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JULY 17, 1952. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Burns are the proud parents of a new baby son born Monday. His parents have given him the name Michael Edward. . . . C. W. Causey, victim of stroke dies suddenly Tuesday night. . . . The First Baptist Church is making plans to introduce to the spiritual life of Eagle Lake at all times, but one of its brightest endeavors will be made this week of July 25-27 when two fine young spiritually minded men, Richard Brannon, preacher from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and Jerry O'Neil, a singer who is a sophomore at North Texas State Teachers College, will call the youth to the reality in Christian life. . . . New John Deere Tractor to be on display Saturday. . . . Miss Magdalene Dobras became the bride of Stanley Kucherski, Jr., Friday morning July 4th at 9:00. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graves are the proud parents of a new son born July 9. They have given him the name William David. . . . The local youth all-

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Volunteers Get Service Certificates



These Emergency Ambulance volunteers also received certificates signed by Governor Dolph Briscoe for thousands of hours of volunteer service in the Eagle Lake unit. They are, left to right, John Mahalic, Jr., ECA (Emergency Care Attendant), 1000 hours; Candy McCrory, EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), 1000 hours; June Mahalic, EMT, 2000 hours; Ritch Cunningham, RCA (Red Cross Aide), 1000 hours; Ray Toller, RCA, 1000 hours. Others cited but not shown included: Gail New Gerton, EMT, 1000 hours; Harry Anderson, Nell Ash, Michael Cooper and Phyllis Thomas, all RCA rated, 1000 hours each. Charter members cited may be seen on page one.

Eagle Lake Unit Ambulance Corps Celebrates 3rd Anniv.

The Eagle Lake Unit of the Colorado County Emergency Ambulance Corps celebrated its third anniversary with a delightful dinner party in the ambulance hall of the old city hall building last Thursday night and members were cited for thousands of hours of dedicated service to their fellowmen.

County Judge Lester J. Crane was guest speaker for the event and he hailed the Eagle Lake unit and the Colorado County organization as a whole as some of the best in the state and the envy of many communities much larger than they are. He noted the great progress made by the volunteers in carrying out training programs that have qualified them to serve when needed with efficiency and with humane consideration for their fellow man.

Judge Crane said that the emergency service in this county has gone a long way in a period of three years and is active now with 150 members in units in Eagle Lake, Columbus, Weimar and Garwood. He praised the work of the women as well as the men in carrying out this service which he said has saved the county taxpayers an estimated \$150,000 per year. The greatest thing that a person can do in this life is to render service to his fellow man, he commented.

Picture From President President Gerald Ford sent his congratulations to the Eagle Lake unit on its third anniversary and sent an autographed photograph to be placed in the ambulance hall. Joe Duncan, leader of the local unit, accepted the picture in behalf of members. Duncan expressed thanks to Commissioner Bill Stiles, a member of the Eagle Lake unit, Judge Crane and other members of the Commissioners' Court for their cooperation and also to Dr. Raymond Thomas, medical advisor for his assistance in training programs.

Certificates presented to the members of the Eagle Lake group framed certificates, signed by Governor Dolph Briscoe, noting the rating of the attendant and the number of hours of service to date.

Five charter members with EMT (Emergency Medical Attendant) ratings received certificates for over 3000 hours of service, namely: Carolyn Rosprim, Layon Toller, Joe Duncan, Louis W. (Bill) Stiles and Emily Stiles; eight charter members with EMT ratings have over 2000 hours of service each, Mark Anderson, Robert Finney, Laura Finney, JoAnn Gerton, Joe Herbert McCrory, Herman Maxie, Johnie Schmidt, and Alice Schmidt; five charter members with EMT ratings were cited for over 1000 hours each, Jim Clipson, Jr., James Cash, Edna Frances Rosprim, Griffith Thomas and the Rev. Charles Meyer who has now moved to Midland. Members other than charter members cited were: June Mahalic, EMT, 2000

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Greetings to you from the "Alamo City!" We want you to know that we continue to enjoy the pleasure of keeping up with your fine community and the wonderful folks there, that we have known for many, many years, through the columns of your wonderful paper. It is one of the very best "country" papers that I have ever read, and I have been wanting to especially congratulate you on the wonderful Bicentennial Edition which we have kept and continue to enjoy because it contains so much very interesting historical information about your part of Colorado county and the many families that have made Eagle Lake the wonderful and progressive community that it is.

Sincerely,
Sam A. Harbert, Jr.

Special Meet of Farmers Co-op at Garwood Tues.

There will be a special called Common Stockholders meeting of the Farmers Co-op Association, Garwood, Texas on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Mary's Parish Hall at Nada.

The purpose of this special called meeting is to amend the By-Laws of the Farmers Co-op Association, said Herbert W. Metzner, president.

There will also be a chili supper in conjunction with the meeting.

Art Jankie is manager of the association.

Local Population Avg. Is Younger

For a number of years after World War II, up to 1960, residents of Colorado County were getting younger and younger. Collectively, that is, not individually.

Year by year, the median age of the local population, which is the level at which there are as many persons above that age as below it, had been dropping, in line with the changes that were taking place elsewhere.

Colorado County saw its median age go from 31.2 years in 1960, as determined by the census taken at that time, to 34.2 years in 1970.

More recently, as indicated by the latest figures, it has been going up. It is approximately 35.2 years at the present time.

Elsewhere in the United States, the median is now 28.5 years, said in the State of Texas, 27.2.

Nationally, the sudden end to the growing-younger process is tied up with the drop in the birth rate. The figures show that women in their 20's are having fewer children than previous generations of women had at their age.

According to a Government survey, this trend is likely to continue for some time. The average wife, it shows, intends to have 2.17 children in her lifetime, down from 2.4 in 1970.

The extent to which this relates to the local area is to be seen in the Census Bureau's reports on the number of children in the population under the age of five per 1,000 women of child-bearing age. This is called the "fertility ratio".

In 1960, Colorado County's fertility ratio was given as 525. It is currently estimated at 334.

The average nationally is approximately 387 at present and, in Texas, 352.

Schierring, representing the Garwood unit; Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Franks, and friends from El Campo who have assisted the local unit in many training programs, Herman Novak, Steven Goetz, Brenda Young and Carolyn Zalvar.

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Alpha Delta Phi Meets With Linda Balas

Alpha Delta Phi met Thursday, November 11th in the home of Linda Balas. The business meeting was called to order by President Diana Brunner.

Service chairman Michele Isenbauer reported that the books for the children's library at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital have been purchased, and they will be presented to the hospital soon. She also reminded members to bring goods to the next meeting for the Thanksgiving basket to be given to a needy family.

Charlotte Reed discussed plans for decorations for the Eagle Lake Community Center. Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Phi Psi will be in charge of decorating the center for the holiday season.

A report was given by those attending the Beta Sigma Phi area convention in Houston on November 6. Each member attending the convention met with a different group to discuss the different areas of Beta Sigma Phi.

LaVerne Adkins gave an interesting program on art. She demonstrated the art of making cloth flowers that can be used in flower arrangements. Members enjoyed the demonstration and made plans for doing some decorations of their own.

Refreshments and visiting followed the close of the meeting.

Attend Science Meet
Wharton County Junior College biology instructors Dale Finson of Foss-Bernard and Frank Graves of Wharton attended the annual Texas Undergraduate Education in the Biological Sciences regional meeting at Lee College in Baytown November 9.

Graves is serving his second term as chairman of

Methodist Youth To Serve Turkey Dinners Sunday

The Colly Memorial United Methodist Church youth will be serving Turkey Dinners in the fellowship hall of the church Sunday at noon. There has been an advance ticket sale although the youth plan to have food for that unexpected company.

The plates sell for \$2.50 each. You may dine at the church or take the food home. Desserts will be sold separately.

Proceeds from the dinner will go toward a sprinkler system for the new church grounds.

Butch Estlinbaums Welcome Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Estlinbaums of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of a baby girl, Jennifer Renee. The little lady made her arrival on Saturday, November 13th in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 9:00 p.m. She weighed six pounds and thirteen ounces and measured twenty and one-half inches at birth. The new arrival is being welcomed by a brother, Darrell Gene, who is three and one-half years of age, and a one-year-old sister, Melinda Kaye.

Jennifer's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Estlinbaums and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stern, all of Eagle Lake. Maternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Noska also of Eagle Lake.

Nada KC's Thanksgiving Dance Nov. 24

The Nada Knights of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor the Thanksgiving Dance on Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight at the Nada K.J.T. Hall with music by Sammy and the Midnighters.

Proceeds will benefit Nada Knights of Columbus charities.

The public is invited to make plans to attend.

The junior and senior college biology teachers' organization.

TB X-Ray Unit In Columbus Mon., Nov. 22

Last year the American Lung Association's Mobile Chest X-Ray Unit, in screening for tuberculosis, alerted over eight hundred residents in the twenty counties served by the association, of not only suspected tuberculosis, but of emphysema, cardiovascular irregularities, cancer, and other pathology. These people for the most part were totally unaware that a problem existed and the few minutes time they took to get a chest X-ray from the ALA-AA Mobile Unit, may have given them added years to a healthier, happier life.

The Mobile Chest X-ray Unit of the American Lung Association-Alamo Area will make its fall run to Colorado County. Miss Dorothy Schomberg of Columbus has arranged for the unit to locate at the Courthouse in Columbus. Hours of operation will be 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22nd.

Miss Schomberg represents Colorado County on the ALA-AA Board of Directors. The Mobile Chest X-ray Unit provides three different services. First and foremost, X-rays of anyone over 15 years of age. If an abnormality is found, notice is sent to them suggesting they report to their physician, and in turn, their physician is notified of the X-ray findings. No action is taken by the ALA-AA when no problem is evident.

Secondly, the ALA-AA will provide a physician-signed certificate in compliance with State requirements for those that need them. Because of the added expense, the ALA-AA asks for a \$5.00 fee for this service.

The unit is also available for industrial preventive health exams. Company nurses and personnel officers may contact the ALA-AA for additional information.

Since no funds are received by this voluntary health association from any local, state, or federal agency, contributions are encouraged to help defray the increasing cost of operating the Mobile Unit. The American Lung Association-Alamo Area is a voluntary health organization dedicated to the prevention and control of all lung diseases. The association functions solely on contributions from Christmas Seals and emphysema memorials. The 50th Annual Christmas Seal Appeal is now in progress and your gifts will help the ALA-AA continue its health services in Colorado County and work for all in matters of life and health.

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