Western Auto Store in Eagle Lake.

IN MEMORIAM
In loving memory of our darling son, brother, grandson and nephew, Kevin Walker, who passed away December 30, 1972,

Three years have passed and gone,
Since God called you away.
We who loved you so well,
Miss you more each day.
To one who made the silent heartaches,
Only those who loved you can tell
The grief we bear in silence
Of the one we loved so well.
The flowers placed upon your grave will always fade away
But the love for you who sleeps beneath
Shall never fade away.
Your parents,
Freddie and Maggie;
Your sister Kelli;
Grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hengst
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walker;
Aunt Diane;
Uncles Ronnie and Randy.

Irving Williams
Licensed Plumber
Residential and Commercial
234-3122
Eagle Lake

Cards of Thanks

NOTE OF THANKS
I truly would like to express my grateful thanks to the splendid Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps.

Fri., Dec. 12 had the misfortune of fainting while shopping in Miller's Grocery store when this fine group was summoned by Bennie Miller and quickly came to my aid.

Although it was a frightening experience, it was gratifying to see the pleasant faces while performing their duties efficiently.

I'm home from the hospital and doing nicely.

My heartfelt appreciation goes to the wonderful group; to Dr. Curtis Laughlin, nurses, Pink Ladies, Candy Stripers and staff; to my family and friends for the care and kindnesses shown me.

May God bless each of you.
Mrs. A. P. (Mildred) McNiel

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our grateful appreciation to our many friends and relatives who were with us in our hour of need at the death of our beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt, Mrs. J. A. (Charlotte) Segelquist.

We wish to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, memorials and cards.

"God bless all of you."
The Segelquist Families

NOTE OF THANKS
We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many kindnesses in our time of sorrow upon the death of our daughter and granddaughter.

Your phone calls, cards, gifts of food, flowers, prayers and so many other kindnesses certainly helped ease our time of sorrow and we shall be grateful to each of you forever. It is wonderful to know that you have so many friends who wish to render aid and comfort in a time of sadness.

May God bless each of you.
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bertsch
Mr. and Mrs. Butch Szymanski, Paula and Penny

Prizes To Be Awarded at Local Firms

Several Eagle Lake business firms are taking registrations, without obligation, for free prizes to be awarded before Christmas.

Helyn's Flower Basket awarded a number of prizes on Monday and winners will be announced next week. Lake Crest Flower Shop will conclude its open house with a drawing for prizes. Also, registrations will be taken up to 4 p.m. at Miller's Grocery for free prizes to be given at that time Christmas Eve.

Christmas DANCE
Nada KJT Hall
NADA, TEXAS
Thurs., Dec. 25
MUSIC BY THE FABULOUS FIVE
9 to 1
New Year's Eve DANCE
Wed., Dec. 31
MUSIC BY Danny & Midnight Cowboys
9 to 1

HAPPY HOLIDAY
DANCE
Che Paree
3 1/2 Miles North of Columbus on Highway 71
Fri., Dec. 26
Danny and the Midnight Cowboys
Sat., Dec. 27
MUSIC BY WINCHESTER
Closed All Day Christmas Day

It's gonna get cold - -
Check this ANTIFREEZE SPECIAL by name brand maker
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EAGLE TRACTOR, INC.
908 E. Main EAGLE LAKE Phone 234-2516

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Limited offer on this building with large double sliding doors included
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7701 N. Lamar Suite 121 - Austin, Texas 78752

THE PYRAMID CLUB'S
(Wharton, Texas)
New Year's Eve Spectacular!
Featuring
Dulwich Fox
and
CRIPPLE CREEK
Free Beer Bust (Keg) and Free Party Favors!!
WED., DEC. 31
Adm. $5.00 Per Person

ROCK ISLAND NEWS

MRS. M. I. NICEWANDER

Rock Is. Methodist Xmas Program

The Rock Island Methodist Church enjoyed their annual Christmas program on Thurs. evening, Dec. 18 at 7 o'clock. The group enjoyed singing Christmas songs, followed by the Candlelight Service.

The decorated tree held gifts for each one present. Delicious refreshments were served to the members and invited guests.

Santa Visits In Rock Island

Santa Claus made his annual visit to the Rock Island Com munity Center Saturday night, December 20th and was met by the children of the area.

He brought gifts of fruit and candy. Later everyone enjoyed refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, chips, punch and coffee.

BIRTHDAY

The family of Mrs. C. Black was here last week-end and Sunday they celebrated her birthday anniversary that will be December 24th.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Black of Bloomington; Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Black of Palacios; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ten Napel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goolsby and daughter of Pasadena; Mrs. Della Goolsby, Bob and Don Hatchel of Baytown; and Mrs. Avis Goolsby of Eagle Lake.

PERSONALS

Guests here this week with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. DeFoor have been Trudy DeFoor from Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brandt of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Mayes, Jr. and family of Houston spent Sunday here with Mrs. Hertha Mayes and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mayes and family.

Mrs. Richard Jones and two children, Melody and Casey, of Richmond were guests here last week-end with the Walter Wiede and Mrs. Fern Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Christian from Hamilton, Mo. arrived several days ago and will spend some time here with friends and relatives.

Guests here recently with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Girndt have been Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Girndt of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moore and sons of Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Buchanek were visitors in La Grange Sunday with their son and family the Robert Buchaneks.

BAPTIST SPEAKER

Evangelist Allen Buchanek of Longview will be the speaker at the Baptist Church here next Sunday morning and evening, December 28th.

Friendship Club Christmas Fete

The Eagle Lake Women's Friendship Club met during the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 17th in the lovely home of the hospitable hostess, Mrs. Esther Sunderman, for the annual Christmas party. There was a short business meeting and the club decided on a project for 1976.

There were 20 members and two visitors present. Members were: Mesdames Dora Larson, Ada Ward, Hazel Havens, Ada Briggs, Elma Clark, Elsie Wiese, Carolyn Rosprim, Ida Belle Kinnard, Tommie Neiswender, Macy Walker, Cecil Austin, Avis Goolsby, Jessie Arnett, Selma German, Mattie D. Barnett, Elnora Rutledge, Charlotte Crutchfield, Dora Immehover, Edna Hollas, Esther Sunderman. The visitors were Mrs. Freda Theuman, Mrs. Emilia Albrecht and Mrs. Eva Marshall, Mrs. Marshall was welcomed as a new member.

The group gathered around the traditional Christmas tree where gifts were exchanged, and Mrs. Carolyn Rosprim led in the singing of Christmas carols. Mrs. Marshall read "The Legend of the Candle" and noted that members should start the new year right by doing for others.

A delicious luncheon consisting of congealed salads, sandwiches, cakes, cookies, dips and chips, coffee and punch was enjoyed. The luncheon was prepared by all the guests and Mrs. Rosprim cially good for this Christmas party. The guests departed thanking the hostess for a delightful afternoon. --Mrs. Hazel Havens, Reporter.

And to all best wishes for the happiest of all possible holidays.
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK COMMISSION COMPANY
Columbus, Texas
DEMPSEY CALHOUN GEORGE HAGAN

Hope you don't mind our using a "pet phrase" at this season: Happy holidays!
BEISEL Machine Shop
DORIS AND BILL - EAGLE LAKE

Realism Reflected at Christ's Birthplace

In the Middle East, where Christ lived, Christmas has a touch of realism. The patriarch comes from Jerusalem with a troop of cavalry in gorgeous array. The service lasts from 10 p.m. until long after midnight.

After the reading of the gospel the clergy and congregation leave the church and journey to the Grotto of the Nativity.

May the true joy of Christmas be given unto us all. Best wishes to our friends and neighbors.
AUSTIN GROCERY
DAVID, LARRY, KENNY AND CARL
EAGLE LAKE

Times may have changed but one thing is still the same — sending holiday greetings to friends old and new. It's a pleasure to wish you happy holidays.
EARL L. BRADEN, Contractor
MR. AND MRS. EARL BRADEN
Susan and Earl, Jr.
Dan Supak
Ronnie Pfeifer
EAGLE LAKE

Bandsmen Play Carols In Downtown Area

Shown above are two of the musical groups who serenaded with Christmas carols in downtown Eagle Lake last Saturday. At the top is the brass ensemble from Rice High School and in the lower photo are Eagle Lake Middle School bandsmen performing before and inside business places Saturday afternoon. Saturday morning another group from the Rice High School entertained with Christmas selections. Band directors Floyd Spenrath and Eugene Polnick accompanied the ensembles on their tour of the city.

Weather Is Factor In Fatal Accidents

Approximately two percent of the 2626 fatal traffic accidents in Texas last year occured during foggy weather conditions. At this time of year prevailing atmospheric conditions produce intermittent light and dense fog.

Three elements; start early, slow down, and use of lights and wipers are important to help stay clear of accidents.

START EARLY: Recognize the atmospheric conditions the night before, if possible. Watch and listen to the weather broadcast. Then be sure you start your day a little bit earlier in order to allow for extra travel time due to slower speed.

SLOW DOWN: Slow down because the road can be wet and slippery due to the foggy conditions. Slow down because distant vision ahead is restricted, therefore stopping distance will need to be reduced to compensate for the restricted vision. And slow down in order to keep your eyes moving. One may tend to keep his eyes glued on the road straight ahead. Speed too fast for conditions does not allow enough space cushion to have attention distracted from straight ahead. Slowing down will give greater space cushion, thus enabling a driver to move his eyes from side-to-side for checking traffic at intersections and reading the life signs of the road.

USE OF LIGHTS AND WIPERS: Texas traffic law states that every vehicle shall display lighted lamps even during daylight hours when due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of one thousand (1,000) feet. (Lighted lamps mean headlights, not parking lights). Even though a driver could see clearly over a thousand feet ahead the use of headlights would be for his own safe protection.

A vehicle with headlights on will be spotted much sooner than one without lights. Therefore, the sooner you are spotted, the more time the other driver has to plan and react.

When the mist of fog begins to build up on the windshield, clear vision becomes impaired. At this time the wipers become a necessity for clear distant vision.

Traffic accidents in fog may be avoided by starting earlier, driving slower and using lower beam headlights (not parking lights) and windshield wipers when necessary.

Michael Bubela Is Graduate Of SWTSU

A Garwood native was among the approximately 800 degree candidates who received diplomas from Southwest Texas State University in twin winter commencement ceremonies Sat., Dec. 20th.

Michael F. Bubela, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bubela of Rt. 1, Garwood, received a Bachelor of Science during the commencement exercises.

Care Outlined For Christmas Poinsettias

By Dorothy Schomberg
County Extension Agent

The poinsettia is a favorite Christmas plant, with its attractive green leaves and bright red bracts. And, with proper care, it can provide attractive colors for holiday season and later.

Several requirements must be fulfilled to receive full benefits from poinsettias.

The poinsettia will do best when placed in a sunny location and protected from sudden temperature changes due to drafts, heat vents or opening doors. Night temperature should not drop below 60 degrees F. A sudden drop in temperature can cause complete loss of leaves.

Proper watering will do much to prolong the life of the poinsettia. The plant's water requirements are relatively high due to its large leaf surfaces and the low humidity of homes and offices. The soil ball around the plant should not be allowed to become so dry that the leaves start to wilt.

On the other hand, do not keep the soil saturated with water as this cuts off the oxygen supply to the roots, resulting in loss of feeder roots and foliage. Frequently, poinsettias come in pots covered with an attractive foil to enhance their appearance. Be sure to check if the drainage hole in the bottom of the pot is closed by the foil. If excess moisture cannot drain out, the soil will remain waterlogged.

About three weeks after receiving the plant, fertilize it with a complete fertilizer. Dissolve the fertilizer in water and then water the plant thoroughly. Applications may be repeated at three-week intervals until the colored bracts fade and drop.

New Era In Auto Registrations

An era is coming to an end. Texas motorists next week will begin receiving their new auto registration applications in the mail.

But in 1976, instead of new metal license plates, Texas vehicles will sport small strips of reflective material. The bicentennial red, white and blue validation stickers are to be affixed to the area outlined by an embossed rectangle in the upper left-hand corner of the 5-year plates issued a year ago.

So, for the first time since World War II, Texas will use license plates issued in an earlier year. And plans call for annual reissue of the same plate numbers for the foreseeable future for periods of at least five years at a time.

The 66th Legislature decreed that the star should be replaced by the silhouette of the State of Texas on all future license plates. The state silhouette will appear on the plates only after existing supplies are exhausted.

To cut the cost of plates, manufactured by the Texas Department of Corrections at Huntsville, it also was determined that plates should be used for five years instead of being reissued annually.

Principal change in the 1976 plates was the addition of embossed rectangles in the upper left and right corners, and a galvanized back to assure longer life for the metal.

Beginning in 1978, Texas will go to a "year-round" registration system. The validation sticker will indicate the month of issue for each car, with the month to be determined by the department.

Vehicle registration will occur during every month of the year, similar to the present procedures for vehicle safety inspection.

The month-of-issue sticker will remain the same for the life of the vehicle and will be affixed in the upper left-hand corner of the license plate. A definite advantage will be the elimination of long lines of motorists waiting to register their vehicles once each year, as only part of the registrations will be issued each month.

When the new monthly registration system becomes effective, cost of registration will be determined by the month of issue for the first year, and a motorist will pay for length of the registration period -- whether for part of year or more than a year.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

If you like fresh air at night--turn off the heat in the bedroom and close the door before opening the window. Otherwise you waste warmed air in the rest of the house.

If you're going away for the holidays, save energy at home. Lower the thermostat to around 50 degrees -- shut off, or dial down, your water heater.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

We wish you every joy and blessing of this happy Christmas Season!
THOMPSON Fertilizer & Flying Service
GARWOOD

As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, it is our fondest prayer that His peace will dwell within every heart at Christmas, and ever after.
GARWOOD TELEPHONE CO.
MR. AND MRS. ERVIN STIENKE & FAMILY AND EMPLOYEES
GARWOOD

With this great holiday, we express deep appreciation for friendships, old and new. Peace be with you.
EAGLE BARBER SHOP
Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Franak & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Monte Hunter & Family
EAGLE LAKE

May the Christmas Season be a memorable and joyous time filled with blessings and love for all.
W. F. MEITZEN 66 STATION
W. F. MEITZEN, JR. BOB MEITZEN
EAGLE LAKE

The joy of Christmas is in giving and we would like to give you our best wishes for the holiday season.
MONTGOMERY WARD
ROSALYN AND ERNIE UZZELL
EAGLE LAKE