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Burglars

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to the police chief that he left his house at 11 a.m. and returned at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and while he was gone the house was entered and an undetermined amount of items taken. Clipson resides at 511 North Lake.

The officer said houses in all three of the above cases were left unlocked and they are located in the same area, one across the street from the other two.

Entry Through Window
At 9:00 a.m. Saturday, the officer received word from Mrs. James H. Wilson who lives at 204 Church, that the screen had been cut on a bedroom window in her home and entry gained through the window. She was however unable to find anything missing.

The fifth entry reported to Chief Ashley was reported at 1:45 p.m. Saturday by Mrs. E. E. Mooney who resides at 414 Scott Street, that she found entry had been made into her home through a window and a number of valuable items taken.

Ashley said that in most cases, homes were ransacked as the burglar or burglars apparently searched for money.

Assistance From Sheriff
Chief Ashley said that he is still interviewing prospects for positions vacated by the resignations of Clark Murgage and

Richard LaCourse. Ashley paid tribute to Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller and his staff for their assistance while the local department is short of manpower, especially for the use of Deputy Jerry O'Connor for night patroling.

Teacher Pay

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\$1200; increases for sponsors of UIL events, another \$1400 increase; and to the high school and junior high coaches and band directors, an increase in cost of \$500.

A motion made by board member Lavo Brisco to approve the package deal died for lack of a second. After much more discussion, the board voted unanimously to increase the pay for a first year teacher or principal from \$700 to \$800 over state schedule, for a second year teacher or principal to \$800, and for those in their third year or over, from \$700 to \$1000 over state schedule.

Board member Anthony Kalina brought out the point that teachers, principals and coaches should get increases based on longevity with the district in hopes of retaining a higher percentage of the faculties.

The board voted unanimously to approve this new schedule which DeShazo estimated would

trim around \$5000 off the proposed cost of \$31,500 for the \$300 across the board increase proposed for the 106 professionals.

Under the board's action, pay for those working football games was hiked from \$10 to \$15 and for those working basketball games from \$8 to \$10; and additional pay for UIL event sponsors and travel expenses, at a total estimated cost of \$1400.

DeShazo had proposed that the eight high school coaches receive an additional \$500 due to the extra services before and after school hours, the high school girls assistant coach and junior high coaches an additional \$200; the junior high girls coach, an additional \$100; and \$300 additional to the high school band director and \$300 to the assistant director.

The council decided to delay action on the project to allow Mayor Elmer Struss, along with city treasurer Bill Farris and city manager T. J. Smith time to review the city's contingency fund to see if money can be appropriated to cover the additional cost. If not, plans are to negotiate with the local bank for a loan to cover the excess costs.

Tax Hike Intest

The board unanimously passed the resolution announcing its intention to consider a tax increase and set a public hearing on such intent at 8 p.m. Monday, July 30th at the Rice Administration Building.

After this hearing the board will hold another public hearing specifically for the setting of the tax rate and another for a budget hearing, both tentatively set for August 13th, the next regular meeting date.

Gasoline Storage
DeShazo also discussed with the board findings on a possibility of installing a gasoline storage tank and on obtaining an agreement to insure gasoline for buses, but no action was taken.

A committee of Lavo Brisco and Billy Helmer was appointed to look into the possibility of using the Rice FFA show barn facilities for a bus repair and service area.

DeShazo reported that gasoline thefts from buses in the parking area near Eagle Lake Middle School is becoming a problem and it may be necessary to add additional preventative

CC Hears Report On Successful July 4th

Directors of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce met Monday and heard a financial report on the successful July 4th project sponsored by the chamber.

Ralph Truly, general chairman of the project, reported that the chamber will probably net over \$2,000 from the day's activities, with over \$1900 of that amount coming from profit on the barbecue chicken dinner.

Final results will not be available until all sponsors of the booths reply to the chamber's share of profits from the respective activities. Those who have not yet replied are urged to do so as soon as possible.

Truly and president Louis Schorlemmer expressed appreciation to the members for their outstanding work in staging the event and to those who participated in all of the activities.

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before the Fourth.

T. J. Smith, chairman of the float committee, reported that the Eagle Lake float will be going to Moulton on Sunday, July 29th and possibly to Bastrop on August 4th.

At the suggestion of Mayor Elmer Struss, the chamber is considering the possibility of staging a mammoth reunion of all students of the Eagle Lake High School and the E. H. Henry High School, possibly in the fall of 1980.

The president asked the directors to give consideration to this possibility on the event at the August 20th meeting.

Attending the session Monday were Schorlemmer, secretary Dorothy Jones, directors Bob McIntire, Sue Causey, Alvin Kohleffel, Lanny Powers, Helen Farris and Rose Marie Roquemore; and also T. J. Smith and Fred R. Frnka.

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job site had overlooked it.

He went on to say that Eagle Lake is fortunate to have a city manager with the experience and ingenuity of Mr. Smith and expressed sincere gratitude for his performance.

Buy Surplus Truck
The council, in other action, authorized the city manager to purchase a 1964 3-ton Ford Truck from the State Highway Dept. if still available.

The dump truck, a surplus item of the highway department, is for sale at a cost of \$1,850.

The city's equipment committee has also been authorized to determine the feasibility of purchasing a used motor grader from Mustang Tractor and Equipment of El Campo for \$15,000.

The city manager reported that the city may be sending two or three of its employees to the annual firemen's training school at AAM July 22-27 which qualifies Eagle Lake for lower fire insurance rates. It is hoped that fire department representatives will be able to attend; but, if not, the city will send its employees so that the insurance rate reduction can be obtained.

LaCourse Joins Sheriff's Dept. As Deputy

Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller announced that Richard LaCourse has joined his staff as a full-time deputy.

LaCourse was formerly with the department, resigning in 1976 to accept a position with the Eagle Lake Police Department where he resigned effective Wednesday of last week.

Real Estate
Deed, Lester D. Eners to Gilbert J. Wilbeck at ex parcel of Land in Blk. 17 P. Real's Survey 6-6-79.

Deed, Cecil B. Owens et ux to Michael Vornand et ux at Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 Blk. 9-Rock Island, Texas 6-6-79.

Deed, Orval Curry to James J. Campbell et ux at Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 Blk. 45-Rock Island, Texas 6-6-79.

Deed, John E. Frnka Jr. et ux to Clyde A. Werland, et ux at Lot 6 Blk. 6 E. E. Irwin Addition 6-7-79.

Deed, Leona Powell to Neale Jo Castle Lot 4 Blk. 18 Westernmoreland Addition 6-6-79.

The board also adopted a Complaint and Hearing Procedure for parents and the public covering requirements of the Title I program.

2 Plead Guilty To Criminal Charges Thurs.

District Judge E. W. Paterson heard pleas on two criminal charges in district court in Columbus last Thursday.

Elijah Smith, arrested July 9th by the county sheriff's department and charged with theft of cattle from Scott Bros. in Weimar, waived indictment by grand jury and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of felony theft. His sentencing has been set for August 29th.

Sherrill Rester, indicted for the burglary of a building owned by Floyd Parker, entered a plea of guilty before Judge Paterson and his sentencing has also been set for August 29th.

EAT MORE RICE

to Columbus Hospital and later transferred to a Houston hospital.

Highway Patrolman Alton Adcock of Columbus investigated the accident. Cause of the accident is not known. The motorcycle collided with the curb along the bridge and both riders were thrown from the vehicle. A witness to the accident was unable to offer much information on just how the accident happened. It is believed the cycle and a car were alongside of each other, but it is not known if they accidentally brushed or not.

Home From Hospital

Friends are pleased to know that Mrs. Jerald Obenhaus is home recuperating from recent surgery in St. Anthony's Hospital and her husband, Mr. Obenhaus, is home convalescing from a heart ailment which confined him to a Wharton hospital.

Citizens throughout the area wish this fine couple a speedy and complete recovery.

Cyclist Killed Rider Injured In Accident

A motorcyclist, Robert J. Hairgrove, 22, was killed and a passenger on the motorcycle, Deborah Adams, 26, was critically injured when their motorcycle collided with the curb on the east end of the westbound lanes on the IH 10 river bridge Tuesday night at last week.

Hairgrove, a native of Corpus Christi, was a resident at the KOA camp ground at Columbus and was working on a drilling rig in this county. He was dead at the scene and Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt held an inquest and ruled he died of accidental injuries.

Adams, a native of Kingsville, was also residing at Columbus; at a motel, and was working as a flagman on a river bridge painting job in Columbus. She was critically injured with severe leg and head injuries and was taken

Old Garwood Bridge Being Removed

A large span of the old river bridge crossing the Colorado River at Garwood was dropped into the river on Wednesday last week by workmen for Houston Bridge and Engineering Co., contractor for the new bridge located just south of the present location.

The large-steel span was lifted from the river bed by heavy equipment after being cut loose and dropped into the water. The remaining segments on the two ends of the bridge which are held up partially from the bank of the river, are due to be removed soon to complete the clearing process.

County Considers Entry In Flood Ins. Program

The regularly scheduled monthly training session for the Ambulance Corps will be held tonight, Thurs. July 26, in the conference room at the hospital.

Many times, particularly at night, there are simply not enough hands to man the cases of emergency. With knowledge of where which Emergency Room Supplies are kept, Ambulance Corps personnel can help by handing the doctors and nurses equipment and supplies.

First National Bank's Deposits Continue Climb

The First National Bank of Eagle Lake continues its steady growth, as reflected by the report at the close of business on June 30th, 1979.

The latest report lists assets at \$33,133,013.45 as compared to a total of \$29,883,998.39 at this time last year. Deposits for the period ending June 30, 1979 are cited at \$27,677,320.29 up nearly \$3 million over the deposits of \$24,386,871.50 on June 30, 1978.

Loans for the period just ended are \$20,635,438.16 as compared to loans of \$19,245,836.82 on June 30, 1978.

He noted that under the emergency program, surveys of the county would be made to determine the beach level for a 50-year flood plain, and once these have been completed the county would be eligible for the regular program.

Insurance Costs Low
Under the emergency plan, single residences could be insured up to \$35,000 and contents to \$10,000, provided the county commissioners vote to enter the program. He estimated that cost for the maximum insurance would be \$123 per year, but noted that a home owner could insure at any figure up to the

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Comm. Center To Install Pay Telephone
J. T. (Tommy) Pilkington, president of the Eagle Lake Community Center, advised due to abuses in use of the telephone at the Center for unauthorized long distance calls, it is necessary that a pay telephone be installed.

The new number for the Center will be announced after the pay telephone is installed.

Pilkington said that a number of unauthorized calls are listed on the Center's bill each month, making the pay telephone a necessity.

Use of Old Columbus Library Was Proposed
The possibility of an expanded Senior Citizens program in the Columbus area received little support at a special meeting of the Commissioners' Court Monday.

Under the subject of enlarging the services to senior citizens, Judge Lester Craneak said the City of Columbus has the old Mansfield Library building which could be available for use and that matching funds from the federal government might be available for such purpose.

Predict 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles said it was his opinion that "too few of our total citizens would benefit."

Predict 1 Commr. Otto (Continued on last page)

7 Home Burglaries Solved By Arrest Of 3 Juveniles
Eagle Lake Chief of Police Sheriff Ashley reported this week that seven recent home burglaries were solved when three juvenile boys, two white and one black, were apprehended last Friday evening.

Included among those solved were four of the five burglaries reported in last week's paper. The only one in which the youth reportedly were not implicated was the entry of the home of Mrs. E. R. Mooney on Scott Street, said Chief Ashley.

The three youth have been turned over to county juvenile authorities for action on the cases.

Another Burglary Fri.
Chief Ashley investigated another home burglary at the Tony Cardenas home at 518 Fairview July 20. An undetermined amount of money was taken from the home.

The officer said that the latest burglary apparently was not committed by the three juveniles who were apprehended.

vehicles will not be allowed to participate. All tours will start from the La Grange football parking area. It is estimated that at least one hour will be required for the tour.

Lower Colorado River Authority and City of Austin officials say the tour will give citizens of the area a "first hand close-up look" at the new coal-fired plant.

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Body Not Recovered
Efforts to recover the body of Rafael Samaniego, 19, employee of T. J. Connolly Associates, who was believed buried in a sea of mud in a cave-off at the Gifford-Hill plant south of Eagle Lake June 21st, have been unsuccessful.

Extensive efforts were made to recover the body by using divers and equipment but so far without success and the search has been reportedly abandoned.

KC's Donate \$600 To Little League
Bill Blake, owner, past president of the Eagle Lake Little League, is shown receiving a \$600 donation from the local Knights of Columbus. The KC's played and donated half the proceeds of their First Annual Football Tournament to the youth organization. Presenting the money to Blak is KC tournament director Arthur Gutierrez, left, and KC Grand Knight Donald Miller, right.

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W. H. Harrison Retiring As Bank Officer
Directors, officers and the staff of The First National Bank of Eagle Lake invite citizens of the area to attend a reception at the bank lobby from 3 to 6 p.m. next Tuesday, July 23rd honoring William H. Harrison, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Harrison is retiring as an active officer on that date and the hosts for the reception hope that you will join them in expressing appreciation for his tenure of more than seventeen years as president of the bank.

Harrison became chairman of the board April 11th of this year, succeeding S. S. Sinclair who retired after serving as chairman of the board for the past fourteen years.

Mr. Harrison became affiliated with First National Bank as a director in January of 1958 and was elected president on Feb. 13, 1963 and capably served in that capacity until his advancement to chairman of the board last April.

Under his guidance, First National Bank's deposits increased from \$6 million in 1963 to over \$28 million in 1978 and some of the latest banking techniques were

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Board Most Important
Judge Craneak stated that the appointment of the board of directors, to be named by the governing bodies comprising the appraisal district, is probably the most important decision in the implementation of S.B. 621. The cities and school districts (water and drainage districts would be included but not a voting member) will have a voice in naming the directors and determining how many directors. S.B. 621 sets out the board shall be at least 5 persons, but the number can be increased by affirmative vote of 3/4 of the agencies participating in this county 6 of the 7 entities.

The board of directors will hire a chief appraiser who also becomes the executive director. A provision of the bill is that all properties in the county must be valued for tax purposes at 100% of market value. The board can do this by an "in-house" assessment program conducted by the appraisal district with the help of the participating taxing agencies. Judge Craneak added that a fallacy in the system lies in the fact that the board would have the power to hire an outside

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