

ABOUT TOWN

Progress? A letter mailed by our Garwood correspondent on Monday of the past week did not arrive in our office until Thursday morning. . . but some "junk mail" mailed in Dallas Tuesday also arrived in our office Thursday morning. Hard to understand the postal service these days.

Mrs. Floyd (Wilma) Hodde, Jr. is home nursing a cracked bone in her ankle due to a fall when she and her husband were clearing tree limbs from her father's garage April 12th. The rope which they were using to pull the limbs broke, causing

Columbus Man Injured When Car Hits Train

A Columbus man received severe facial injuries and the 1972 Buick in which he was riding was demolished when the car hit a Southern Pacific gravel train crossing Highway 90A a mile and one-half west of the Colorado River bridge late Sunday night. Highway Patrolman Joe Garcia, the investigating officer, said the accident occurred at around 12:00 p.m. The car was driven by Ray Mitchell, 26, of Columbus and he was traveling east on 90A and apparently didn't see the train crossing the tracks until too late. He did manage to turn the car slightly and the vehicle slammed into the tenth car behind the second engine of the train. The front end of the vehicle was slashed off and Mitchell was trapped in the crushed car.

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen and the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps were called to the scene. It took around thirty minutes to free the man from the crushed vehicle. He was then brought to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, stable, but in serious condition with a badly crushed face.

The train was heading south on the railroad tracks and trainmen were unaware of the accident until later notified and other parts of the vehicle were found attached to the railroad car.

Forty Attend Causey Family Easter Picnic

Over 40 family members and friends gathered to observe the 45th annual Causey Family Easter Sunday Picnic. The picnic was held in Meutz at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Thomas. Ed Causey told of the importance of Easter to each one in attendance to open the gathering.

Though the absence of some picnic regulars was felt by all, the forty present had a wonderful day. A delicious meal was followed by a restful afternoon of fellowship. The younger set took off for the pond and spent the afternoon fishing. . .

Colly St. Home Burglarized, Vandalized

Eagle Lake police department was called this week to investigate the burglary and damage to a home at 619 Colly Place.

Chief of Police Buford Ashley said Mary Dowdy told him that the home was entered sometime between Friday and early Monday. Investigation revealed entry was through a back door and exit was apparently made the same way.

The burglar was not satisfied with taking numerous items, but he did considerable damage, ripping clothing, upsetting furniture and windows.

Reported as missing were a stereo, a black and white TV, women's clothing, a cassette player, portable record player, 2 gold lamps, records and tapes, a piggy bank full of change and a set of china and other items.

Investigation of the entry continues.

Mission Starter At Baptist Church Sun.

The Reverend Winford Oakes, Mission Starter for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will speak at the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake at 7:30 p.m. this Sunday, April 29th.

Texas Baptists have been active in securing property for church sites and new subdivisions are developed and lots are sold. A neighboring church normally gives support to the new mission congregation as it develops from mission to church status.

Pastor Melburn Sibley invites people outside the congregation who are interested in mission procedures to share in a service of worship and home mission information.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rice H.S. Ex States Views on Hearing, New Superintendent

Dear Editor:

I was one of the few persons to attend the public hearing of Jim Majors, former history teacher at Rice High School, on Wednesday night, April 18th. I was appalled at the lack of concern, compassion, and understanding shown to the school administration. After his case was presented there was absolutely no discussion on the matter, which to me means the administration had already made their decision concerning his complaint.

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Junked Car Citations Served

Eagle Lake Chief of Police Buford Ashley advises that he has personally served over a dozen notices to owners of property who were possible violators of the city's junked car ordinance.

The notices, which have been reported, through the mail, are now being served by local officers and violators of the provisions of the ordinance have ten days in which to dispose of the vehicle.

On April 7th, the voters in the district decided they wanted a change. Now the board is faced with the challenge of hiring a new superintendent, and I feel the school district should pull together. The best possible way would be to hire a superintendent not associated with the school administration.

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Tillman, Barrios, Grammer Qualify For Regional Track

Meet To Be Held At Blinn Jr. College

The Rice High School Raiders boys' track team made an outstanding showing in the District 20AA track meet held in Waller last Friday and will be sending 3 representatives to the Region III Track Meet to be held at Blinn Jr. College in Brenham this Friday and Saturday.

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Sports

Raider Boys Finish 5th In District Tennis Meet

Rice Takes 2nd In Junior Division

The Sealy Tigers have won both divisions of the District 20AA boys' tennis tournament which was held through Friday at the Middle School Gymnasium, rain or shine.

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Girls' Softball Tryouts Today, Thurs. & Fri., 5 pm

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Ambulance Corps Training Session Thurs.

The new portable suction unit will be demonstrated again in the regular training session of the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps tonight, Thursday, in the Ambulance Hall, since many were unable to attend the last demonstration due to Easter week church services. Air splints will be checked out and demonstrated.

Those who have had IV Therapy will have an opportunity to practice. "Everyone should make a stick" at least once a week," said the training officer, and the "butterflies" will be available at the meeting.

Minor Collision

Eagle Lake police investigated a minor accident in front of Scott's Snack Shack at 12:55 p.m. last Sunday.

A 1979 Silverado pickup driven by William F. Wallace of Hallettsville and a 1979 Ford driven by Leeds M. Bryor of Houston were in collision. The investigating officer reported the pickup, going east on Main, collided with the right rear of the Ford when the car turned into the parking lot at Scott's.

Driver Charged With Possession Of Pistol

A charge of unlawful possession of a weapon was filed against Juan Garcia, arrested at 12:53 Sunday morning. City patrolman Richard L. Course stopped Garcia.

Garcia was charged with illegal possession of a .38 caliber Rossi pistol and with not having a driver's license.

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Free Car Wash

Mrs. Meza Kveton this is your ticket for a free car wash at Johnny's Kwik Kar Wash located next to Johnny's 66 Station in Eagle Lake. Clip this out and present at Johnny's for a free car wash effective through May 1, 1979.

Commuters League

The Abilene rolled high team series in the Commuters League action last Thursday with a 2135 to widen their lead in the league to 4 games. Sheridan Drilling, second place team with 72 wins, had high team game of 744. Elfe Thomas led the individual scoring with a 198-531. Laverne Criswell posted a 198-514 and Alta Barten a 189-502. Mohats and Fireballs are tied for third with 68 wins each followed by Grim Reapers with 67 and Schlitz Beer and the Handies with 63 each.

Agricultural Observations

TEXAS A&M RESEARCH SITE
EAGLE LAKE 11

| Date | Air Temp | Soil Temp | Evap | Rain |
|------|----------|-----------|------|------|
| Apr | Max | Min | Max | Min |
| 17 | 71 | 62 | 80 | 73 |
| 18 | 76 | 66 | 72 | 70 |
| 19 | 79 | 65 | 70 | 69 |
| 20 | 66 | 64 | 78 | 68 |
| 21 | 71 | 64 | 78 | 69 |
| 22 | 72 | 63 | 68 | 68 |
| 23 | 77 | 63 | 71 | 65 |

For the first time in a long while, all of the Coastal Plains reported sunny skies Tuesday morning. Chances aren't good that this much-needed dry and sunny weather will continue past Wednesday. Increasing south winds will signal the return of heavy cloudiness and then showers and thunderstorms Thursday through Saturday.

Management. The pace of field drying will accelerate strongly the next two days; however, a change in weather the second half of the week points to lingering or even aggravated soil wetness problems.

In the Rice Belt: Sunshine and warm temperatures, for a few days anyway, should help in seed germination and young plant growth. Wet soils and long periods of dew wetness will contribute to sharp increases in plant diseases, especially in home gardens. Completing fungicide treatments could be harder after Wednesday.

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E.L. Raiders Win Softball Tourney

The Eagle Lake Raiders softball team won the championship of the St. Robert's Catholic Church of El Campo Softball Tournament held in El Campo.

The 12-team meet was held on Saturday and Sunday in conjunction with the church's annual picnic.

The Raiders had to win the tournament the hard way, coming back through the loser's bracket after being defeated by the St. Robert's team in the El Campo twice to take the title of the double elimination tournament in the final.

Members of the first place Eagle Lake team were Steve Almann, Gilbert Ross, Mark Salazar, Carmen Garza, Buddy Mascheck, James Teague, Henry Gardner, David Brumsted, Billy Baker, Lingo Adams, Billy Teague and Mike Hartman.

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