

Local Soil Conservation Dist. Cited For Excellence

Organized In 1947,
Had 597 Cooperators
During Past Year

Herbert Engstrom of Garwood chairs the board with Henry Sonderman of Eagle Lake as vice-chairman. Emanuel Hennecke of Altair serves as secretary-treasurer. Arthur Koehn of Weimar and Mrs. Ruben Heinsohn of Fayetteville complete the membership. Mrs. Florence Zajack served as bookkeeper. Mrs. Ray (Gerre) Scholten is the district secretary.

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application of conservation practices on the farms, ranches, and other land in Colorado County.

Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the conference room of the County Agricultural Building in Columbus. All of these meetings are open to the public.

ROBERT RE-ELECTED

In an election held in October of this year, Arthur Koehn of Weimar was re-elected director for Zone 2 for a period of 3 years. Mr. Koehn is one of the members who has been with the board since its inception.

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Colorado Soil And Water Conservation Directors



Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Directors are shown above: left to right, seated, Mrs. Ruben Heinsohn, Herbert Engstrom, and Florence Zajack, bookkeeper; standing, L. to R., Arthur Koehn, Henry Sonderman and Emanuel Hennecke.

Headlight To Print Again Next Tuesday

In order that our paper may be in the hands of readers ahead of the holidays, the Eagle Lake Headlight will be printed again next week on Tuesday afternoon.

This will necessitate moving up all deadlines by one day. The deadline for advertising will be at noon Monday and for all news reports, except current news happenings, at 2:00 p.m. on Monday.



May every heart sing with the true joys of this great holiday. Best wishes, dear friends.

IRVING WILLIAMS
Licensed Plumber

MR. AND MRS. IRVING WILLIAMS
FAMILY

Former Garwood Resident



At this special time of the year, grateful thanks to our friends and patrons.

SANDY CREEK
DRIVE IN
GROCERY
SHERIDAN

MR. AND MRS. IRVING WILLIAMS
FAMILY

24 YEARS AGO Let's Look Back

(September 6, 1951)

Citizens in Colorado County by a vote of better than 2 to 1 approved an additional ad valorem county tax of 36¢ per \$100 valuation for construction and maintenance of lateral and farm to market roads and for drainage and flood control programs in the county. A similar bill was passed by the legislature in 1950. No. H. R. 106 in the Rock Island area. J. J. Wobbe resides in Ada. Leo A. Breitkreutz, longtime Eagle Lake resident, passes away. City officials are explaining to the citizens of the community the need for the city's sewage disposal plant.

W. A. Schneider, E. J. Parsons and Harry Larson are general chairmen of the annual Lions Club Carnival. Ervin A. Reitz of Altair and Frank Kasmirsky, Jr. of Garwood among drafteres. Margaret Melton has turned her 40th birthday. Cotton sold for \$1.02 per pound at the time.

Texas Bandmaster of Year



Dr. W.W. Wendland autographs WCJC Band posters for some of his musicians. Standing, left to right, are Kerry Ogle of Rockport; Blonnie Bange of Rosenberg; and James Jordan of Rosenberg. Dr. Wendland was honored guest at the first annual WCJC Band Christmas Dinner-Dance in Wharton.



Season's best to friends and neighbors. Have a happy holiday.

Western Club

MRS. LINDA JACKSON
Altair, Texas

RECORDINGS FILED

Deed, Amanda Winton, individually and as executrix of Estate of J. C. Winton, to Tony Garza et al Lot 1 Blk. 58 Sheridan, Texas, 11-25-75.

Deed, William F. Evans and Karen Sue Evans to Frank Lynn Reid et al Lot 3 Blk. 2 Ward Addition, Columbus, Texas, 11-26-75.

Deed, August Beken et al to Milton Beken et al undivided 5/8 interest in 46.48 acres Basal G. 11-26-75.

Deed, Walton Beken et al to Milton Beken et al undivided 5/8 interest in 5/8 of 72.40 acres Basal G. 11-26-75.

Deed, W. Roy Wright, Jr., Trustee to W. Roy Wright III and Robert Rusk Wright equal share in 400.84 acres Waco Manufacturing Co. Survey, 11-4-75.

Deed, J. C. Welborn et al to Wilfred A. Kall et al 122 Lake Sheridan Estates, 11-10-75.

Deed, Frank F. Tobias, Jr. to Randolph Tobias et al 51.29 acres Joseph Day League, 11-28-75.

Deed, A. Grohman and Son Co. to Francis E. Parks et al Lots 35 and 36 Blk. 78 Weimar, Texas, 11-19-75.

OIL, GAS LEASES

Lease, Meta Gross to Mitchell Energy Corporation-40 acres John M. Karsky Survey, 10-30-75.

Lease, Raymond R. Thomas et al to Skelly Oil Co. 157.19 acres R. J. Focken Survey, 10-4-75.

Lease, Mildred Mayes Campbell to Chiffert Petroleum Inc. 88.00 acres W. W. Thompson League, 10-29-75.

Lease, Ben Scott et al to Chiffert Petroleum Inc. 72.00 acres W. W. Thompson League, 10-29-75.

Lease, County of Colorado to Prairie Producers Co. 5.27 acres, John in town of Columbus, Texas, 11-10-75.

Lease, John H. Schunk et al to Prairie Producers Co. 100 acres Benj. Parker Survey, 11-10-75.

Lease, Dale V. Hunt et al to R. L. Smith and Associates W 1/2 240.40 acres Mrs. Isaac Robertson Survey, 8-1-75.

Lease, William L. Taylor et al to R. L. Smith 240.00 acres E 1/2 Mrs. Isaac Robertson Survey, 10-16-75.

Lease, Willie George et al to Getty Oil Co. 145.61 acres Erasmus Jones League, 11-20-75.

Lease, Caleb Aldridge et al to Vernon S. Mueck 17.4 acres James Ross League, 11-5-75.

Ecology Factor Spells End For Yule Bonfires

Twelfth-night, the night before the feast of the Epiphany, marks the end of the Christmas season. In past times, it has been the practice of celebrants to observe the end of the holiday season by burning their Christmas trees in one great bonfire. But the ecology movement has apparently finished off any remnants of this old custom here in this country.

In one midwestern city, where the burning of Christmas trees had been an annual community event for many years, complaints from pollution-conscious citizens have forced the abandonment of the tradition. So much pressure was brought to bear on the local pollution control agency by environment-minded residents that harried officials were forced to reject a request for an open-fire permit from would-be Twelfth Night celebrants.



May your home be filled with cheer through this festive holiday season and the days yet to come

Let us rejoice for Christ is born in Bethlehem. Merry Christmas, one and all.

FRANKLIN F. REESE
CONTRACTOR
Eagle Lake

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KURLETTE BEAUTY SHOP
216 EAST MAIN - EAGLE LAKE

We wish you and your loved ones a truly festive holiday season. It's a pleasure to greet you and to say thank you for your patronage.

BETTER BEVERAGES, INC.
R. J. CAMPBELL, Pres.

Soil District Annual Report

(Continued from page 10)

The conservation program in the Colorado SWCD this year. It is called an LTA, Long Term Agreement. This program entails a long-range conservation plan on a farm or ranch that assures the landowner or operator of financing for his plan in the years to come. This is different from most of the other farm programs in that their financing is only on an annual basis and it may change from year to year.

Working together can make the solving of mutual problems easier. For this reason, the district is a member of the Gulf Coast Association of SWCDs and the San Houston Resource Conservation and Development Agency. It is the hope of the directors that this area will soon be set up as a RCD project.

IN SAN HOUSTON RCD

The San Houston RCD includes Colorado, Austin, Walter, Montgomery, Harris, Galveston, Ft. Bend, Brazoria, Matagorda and Wharton counties. The purpose is the total development and use of all the resources natural and human - through self government at a local level.

Recreation and wildlife have become a major economic resource in Colorado County. Each year the number of acres that are cropped continues to decline.

The need for a sound soil and water conservation program becomes even more important every year with the increase in the value of land and the need for greater food production to feed an evergrowing world population. Land properly managed and not abused can be of financial benefit to the landowner and to the consumer. Sound conservation benefits everyone.

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District directors look forward to working with the community to encourage programs which will help the farmer, rancher, landowner and operator. The cooperation of the Columbus office of the Soil Conservation Service throughout the year has provided great assistance to district cooperators in the planning and application of conservation practices on their farms and ranches.

Local Projects Aided

Assistance is still provided for the Eagle Lake satellite of the Rice Experiment Station. The Altair Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge operated by the U. S. Department of Interior is receiving assistance in the development of a complete soil and water conservation plan. The Altair Prairie Chicken is one of the endangered species of wildlife.

Here at the holiday season, the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District would like to express their appreciation to the Colorado County Citizens, Weimar, Mercury, Eagle Lake Headlight, Texas Farm and Ranch News, Sun-Enterprise, and Radio Station KULM for their continuing support in the interest of resource conservation.

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District belongs to the people of this community. Their participation is appreciated and encouraged.

Christmas Inspires Interesting Customs

Charming customs add to the beauty and meaningfulness of Christmas in Bulgaria. The *kravai*, a large round cake decorated with pastry birds, flowers, and a cross, is brought out with the appearance of the first star on Christmas Eve. The cake is lighted with a candle, and incense is burned while prayers are offered. Then the father and mother of the household break off a piece of cake for good luck.

On Christmas Day, the Yule log is brought in by the father, while other members of the family sprinkle him with corn. This is to insure good health for all and a bountiful crop. The corn is also placed in a stocking and sprinkled upon the doorstep to insure a happy new year. The Yule log is then lit and the children of the family make wishes as they strike the log.

After church services, Bulgarian children receive their gifts from Grandpa Kpleda, the equivalent of our Santa Claus. The parents in turn receive gifts from their youngsters on the last day of the year.

In Rumania, on the day before Christmas, young boys visit neighboring homes to sing a Christmas greeting, *Colinde*. They are rewarded with apples, cakes, and coins by the listeners. The singing visits begin at dawn and last until after sunset. . . one can imagine some rather stuffed little boys at the end of the day!

In an ancient Rumanian custom, villagers gather at a river bank clad in biblical costumes for a Christmas carol. A young boy is selected to break the ice that has formed upon the river and a wooden cross is thrown into the water. A scramble then ensues for the rescuer of the cross is assured of good fortune.

Joy to The World

Let every heart prepare him room And heav'n and nature sing! As the glad carols ring out! Christmas, we hope your heart is filled with abiding joy.

Garwood Rice Sales Co.
JAMES G. HOPKINS
GARWOOD, TEXAS

Holiday Greetings to all of our dear Patrons and Friends

GIFTS OF DISTINCTION

MENA AND ELDIN KVETON - EAGLE LAKE
Mary Obenhaus Cindy Kingley Polly Sene Orlando Ramirez

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's a pleasure to greet our many patrons and wish them the very best!

FARM & RANCH FLYING SERVICE, INC.
Eagle Lake

Happy Holidays

Yards of Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

HOUSE OF FABRICS
MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY MILLER
EAGLE LAKE

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH

The crunch of snow beneath your feet . . . happy faces around the hearth . . . young voices singing Christmas carols . . . these are the joys of the season we wish to you!

EAGLE LAKE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE HOSPITAL STAFF

JOY

May the glad tidings bring joy into every heart at this holy season. And may every home be blessed with all the warmth and cheer of Christmas! Greetings from everyone at

KALLINA DRYER, INC.
ANTHONY KALLINA, Mgr.
Altair, Texas

SILENT NIGHT

May the spirit of the Christ Child strengthen and brighten your life and bring countless blessings to you.

Jerry's ARCO Station & Car Wash
HIGHWAY 71 - GARWOOD, TEXAS
MR. AND MRS. JERRY ZBRANEK

MAY THE JOY AND PEACE OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH YOU TODAY AND ALWAYS

LAUGHLIN CLINIC, ASSOCIATES
EAGLE LAKE