

Christmas Receiving

(By the Rev. George T. Welsh, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Eagle Lake)

Even in the fast-flying, bustling days before Christmas we all save corners of our minds and hearts to think about the gifts we are giving, and especially about the people to whom we are giving them. And so we should, for this thoughtfulness is a necessary ingredient of any gift. To give is to give of ourselves, and to give of ourselves is to give of our love.

worthy receiving? For a truly suitable gift needs to be thoughtfully given. First of all, to be worthy receivers, we need simple imagination, the capacity to recreate the thought and time and effort expended by the donor to find the present exactly suited to us. Second, we need appreciation, the ability to place the correct value on the gift we have received. And third, we need the material value, but the affection, respect, and concern for us which the gift conveys. Next, we need humility, the recognition of our need for the affection, respect, and concern which the gift brings us, and the complementary realization that the giver considers us deserving of what he offers. Finally, we need gratitude, but if we have been imaginative and appreciative and humble, gratitude has already been born. For then we can not only say "thank you," but we can thoughtfully express our thanks in creative ways of self-giving.

The Tree

Christmas is here: Winds whistle shrill, Joy and cheer, Little care now, Little we fear, Weather without, The Mahogany Tree.

— William Makepeace Thackeray (1811-1863)

Silent Night



May the blessing of the Christmas season be yours. Greeting from

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At Christmastime

We wish to everyone the joy and happiness of this holy season. Warm thanks.

Eagle Lake Sewing Center
Donna Koleski
221 Main - Eagle Lake

Third Graders Present Annual Christmas Play



The Eagle Lake Primary School third graders presented their annual Christmas play entitled "Musical Christmas Cards" at the school last week. The third graders provided an entertaining program for the Eagle Lake Study Club on Wednesday, and the play was presented for the parents in the Primary School Gym at 7:00 p.m. Thursday night. Mrs. Glenda Mahallie, Miss Linda Perry, Mrs. Agnes Klekar, and Mrs. Carol Hollas directed the third grade play for 1975. Pictured in the top photo are Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus played by Royanne Chisum and William Hollas; and in the bottom photo are the snowmen: Johnny Darnell, Richard Sauer, Vernon Stevenson, Roy Butler, Michael Romo, Shane Chestham and Rodger Rutledge, left to right.

K.C. Christmas Dance at Didner Hall Sat.

The Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Christmas and New Year holiday dance at Didner Hall from 8:30 to 12:30 on Saturday, Dec. 27th.

Community Center Calendar

Friday, Dec. 26th the Columbus Square Dance Club has booked the center for the Christmas Dance Party. On Wed., Dec. 31 Club Montezuma will hold its annual New Year's Eve Dance Party.

The perfect gift for Christmas, a Headlight subscription.



May all the wonders of Christmas reach into every heart and home. Special thanks to our friends and patrons.

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COUNTY AGENT'S NOTEBOOK

By P. JOHNNIE COOPER, Colorado County Agricultural Agent

Safety Precautions For Field Work
A large unmarked rock or stump could tip a tractor and kill or seriously injure the operator. Such an accident can be prevented by giving safety the attention it deserves. I would like to suggest some safety precautions when working in fields and lots:
1. Fence all open drainage and irrigation ditches. Make sure there is enough cleared area for a tractor to turn around a ditch.
2. Assume that field bridges are strong enough to support loaded trucks or wagons and provide side rails.
3. Caution all machinery operators to cross slopes carefully and slowly and to watch for low tree branches, stumps or rocks. Steep slopes should be avoided.
4. Keep lots clear of fallen branches and remove or mark large field hazards such as rocks or stumps.
5. Mark outlet retaining walls and abrupt drops. Fence stilling pools and tailwater ponds and post "No Swimming" signs.
6. Shield irrigation pumps and engine drivelines and mark automatic equipment with warning signs.
7. Design dams with low backdrops to permit easy maintenance and allow shorelines to slope gently into the water.
8. Keep machinery in a safe place instead of in fields and areas where weeds and grass will hide it from view.

Free Car Wash
Mrs. Kenneth Austin, this is your ticket for a free car wash at Johnny's Kwik Kar Wash located next to Johnny's 69 Station in Eagle Lake. Clip this out and present at Johnny's for a free car wash effective thru Dec. 30, 1975.

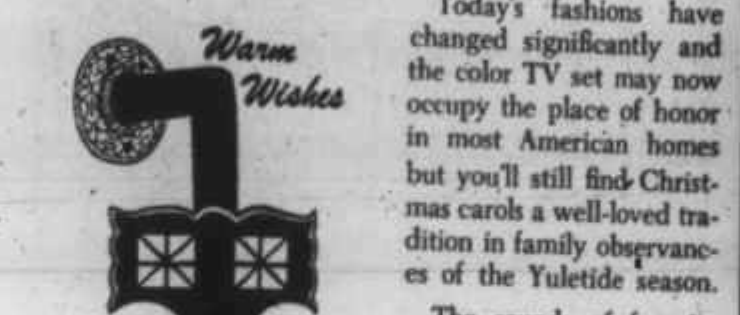
Joy TO ALL

we're ringing in with the best of wishes to one and all...may your holidays be happy, healthy and prosperous!

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Then As Now, Carols Were Holiday Tradition

Back in the 1890's, every well-furnished home had a piano and one of the favorite pastimes was to gather around the family piano to sing the popular tunes of the day. At Christmas-time, the joyous singing of Christmas carols was an important part of the holiday scene, adding to the festive mood of everyone from Papa down to little sister.



Today's fashions have changed significantly and the color TV set may now occupy the place of honor in most American homes but you'll still find Christmas carols a well-loved tradition in family observances of the Yuletide season.

The sounds of favorite carols are more apt to emanate from a stereo set than from a player piano but they're the same songs that young ladies and their beaux sang at the turn of the century, with a few modern additions. However, the traditional singing of carols is still a popular holiday fashion. Many churches feature an evening of beloved



PEACE



NOW, MORE THAN EVER, AT CHRISTMAS TIME OUR THOUGHTS TURN TO THAT "PEACE THAT PASSES UNDERSTANDING." MAY IT BE YOURS THIS SEASON.

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Joyous Noel

May the season bring you and yours every happiness. Merry Christmas to all!

THOMAS DRYER
EAGLE LAKE

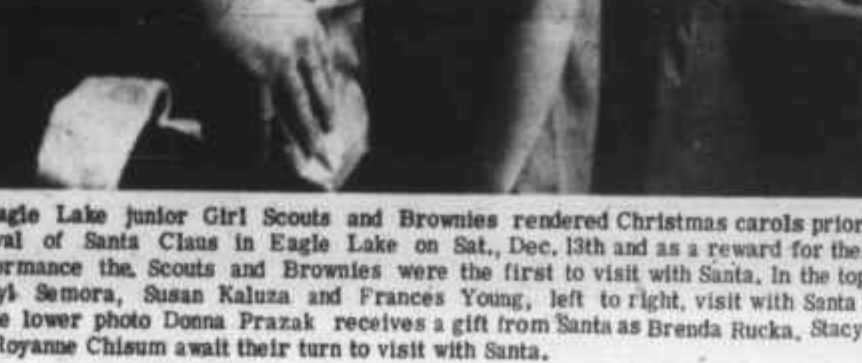
Brownies First To Visit With Santa



Eagle Lake Junior Girl Scouts and Brownies rendered Christmas carols prior to the arrival of Santa Claus in Eagle Lake on Sat., Dec. 13th and as a reward for their fine performance the Scouts and Brownies were the first to visit with Santa. In the top photo Sherry Samora, Susan Kalena and Frances Young, left to right, visit with Santa Claus. In the lower photo Donna Prazak receives a gift from Santa as Brenda Rucka, Stacy Blake and Royanne Chisum await their turn to visit with Santa.



City Cafe
Mrs. Joe F. Schoellman
GARWOOD



14 YEARS AGO Let's Look Back

(August 23, 1961)
Mrs. Gladys Gold of Epps' Department Store attended the American Fashion Association Midwinter and Holiday Market this week in Dallas. Rice prices dropped to \$7.81 high, down from the opening high of \$9.25. Auto crash in Egypt kills Elmo Hawkins and injures two other men. Joe D. Hodge and Willie Harris, local guardsmen in Willie Kessler, Jack Dool, L. J. Rosprim, R. R. Wells, Jr., Jones and Frank Ripper are

Christmas music during the holiday season, and of course TV and radio stations offer many programs of traditional and new carols.

Folks from the Nineties might be amazed at the Christmas customs of today but they'd be right at home when it comes to America's favorite holiday music in 1975 - Christmas carols.

GREETINGS

Cruising along, top speed, and wishing smooth seas ahead this Christmas to all of you.

MAC'S MARINE SERVICE
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WCJC Holiday Break Dec. 22 Thru Jan. 11

Wharton County Junior College students under final exams last week before their Christmas and New Year's Day holiday break that started Dec. 22nd and ends Jan. 11th with resumption of classes at 8 a.m.

The Registrar's office will close for the holidays at the end of the work day Dec. 19th and open January 9th.

Regular registration for the Spring Semester continues through Dec. 10th and Jan. 6-8th.

Registering students must first obtain a registration time assignment from the Student Personnel Office.

Cutback Seen In Nitrogen

Nitrogen fertilizer production in the United States will be reduced about 4 per cent this winter, but Texas farmers should not be affected too much by the cutback.

That's the contention of Dr. Russell McDonald, an economist in marketing for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. He points out that the delivery of natural gas (the feedstock for ammonia used for nitrogen fertilizer) to ammonia plants will be curtailed as the winter season approaches. Current estimates are that the curtailment will total about 670,000 tons for the 15-month period ending March 1, 1976. Of course, severe winter conditions might further reduce the volume of natural gas going to ammonia plants.

The 670,000 tons of natural gas that are expected to be curtailed mean a reduction of 550,000 tons of ammonia for nitrogen fertilizer. Half of this reduction is scheduled for the period of January-March next year, a time when the need for fertilizer production increases sharply to meet demands for the spring planting season.

This possibility this morning in the pickup in front of Joe Luna's Drug Store. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wheeler, died suddenly in Ingleside.

Have you checked the seals around your refrigerator and oven doors? If they are not air-tight, adjust the latch or replace the seals to prevent loss of chilled or heated food -- and save food and energy.

Noel



Our most sincere wish is for you - A Christmas of great joy and peace.

Charles Epps, George Adams, Edna Mae Willis, Ethel Balusek, Margaret Curry

EPPS' DEPARTMENT STORE
EAGLE LAKE

Texas Department of Agriculture home economists remind grocery shoppers that even though a boneless roast is more expensive per pound than a bone-in roast, it has no excess fat and no bones, thus yielding more servings.

School Xmas, N.Y. Holidays Dec. 20-Jan. 4
Rice District school students and faculty members will get a 16-day Christmas and New Year's holiday break which began 2:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19th and extends through Sunday, January 4th. Classes will resume at the usual hour on Mon., Jan. 5th.

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A Very Merry Christmas

Best wishes for a joyous Noel to all our wonderful friends. May the best of the holiday season be yours!



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Merry Christmas

Happy Holidays to All...

May the Spirit and Joy of the Holiday Season stay with you always

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