

Christmas Greetings

Local EMT's Attend Trauma Update 1979

Held In U. of T. Medical School Sat., Dec. 8th
 (By Jane Mahalik, Reg. Sec. for the Texas Association of EMT's)

The first in a planned series of courses designed to address the needs of Emergency Medical Services Attendants for high quality continuing education was held in Houston, Texas, Dec. 8 at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. The program, entitled "Trauma Update 1979 - For Providers of Pre-Hospital Emergency Care", was sponsored by the School of Allied Health Sciences Program in Emergency Medical Services and the Texas Association of Emergency Medical Technicians - Region 8.

Attending from the Eagle Lake Unit of the Colorado County Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corps were Carolyn Roopim, Darius Brisco and Jane Mahalik. The Columbus Unit was presented by Unit President Sam Hodge, Cindy Goughs, "Shorty" Harrod, Charlene Anderson, Keith Rich, Joyce Shupak, Brenda Parks, Venus Emmons and T. B. West. Lectures were presented on "Head, Face and Neck Trauma" by Dr. Jose Lumbra, "Chest Trauma" by Dr. Richard Ward, "Abdominal Trauma" by Dr. David Clarke, and "Pediatric Trauma" by Dr. Lori Ahlgren.

New equipment was introduced by Eugene Wright, (B.S., EMT-P), the Emergency Gastric Tube Airway, Kimberly Ward (R.N., EMT-P), the McSwain Duct, Dan Brown (B.S., EMT-P) and Terrence Suits (MAST). These articles are not new to hospital personnel but, with the exception of the MAST, are not yet available to field personnel. It is hoped, however, that in the near future, ambulance attendants with radio contact with a physician can be trained and certified in their use. Demonstration rooms were open during breaks.

The local participants were very impressed by the quality of the instruction and by how pertinent it was to their jobs as rural area volunteer ambulance attendants.

Memberships Taken
 These programs are open to all members of the Texas Association of EMT's, whether they are active members (EMT's - any level) or affiliates (E.C.A., R.N., M.D.'s, etc.) "We are accepting applications for 1980 memberships," said Jane Mahalik, Regional Secretary. "Active memberships are \$10.00 and affiliate memberships are \$5.00. If one wishes to subscribe to the National EMT Journal that is an additional \$4.00. Active memberships are automatically renewed."

Season's Greetings
 We wish you and yours all the joy and love in the world.

GREETINGS

Hope you enjoy the holidays as much as we enjoy serving you!



Jack's Restaurant & Coffee Shop
 Jack & Erlene Lister and Employees
 Eagle Lake

Dr. Roquemore's Dental Office Closed Dec. 17-25

The office of Dr. Rose Marie Roquemore, D.D.S., in the Thomas Clinic is closed this week, December 17 through December 25 for the move to a new location. The new office at 322 East Main (former Santa Fe Depot) will open Wednesday, Dec. 26. For emergencies during the closing call 234-3504.

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Ministers Re-Elect Sibley Pres.

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance met on Thursday, December 13, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital for their monthly meeting. The following officers were elected to serve in 1980: Pastor Melburn Sibley of the First Baptist Church was re-elected President; Pastor Bill

Couillon of the Little United Methodist Church was elected Vice-President; and Pastor George Welsh of the Christ Episcopal Church was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. The Alliance agreed on a schedule for Bible Study and worship services at the Heritage House. Pastor Couillon agreed to work on the organization of a committee to lead in a lecture series for 1980. Plans for the Community Cantata to be presented on December 19th were finalized. Suggestions for Alliance-sponsored projects would be welcomed by any of the participating pastors.

Christmas Concert At Garwood School 10:30 a.m. Thurs.

The Garwood Jr. High School Band will hold its annual Christmas concert on Thurs., Dec. 20th at 10:30 a.m. at the Garwood school. Following the concert, school will dismiss at 2:15 for the holiday break. The public is invited to attend.



A wish that all the joy and excitement that Santa once stirred in your hearts as children be with you this Christmas. May the mirth of the season be yours in a twinkling!

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County Judge Snips Ribbon Opening 1979 County Fair



Colorado County Judge Lester J. Crane had the honor of snipping the ribbon officially opening the 1979 Colorado County Fair, the first to be held in this county since 1920's, as county and fair association officials and others attending the Fair look on. The ribbon-cutting was held during a brief opening ceremony shortly after 9 a.m. Saturday in spite of some inclement weather. Shown in the photo are: left to right, in front Bill Harrison, Jr. of Eagle Lake, director of the Fair Association; Colorado County Judge Lester J.

Crane; Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Vasquez; Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Lorenz; Mrs. Joe Henneke of Freidburg, Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles, Fair co-chairman Joe Henneke, Tom Northrup of Freidburg who opened the ribbon-cutting program; Mrs. Northrup; and Leslie Heinsohn of Freidburg, a director of the Fair Association. The 1979 Fair was rated by all attending as a big success and plans have already been started for a bigger and better Fair in 1980. See story on page 11.

Special Closings For Christmas Holidays

If your business firm will be closed for a special period, other than for the regular holiday on Tuesday, Jan. 1st, the Headlight will be glad to list that closing for you. Call the Headlight office before 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 31st to list special closings for New Year's Day.

Special closings for Christmas holidays include:

The Eagle Lake Headlight will publish next week at its regular time on Wed., Dec. 26th. Because of the holiday on Tuesday, the deadline for advertising and for news for the Dec. 27 edition will be at 12 noon on Wed., Dec. 26th. Only late-breaking news will be accepted up to 8 a.m. Wed., Dec. 26th.

The Headlight office will close at 12 noon on Christmas Eve and remain closed through Christmas Day.

The city office in the Municipal Building will be open all day Mon., Dec. 24th with a skeleton staff to accommodate the public and handle emergency situations, but will be closed all day Christmas Day.

No Garbage Pickup Tues. The city's sanitation department will not pick up garbage on Tuesday, Christmas Day. The run normally [Continued on last page]

Council Studying 30% Hike In City Gas Rates

To Bring System On "Pay Own Way" Basis
 (By Jeff Frake)



Darrel Appelt, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Appelt at Eagle Lake and a Rice High School senior art student with aspirations of a professional art career, is shown above with his pencil art which was winner of the Best of the Show Award in the senior division of the Colorado County Fair held last weekend.

Appelt's Art Is Best of Show

The Eagle Lake city council in session on Tuesday night, Dec. 11th, continued efforts to improve the city's gas system and indicated a possibility of at least a 30 percent rate hike in billing for gas in the near future. The Eagle Lake Gas Distribution Co., which was a non-profit, privately owned business prior to the city's takeover in 1977, began realizing serious losses about two years ago, with most of the blame aimed at leaks in faulty old lines by city officials and O'Malley and Clay engineer Charles Poole.

Poole was hired by the city earlier this year to assist the city in reaching a solution to the losses being incurred, which amounted to about 30 to 35 percent of the gas being purchased by the city. At the same time Mayor Elmer Struss appointed councilman William Farris and Ralph Truly to a committee to recommend a rate increase that would help the gas system "pay its own way." Although a final decision has not been made, it appears that they will recommend at least a 30 percent increase. That final recommendation is expected at the council's Jan. 8th meeting.

Bond Issue Likely, Too Besides an expected rate increase, the citizens also face the possibility of a one million dollar or so bond election around February or March. Poole, after surveying the city's system, has recommended that it be completely replaced. His estimate of undertaking such a project would cost \$800,000. That figure included about a 10 percent leadway for inflation. The engineer proposes that all steel pipe currently in the system be replaced by plastic pipe and warned that any big delay could possibly increase costs.

"Plastic pipe is a derivative of petroleum," explained Poole, adding, "With the current foreign situation the possibility of increased cost exists."

Included in the new system, proposed by Poole, would be new meters to give a true reading of gas usage by consumers. Poole has suggested that the possibility exists that much of the city's gas is being used and is not accounted for, pointing to rice dryers in particular. "I am positive in my own mind," stated Poole, "that the dryers are using a lot more gas than is being accounted for."

Self-Support Urged First
 The city's fiscal agent, David Fetter, with Maroney, Beissner and Company of Houston, told the council that it could undertake such a big project and suggested the city get its gas system to support itself before bonds be sold.

"It used to be cheaper for a city to pay for gas losses rather than patch their system," said Fetter. "Things have changed since then and citizens must realize this. They have been buying gas for very reasonable rates for many years and a rate increase is long overdue."

Fetter suggested that the city get the system "standing on its own two feet," the chance of selling bonds would be much easier.

The council, which normally holds two meetings a month, will not meet again this month but will be back in session on Jan. 8th. At that time a decision on the proposed rate increase and bond election will be made. In the interim, if funds, the mayor has indicated, the city may have to make an emergency bond election to cover the cost of a rate increase.

You may have your contribution with you when you go to the First National Bank or you may mail your contribution to the Eagle Lake, Texas 77854.

"Thank You" is the theme of the 1979 drive.

City Tax Statements To Be In Mail By Christmas

Villarreal Named Acting Police Chief, Applications Taken
 (By Jeff Frake)

The 1979 City of Eagle Lake tax statements are expected to be in the mail prior to Christmas, reported City Manager T. J. Smith at the regular session of the Eagle Lake City Council on Tuesday, Dec. 11th.

The council also received an update on applications for positions with the city police department; along with several other items on the agenda. Several delays have postponed the mailing of the tax statements but the city council approved a resolution last Tuesday extending the deadline for payment without penalty until March 31, 1980.

Smith, along with city secretary Lucille Perry have been working diligently the past week to finalize work on the roll and ask the understanding and cooperation of citizens because of the delay.

Applications For Police Dept.
 Smith reported that several applications for police chief and for city patrolmen have been received and that it is hoped to have the department back at full force as soon as possible.

Patrolman Lupe Villarreal, Jr. has been appointed acting police chief since the resignation of Chief Buford Ashby, effective December 10th. Villarreal is currently the only full-time officer remaining on the force since no replacement has been made for Jimmy Jenkins who resigned two months ago.

The city has been fortunate, however, to have the cooperation of the County Sheriff's office as well as Department of Public Safety Officers and game wardens Sam Conter, city officials.

Other Action
 In other action, the city manager reported that a street light located in the area near the ice house would be removed and replaced at a needed location on Davis Street.

City Utility Director Rudy Jacobs told the council that several delays have resulted in the drainage project in the Westwood area between Highway 90A (East



Geo. "Doc" Mueller

Sheriff Doc Mueller Seeks Re-Election

Sheriff Geo. "Doc" Mueller, completing his third four-year term as Colorado County Sheriff in 1980, announced this week he will be a candidate for re-election in the 1980 election. He issued this statement:

"I want to thank the good people of Colorado County for the support and cooperation [Continued on page 3]

1979 County Fair Is A Big Success

Officers and directors of the 1979 Colorado County Fair, as well as all who had the opportunity to attend the first county fair in over fifty years, commented this week that the event "was a huge success" and plans are already being started for the 1980 County Fair.

They noted in an advertisement on page 9 of this issue that "many people from every community and corner of our county worked, exhibited, contributed, and participated in the finest 'Grand Roots' tradition." They added, "That's what it's all about."

"We've made a start and we're grateful to each and everyone for your support," the officers and directors added.

A meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first Monday in January, in Columbus, to evaluate the results of the 1979 Fair and to begin plans for the 1980 Fair, hopefully to be held in September or near that time of the year. The Fair co-chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henneke of Freidburg invite you to join in planning of the 1980 County Fair.

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Local Man Charged In Theft Of Cash Box At G&D Gro.

The theft of a cash box with almost \$500 in cash and checks in the box, stolen from the G&D Drive In Grocery on East Main Street in Eagle Lake shortly before 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18th, was solved within a short time.

The attendant at the store, Yolanda Munoz, told the officers she recognized the man suspected of taking the cash box while she was busy loading a drink machine at the other end of the store.

State Game Warden Sam Conter and Sheriff's Deputy Terry Baldwin had apprehended the man identified by Munoz as being in the store when Acting Police Chief Lupe Villarreal, Jr. arrived on the scene at a local warehouse where the man, Pertis Foster, and also the driver of the car in which he was riding, are employed.

The officers found the box in which the cash and checks were contained in a trash can at the warehouse and the money and checks in the amount of \$380 in the possession of Foster.

The driver of the vehicle in which Foster left the scene apparently knew nothing of the theft and was not charged in the theft, according to Officer Villarreal.

However a search of the vehicle in which the two were riding, revealed four lids of marijuana and also another lid was found in the possession of Foster and additional charges of misdemeanor possession of marijuana were added to the charge of theft filed against Foster and also against the driver of the car.

Both were transported to the county jail. Foster was still in jail late Tuesday in lieu of a \$2000 bond on the theft charge pending action by the next grand jury.

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Van Norts Announce Sale GCOC

Retain Ownership Of Gravel Company, Vacuum Service

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Van Norts announce this week the sale of G.C.O.C. Inc. (Gulf Coast Oilfield Contracting), a long-time business in this community, to Crutcher-Rod Cummings, Inc. and James Bissett of Houston, Texas. The sale of the business was effective December 1st.

The Van Norts have retained their ownership in Gulf Coast Gravel Co. and Gulf Coast Vacuum Service and will continue operation and management of these two businesses from the same location, at GCOC, Inc. offices on Highway 90A just west of the city limits. The new owners will operate Gulf Coast Oilfield Contracting in the same manner and from the same location as in the past.

The Van Norts established Gulf Coast Oilfield Contracting here twenty-four years ago and have enjoyed the cooperation and patronage of citizens of the area continuously since that time. They extend sincere thanks to their friends and customers for their patronage and support during those twenty-four years.

Their son, Roy D. Van Norts, will remain with Gulf Coast Oilfield Contracting as General Manager of the firm's operations from the Highway 90A location.

First Nat'l Bank Planning 75th Birthday Dec. 28

The First National Bank of Eagle Lake will be celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary this month and a gala birthday party is being planned for Friday, Dec. 28th.

Mr. Harrison, Jr., president, invites citizens of the area to make plans to attend the anniversary party on Dec. 28th. Representatives will be served throughout the day.

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Jimmy Jones Home Near Sheridan Damaged By Fire

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The Jimmy Jones family suffered heavy damage to their home near the Sandy Creek Drive in Groceries area of Sheridan on Highway 90A, Monday despite the efforts of firemen from three departments and other volunteers.

The Sheridan and Rock Island Fire Departments were called to the Jones home at around 11:30 a.m. Monday when fire was noted by Mrs. Jones in the area of a wood heater. A water shortage hampered the work of the firemen and at 12:18 p.m. the Eagle Lake firemen were called to bring additional water and equipment to the scene.

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Help! Consol. Fund Is Lagging!!

Citizens of the Eagle Lake community have only a few more days left in the year of 1979 to reach the \$10,440 goal for the benefit of thirteen charitable organizations.

It is hoped that those who have not given yet, do so before the end of the year so that the drive may be successfully completed, added the drive chairman, "Remember, your contributions are going to support all of the thirteen agencies, or may be designated in the agency of your choice," he stated.

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Firemen Called To 71 Fires During 1979

9 Less Than During Year of 1978; Only 22 In City

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen responded to a total of 71 fires during the year of 1979, including 22 in the city and 49 out of the city, nine less than were answered in the 1978 year. The fire department records are based on a period ending Nov. 30th. In addition to fire fighting the firemen also responded to a total of 21 emergency calls to assist the emergency services of the Colorado County Emergency Ambulance Corps.

The report in the celebration of the firemen's anniversary is to be a most successful one. The firemen's anniversary party is to be a most successful one.