



200 YEARS of PROGRESS

LET'S CELEBRATE AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE



THE BUSINESS FIRMS AND CHURCHES THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY'S PAST WILL PLAY AN EVEN BIGGER PART IN HER FUTURE. THE FIRMS LISTED ON THIS PAGE ARE DIRECTED BY CAPABLE, ENERGETIC AND OPTIMISTIC LEADERSHIP WHOSE LOYALTY TO THE COMMUNITIES AND SERVICE HAVE WON THEM RECOGNITION IN A GROWING COUNTY. WHEN VISITING THEM... SAY HELLO AND CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE.

EAGLE LAKE HEADLIGHT

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104 YEARS COLLY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE The Rev. David Edgar, Pastor	41 YEARS GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Founded in Eagle Lake in 1935 COME WORSHIP WITH US!	20 YEARS RICE PACKAGE STORE "We Aim to Please" Kolly - Ann - Lucille	10 YEARS GIFFORD HILL CO., INC. Plant Manager Martin Holley Sand and Gravel Plant in Eagle Lake 10 Years	4 YEARS FRED'S SHELL SERVICE STATION 720 East Main 234-7138 - Eagle Lake
103 YEARS EAGLE LAKE MASONIC LODGE AF & AM NO. 366 Founded in June of 1873 Meetings 2nd Friday	39 YEARS EAGLE LAKE MISSION Founded in 1937 The Revs. Emil and Selma Burger, Pastors	18 YEARS FARMER'S INSURANCE GROUP Louis E. Grigar, Agent Hwy. 90A-E - Eagle Lake	SPORTSMAN'S MOTEL Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Kruse 234-3422 - Eagle Lake	THE ONLY SON "We Care Up & Dye For You" Charlene - Mary
101 YEARS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Celebrated Our Centennial in 1975 J. Melburn Sibley, Pastor	35 YEARS EAGLE LAKE NOON LIONS Service to Eagle Lake Community Since 1941 R. F. Spanhel Charter Pres. Clyde Farthing 1976-77 Pres.	CANARIS NURSERY & GARDEN CENTER 600 W. Main - Eagle Lake Pete & Janette Canaris	9 YEARS EAGLE LAKE AUXILIARY Pink Ladies Nearly 20,000 Hours of Service	IKE'S FLYING SERVICE Ike Elberidge and Harold Driggers Phone 234-3229 Eagle Lake & Chesterville
76 YEARS OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH Masses 7:30 Sat., 7:30 and 9:00 Sundays Father Edward Geiser, Pastor	32 YEARS EAGLE LAKE IMPLEMENT CO. Charles & Draper Stephens John Deere Dealer	17 YEARS OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Instituted in 1959 Meetings fourth Tuesdays 8:00 p.m. - Diner Hall - Eagle Lake	8 YEARS ARGO AUTO SERVICE "We Appreciate Your Patronage" Eagle Lake	SCOTT'S SNACK SHACK 1001 East Main 234-5395 - Eagle Lake
70 YEARS LISSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Founded in Lissie, Texas in 1906 The Rev. Paul Wallace, present pastor	31 YEARS NADA GARAGE & SERVICE STATION Albert Leopold - Nada, Texas	15 YEARS EARL L. BRADEN, CONTRACTOR Remodeling - New Construction Eagle Lake, Texas	7 YEARS SHERIDAN DAIRY DELITE Mr. and Mrs. Albert Botard Highway 90A in Sheridan	JACK'S RESTAURANT Erline & Jack Listowski, Prop. 201 Booth Dr. - Eagle Lake
67 YEARS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Founded in 1909 in Eagle Lake, Texas The Rev. Olen Kennel, present pastor	30 YEARS W. F. MEITZEN'S 66 STATION W. F. Meitzen - Bob Meitzen Eagle Lake	14 YEARS JOHNNY'S 66 SERVICE STATION "Where Your Business Is Always Appreciated" Eagle Lake	6 YEARS T. L. HASTINGS TRUCKING CO. Marlene Perry, Dispatcher 234-3121 - Eagle Lake	IRVING WILLIAMS PLUMBING SERVICE 234-3122 Eagle Lake
47 YEARS AMERICAN RICE GROWERS CO-OP ASSN. Butch Martin, Manager - Garwood, Texas	25 YEARS PEOPLE'S LAUNDRY & CLEANERS Suede and Leather Cleaning a Specialty Phone 234-3711 - Eagle Lake	EAGLE LAKE DRUGS Bill N. McCarty "Your Retail Store"	5 YEARS ROYAL CLEANERS 101 McCarty - Eagle Lake Gerald & Gail Bradshaw	MERLE NORMAN COSMETICS And Beauty Shop 103 W. Main - Eagle Lake
44 YEARS EAGLE MARKET E. H. & L. L. Walker "A Complete Food Market"	24 YEARS SHERIDAN LUMBER COMPANY Mr. and Mrs. Jean Walker Phone 234-3921 - Sheridan, Texas	13 YEARS EAGLE BARBER SHOP Johnnie Praxak, Owner Eagle Lake	3 YEARS BEISEL & SONS Bill & Doris Beisel General Machine Work - Eagle Lake	RED STOP LIGHT ON EAST MAIN The Texas Highway Department completed installation of the new red stop light at the intersection of Main Street and Booth Drive last week and the light was in full
40 YEARS A. J. STRUSS AUTO SUPPLY 234-2020 Eagle Lake	23 YEARS SCHINDLER LPG, INC. Serving Industry, Home and Agriculture 234-3314 - Eagle Lake	12 YEARS LILIE'S EXXON STATION Highways 71 & 90A Altair, Texas	2 YEARS EAGLE LAKE JR. AUXILIARY CANDY STRIPERS Community Service Unit Founded Nov. 1974	Bank Deposits Up Nearly \$2 Million The First National Bank of Eagle Lake reported a continued climb in bank deposits with the mid-year 1976 report showing deposits up by nearly \$2 million over a similar period in 1975.
BILL'S GARAGE 234-2901 - Eagle Lake Bill & Luvenia Charvis	22 YEARS OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH Guadalupe Terrace - Mass 10:30 Sundays Father Edward Geiser, Pastor	11 YEARS SANDY CREEK DRIVE-IN GROCERY P. R. Hancock and Jimmy Jones, Owners Hwy. 90A East of Sheridan	1 YEAR KALTEX SUPPLY Nada, Texas Phone 758-3078	Van Vleck Man Is Holiday Traffic Fatality in County A Van Vleck man was killed instantly when his car failed to get out of control on FM 102 between Alletton and Eagle Lake, near the former site of the feed pens near Wilson Hill, as this county's contribution to the devastating traffic toll of the Fourth of July holiday weekend.
	21 YEARS RICE DRUG STORE "We'll Do Our Best" 234-2888 - Eagle Lake	73 YEARS EAGLE LAKE HEADLIGHT Your Newspaper Since 1903 Fred and Eunice Franks and Staff	SHINDLER ELECTRIC SERVICE Phillip Shindler, Owner - Phone 234-5433 Commercial and Residential Electrical Service	Outlook For Rice Prices Not Bright Ten young ladies will be vying for the title of Colorado County Farm Bureau Queen this Friday night, July 9. The event will commence at 8 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center with John Fox of Radio Station KULM, Columbus, as the master of ceremonies.
	GULF COAST OILFIELD CONTRACTING Mr. & Mrs. Ray A. Van Nort Ray D. Van Nort	BEST WISHES!	EAGLE LAKE VFW POST AND AUXILIARY Roy Chisum, Post Commander Florence Henke, Auxiliary President	Field Day Speaker Points To Heavy Carryover, More Ac. Texas A & M's Eagle Lake research site held its annual rice field day last Thursday July 1. Field day highlights included a look at the new rice herbicides Bolero, Mo-down, and Basagran. Producers were brought up to date on rice diseases and the use of a newly released foliar fungicide, Benlate, for disease control. New potential rice varieties with superior cooking quality were shown to producers. A wide range of fertility research plots demonstrated the latest information on rice culture.
			God Bless America!	Stansel Is New Rotary Pres. Incoming Rotary President Jim Stansel, left, looks on as Don Thornton, master of ceremonies at the Rotary Club installation of officers banquet held Tuesday night, June 29th, extends congratulations to J. T. (Tommy) Pilkington. He received the "Historian of the Year" plaque, a Past President's Plaque, and a gift from District Governor Joe Hall of Wharton for ranking second in the 50th District of Rotary International in new membership for the past year. The Eagle Lake club membership went up from 94 to 46 under Pilkington's leadership.



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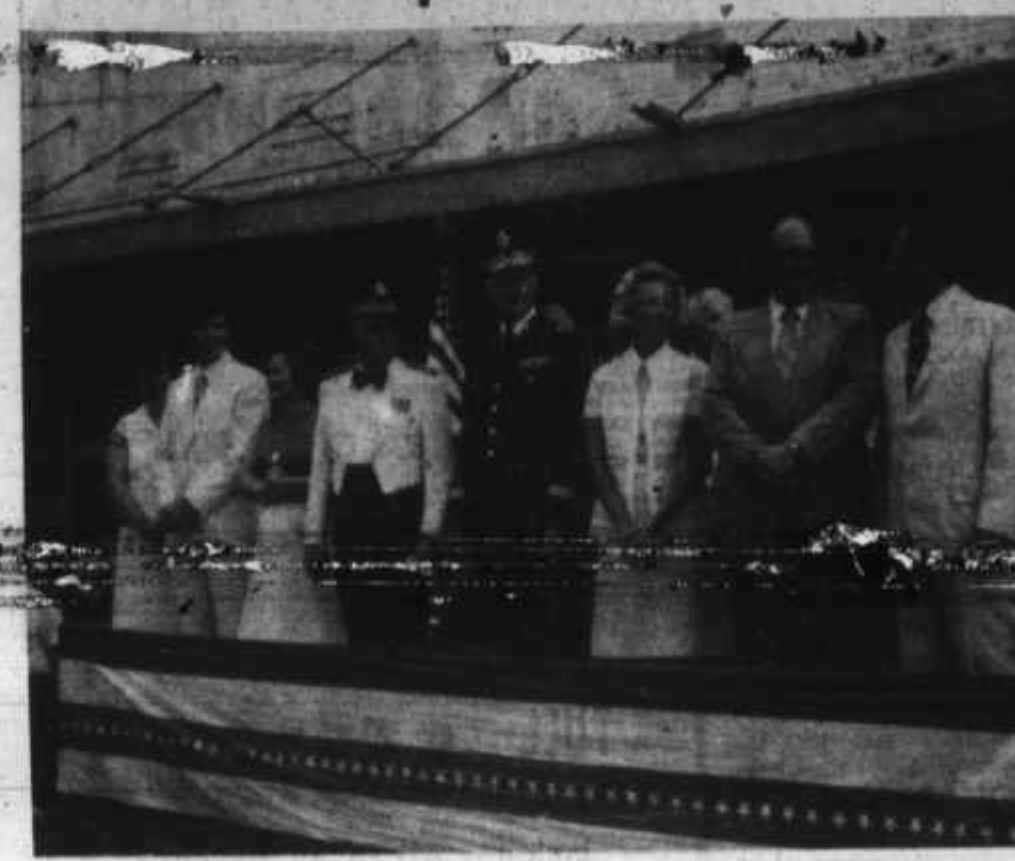
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Review "Spirit of '76" Parade



These distinguished citizens were on the reviewing stand for the Bicentennial Parade opening Eagle Lake's two-day celebration. Left to right are: Mrs. Joe Duncan; Joe Duncan, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Joe N. Frazier, one of the judges for the parade; Parade Marshal Brig. Gen. Joe N. Frazier, Jr. (Ret.); Major General Kenneth A. Kuykendall, Commanding General of the 15th Maneuver Area Command, Houston, guest of honor for the parade; Mrs. Betty Kuykendall (she and General Kuykendall also served as judges for the parade entries); County Judge Lester J. Crank of Garwood; and Congressman J. J. (Jake) Pickle, Representative from the Tenth Congressional District, also an honor guest. Not visible in the second row were: Mayor and Mrs. Elmer Struss and Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann and announcer Oscar Miller and Mrs. Miller.

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS HERE TRIBUTE TO NATION'S FOUNDING

The celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States was rightfully observed in this community with an outstanding program of day, with hundreds and even thousands participating in the momentous occasion. From the opening of the activities, the dedication of the Lakeside Sugar Refinery Historical Marker on Lakeside Drive at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, discussed in another article in this issue, to the big fireworks display Sunday evening at Eagle Lake airport, every thing went off with remarkable smoothness, thanks to excellent planning by the Bicentennial Committee, headed by Bill Apple, and Chamber of Commerce president Joe Duncan, and many others. An estimated 5,000 persons witnessed the super "Spirit of '76" parade at 8:00 p.m. and then they jammed all booths and entertainment features surrounding the city square until one and all were sold out. All organizations reported that the response was overwhelming and if you failed to get waited on at any of the booths, your forgiveness and cooperation is appreciated. Commerce Street, in front of the First National Bank and Epps', was jammed with dancers and others who came to watch and listen and to visit at the big-festivities street dance. The Western Way provided excellent music for all ages and about as many dancers were still around when the dance ended at midnight as there were at the beginning of the dance at 8 p.m. At noon Sunday, almost one thousand persons enjoyed a barbecued beef and sausage dinner served at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center. About two-thirds of that number came to pick up their diners in a fast curb service line and the remaining one-third enjoyed dining and visiting in the comfort and beauty of the shaded picnic area of the Recreation Center, Chamber of Commerce, and City of Eagle Lake. (Continued on page 6)

Lakeside Sugar Refinery Marker Unveiled



Miss Kathryn Mettee, speaker at the dedication of the Texas Historical Marker commemorating the former Lakeside Sugar Refinery on Lakeside Drive, center, is shown unveiling the marker at the dedication ceremonies held last Saturday afternoon. Also in the picture at left, is David Wintermann who sponsored the marker with the cooperation of the Colorado County Historical Commission; and at right is Mrs. James Hopkins, chairman of the County Historical Commission. For more on the dedication ceremony see page 6 of this issue.

Audit Of Police Funds Underway

William Pierce Arthur, Certified Public Accountant from Columbus, and his staff are busy this week making an audit of police and corporation funds and records as requested by the Eagle Lake City Council in a special meeting on Tuesday afternoon of last week. At that time the council passed the order authorizing the audit and the manager of the police department, Stephen J. Haggard, said that the audit would be completed by the end of the month. The audit is being conducted independently when the annual city audits are made. This needs clarification, since records of the corporation court are included in the annual audit report, but the records are not checked completely as to their comparison with records in the police department. According to the last audit just approved several weeks ago, funds in the corporation court were found to be in order. It is anticipated that it will be several weeks before the audit of the police and corporation records is completed, said city officials this week.

Van Vleck Man Is Holiday Traffic Fatality in County

A Van Vleck man was killed instantly when his car failed to get out of control on FM 102 between Alletton and Eagle Lake, near the former site of the feed pens near Wilson Hill, as this county's contribution to the devastating traffic toll of the Fourth of July holiday weekend. The accident occurred at around 8:25 p.m. on Sunday, July 4th. Lloyd Young, Jr., 22, reportedly was driving his 1969 Oldsmobile at a high rate of speed in a southerly direction when the vehicle went out of control, struck a bridge railing and then slammed into a steep embankment. Investigating officer was Highway Patrolman Alton Adcock of Columbus. He said Young was thrown from the vehicle and was killed instantly. A guard railing ripped out one side of the car and slammed through the windshield. There were four other occupants of the car, and they apparently escaped serious injury but they were taken by private car and ambulance to the Columbus Hospital for treatment. Justice of the Peace Francis Truchard and the man died of accidental injuries. Others injured in the collision were: Larry Williams, 18, and Bobby Jean Evans, 19, both of Columbus; and Debra Joyce Marshall, 16, of Alletton. The vehicle was completely demolished in the accident.

Outlook For Rice Prices Not Bright

For 1976-77 was of particular interest to all in attendance. Research staff personnel from Beaumont and College Station served as speakers for the program attended by 250 interested rice producers and rice industry personnel. Outlook Not Bright. Dr. Art Gerlow, economist, discussed the U.S. and world rice situation as it can influence the U.S. rice market. It appears that the U.S. rice market will remain suppressed in the near future because of mounting U.S. rice stocks and the outlook for another record rice crop in the major rice producing areas of the world. Dr. Gerlow pointed out that over 60 percent of U.S. rice moves into the export market helping in the U.S. balance of payments situation. However, this makes the U.S. rice producers' market very susceptible to world rice supply. Gerlow told the gathering that the rice market opened strong in 1975 at \$11 per cwt. but dropped by the end of the season to average out around \$10.19 per cwt. He said the reason the market opened use during the Fourth of July holiday week-end. Markings were placed on the pavement to indicate lanes to be followed in approaching the light for proper signals. The light is expected to decrease a terrific traffic hazard which has been quite evident at the intersection.

Pharmacist Shoots 2 'Would-Be' Kidnappers

A Pasadena man, Ivar George Lewis Hegen, 55, reported to the county sheriff's office at 9:30 a.m. last Thursday, July 1st that he had shot two men who he said had tried to kidnap him, one of them dead and the other wounded. The officers told the man to take the victims to the Columbus Hospital and they followed in a sheriff's vehicle. At the hospital it was found that one of the men, Dudley J. Hagen, had been shot in the head with one bullet wound, one in his head and one in his heart; and the other man, Bret K. Thumre, 19, of Houston was seriously wounded with single gunshot in the throat. Hegen, who does some relief pharmacist work at a Columbus drug store, told the officers that he picked up the two hitchhikers on IH 10 near Katy and brought them to Columbus. He said he took the two men with him for breakfast and upon returning to his car, offered to take them to IH 10 to continue their hitchhiking. Instead, he said the men pulled a gun on him and forced him to drive west on IH 10 until they made him turn off on the FM 135 cut-off, then to FM 2434 and to County Road 290 to a point 4 of a mile from IH 10. Hegen told the officers that the men told him to pull over and to get out. In doing so, Hegen said that he managed to get his .44 caliber pistol and began firing. Thumre was taken to the Ben Taub Hospital in Houston in fair condition. He will face a charge of kidnapping. Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt ordered an autopsy on Thumre's body and the investigation of the incident continues by the county sheriff's office. Late Tuesday no charges had been filed against Hegen.

Route "A" Is Favored For Garwood Bridge

Highway Department officials and a large group of citizens present for a hearing on the proposal to replace the Colorado River Bridge at Garwood with a new structure, generally agreed that Route A or one that would call for the erection of a new bridge just down the river from the present bridge would be the most feasible of the four routes presented. Highway Department District Engineer Carl Ramert of Yoakum presided at the meeting and pointed out that the discussion was merely a preliminary one and that no definite proposals had been definitely accepted. He noted that in February of 1973 the Garwood Lions Club requested the Highway Department to begin plans to replace the bridge and in 1974 Colorado County officials indicated a desire to pursue this project. The county would be obligated to provide right of way that might be needed for road widening and for drainage stated the engineer. Mr. Ramert pointed out that Congress has allocated some funds for projects such as this and the study is being made to have plans ready if and when the funds are released. In concluding remarks he indicated that the Highway Department will "move out on the project as soon as funds are available, and it's my personal opinion that this may be just around the corner." Ed Riba, project engineer for the Texas Highway Department, explained the four routes that are being considered and also a fifth alternative as a "do nothing" alternative. He noted that because of the excessive curves on the (Continued on last page)

New Vocational Program at Rice H.S.

Students at Rice High School will have the opportunity this fall to take part in another program which mixes classroom education and on-the-job training in a variety of occupations. Classes for Home Economics Cooperative Education have been added to the curriculum for junior and senior students. E. A. Krivacka, superintendent of schools, announced. Superintendent Krivacka said that practical work experience will be provided for students through part-time employment at cooperating businesses within the school district. Typical occupations in the (Continued on last page)

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