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J.P.'s Attend Seminar



Forty-five justices of the peace attended a 20-hour Texas Justices of the Peace Training Center seminar Dec. 4-5 in Houston. The seminars are held in compliance with Article 5072, Section b, Texas Revised Civil Statutes. The training center is based at Southwest Texas State University. Among the judges attending were, left to right, Judge W. A. Belter of Garwood, Colorado County, Precinct 2; and Judge M. M. Jones of Eagle Lake, Colorado County, Precinct 8.

Lions Donate \$500 To Community Center



The Eagle Lake Community Center received another donation from the local Lions Club last week when club president Bill Apple presented a \$500 check to Center president Tommy Pilkington. The Lions Club has made a series of generous donations since the community center underwent a major improvement project in 1977. With the recent donation the building fund has now retired 95 percent of the \$117,000 project cost. Pilkington, on behalf of the center, expressed his sincere appreciation to the Lions Club and all organizations and individuals that have made the retirement of the building debt a reality.

Spice Trees, Macrame' Braids Used In Unique Comm. Center Decor

The Eagle Lake Community Center is beautiful again this holiday season with some unique decorations, many of which were made by art classes at Eagle Lake Middle School.

The students under the supervision of instructors Carole Pavlick, Brenda Treptow, Lois Hamilton and E. B. Gibson, used piece goods and bags of spices to make the unique Christmas trees which are focal points on the banquet tables. The decorations have brought much comment and praise from all who have attended festivities in the center already this season.

The art students also used multicolored piece goods to make patchwork decorative balls and red ribbon on the large tree in one corner of the hall.

Other local points of the holiday decor are the three dimensional foil-wrapped tree designs on the columns of the hall, interspersed with macrame rope representing fest

Hospital Employees 100% Celebrates Yule Season



Shown above is the Rev. Melburn Sibbey, chairman of the Eagle Lake Consolidated Fund Drive for 1979, accepting the check from Patricia Seaborn, Eagle Lake Community Hospital business office manager, representing all hospital employee contributions to the fund. This is the second year in a row that the hospital's employees have joined forces to contribute 100% to support the fund. Hospital Photo.

Comptroller's Rep. In Columbus Wed., Jan. 2

State Comptroller Bob Bullock announces he is sending a representative from his Victoria office to Columbus on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1980 to assist local taxpayers and answer questions about state taxes.

Bullock said Marion Hackett will meet with local taxpayers at the County Agriculture Building, 316 Spring Street in Columbus from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Bullock reminded those

the 1979 total to \$139,034.82, up 21%; Sealy's check was for \$33,591.76 to make the 1979 total \$184,444.45, up 27%; Weimar's check for \$14,177.27 makes the 1979 total \$232,213.48, up 19%; Wallis' check for \$3,811.03 makes the 1979 total \$18,488.83, up 9%.

Bullock also announced the December city sales tax allocation to more than 900 Texas cities totaling \$78.6 million, boosting tax payments for this year \$42.2 million more than 1978.

The City of Eagle Lake received a check for \$28,490.19 for the period ending Nov. 29, 1979 to make the 1979 total \$131,967.76 about even with the 1978 total at this date of \$131,962.65.

Columbus' check was for \$40,174.60 to make the 1979 total \$174,083.04, up 13% over 1978; Hallettsville's check for \$23,797.30 raised

will be in the Community Center in April.

Watch the paper for other interesting programs. Reporter.

THANK YOU!

We wish to announce the sale of G.C.O.C., Inc. to Crutcher-Rolls-Cummings, Inc. and James Bissett of Houston. We will continue ownership of Gulf Coast Gravel Co. and Gulf Coast Vacuum Service.

We extend heartfelt thanks to all of our friends and customers in the Eagle Lake area for their support and patronage during the 24 years we operated G.C.O.C., Inc. We shall be forever grateful for your friendship over these years.

Roy Dean Van Nort will remain as General Manager of Gulf Coast Oilfield Contracting.

We hope that you will continue to share this same friendship and patronage with the new owners of G.C.O.C.

Sincerely
Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Van Nort
Roy D. Van Nort

U.D.C. Chapter Celebrates Yule Season

The Shropshire-Upton chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, celebrated the Yuletide season with a luncheon on December 8 at Schobell's Restaurant. Mrs. Bill Rutta, president, welcomed about 90 members and guests.

Christmas candles and greenery adorned the tables. Miniature ceramic ornaments filled with peppermints were given-as favors. Mrs. Rutta made all of the decorations.

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Cub Scouts Sack Packages For Santa Claus



Santa Claus helpers in the sacking of 700 bags of fruit, gum and candy for distribution to children visiting with Santa here last Saturday, were Cub Scouts in Dens No. 1 and No. 2 and others. Den Mothers of Den No. 1 are Mrs. Sandy Beady, Mrs. Charlotte Broesche and Mrs. Gaudalope Torres; and for Den No. 2, Mrs. Carol Ripper and Mrs. Gwen Paschall. Taking part in the project were: front row,

left to right, Preston Broesche, Jesse Yanes, Greg Vasquez, Xavier Cano and Tommy Johnson; second row, 1. to 5. Hugo Regalado, Gary Soza, Paige Paschall, Kevin Beady, Gilbert Soza, Edward De la Garza, Lope Torres, and (unidentified) back row, 1. to 5. Scott Ripper, Juan Garcia, Ben Gonzales, Trip Clippson, Marshall Graham, Mark Kucherka and Lope Cano.

large number (14) car or truck accidents, from 44 last year to 49 this year.

During the period of Dec. 1978 and the first 11 months of 1979, the department was called to four home fires, two mobile home fires, one garage fire, two commercial fires, one car-truck accident, three fires caused by electrical malfunctions, three grass or rubbish fires, one fire on railroad right of way, and one alarm caused by sulphur fog, and there was one false alarm when what was thought to be a fire turned out to be an effort to smoke out mosquitoes from a home in the middle area.

Out of Town Fires: In addition to the 14 car and/or truck accident alarms, the out of city calls included seven to accident stand-by service, 10 fires on railroad right of way, three home fires, five grass fires ranging from Leslie McLow refuge to the Prairie Chicken refuge and to Sheridan, two mobile homes, and two rubbish fires, one mattress

fire, two calls on reported drownings (one was a drowning at the Gifford Hill plant and the other was found not to be a drowning when two youth were located on the canal south of town), one church steeple fire at Matthews caused by lightning, one board road at a drilling rig, and one grass fire false alarm.

The busiest fireman of the year was Gary Glaizer who attended all 24 practice sessions and a total of 61 fire alarms. Thurston Webb attended 24 practice sessions and 57 fires: Pete Canaris, 24 practices and 54 alarms; L. J. Spaniel, 22 practices and 53 alarms; Roland-Harber, 24 practices and 47 alarms; Wilfred Luedeker, 22 practices and 46 alarms; and Monroe Briscoe, 23 practices and 45 alarms.

Darius Briscoe, Luedeker and Dennis Wilkerson also double as ambulance corpsmen and they were recognized for answering many of the 27 emergency assistance calls made during the year.

March was the busiest month for the firemen with 11 alarms, and 7 in December of 1978 and May of this year.

During the past year the local fire department received \$14,000 from the city's operating budget and in August received delivery of a \$49,663 new 7500 gallon per minute pumper and the firemen spent an additional \$7,865 to update an International fire truck for a total of \$66,663 expenditures for the year. Colorado County contributes \$3,000 to the department annually.

Many of the funds spent were raised by the firemen in benefit projects and many additional hours of work in building a new portable fire-fighting unit, were spent by the firemen, noted Smith in concluding the report.

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Mrs. Mentor Northington Dies At 99

Friends in the community will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Mentor (Clarissa Beard) Northington, 99, of Egypt who died at 4:15 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17th in the Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton, just one month before her 100th birthday anniversary.

She was born in Eagle Lake to Captain William George and Annie Rowena Beard and had been a resident of Wharton County since 1898. She was an artist and poet, author of "The Long White Road", a book of poems which was published twice and sold out both times, the latest being in 1978.

She attended the First United Methodist Church in Wharton, where she was a longtime faithful member. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wed., Dec. 19th from the chapel of the Wharton Funeral Home with the Rev. Guy Fry officiating. Interment was in the family cemetery in Egypt.

Mrs. Northington was preceded in death by her husband, Mentor Northington, a longtime Wharton County rancher, and two daughters, Mrs. Tol N. Shwab and Mrs. Hurley (Josephine) Hust. Survivors include: two sisters, Mrs. Rowena Monahan of San Antonio and Mrs. Myra White of Brady; a granddaughter Mrs. Robert (Clara Jane) Lovell of Providence, R.I., a son-in-law, Paul E. Shwab of Nashville, Tenn., a niece, Mrs. Al Morrison of Houston; and nephews, George Northington III of Egypt, Dr. Harold Northington of Wharton; 10 great grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

No Garbage Pick Up Tues.

The city's sanitation department will not pick up garbage on Tuesday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day. The normal Tuesday run will be combined with the Wednesday run. The city office will be open Monday, Dec. 24th with a skeleton staff only.

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Patients [Dec. 17]: Eagle Lake: Willie C. Yell, Sr., Delano Franks, Gaudalope Torres, Charles Vialovsky, Mrs. Earnestine Carroll, Baby Girl Carroll, Miss Justina Coronado, F. E. Broesche, Mrs. Judy Salsky, Garner Tate.

Garwood: Mrs. Edith Butler, Mrs. Jackie Walker, Mrs. Elvera Shoop, Hallettsville: Mrs. Mary Henry, Alletton: Mrs. Pauline Gundersch; Columbus: Mrs. Elmore Sissel, Mrs. Myrtle Simmons, Eric Middleton, Miss Marie Seidel; Rock Island: Fred Albertson; Cal Springs: Mrs. Jean Waddell, Willie Rownsch; Austin: Miss Lida Hutson; Kendallton: Ocie Aycock; Glidden: Mrs. Gerlie Fry; New Elm: Mrs. Mary Henneke; Altair: Norman Baker.

Dismissals: Eagle Lake: John Fella, Adolph Veera, Mrs. Verdel McGrew, Mrs. Lucile Roy, Joe Lawrence, Feliciano Cruz, Fred Henke, Mrs. Alma Davidson, Mrs. Norma Saeudo, Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Mrs. Coleen Goedecke, Ed Sunderman, Phillip Soto, Willie Christal, Louis Kobliefel, Edgar Baring, Mrs. Teresa Hernandez, Baby Girl Hernandez, E. C. Morrison, Lissie: Trey Reed, Robert Strunk; Wharton: Robin Law, Mrs. Veronica Malick; Garwood: Mrs. Frances

Christmas Joy

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