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24 YEARS AGO Let's Look Back

(JULY 24, 1952)
Liquor control board man re-minds of closing Saturday due to election. . . Mrs. T. P. Doole of Eagle Lake recently was awarded a Sterling Silver Honor Emblem by The Reader's Digest, in recognition of outstanding service as a subscription representative of the magazine. . . Ernestine Davidson and Gayle Thomas were honored by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thomas, with a double birthday dance in the Community Center, Thursday evening, July 17th. . . Jack Boyd is attending a one-week school for the next 3 weeks in Huntsville. . . The Eagle Lake Airport's new gravel runway was graced by a Civil Air Patrol planes Sunday when their pilots landed for refueling. . . The second annual reunion of descendants, families and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson both deceased, was held at the Eagle Lake Golf Course Sunday, July 8th. An election of officers was held with the following selected: Mrs. Vic Burchfield, president; Mrs. O. L. Mill, vice president; Jessie Zeplin, Gladys Johnson, Mrs. O. L. Mill, Mrs. Allen Cassidy, Alvin Kohlert and Bob Johnson of Yotium, secretaries. . . Club Montezuma Members planning dance Sat-

Let's Look Back 48 YEARS AGO

(Saturday, July 7, 1928)
Boll Weevils are beginning to move into the cotton fields of the county; however, despite this fact the outlook for the cotton crop is the finest in many years. The corn crop was excellent and the rice crop has the outward appearance of being an excellent one. . . I. V. Duncan, Helmer Seaborn, W. E. McRee and others from here and Garwood attended the July 4th rodeo and barbecue in Hallettsville. Mr. Duncan captured the second prize in the rodeo. . . The car of J. L. Waddell stalled on the railroad track in the path

Gold Star 4-H Members Receive Awards



Shown above, Dr. Jennie C. Kitching, Assistant Director for Home Economics, left, presents District II Gold Star 4-H Awards to Denise Ann Zimmermann and Lonnie Bluntson at the banquet held recently in Houston.

Gold Star 4-Hers Honored At Dist. Banquet

Thirty-two 4-H Club members from 16 counties were honored Saturday, Nov. 6 at the District II 4-H Gold Star Awards Banquet at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel in Houston. . . Dr. Ron Paul, Congressman of the 22nd District, addressed the banquet. In addition to the honorees, the dinner was attended by their parents, two Texas Agricultural Extension Service agents from each of the 16 counties and special guests. . . One boy and one girl from each county in the district receive the coveted Gold

of an approaching train the train stopped only a yard from the car. . . Eyes of a peeping tom were reported peering in several windows of the city. . . While driving to San Antonio the family of

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with the most parents present. Second prize went to the seventh grade. The president called on various committees to make reports. . . As a guest the club had Gary Swenson to speak on organizing a Boy Scout Troop. There will be a meeting in Nade's Thrift, Dec. 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for the boys and their parents interested to try to organize the Boy Scouts in the Nade Garwood area. . . Under old business the following were discussed: the

Holidays Set
Under new business, the school was to dismiss for the Thanksgiving holidays on Wed., Nov. 24th at 2:00 p.m. The P.T.C. was to give the children Eskimo Pies as a treat. The Christmas parties for the children will be held on Wed., Dec. 22nd at which time school will dismiss for the Christmas holidays. Room mothers will be in charge of these parties. The annual Christmas program presented by the St. Mary's School children will be held on the evening of Dec. 18th at the parish hall and everyone

is invited to make plans to attend. The eighth grade class will go caroling to homes in the Nade Garwood area starting around Dec. 8th. . . Mrs. Rees stated that the school is saving Campbell soup labels and Post cereal box tops. These can be brought to the school or left in back of church. Members urge parishioners to help with this project since they can purchase various equipment for the school with these. . . The meeting was ended with a prayer by Father Henry Roll. The group will have its next meeting on Jan. 19, 1977 at 3:30 p.m. in the library. Happy holidays to all. Reporter.

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BANK DIRECTORS, OFFICERS ATTEND TRAINING SEMINARS

First National
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First National Bank directors and officers have attended seminars during the past month to increase knowledge of modern banking operations. . . Director Willard Shurt and Advisory Director John A. Weitzman attended the 25th Assembly of Bank Directors recently held for four days in Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Vice President Earl H. Rodgers spent four days at the 26th Assembly in Pinetree, N.C. this month. . . Each assembly had over 250 directors from all over the nation and offered extensive instruction in the duties and obligations of a bank director. . . We feel that each of our directors benefitted much from the top-flight instruction as well as from the association and exchange of ideas and data with other leading bankers from the various states," said Wm. H. Harrison, President of the First National Bank. . . High Performance Bank President Harrison attended a one-day seminar in Houston this past week where the First National Bank was one of five high performance banks to be represented on a panel of bank presidents answering questions to some 90 bankers assembled for the meeting. The banks had been rated by the Alex Sheshunoff Company of Austin, Texas, for their high performance of activity in proportion to their average assets available. Of the 93 banks the First National Bank of Eagle Lake ranked second in the group. The First National Bank of Wheeler, Texas was first and others of the top five were the Rosenberg Bank and Trust Co., the American National Bank of Corpus Christi, and the Reagan Commerce Bank of Houston. . . Assistant Vice-President Gail Bradshaw attended a seminar in San Antonio sponsored by the Bank Administration Institute on bank reports and accounting practices. The First National, having exceeded \$25,000,000 in total assets this year, is now required to use an accrued accounting method of making reports to the Comptroller of the Currency and to its shareholders. . . Following the banquet and program, Jurecka's Orchestra will provide music for dancing and entertainment of the guests. The event is annually one of the highlights of the pre-Christmas season.

Eagle Lake City Council gave its approval last week to payment of \$1530.00 to Everett Anderson as a pay-back on the costs for water and sewer extensions in the Anderson addition which was annexed to the city in May of 1974. Under the contract the city will pay back to Anderson \$1530 for each of ten connections made to the city's utility system. To date seven of the payments have been approved. The time limit for final payment of the maximum of ten payments of \$1530 is ten years from May of 1974. The council also approved a payment of \$400 to Attorney Willard Shurt for his work in relation to the recent police department investigation and in obtaining reimbursement of funds missing in the amount of \$4,871.93 from the bonding company. . . In this and following issues of the Headlight for the next three weeks, you will find lots of gift suggestions from local merchants. We urge that you give them an opportunity to serve you. They are the ones who pay taxes to keep your schools in operation, your streets in good repair and other facilities that require tax dollars. Furthermore, when it comes time for that drive for funds, the local merchant is the first to be hit and generally responds with enthusiasm. He deserves and merits your cooperation and consideration. . . Charles L. Spalinger, owner of Spalinger Hardware, has a puzzle that he hopes someone can help him solve. He found a soda water bottle buried behind his building in downtown Eagle Lake. In the bottle are the words, "H.P. Cook & Co." and "XXXX". To date he has been unable to find anyone who remembers a Cook Bottling Company in this community and he would like to hear from anyone who might have information on such an operation here. There is no date on the bottle. Even veteran old drink bottle H. H. Campbell who purchased Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. here over 50 years ago, can't recollect such a company here. . . The Farris family and staff, LaVon Toliver, Keith Popp, Mary Helting, Dorothy Woodward and Melody Griger will be on hand to greet you.

Firemen's Xmas Party, Dance Saturday Nite

Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen will stage their annual Ladies Night Christmas Party and Ball in the Community Center this Saturday, Dec. 4th to open the round of holiday activities in the Center. . . The event will get underway at 6:00 p.m. Fire Chief J. Spaniel will serve as master of ceremonies and will preside at the introduction of the guests and introduction of the 1977 officers. . . First assistant fire chief T. J. Smith will report on firemen's activities during the year; and Mayor Elmer Struss will present Christmas bonus checks to the firemen and comment on their valuable service to the community. . . Special guests at the event will be members of the ladies auxiliary. . . Following the banquet and program, Jurecka's Orchestra will provide music for dancing and entertainment of the guests. The event is annually one of the highlights of the pre-Christmas season.

With the restoration of all public rooms on the first floor of the old hotel building complete and decorated for the holidays, Helyn and Bill Farris invite you to drop by to visit, shop, or take a refreshment break. Coffee, tea and Christmas treats will be served each day to visitors in The Drummer's Room or Solarium, depending on the schedule of activities in the hotel each day. . . Helyn's Flower Basket is filled to overflowing with unusual Christmas and holiday decorations, plants and gifts. The Farris 1976 offers a large selection of art, antiques and collectibles for holiday gifts as well as excellent facilities for holiday parties and dinners. . . The Farris family and staff, LaVon Toliver, Keith Popp, Mary Helting, Dorothy Woodward and Melody Griger will be on hand to greet you.

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BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

The holiday season is fast approaching. Do you realize that there are just over three weeks of shopping time left before Christmas. We hope that you will give our local merchants an opportunity to serve your needs before you trek to the big city and fight the crowds and traffic. In Eagle Lake you will find courteous service (and we dare you to try to get the attention of sales personnel in big city stores); there is always parking nearby (and the chance of your car being robbed is much less in this community). . . I don't take a careless act on your part to suffer the loss of parcels or even equipment. Connie Gertson of our staff can attest to that fact. . . Recently on a visit to Houston, her car was entered and the CB radio was removed. She left the car locked, so the burglar apparently had a master key and entered the vehicle and took the CB and then had the courtesy to relocate the vehicle. . . This service is in addition to the screen service which he makes and repairs aluminum screens of all sizes. . . *Louis Balas of the Rice Drug Store reports that he has two tickets to the Texas-Arkansas game Saturday. If interested in attending the game, contact Mr. Balas at the drug store.

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in special session on Wednesday of last week, accepted the only bid received for providing fire insurance coverage for county-owned buildings and contents at a cost of \$4,374.00 per year. A three-year contract at that annual premium was awarded to City Insurance Co. of Columbus represented by Moseley Dayvault. Mrs. Dayvault previously held the fire insurance coverage in this county and pointed out to the court that her firm recently paid off \$25,637.20 for coverage of the county agriculture building which was heavily damaged by fire. The new coverage will begin at 12:01 p.m. Nov. 30th and continue for three years. Mrs. Dayvault said in her letter that she was discontinuing standard book rates for the coverage required by 20 percent resulting in her bid of \$4,374 per year. . . The coverage will include \$415,000 on the courthouse and \$17,250 on contents; \$57,500 on the tax office wing and \$35,000 on contents; \$57,500 on the county clerk wing and \$35,000 on contents; \$72,000 on the agriculture building which is being reconstructed; and for numerous other county-owned buildings in the area of the courthouse and in each of the four commissioners' precincts. There is no coverage on the county jail since it is virtually a stone and metal building and has little flammable materials. . . County Judge Lester Crank said that specifications had been sent to a dozen agencies in the county and other bids had been expected, but the City Insurance bids was the only one on hand at the bid opening Wednesday morning.

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Open House At Helyn's, Farris 1912 Dec. 4-24

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County Invests \$299,706.96 In CD

A total of \$299,706.96 in county funds was invested in a certificate of deposit when the Colorado County Commissioners' Court met in special session Nov. 24th. . . On that date a CD in the amount of \$130,399.54 matured and some of the funds were re-invested and some cashed in. . . Of \$6,213.00 in the jury fund, \$6000 was reinvested; of \$92,405.35 in the right of way fund, all was reinvested; and \$4956.56 in the contingency fund plus accumulated interest raising this fund to \$6201.01, was reinvested. . . The court also authorized the investment of \$145,100 in funds collected from 1976 taxes not available for use until the 1977 budget takes over January 1st. The \$145,100 included: \$54,500 in additional ad valorem unallocated funds, \$27,250 in Class II road and bridge, \$21,700 in road and bridge special, \$39,850 in the general fund and \$38,000 in the jury fund. . . The new CD will be for a period of 90 days and will earn interest at the rate of 14.8 percent.

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Here's a friendly tip for the farmer, rancher, or garden grower from Wharton County Junior College's LCRA Soil Testing Laboratory in Wharton: . . Get your soil tested early! Find out the kind and amount of plant nutrients needed for growth and more efficient yields. . . The charge is \$2 per sample. Pay an additional \$3 for zinc and iron testing. . . Pick up an information sheet and soil testing box from your county agent or at Wharton County Junior College, 1917 Alabama Road in Wharton. . . Start your soil fertility program now.

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Nada KC's To Sponsor Christmas Lighting Contest

The Nada Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Christmas lighting and decorations contest in the Nada and Garwood areas this year. . . Both outdoor and window decorations will be judged. Special consideration will be given to entries with the religious theme of "Keeping Christ in Christmas". . . More details will be announced later.

Soil Conservation News

District coordinator Robert Briggs has a good cover of Coastal bermudagrass on eroded areas which were shaped on his farm near Sheridan. . . A.R. and Carl Milents are planning to construct ponds for livestock water and also plan to shape gullied areas on their ranch near Rock Island. . . A plan revision has been recently completed for Arthur Koehn. . . A new conservation plan has been developed on Koehn Brothers' K-4 Ranch. . . A new conservation plan is currently being developed on the Arthur L. Miller, Jr. farm in the Oak Grove community. . . District coordinator John Haysky of the Weimar area has completed seeding common bermuda grass on eroded areas which were shaped. . . Arthur Beken has completed construction of a pond

for livestock water and has also shaped gullied areas which will be established to coastal bermudagrass to control erosion. . . A soil and water conservation plan is being developed on the Clement Hennecke farm near Bernard. . . KILLER VOLCANO The biggest killer volcano in the Western Hemisphere snuffed out the lives of some 30,000 residents of the French Caribbean island of Martinique in 1902. The National Geographic Society says. They were burned and smothered when Mt. Pelée blew up and sent hot poisonous gases racing down the town of St. Pierre. Only two townsmen survived. . . So says the VA . . . VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, THE KOREAN CONFLICT, POST-KOREAN AND THE VIETNAM ERA ARE GENERALLY ELIGIBLE FOR GI LOANS FOR HOMES, MOBILE HOMES, AND CONDOMINIUMS. . . Contact nearest VA office (obtain your phone book) or a local veterans group.

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