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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

OPERATION LIFESAVER

Annually accidents at railroad grade crossings take the lives of about 70 Texas motorists and vehicle passengers and injure about 600 more. Expenses for property damage and medical pay costs are astronomical. And the waste is needless. The odds in weight, between a train and an automobile run better than 1000 to 1 in favor of the train. In order to reduce the loss of life and suffering which result from these accidents, the Governor, the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Education Agency and Office of Traffic Safety have joined with the railroad of Texas in organizing and supporting an Operation Lifesaver campaign. The success of this effort depends upon three factors:

- Enforcement of existing traffic laws governing grade crossings.
 - Engineering grade crossings to provide the greatest safety for both motorist and train crew; and
 - Education of the driving public about the dangers that exist at railroad grade crossings.
- Each and every one of the 14,700 grade crossings in Texas gives warning to drivers by one or more of the "Lifesaver" signs:
- The round, yellow and black advance warning sign.
 - The X-shaped crossbuck.
 - The standard, octagonal stop sign.
 - Flashing lights and bells.
 - Crossing gates and bells.
- But these signs can save lives only if motorists heed them. The "Lifesaver" signs imply a warning, and if their presence will implant in the mind of every driver the image of a 200 ton train traveling 60 mph and requiring a mile or more braking distance to stop, the grade crossing problem would indeed be minimized. In fact, if motorists obeyed all existing traffic laws, there would be virtually no grade crossing accidents.
- Professional drivers have an even greater responsibility at grade crossings. These operating school buses or buses carrying passengers for hire must consider the lives of their passengers and STOP where the law requires to check for trains before proceeding.
- Trucks carrying hazardous or flammable materials or super-heavy equipment, must also stop or slow to 30 mph (dependent upon whether inside or outside city limits) and check for approaching trains. Drivers of all these vehicles have more than their own lives at stake; and they are also professionals who can set the pace for grade crossing safety for the rest of the driving public.
- OBSERVE THE LIFESAVER SIGNS. WHEN IT'S A TIE IN A RACE TO A GRADE CROSSING, EVERYBODY LOSES!

On the Record

Gift Deed, Hubert Gilcrease to Algonc Alice Gilcrease et al undivided interest of land in Columbus, Texas 10-17-79.
Deed, Glen Hoogenmeyer et ux to Lennie L. Hime et ux 10-17-79.
Deed, Lennie L. Hime et ux to Arthur J. Delgado et ux 10-17-79.
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Let's Look Back 48 YEARS AGO

(Nov. 29, 1931)
Little Theatre will present attraction for local charity. A. F. Harbert, local favorite is featured in home talent to be staged in auditorium on evening of December 11th. Skeletons of two women and a baby found in Bernard pasture. Fragments of clothing identified as that worn by Fannie Ford, her daughter, Nora, and the latter's baby, who left Sealy, walking, nine months ago and were never heard of again. Trio was murdered in theory of officers working on case. Eagle Barber Shop under new management. All day program is planned for dedication of new Negro school building. Colored school children from all over the county expected to take part in parade when program is given next Friday. Popular local girl is married at Methodist parsonage Wednesday. Marriage of Miss Anna Mae Ford and Jack Rhoades of Wolfe City, who will make their home in Houston, is holiday event. Commissioner Adams is in hospital at Houston. Local motorists, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Graves, hit cow on Louisiana road.

Guadalupe Encinas Jr. et ux parcel of land in P. Reels Survey 10-16-79.

Columbus OK's Truck Ordinance

(Sept. 22, 1955)
Miss Mary Katherine Kainer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kainer, has been named as the Colorado County's 1955 Gold Star Girl. Arnold R. Klockman opens new Sinclair Service Station, located on East Main Street. Pink bollworm count is down this year as compared to previous years. Eddie Mooney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mooney, Jr., was named the grand prize winner of the Third Annual Child Photo Contest conducted at the Eagle Lake Furniture company in cooperation with Larry's theme at the setting when she honored her daughter, Myra Ann, with a birthday party. The 24th Annual Texas Prison Rodeo, which has been called "The Wildest Show on Earth," now being staged, is promising to give the wildest and fastest outdoor sports event on record. Friedrich Hoenigshaus, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Friedrich Hoenigshaus, Jr., is getting slowly following an attack of polio. Services were held for Mrs. Mattie Briscoe of Sheridan at the First Baptist Church in Sheridan. Mrs. Harold Lloyd Williams passed lady bowlers with a high game of 160 at the La Grange Bowling Association. Eagle Lake Eagles travel to East Bernard in a non-conference game. The Eagles were whipped by Sealy Tigers, 26-0. Private Roy E. Adickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Adickson of Eagle Lake, will take part in Exercise Sage Brush with the 3rd Infantry Division this fall. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gerston are the proud parents of a second son born to them on September 13th naming him Garly Alan. Darlene Fay Loosin is honored with a party at the G. F. Loosin home on her sixth birthday.

Rotarians See Film On "Age Of Alaska"

Eagle Lake Rotarians are enjoying an excellent film on Alaska, called "The Age of Alaska" at their meeting on Wednesday of last week. Rev. Tom Hagan was program chairman for the showing and was assisted in showing the film by projectionist, Wayne Shifflett. The film depicted Alaska as the "last frontier to exploit" and showed the great advancements made in that state during recent years. Of interest was the fact that a man exploring 1000

Rabbit Show Chairman



Frank Gallaher of Columbus, chairman of the Rabbit Show, holds trophy for 15th, shows three of his outstanding New Zealand rabbits.

Rabbit Show Stated for '79 County Fair

Frank Gallaher, chairman of the Rabbit Show to be held in conjunction with the 1979 Colorado County Fair on Saturday, Dec. 15th in Columbus, invites rabbit owners in the area to enter their rabbits in the show. Gallaher, who has over 100 working does of his own and also has many honey bees, says that all breeds of does and bunnies, of any age, are eligible for competition. The show will have age, sex and breed divisions and ribbons will be presented to the best

acres of land per day would take 1000 years to complete exploration of the United States' largest state. Shown in the film were some of the beauties and wonders of Alaska as well as the discovery of many of the hidden wealths of the state.

FROM OUR READERS

Every week when I read your newspaper it seems to me that crime is going up more and more each day. I can't prevent or help prevent crime in Eagle Lake. Please put this poem in the newspaper.

THOUGHTS
Listen to some of the thoughts I have had. Of faces I've seen, and how they are sad. Mostly they try to keep it inside. Looking to be free, but freedom is denied. There's hurt in their hearts and tears in their eyes. The pain in their faces, they can't seem to hide. When a man is like this, what will he do? His freedom is gone, and his life seems too blue. The system we have is a system of sin. The games that are played, are played with men. People are bought and people are sold. A man's life is worth less than a hand full of gold. I've seen a lot of people play to win. But the loss of the game, is loss of man. So what can you do when you're faced to play. In a game where the judges make the rules, their way. There's a room in this place they call the hole. I've seen a lot of men that have walked in bold. They came out bent and torn with pain. And the residents wonder if the man is still sane. Well, the time goes by, and I sit in my cell. Looking for the day that I'll leave this jail. Please help me God, just one more time. Get me on the streets before I lose my mind. John G. Walker T.D.C. #275368 Rt. 2 Box 1200 Rosharon, Texas 77583

NOTICE

The Sanitation Dept. of the City of Eagle Lake will not pickup Garbage on Thanksgiving, Thurs., Nov. 22. Thursday's route will be serviced on Wed. Nov. 21; regular run on Fri. Nov. 23. *** Offices of the City of Eagle Lake will be closed all day Thurs., Nov. 22

Free Pizza

Mrs. Arthur Behrens this is a ticket for a free pizza at the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, where you get the finest foods, in town including delicious pizza. Clip this out and present at the Dairy Delite for your free pizza not later than Nov. 27, 1979.

Sen. Moore Receives State Extension Award



State Sen. W. T. (Bill) Moore (center) of Bryan was presented a "State Friend of Extension" award by the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, honorary Extension fraternity, during the headquarters staff conference of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Nov. 12-16. Moore-A&M University. Making the presentation were: L. A. Maddox (left) president of the fraternity, and Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, Extension director. Moore was honored for his strong leadership in governmental affairs and for his contributions to education, agriculture and family living. The Brazos County native has served continuously in the Texas Senate since 1949, and has received many honors during his career, including the Knapp-Porter Award given by the Extension Service in 1978. Extension Photo.

UDC Hears Program On Education

The Shropshire-Upton Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held its business meeting on November 8 with a Coffee Brunch in the home of Mrs. David Kronick. Assisting as hostesses were Mrs. Dan Duff, Mrs. Emil Friberg, and Mrs. Jerry Hester. Presiding was Mrs. Bill Rutta, who opened the meeting with the ritual. The pledges to the flags were followed by reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Among the committee reports was one from Mrs. James Cranek. She reported that the Children of the Confederacy was planning to construct a publicity poster for the General convention. She also informed members that Mrs. Dan Duff

Winners In KC's Free Throw Competition



The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus, Council No. 4843, held its annual Free Throw competition for youngsters 11, 12, 13 and 14 years of age at the Eagle Lake Middle School gym last Saturday morning with about 60 boys and girls participating. Awards were presented to the top three winners in each of the divisions with the first place winners receiving trophies. First place winners are now eligible to advance to the District Championship which will be held

60 Take Part In KC Free Throw Event

The Eagle Lake Council of Knights of Columbus, Council No. 4843, held its annual Basketball Free Throw competition last Saturday at the Eagle Lake Middle School gymnasium and first place winners in each of the divisions with the first place winners receiving trophies. First place winners are now eligible to advance to the district competition which will be held in January. Over 60 boys and girls from the ages of 11 to 14 participated in this year's event with trophies being awarded to the first place winners in eight different divisions. Second and third place winners received medals for their accomplishments and all participants received a certificate for taking part in competition last Saturday. Randy Burrow, Youth Committee Chairman of the KC's and director of this year's local competition, announced the winners at the conclusion of Saturday's activities with help from assistant director Joe Foster. Each contestant was allowed 15 free throws from the foul line with ties being decided with free throw shoot-offs. Besides the winners being eligible for the district

Pecan Show Dec. 4-5 Rules Are Listed

Deadline For Entry Of Pecans Nov. 30
(By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Extension Agent)

The 1979 Colorado-Fayette County Pecan Show will be held Dec. 4th and 5th at the Weimar City Hall in Weimar, Texas. The show will be open to the public from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4th and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday, Dec. 5th. We encourage you to enter your pecans and help to make this two-county show a success. The women and youth are urged to enter the Pecan Bake Show. Pecans entries are due in the County Extension Offices Friday, Nov. 30th. Producers in the Weimar area may leave their entries with Henry Adamek, Charles T. Treley, Jr., or Jack Holmes. Exhibitors in the Eagle Lake, Garwood and Nada areas may leave their entries with the Rev. Victor Schmidtinsky of Nada. Pecan-Bake rules are as follows: 1. Pecans must be from the 1979 crop and produced in Colorado or Fayette Counties. 2. Each entry should consist of at least 55 pecans for improved varieties and a minimum of one pound for natives. 3. Pecans must have been grown by the person exhibiting. 4. One grower may enter one entry in each variety class. 5. One grower may enter as many natives that he or she has produced. 6. Pecans (by entry) should be placed in a paper bag with exhibitor's name, address, county and variety if known or native plainly written on the outside of the bag. 7. All entries will be judged by competent judges and division winning pecans will be entered in the Regional Pecan Show. 8. Pecans entered in the show will become property of the show. Pecans will be sold

and her daughter attended a meeting of the newly chartered Katherine Wilson chapter in Richmond, Texas. Mrs. Duff gave a brief summary of their visit. Mrs. Cranek also reminded members of the Colorado County Fair which will be on December 15. It was decided that the U.D.C. Museum shall be kept open for tours on that day. The Children of the Confederacy will have an exhibit at the fair grounds. The U.D.C. Christmas Luncheon will be at Schobel's Restaurant on December 6. Reservations for members and their guests should be made with Mrs. Edgar Lutzmann as soon as possible. A most interesting program, "History of Education Colorado College," was presented by Mrs. O. A. Schade. There were several men present for establishing a school system in Columbus. There was no public education in the South in the 1850's and '60's. W. B. DeWees donated land in 1840 for the establishment of a school. In the meantime, J. J. Scherer came to Texas in hopes of obtaining a teaching position in this area. He finally settled in Oakland, Texas, then known as Prayer Point, and later moved to Columbus, J. J. served as a chaplain in the Confederacy. He was associated with the Lutheran church, being the son of Jacob Scherer, a minister of that faith. Jacob and another son, Gideon, joined J. J. in Columbus. Gideon became a minister of the Lutheran church in Columbus. Jacob Scherer helped in the chartering of Colorado College in 1857 on the land DeWees had given earlier. The school building was completed in 1859. Tuition was paid by the families of enrolled students. Greek, Latin, Astronomy, and Ancient History were among the subjects taught. In 1891 a new structure was built and was in use until the early 1950's. The school system of 1859 was a strong foundation for the public school system as we know it today.

Register At Miller's Grocery For Weekly Prize

The Oscar Miller family, owners of Miller's Grocery in Eagle Lake, invite citizens of the community to come by their store to register, without obligation, for pre-Christmas prizes to be awarded each Monday from now until Christmas. Registration will be limited however to adults. At 4 p.m. next Mon., Nov. 26th the Millers will award \$25 in merchandise and will do so each Monday through Dec. 17th. A grand prize drawing will be held at 4 p.m. Mon., Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve with four prizes including \$25 in cash, a barbecued turkey hen, an electric wall clock and a set of barbecue utensils. "Come by to take part in our appreciation event," say the Millers. Need a Gift: The Original Texas Calendar for sale by Community Hospital Auxiliary. Boxed for mailing.

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Over \$300 Raised In Bowl-a-thon

On Saturday, November 10th, seven bowlers traveled to the Sealy Bowling Palace to "bowl for bucks" and raise money for the Eagle Lake Consolidated Fund. Over \$300.00 was earned through the efforts of the determined young men. Scotti Rippert was the youngest participant, rolling a game of 85 and collecting \$30.00 for his achievement from sponsors who pledged a certain amount per pin. Victor Reyes, a Junior at Rice High School, was the oldest student bowler, and threw a high game of 147 to collect nearly \$60.00 from his sponsors. Other high games and their dollar amounts are as follows: Patrick Isenhower bowled a 92 and collected \$153.64, and was the top man as far as collecting the money and obtaining the most sponsors for the event. He was an eight-track tape player for his efforts, donated by Bill's Dollar Store. Victor Reyes won a \$25.00 savings bond for his second place finish in both the amount collected and number of sponsors. The bond was donated by the First National Bank of Eagle Lake. Frank Adkins rolled a game of 81 and collected \$14.20. John Howard Adkins knocked over 78 pins and threw a \$15.00. Jeff Argo threw a game of 88 and collected \$9.30. The money that was collected will be used for the programs involved in the Consolidated Fund drive, including C.R.O.P. (Christian Rural Overseas Program). "I would like to express my thanks for the people who helped to make this year's event a success; to Mr. and Mrs. John Jensen and son, owners of the Sealy Bowling Palace, for donating the bowling ball for the participants; to William Harrison, Jr. and the staff of the First National Bank of Eagle Lake for the savings bond; to Mrs. Jodi Fleischer, manager of Bill's Dollar Store, for the tape player; and above all, to the parents and sponsors who showed an interest in the active participation of these kids in their attempt to raise money for a worthwhile cause. You have proved once again that caring is sharing!" said the Rev. Bill Ordelt, chairman of the Bowl-a-thon.

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