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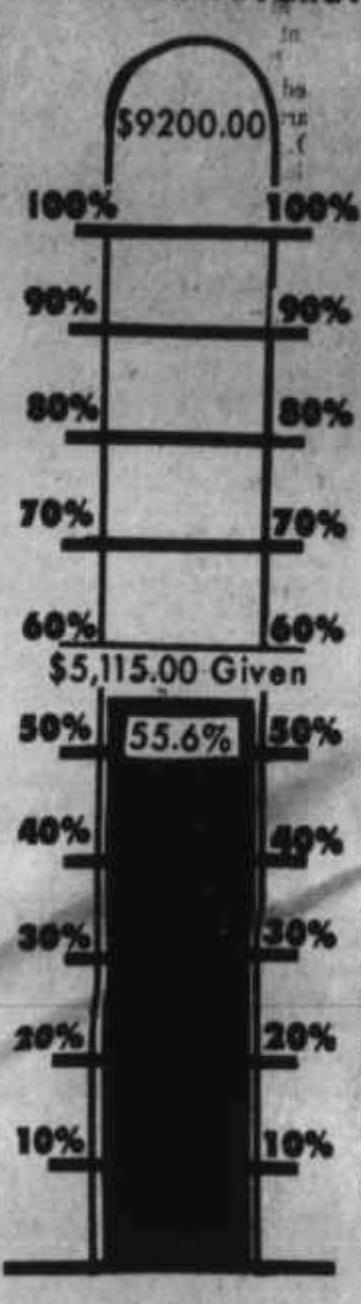
gutter by fire shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon. Miss Nellie Buffington and Mr. Harry Larson will be married at the home of the bride's parents Sunday. O. J. Winterman, Braxton Green, L. D. Roberts and B. H. McElhinney crawled up on a duck pond Sunday morning and fired seventeen shots in a pond covered with ducks and killed 105. The safe of G. C. Werla of Altair was forced open and \$4000 worth of bills totaling and \$165 cash were stolen. Thursday night hostesses at a slumber party were Misses Fern Hough and Roxie Miles. Attending were Misses Ruth and Lucille Clapp, Dorothy Darby, Edna Albrecht, Frances Cabbins and Thelma Thomas.

(November 17, 1928) Humble Company is beginning its fifth test for oil near Altair. Helmer Seahom provides ducks for a Rotary duck dinner. A three-acre extension on the state highway west of the city is under way. The Eagle Lake to Ramsey section to get limestone topping in preparation for tarvix coating. Eagle Lake High School Eagles are gunning for the district football championship when they meet Sugar Land in a crucial district tie. Five thousand attend the annual East Bernard Armistice Day celebration.

(December 1, 1928) The Eagle Lake Eagles easily outclassed the Warren Tigers 18 to 0 in a bi-district football game last Friday night. On the Eagles starting lineup were: E. Fuller, left end; R. Smith, left tackle; R. Fuller, left guard; R. Land, center; H. Gluck, right guard; W. Townley, right tackle; O. Class, right end; Westmoreland, quarterback; Wallace, left half; Forbes, right half; C. Morgan, fullback. Haynie Matthews, 70, prominent and Western citizen of this community passed away at his home here Thursday afternoon. The Methodist Missionary Society met this week for the fifth anniversary celebration of the society. A capacity crowd was on hand at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening for an enjoyable presentation of a Thanksgiving Cantata. Composing the choir were Mesdames T. P. Doyle, B. H. McElhinney, C. Pennington, J. C. Wilson, Harry Larson; Misses Ophelia Johnson, Velma Spalinger, Cecil Buchanan, Thelma Blanche Dunlavy, Eva Mae Westler, Laura Belle Shinn, Anna Mae Causey, Daisy Morgan, Kathleen Hooten, Anna Mae Poole, Lillian Kilgough, Florence Waddell, Mary Holman, Sallie Jones and Lillie Mae Hayden. They were accompanied by Miss Magdalene Ratliff at the piano and Mrs. T. W. Oliphant at the piano.

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Soil Conservation News

W. A. Hefner and Billy Hefner of the Garwood area have completed smoothing 30 acres of rice land. Peter Hadash, a district cooper of the Weimar area, has completed shaping 3.0 acres of pulled area which will be established to common bermudagrass to control erosion. Mary Schneider has completed seeding an eroded area which was recently shaped on her farm in the Weimar area. R. W. Hervey is in the process of building cross fences on his farm near Bernardo to allow for better management of his grasslands. Henry Krenke, Jr. has recently had his conservation plan updated on his farm near Freiburg. The Columbus Field Office provides equal services to all landowners regardless of race, creed, or national origin.

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operated in Schulenburg for the past two months has reopened here. Tommy Hamilton operated on in Houston for appendicitis. Eagles defeat Weimar in football 32 to 0. Local school will have 11 days for Christmas holidays. Miss Hattie Holman who is holding a position near Crystal City is spending the Thanksgiving weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Holman.



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As we look forward to a New Year let us not forget our many blessings as Free Americans, but continue to work together, strengthening with in America now and always.

The suggested patriotic holiday in January to display the flag is: January 1st, New Year's Day. As we are entering into another year we may want to recall the following: The American Creed I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies. William Tyler Page.

Economy, Tax Cut Initial Items For New Congress

(By Cong. J. J. Pickle) Making predictions for the new year is at best risky, and at worst, foolish. But some issues that will be coming right up after Congress convenes, and Governor Carter is sworn in as our President. The economy and tax cut is the issue that will be handled first by the new Congress in the new year. Even though President Ford's activities are not receiving the attention that Governor Carter's are, he too is working on economic plans for next year.

The word is that President Ford will propose a 10 billion dollar tax cut. If his action is similar to last year's, he will announce that with a call for 10 billion dollar cut in spending. My personal opinion is that tax cuts, on a small scale, are not the end-all to a sluggish economy. A small increase in everyone's income (say \$25 to \$50) does not mean that much in this day and age. We need to put people back to work. To do this, I think that public works projects with certain guidelines would be more beneficial.

Of course, in the final analysis, it may take a combination of both action to cure the economy, which is not well by any measure. Right after the economy is dealt with in the 1977 Congress, look for the lines to be drawn-up on Governor Carter's plans for government reorganization. He has not been sworn in and he has already announced plans to consolidate several Federal Energy agencies and functions. No one is for bumbling bureaucracy. It is to say "I am for efficient government." The pinch will come when agencies that are popular with certain segments of the public come under the ax. Then the re-organization rhetoric may take a back seat. Beyond the predictions on early action on the economy and government reorganization, I will make none. I could, but then I might be getting into the foolish realm of making new year predictions. I do wish for another great year in the history of our democracy.

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Mike Flores, 81, Happy Hoofers Found Dead Here Monday

The Happy Hoofers Dance Club of this community will have a dance at the Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 29th for Mike Flores, 81, who was found dead at his home at 504 Fairview at 11:15 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28th. He was known to have a heart ailment and cause of death is believed to have been a heart attack at around 3:00 a.m. Monday. Leo Heinrichs Orchestra will provide music for dancing from 8 to 12. Admission will be \$5.00 per couple for members; and members may invite two guest couples at \$2.50 per couple.

Eagle Lake Chief of Police Bufford Ashley and Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones investigated. Judge Jones held an inquest at the scene and ruled the man apparently died of natural causes.

The last rites were to be held from the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29th with the Rev. Frank Holguin, pastor of the United Christian Church in El Campo, officiating. Interment was to follow in Lakeside Cemetery.

Friends gathered for a prayer service at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th. Mr. Flores was born Feb. 22, 1895 in Beville, Texas but had resided in Eagle Lake since 1960. On May 10, 1967 he and Sarah Diaz were united in marriage here.

Palibearers were Robert Overa, David Overa, Anthony Cardenas, Michael Cardenas, Danny Cardenas and Joe Navarro. Survivors include: four daughters, Mary Elizabeth Flores, Mrs. Lydia Cardenas and Susan Overa of this city and Mrs. Janie Ebara of Los Angeles, California; four sons, Adolph and Jesse Flores of Galveston, Robert Overa of Sealy and David Overa of Eagle Lake; 29 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were three daughters, Mrs. Rosie Huerta and Eva Overa of this city; and one son, Richard Paul Overa of this city.

Vic Scott Surprised On 50th Birthday

A large group of friends gathered at the Victor Scott home last Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd to surprise Mr. Scott on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday anniversary. A delightful social period was spent after which the honoree opened gag gifts which added much merriment to the occasion.

Delicious refreshments were enjoyed from a pretty holiday buffet table. Mrs. Scott and son, Russell, and daughter, Janice, and husband, Timmy Griger hosted the event.

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Newspapers Have Active Community Role Since 1885

The Boomerang First Publication Here in 1885

(Compiled from the files of past issues of the Eagle Lake Headlight with the assistance of Mrs. W. H. Harrison). The first newspaper ever printed in Eagle Lake was called The Boomerang, and was printed about the year 1885 by a man named Isaac A. Porter, who had a small printing outfit in connection with other businesses. The Boomerang was just a small two column sheet, gotten out more for the fun of it and as a joke. Its life was of but a few short weeks as it required money in those days to run a newspaper just the same as it does now.

Canoe Published in 1887 The next paper established here was called The Canoe, and was printed about the year 1887 by C. F. Lehmann, H. H. Ivy, and J. J. Mansfield, with Mr. Mansfield as editor. Mr. Mansfield was county judge with a good chance of becoming the next congressman from this district. The Canoe was a six column paper with patent insides. The outside papers were printed in the office of the Hallettsville Herald. The papers were sent to Eagle Lake every Friday afternoon by express, and was thus conducted for several months before the postoffice authorities refused permission to mail the papers at newspaper rates on the grounds that no part of the paper was printed in Eagle Lake. Then an outfit consisting of a Washington handpress and a small amount of type was put in here and Mr. Mansfield became the sole owner of the paper. After a few months he sold the paper to J. L. Goodman. The town had just been incorporated and Mr. Goodman was a candidate for the first mayor. The late Capt. J. W. McCarty ran against him, defeating Mr. Goodman with an overwhelming vote. Mr. Goodman was also a candidate for mayor at the second election. Mr. Mansfield opposed him this time and defeated him by another overwhelming majority.

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