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In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, new on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.
We are the dead.
Short days ago we lived, felt down,
Saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch — be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.
— Col. John McCrae.

Observe Memorial Day
Monday, May 28th, 1979

ABOUT TOWN

• Mrs. M. I. Nicwander, a former resident of Rock Island for 66 years, who moved to Naples, Texas to be near her son and family, the Dan Nicwanders, in 1977, visited briefly Tuesday at the Headlight office.
Mrs. Nicwander was the Rock Island correspondent for the Headlight for many years and it was a pleasure to see her. She also visited at the Heritage House where she spent many hours doing whatever she was asked to do for the residents and staff.
She came especially to attend the Rock Island Memorial Service and Homecoming to be held this Sunday, May 27th. She has attended every one of the events since 1902.
• The Headlight received inquiries about a rumor circulating that a dead person was reportedly found near an Eagle Lake school last week, but apparently the report was just that, a rumor, as local officers had no information on any such incident.
• Several of our friends in the Garwood community called to tell us that the old river bridge at Garwood was constructed later than the 1929 date reported in the Highway Department's

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24 YEARS AGO LET'S LOOK BACK

[March 31, 1955]
ELHS Band rated second division in concert playing and first division in night reading at Regional Interscholastic League meet. Trial of Mrs. Irene Marlene Becker finally ends with her acquittal on the charge of murdering her newborn baby.
Last rites held for Joe S. Hester. Two elections face voters: school April 2nd and city April 5th. Seven candidates for three school positions include D. A. Thornton, J. R. Thomas, E. C. Terrell, Orville W. Powers, Louis J. Muzny, Jr., Jack Grieves and Oscar Miller. A. H. Seasholtz, H. E. Tate and A. F. Wiese expected to be re-elected city aldermen as they are the only candidates who filed a big issue to be referendum on the new building for city offices and post office. George Roesser appointed to post of Director of KPRC and KPRC-TV's vastly expanded Farm Dept. Rotary Club hears highlights of Southwestern Cattlemen's Association meeting by Gardner C. Duncan. Cast chosen for April 29th senior class play entitled "Don't Take My Pennies" includes Martha Walker, Kenneth Mahalite, Rachel Anne Terrell, Hans German, Jimmy Tallas, Jo Sue Saladay, Emily Birdwell, Mary Metzger, Wayne Brasher, Dick Laughlin, Jo Carolyn Corman, Henry Kretschmar, Shirley Bradford, Betty Lou Goodson, Judy Parker, Tommy Starke and Lonnie Sommerlatte. Mrs. Nannie Barrow visited by nephew, Ed Smith of New York, whom she had not seen in 45 years. Eagles baseball nine whip Hallettsville with Wayne Brasher and Billy Salazar each collecting two hits for the locals; lone to Sheridan with Joe Barrels on the mound and Walter Meitzen behind the plate for the Eagles. Locals initiated in WCJC honor society included Phyllis Johnson and Carole Crim. Ruben Muencha welcome daughter, Roy Lynn, March 25. Eagle Market has new parking lot. Debra Lynn Brasher is new arrival for John Brashers.

City Gets \$3,396 Sales Tax Rebate

State Comptroller Bob Bullock reports that rebates to Texas cities of the one-percent optional sales tax are running about 10 percent higher this year over the same period last year.
The City of Eagle Lake received a check for \$3,396.43 for the period ending April 26th, making 1979 payments total \$40,711.35, down from the 1978 total of \$42,558.55, or 4.3 percent less. The 1979 total of \$41,258.10 at this date.
Columbus' check was for \$3,755.63, making the 1979 total \$54,091.87, 15%; Hallettsville received \$4,383.07 and the 1979 total of \$39,758.55, even with 1978. Seasholtz received \$5,551.84 and the 1979 total is \$51,731.07, up 12%; Weimar received \$1,043.50 and the 1979 total of \$21,765.23 is even with 1978.

ELMS Awards Program Fri.

The Eagle Lake Middle School will have its Awards Assembly in the school gymnasium this Friday, May 25, at 12:45 p.m. At this time certificates will be presented to students with perfect attendance, for honor roll accomplishments, athletic participation, and for outstanding performance in curricular areas. The eighth grade students will receive promotional certificates and will be given special recognition.
Bill Harrison, Jr., president of the First National Bank of Eagle Lake, will make a short address directed to the eighth grade students. Following this address, certificates of promotion will be presented to the eighth grade students by the superintendent of schools, E. A. Krivacka. Mrs. Jane Clippson, president of the Rice CISD Board of Education, will recognize the students as they receive their certificates.
Parents and other interested patrons are invited to attend this awards assembly.

The Perfect Gift For Graduation A Subscription To The Headlight

report published last week. According to reports from those who live in the area, the bridge was constructed around 1936 or 1937, not 1929.

Garwood Man Charged In Collision Tues.

Charges of failure to stop for a red light were filed Tuesday against Mike Brewer of Garwood, driver of a 1973 Buick which collided with a Mercury automobile driven by Albert Pustejovsky late Tuesday afternoon.

Youth Drowns

gravel pit area where the drowning occurred but it was not until about four hours later, at 8:35 p.m. that the boy's body was located.
An experienced diver from Columbus attempted to locate the body but was unable to make a thorough search because of the coldness of the water. The body was finally located by Columbus firemen who were dragging the area from a boat.
Justice of the Peace Francis Truchard held an inquest at the scene and ruled the youth died of accidental drowning. The body was taken to Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus and later transferred to Houston.

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Rabid Horse

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Clinic where the brain was removed and sent to the Texas Department of Health in Austin. Word was received Friday, May 18th that the horse was rabid.
It is not known what brought about the rabies infection in the horse, but it is surmised that it might have been a rabid dog, skunk, squirrel or possibly a rabid bat or some other rabid animal.
Since Bob and Marsha both handled the animal considerably during its illness and while transporting it to Wharton, both are now taking the series of 23 inoculations against possible infection with rabies.
It was reported the horse was infected with the "dumb" strain of rabies and fortunately the horse did not become violent as it might have with another strain of rabies. Symptoms which brought about the diagnosis included the horse's inability to stand up and it continually fell and rolled on the ground.
Residents in the Lake-side Drive area are cautioned to be on the lookout for any animals which might be acting peculiarly and might have contracted the dreaded disease.
Rabies in horses is not a common occurrence, however, the Wharton Clinic reported one other rabid horse, from another area, last year.

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Columbus Woman Charged With Murder In Death Of Infant

Columbus police May 14th charged a 22-year-old Columbus woman with murder in the death of her 3 1/2-month-old son.
Mrs. Janie Gaskamp was held in the Lavaca County jail at Hallettsville in lieu of \$25,000 bond. She was jailed at Hallettsville because the Colorado County jail cannot accept female prisoners.
A preliminary coroner's report said the infant, Aaron Gaskamp, was suffering from bronchial pneumonia and a skull fracture above the left ear believed caused by a blunt instrument.
The infant was taken to Columbus Community Hospital Friday morning by its parents and later transferred to Houston by ambulance.
A doctor at Methodist Hospital in Houston notified Columbus police of the death of the infant Sunday night, May 13th, and said the body had been transferred to the medical examiner's office for an autopsy.
The autopsy, performed the morning of May 14th, revealed the skull fracture, police said.
Assistant Chief of Police Officer Friedrich said Bobby Tom Wine notified the district attorney's office which advised Wine to obtain a warrant and execute the mother's arrest.
The father, Harry Gaskamp, 36, claimed to be at work when the infant was injured, Friedrich said.
Friedrich said the mother, who turned 22 the day her son died, admitted slapping the infant in an effort to get it to stop crying and had thrown the infant down on a pallet, but denied hitting the baby.
Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt initially refused bond, but later set the figure at \$25,000. Colorado County Citizen.

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Serendipity

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Subject: Books
If you read a lot you might be called a book worm, but I never saw a worm that could read. They just lay there squirming, and I can't tell their head-end from their posterior. There is a book on any subject you can bring to mind, and your library has a lot of them.
"A little knowledge is a dangerous thing" never put me in jeopardy. I read and how hard I try to remember, my brain cells in the storage department lapse into lethargy. I find that where ignorance is concerned I have a corner on it. My one consolation is in a statement a professor made. "Education does not consist in how many facts you can store away in your memory, but in knowing where to go for them."
Go to your library!

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Services Held For Gerardo Vasquez Thurs.

Funeral services were held at 9:00 a.m. last Thursday, May 17th from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for Gerardo Medina Vasquez, 54, who died suddenly of a heart attack while working south of the city. Tuesday, May 15th. He had been employed with Lakeside Irrigation Co. for over 20 years.
The Rev. Father Tom Hagan, pastor of Guadalupe Church, officiated at the services. Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery. Mill-Bauer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
The deceased was born April 16, 1925 in Fentress, Texas, the son of Gonzalo and Martina Vasquez.
Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Moreno Vasquez; six children; and a number of brothers and sisters.
Friends extend sympathy to the family in the loss of this loved one.



These six pretty young ladies will be leading the Eagle Lake Middle School in spirit next year. Elected to be cheerleaders for the 1979-80 school year are, from left to right: Stacey Holden, Renee Dierckhe, Roxanne Ripper, Nichelle Cunningham, Connie Przek, and on top Sharri Webb.

Homemaking Students Hear Of Child Abuse

Hubert Ostreil from the Colorado County Department of Human Resources presented the program "To Lift a Finger" to all homemaking students on Tuesday, May 15.
His presentation focused on the prevalence of child abuse, possible causes, detection and steps in reporting suspected cases. Mr. Ostreil followed the slide presentation with an informal question and answer session. He related that there are 54 cases of child abuse and neglect presently in Colorado County. Currently their offices are investigating 11 new cases reported in April.
According to the Texas Family Law Code the identity of a person who reports a suspected case of child abuse is never revealed to the family. Also, if a person knows child abuse or neglect is taking place and does not

Barbara Frybert Honoree At Graduation Party

On Sunday, April 22, Barbara Anne Frybert was the honoree at a Senior Graduation Party in her home, given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frybert.
The guests arrived at 4:00 p.m., and a delicious "barbecue" dinner was served shortly thereafter. It consisted of barbecued chicken, potato salad, rice salad, peaches, green beans and hot rolls.
A cake decorated in the graduation theme was served as dessert. In all, twenty senior members of this year's graduating class helped in celebrating the occasion, along with Barbara's family.
The prayer service of the Bonus Baptist Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Peikert last Thursday evening.
Mrs. Olive D. Hershey and Miss Jane Dobson with Mrs. Olive Spitzmiller and daughter Lisa and Michael Hershey and son Jeffrey of Austin attended the wedding of their niece and cousin, Miss Genevieve L. Duncan and Wayne Seipel in San Antonio Saturday. The wedding was at Trinity Chapel followed by the reception at the Argyle.
Mrs. A. J. Kallas returned home last week from a visit in Houston with the families of her children, Mrs. Walter Treibig, Raymond and Robert Kallas.
Mr. and Mrs. George Northington, III were guests of Columbus friends Sunday afternoon.
Miss Elizabeth Krenke spent the weekend at home from her teaching duties in Louise.
The Rev. Oliver Southall gave the Sunday morning service at the Bonus Baptist Church. He and Mrs. Southall were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Peikert. The church wants to inform those in the community that the Blood Mobile will be on the parking lot of the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake on Tuesday, May 29th.
Mrs. Robert Lovell of East Greenwich, R.I. and Jack N. Shwab of Nashville, Tenn. returned to their homes Saturday after a stay with their grandmother, Mrs. Mentor Northington.
Mrs. George Krenke was in Columbus Monday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. Reese Wynn of Houston and Rock Island visited with their aunt, Mrs. Will Meriwether Sunday.
Rex Sanders' many friends are pleased that he is able to be at home after surgery in a

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On Sunday, April 22, Barbara Anne Frybert was the honoree at a Senior Graduation Party in her home, given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frybert.
The guests arrived at 4:00 p.m., and a delicious "barbecue" dinner was served shortly thereafter. It consisted of barbecued chicken, potato salad, rice salad, peaches, green beans and hot rolls.
A cake decorated in the graduation theme was served as dessert. In all, twenty senior members of this year's graduating class helped in celebrating the occasion, along with Barbara's family.
The prayer service of the Bonus Baptist Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Peikert last Thursday evening.
Mrs. Olive D. Hershey and Miss Jane Dobson with Mrs. Olive Spitzmiller and daughter Lisa and Michael Hershey and son Jeffrey of Austin attended the wedding of their niece and cousin, Miss Genevieve L. Duncan and Wayne Seipel in San Antonio Saturday. The wedding was at Trinity Chapel followed by the reception at the Argyle.
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Another truck and train collision was investigated on East Main Street, near the Berger Mobil Service Station, last Saturday at 8:30 a.m. resulting in considerable damage to a gravel truck trailer, but there were no injuries.
Patrolman Richard LaCourse investigated the accident. He reported that a 1978 GMC gravel truck loaded with gravel was crossing the Santa Fe Railroad tracks and failed to see the warning lights or hear the train whistle and the truck almost cleared the tracks, however the train struck the rear wheels, causing heavy damage to rear of the truck. The truck was driven by Gus Welton Adler of Houston. Blackie's Wrecker Service of Columbus brought heavy equipment to the scene and it took nearly four hours to clear the wreckage, said the officer. The truck was partially onto the Kohleffel property on the south side of the highway.
Two other wrecks were investigated within the city limits. One occurred at 1:20 p.m. Saturday in the 700 Block of Main Street when a 1973 Ford driven by Carman Parker Wiese and a 1979 truck-tractor driven by Armando R. Barahona, a driver for Truckers Inc., collided.
The Wiese car was going east on Main in the outside lane and hit the pickup driven by Carman in the right side.

3 Injured In Accident On IH10 Fri.

Three women from San Antonio were hospitalized in the Columbus