



CHRISTMAS-

... The most wonderful time of the year ... the birthday of Jesus Christ ... the hope of the world, May the spirit of this holiday touch us all.

AND REJOICE!

Eagle Lake Implement Co.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES D. STEPHENS

MR. AND MRS. DRAPER STEPHENS

EAGLE LAKE



Silent Night

Blessings to one and all this day.

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HAROLD DRIGGERS
Eagle Lake and
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Christmas in Times Gone By

Time was when Christmas meant sitting before a crackling fire, as the beautiful story of the Nativity

was read from the family bible. Perhaps corn would be popped by the youngsters, to be strung with cranberries and wound around the Christmas tree.

Most likely the tree itself would have been chopped down by Dad and the youngsters, then brought home, in a wheelbarrow or sled with much excitement and anticipation.

And of course, the children's stockings would be "hung by the chimney with care."

The sound of sleigh bells might have been heard outside, as carolers arrived in a horse-drawn sleigh, with shouts of "Merry Christmas" and peals of laughter. Then, as the family clustered about the living room window, the merry group would offer favorite carols like "Deck the Halls" and "Silent Night." All would be invited in for a cup of hot chocolate and some of Mother's home-baked cookies. Then the carolers would once again pile into their sleigh and off they would go, sleigh bells jingling.

Merry Christmas to All!

Please accept our sincere thanks for your valued friendship and patronage.

FRANKLIN F. REESE

CONTRACTOR
Eagle Lake



Joy to the world, the

Lord has come! May peace on earth

become a reality at this holy time.

A holy Christmas greeting to all of our fine patrons and friends.

The Clothes Closet

MR. AND MRS. LEROY ZIKUR

MR. AND MRS. JAMES JOBE

113 North McCarty - Eagle Lake

Social Security Wage Base To Increase Jan. 1

The wage base for Social Security will be raised from the current \$15,300 to \$16,500 beginning January 1, 1977. The tax rate next year remains at 5.85 percent for both employee and employer. The increase in the wage base will cost both employees and employers \$70.20 in taxes for each employee making more than \$16,500. The maximum amount to be paid to Social Security taxes next year will be \$965.25, up 7.8 percent from this year's maximum of \$895.05. Employees making less than \$16,500, about five-sixths of all workers, will be unaffected by the increase.

Decrease Fire Hazards Caused By Xmas Tree

Christmas trees pose a fire hazard by their very existence in the home but people can do a lot to decrease potential problems, the Texas Medical Association says.

Natural trees need to be as fresh as possible. Brittle branches and shedding needles not only increase fire hazards but they make a tree less pretty, too. Keeping the bottom of the tree in water or damp dirt will help keep it fresher longer.

The tree also needs a sturdy base. Holders can be bought or a fairly secure base can be made by packing and bracing the tree in a large container of damp dirt. A holder can be covered with wrapping paper or a cloth for a more pleasing effect.

Christmas trees present a very subtle danger to some people. Allergic sufferers may have to have an artificial tree, if they find the trees trigger wheezing, sneezing and red eyes.

The most important requirement for artificial trees is that they be fire resistant. Labels on the tree or packaging clearly showing state their safety. Artificial trees also need sturdy bases. Trimming a metal tree with electric lights can be very dangerous so safety authorities recommend using colored floodlights aimed at the tree. These lights must be placed so they can't possibly burn people, packages or furnishings.

Other types of tree lights are broken, cracked, exposed. Loose connections, broken bulbs and bulbs touching branches also can create problems. Even lights with the "Underwriters Laboratory (UL) safety seal can be dangerous if they are old and in bad shape. All Christmas lights (on the tree or elsewhere) need to be turned off when people leave home.

Ornaments also can pose problems if they are not fire-resistant. However, the biggest danger is to children who grab and break the bangles if they are not placed high enough on the tree. In fact, children and Christmas trees can be an unstable team for trouble unless youngsters are taught to admire but not touch.

Christmas morning was a magical time for youngsters, even as it is now. After gifts had been opened and exclaimed over, the family would attend services at a nearby church, greeting friends and neighbors in the spirit of the season.

Christmas dinner was a highlight of the day, with the table piled high with festive fare, such as roast turkey and mince pie.

Perhaps after dinner, the youngsters would run down to the frozen-over creek or pond with their brand-new ice skates, or go sledging down a nearby hill. They had no entertainment then, as we know it, except their own high spirits and resourcefulness. But the new train, the new doll, whatever Santa left under the tree, was cherished and enjoyed as though it were a priceless jewel.

Christmas has changed in many ways for most

Visit With Santa



Visiting with Santa Claus during his visit here on December 11th made some of the youngsters happy, and some not so happy as may be seen in the top photo above. We're sorry, but we were unable to get this youngster's name but we couldn't pass up this shot. In the center photo are some of the youngsters who came to visit with Santa Claus, Shannon, Kimberly and Johnny Viktori, children of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Viktori of East Bernard (she was formerly Kathy Kretschmar); and in the bottom photo are children in the Johnny Joe Luna family, Jennifer, Melissa and Benji. As you can see, Benji also shows some apprehension about visiting with the white whiskered gentleman from the North Pole.

Fed. Minimum Wage Going Up Jan. 1 To \$2.30

The U.S. Department of Labor notes that American workers currently guaranteed a \$2.20 an hour federal minimum wage will be entitled to \$2.30 beginning Jan. 1, 1977. Farmworkers eligible for the current \$2.00 minimum must receive \$2.50 beginning New Year's Day.

Americans — but basically speaking, it still is celebrated in much the same fashion today — with family get-togethers, festive meals.



May joy surround the heart and home of all valued customers and friends.

SKULL CREEK CO.
ALTAIR, TEXAS

GREETINGS TO ALL AT THIS HOLY SEASON

My Christmas Prayer to the Child Jesus to each of you. May the Child Jesus bring peace, joy, happiness and prosperity to you. May the Child Jesus increase the love of God and the love of our fellowman in each of you. May God bless you.

Rev. Edward Geiser
Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and
Guadalupe Catholic Churches

Savings & Loan To Award Pong Game Dec. 23

Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association in Columbus invites citizens to register without obligation for a Pong Game which will be awarded at the Columbus office this Thursday, Dec. 23rd.

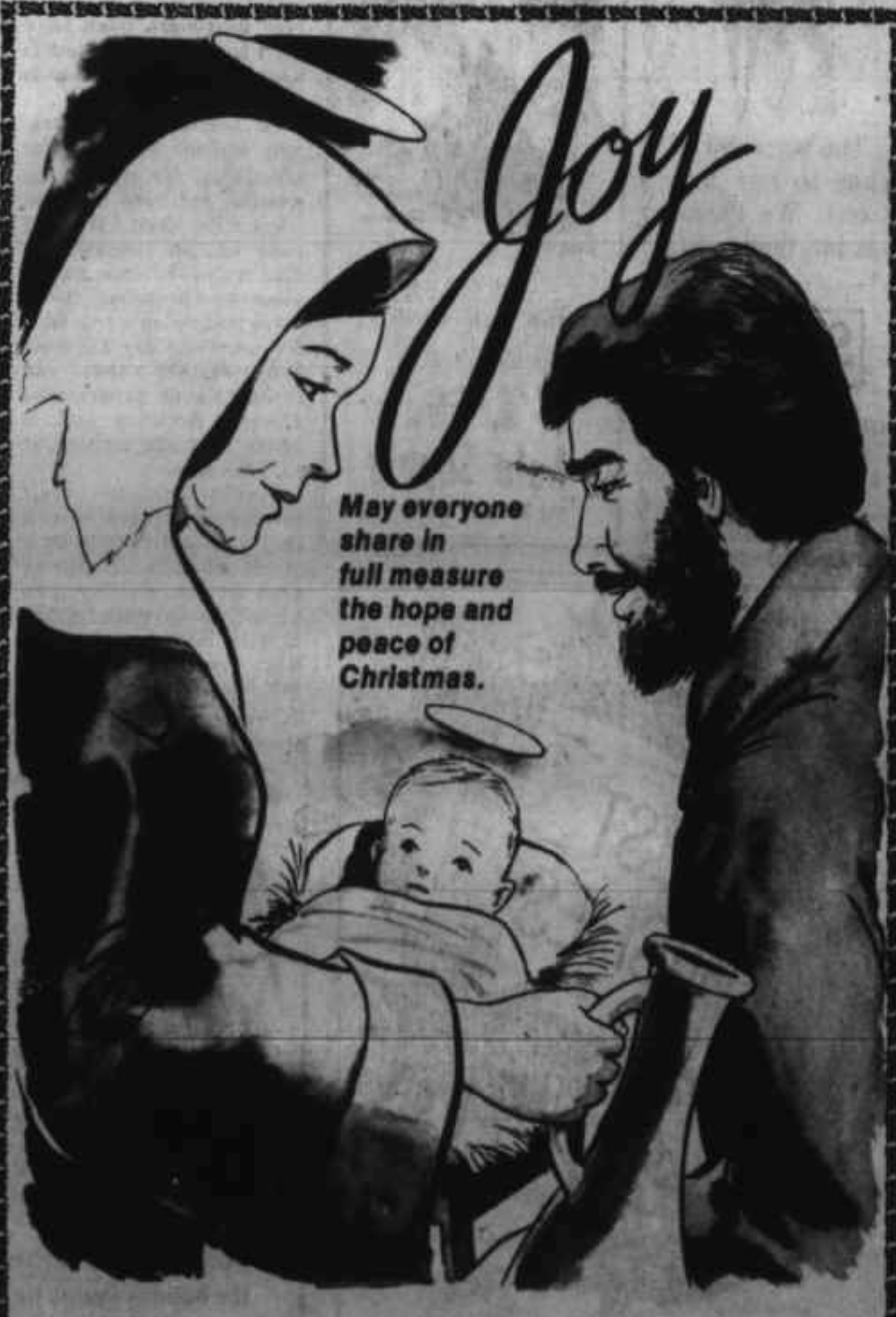
HELMETS OF STEEL

Helmets of leather, bronze, brass, iron, or steel were worn by fighting men from the earliest times until the introduction of gunpowder in the 17th century brought an end to armored combat. Yet it was firearms that caused helmets to be reintroduced in World War I, the National Geographic Society points out, and today most armies issue helmets of steel or tough plastics.



The Blessings of Peace to you and your family during this Christmas Season.

Lipperdt's Exxon Station
MR. AND MRS. WAYNE LIPPERT
EAGLE LAKE



May everyone share in full measure the hope and peace of Christmas.

Lake Lumber Co.

David M. Krenok Anthony Janish

1406 Glen Flora Rd.

Eagle Lake

SPORTS CORNER

Apply For Stocking Fish By Jan. 1

Landowners wanting their ponds stocked with fish next year are reminded they have until Jan. 1, 1977, to submit their application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Applications received after

the Jan. 1 deadline will be deferred until 1978, according to Ted Lowman, P&WD fish hatchery coordinator.

As in past years, P&WD will stock private waters with largemouth bass, channel catfish or sunfish. Between 6,000 and 7,000 applications will be filled during 1977, according to Lowman.

Form cards may be secured from any P&WD office or by written request from P&WD's Austin Headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Tex. 78744.



Good Tidings
May the beauty of the Christmas season give you love and renewed hope for the future.

M & M WESTERN STORE
MARI HANNAH & MASSEY DUNCAN
Eagle Lake

O Holy Night



A gracious "Thank You" to all of our fine friends who have patronized us this past year. We hope that you will have a happy holiday season.

MONTGOMERY WARD
ROSALYN AND ERNIE UZZELL
EAGLE LAKE



A special thank you to all of our friends. May your holidays be bright and happy. We look forward to seeing you in 1977.

EAGLE LAKE IRON WORKS
THEO, FRANK, TONY AND THE BROTHERS
EAGLE LAKE

WE WILL BE CLOSED THURS., DEC. 23 UNTIL MON., JAN. 3RD

Garwood-Sheridan Raider Football Team



The 1976 Garwood-Sheridan Raider football team finished the season in second place in their junior high league with an impressive 5-2-1 record. On the team were: (bottom row, l. to r.) Jerry Perez, Anthony Shropshire, Gary Fuller, Johnny Vasquez, Pat Pavin, Ricky Miller, Darryl Hise and Brian Tesch; (second row, l. to r.) Warren Botard, Peter Kallina, David Kusek, Brian Kosek, Kelly Robinson, David Kersh, Idilly Townsend and Kenny Hise; (third row, l. to r.) Bobby Williams, Wayne Wicks, Craig Rohrer, John Schneider, Joe Vasquez, Carl Smith, Kenneth, Mosely and Charles Hajovsky; (top row, l. to r.) Kenneth Blumston, Chris Gold, Joe Castaneda, Mike Johnson, Larry Haynes and Michael Baris. Coaches for the team were Mike Stanzler of Garwood and Henry Kahlisch of Sheridan.

RECORDINGS FILED IN COLORADO COUNTY

Real Estate
Deed, Maurice M. Teitschik et ux to Tony A. Lostracco et ux 72.00 acres W. W. Thompson League et al, 11-8-76.
Deed, Ora Lee Miller to Cynthia Ann Harrison Lot 3 Bld. 37 Weimar, Texas, 11-8-76.
Deed, Cynthia Ann Harrison to Joe Burley Lot 3 Bld. 37 Weimar, Texas, 11-8-76.
Deed, Bertha Ocken to Kimet Kocurek et ux various tracts of land in M. Andrews Survey et al, 11-8-76.
Deed, Colorado County (Commissioners Court) to B. D. Anderson, Jr. 0.09 acre P. Reel's Survey, 11-8-76.
Gift, David, Alex August Kautz to Gloria Kautz et al 98.74 acres B. F. McMillan Survey, 11-10-76.
Deed, Dick Wood et ux to James Richard Wood and Michael David Wood various tracts of land in Rock Island et al, 11-10-76.
Deed, William R. Becker to W. R. Becker Machine Works 20 acres H. Austin Five League, 11-1-76.
Deed, Victor Frederickson et ux to R. L. Walligurs et ux 21.377 acres Preston Gilbert League, 11-10-76.
Deed, Jefferson H. Rhodes et ux to John E. Barten et ux 0.82 acre Lawrence Hodde Subdivision, 11-12-76.
Deed, L. W. Wickes Agent Corp. to Luther C. Anderson et al various tracts to land in 1&GN RR Co. Survey, 6-3-76.
Deed, C. T. Davidson, Senior Trust Officer for the First National Bank of Sullivan County for Estate of Julia Wolfe Kelsey, to Trustees for Rita Palangan Trust II et al Lots 31 and 32 Bld. 57 and Lots 33 and 34 Bld. 89 Provident City, Texas, 11-8-76.
Deed, Henry Brasher, Jr. to Domingo Sanchez, Jr. et ux N 70 Lot 9 Bld. 20

Weimar, Texas, 11-6-76
Leases to Southland Royalty Co. Herman H. Wehner et ux et al, 17.5 acres F. A. Zimmercheit League, 8-13-76; Herman H. Wehner et ux 13.0135 acres F. A. Zimmercheit Survey, 8-13-76; Beni Hallmann, 441.87 acres Peter Piper League, 8-13-76; Glen G. Vogelshang, 441.87 acres Peter Piper League, 8-13-76; Evelyn Ullmann, 441.87 acres Peter Piper League, 8-13-76; Paul C. Bundren et ux, 29 acres F. A. Zimmercheit Survey, 8-13-76.
Lease, Charles R. Quinn to Ranger Oil Co. all Lot 10 RR. 27 J. M. Steiner Survey, 9-9-76.
Lease, Gus E. Kohlfel to Sabre Exploration Corporation 89 acres J. F. Smith Survey, 10-13-76.
Lease, Molly Smith Rainosh Ind. and Ind. Executrix of Estate of Mary D. Smith et al to Citrus Service Oil Co. 75 acres Richard Dowdy League, 9-9-76.
Lease, Molly Smith Rainosh Ind. and Ind. Executrix of Estate of Mary D. Smith et al to Citrus Service Oil Co. 17.82 acres Alfred Kelo League, 9-9-76.
Lease, James L. Franklin to Robert E. Powell 99.704 acres Henry Austin Survey, 9-13-76.
Leases to Texas Oil & Gas Corporation, Fred Hoegemeyer et al, 84.4 acres T. R. Townsend Survey, 9-14-76; Fred Hoegemeyer et al, 160.44 acres Joseph Thompson Survey, 9-14-76; Edward W. Mueller et al, 150 acres Conrad Gurgens Survey, 9-9-76; Emil Hoegemeyer et al, 153.09 acres J. H. Dabney Survey et al, 14-76; Foster Davis et al, 326 acres A. W. McLean League et al, 9-27-76; Cletus H. Heinrich et ux, 83.5 acres Conrad Gurgens League, 10-9-76; Fred Hoegemeyer et al, 418.14 acres Oliver Hood Survey, 9-14-76; John Robert Strunk et al, 178.0 acres John H. Dabney Survey, 9-27-76; Fred Hoegemeyer et al, 114.15 acres John Toliver Survey et al, 14-76; E. J. Seifert et ux et al to Texas Oil and Gas Corporation 50.0 acres L. R. Chaney Survey, 10-12-76; George W. Strunk, Jr. et ux to Texas Oil and Gas Corporation 39.18 acres James Bowie Survey, 10-8-76.
Leases to Sabre Exploration Corporation, Evelyn Marburger, 14 acres J. F. Smith Survey, 10-14-76; A. F.

Leases to Fred Prickett: Arnold Brownshied et ux, 75.00 acres Robert Cunningham League, 5-17-76; Erna Lucko et vir, 224.22 acres Alfred Kelo League, 5-17-76; John A. Hajovsky et ux, 142.86 acres Richard Dowdy League, 5-19-76; Aaron W. German et ux, 225.28 acres Alfred Kelo League, 5-19-76; Leroy Polk et ux et al, 43.00 acres Leonard Pickens Survey, 5-28-76; Clarence Grodhaus et ux et al, 150.00 acres Richard Dowdy Survey, 5-19-76; James J. Hoblitz et ux, 103.27 acres Richard Dowdy Survey, 6-7-76; Dan Binder et ux, 3.079 acres Robert Cunningham League, 5-24-76; Ernest P. Otto et ux, 13.52 acres Richard Dowdy Survey, 6-12-76; H. E. Gerhart et ux, 58.40 acres Briggs Hopson Survey, 7-12-76; Frank J. Kruk et ux, 75 acres Leonard Pickens Survey, 7-28-76.
Leases to Fred Prickett: Sophie Zikur et al, 20.45 acres Richard Dowdy Survey, 6-12-76; Leona Chromek, 1 acre Asa Thompson Survey, 7-12-76; Charles N. Candel, 27.56 acres Leonard Pickens Survey, 6-12-76; Albina Schumaker et vir et al, 65 acres John Dabney Survey, 9-9-76; Selma Becker Taylor, 103.27 acres Richard Dowdy Survey, 5-28-76; Elizabeth Walker, 111.80 acres Robert Cunningham League, 5-19-76; George Walch et ux, 43.25 acres Leonard Pickens Survey, 5-26-76.
Lease, C. G. Jackson et ux et al to Tag-Rodden Oil Co. 163.03 acres 1&GN RR Co. Survey, 9-16-76.
Lease, Leo Kohlfel to Sabre Exploration Corporation 71 acres J. F. Smith Survey, 10-13-76.
Lease, Mrs. Ben Krenak et al to Prairie Producing Co. 6.4 acres J. S. Evans League, 10-13-76.
Lease, James Edward Page to Banner Petroleum 462.75 acres P. K. Bartleson Survey, 10-1-76.
Lease, Virginia Breaks Carlson to Banner Petroleum 462.75 acres P. K. Bartleson Survey, 10-1-76.
Lease, Charles J. Kallina, Jr. et ux et al to Intercoastal Operating Co. 634 acres E. P. Ramsey Survey, 9-30-76.
Lease, Kathryn G. Price to Howell Corporation 29 acres J. B. Fenn Survey, 9-5-76.
Lease, Matthew H. Ellinger et ux et al to Howell Corporation 10 acres Samuel Fowler Survey, 4-1-76.



Rev. Henry O. Rolf and Parishioners
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NADA, TEXAS



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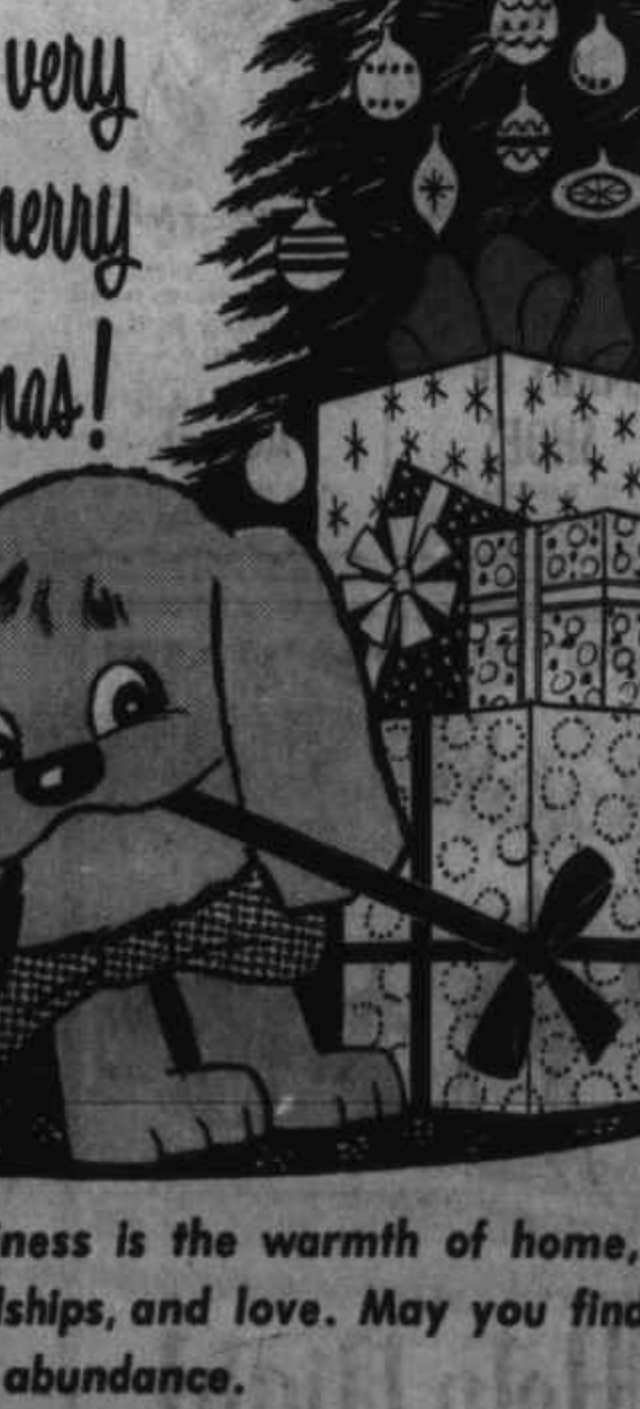
THE STORE AHEAD - Eagle Lake
L. J. & CHARLYNE & FAMILY PAULINE SCHMITT
RUDOLPH & BERTHA MARY ROSE ALMANZA

Since the last interglacial period more than 100,000 years ago, as ice sheets have grown and melted back, the oceans have fallen and risen about every 20,000 years.



O Holy Night...
May the Spirit of Christmas which is Peace fill your hearts with love and contentment this Holiday Season

W. F. MEITZEN 66 STATION
W. F. MEITZEN, JR. BOB MEITZEN
EAGLE LAKE



THE BEAUTY BOX
CHARLENE - MARY

THE RICE PACKAGE STORE
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