

NOTICE

The Sanitation Dept. of the City of Eagle Lake will not pickup Garbage on Christmas Day, Tues., Dec. 25

Tuesday's route will be serviced on Wed., Dec. 26th.
Office Open Mon., Dec. 24th with skeleton staff only!

Methodist Youth Go Caroling

On a wet, cold Wednesday afternoon, December 12, the youth group of the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake met at the church to practice for the Sunday morning activity program. Following the practice the youth (K-8) loaded up and headed out to spread Christmas joy.

The first stop was the Heritage House, then Wilcox, Minimax, Miller's Grocery and Eagle Market. After singing Christmas carols at each place they returned to the church for hot dogs.

This group of young people is sponsored by the Sarah Lydia Circle of United Methodist Church.

Light Up Your Holiday Safety

'Tis the season for trees, candles and lights—all potential fire hazards when they're set up inside a home or business. And because of this, every year the holiday season brings sadness to those who lose lives and property.

To avoid having your holiday season go up in smoke, the Texas Insurance Information Center (TIIC) of the Insurance Information Institute offers these fire safety tips:

When setting up a tree, place the trunk in a solution of water and sugar. Add water daily to prolong its life. If you buy a flocked tree, make sure the flocking is flame retardant. Keep the tree away from fireplaces, radiators and heaters.

On Lookout For Birds



The Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge will again sponsor the annual Christmas Bird Count this Thursday, December 20th. Observers from the local area and Houston will converge at the Refuge Headquarters at 6:30 a.m. to get area assignments in an attempt to break last year's record of 150 different species and approximately 63,100 individual birds.

Bird Watchers To Take Part In Christmas Bird Count Thurs.

Refuge Manager Wayne Shifflett of the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge.

Annual C.C. Banquet Set Jan. 22

Tickets to the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet will go on sale this week at the chamber office in the Municipal Building and with local directors. The event will be held Tues., Jan. 22nd in the Eagle Lake Community Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the event, which will be catered by Mrs. Frank Roenche, will be \$6.00 each.

Hicks Purchases La Fiesta From Roy Morales

Mr. and Mrs. C. Roy Morales announced this week the sale of their La Fiesta Restaurant at 612 A Street in Eagle Lake, to Robert Hicks, who also owns a Texas Fried Chicken business in Eagle Lake and Garwood, Texas. The sale of the business was effective Monday of this week, Dec. 17th.

The Morales' extended sincere thanks to their friends and patrons for their friendship and patronage during the operation of the La Fiesta for the past several years.

hold an enormous advantage, as do all counts near salt water. In 1978, the count in the Atlantic area of the Panama Canal Zone scored an all-time high with 354 species; the highest U.S. count was Freeport, Texas with 216. By contrast, the northernmost two counts, Nanisivik and on Baffin Island, Northwest Territories, each recorded a single species: Common Raven. No more than 48 counts listed 150 or more species, almost all of them in the balmy climes of California, Texas and Florida.

Last year, the count at the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge tallied a total of 150 species, and approximately 63,214 individuals. Some of the unusual species seen last year include 3 Bonaparte's Gulls, 3 Ground Doves, 1 Ladder-back Woodpecker, 1 Bronze Cowbird, 1 Rose-breasted Grosbeak and 1 Henslow's Sparrow. The Attwater count was only one of 16 counts in Texas that recorded 150 or more species. Within the circle of land and water, count organizers attempt to field as many competent birders as they can who are grouped into "parties," each with a circle, or points on the map, which they alone will search. There is no limit to the number of participants: last year Oakland, California fielded 202, and there were 19 counts with 100 or more participants.

No Limit To Species? There seems almost no limit, either, to the number of birds Christmas counters can find in 1980 designated circles. At the Christmas season, the warmer climates



ONE SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his garments, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and the day he is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life.

Soil Conservation: It Was A Busy Year

(By Soil Conservation Service, Columbus, Texas)

As the 1979 year comes to a close, the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District looks back on a year of activities with which it is proud. The report recognizes the conservation needs in Colorado County and the assistance given to the landowners in solving the conservation problems on their lands. Conservation of our natural resources is a job we must all be about if we are going to continue producing food and fiber for future generations.

The Colorado SWCD was organized by a vote of the landowners in 1947. Since that time, 873 landowners and operators have become conservation cooperators with the district. Conservation plans have been developed with these district cooperators who have applied conservation practices on more than 222,676 acres of land. The district has been instrumental in the planning and application of conservation practices on the farms, ranches and other lands in Colorado County.

The five-member board of directors supervise the operations of the district and are concerned with all aspects of the conservation program. In addition to the planning and application of conservation practices on the farms, ranches and other lands in Colorado County.

Herbert Engstrom of Garwood is chairman of the District Board, and Henry Sunderman of Eagle Lake serves as vice-chairman. Melvin Abbott of Weimar is secretary-treasurer of the board. Theodore Schultz of Fayetteville and Glenn Stronquist of Cat Spring are the two most recently elected members of the Board. Mrs. Becky Zajack serves as the bookkeeper and secretary for the District.

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District provides technical assistance to landowners of Colorado County through the personnel of the Soil Conservation Service. With the Soil Conservation Service office located in the County Agricultural Building, the men of the SCS staff offer the public of Colorado County a total of 49 years experience. The SCS personnel include Connie M. Fair, district conservationist; Joe P. Reeves, soil conservationist; Scott Goertlich, soil conservationist; trainer; Adrian Fritsch, soil conservation technician; and Beckey Zajack, clerk-typist. SCS technical specialists from Austin, Hallettsville, Victoria and Richmond also provide part-time assistance to the local SCS field office personnel.

Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Board meetings are held at 9 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the conference room of the County Agricultural Building in Columbus. These meetings are always open to the public.

Schultz is New Director. In October of this year, a director's election was held in Zone 1 of the District. Theodore Schultz of Fayetteville was elected to the District Board for a five-year term. The 1978-79 annual district report and calendar is dedicated to Mrs. Florence Zajack of Columbus who retired after 22 years of dedicated service as bookkeeper for the District.

In May, the Columbus Lions Club hosted the 30th annual Conservation Awards

47 New Cooperators

During the year, the district approved conservation plans for 47 new conservation cooperators and conservation plans were revised on 20,337 acres to show changes in the cooperators' operations. In all, 821 operators and other landowners received assistance with conservation problems. Application of soil and water related conservation practices on the land this year resulted in proper conservation treatment on 10,827 acres in Colorado County.

Recreation and wildlife have also become a major economic influence in Colorado County economy each year. Hunting of doves, ducks, geese, quail and deer bring countless numbers of dollars into the Colorado County economy each year.

The need for a sound soil and water conservation program becomes even more important every year with the increase in value of land and the need for greater food production to feed an ever-growing world population. Properly managed land will financially benefit the landowners and also the community.

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Conservation

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summer. Sound management of conservation practices benefits everyone.

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District directors look forward to working with landowners in the community who are conservation minded and who are trying to protect their natural soil and water resources. Technical assistance in these efforts is provided by the SCS personnel in Columbus. The district also gives to the Rice Experiment Station and the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge, both near Eagle Lake.

Thanks Extended. During the holiday season, the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District would like to express its appreciation to the Colorado County Citizens, the Weimar Mercury, the Eagle Lake Headlight, the New Elm Enterprise and Eagle Station KJLM for their continuing support in the interest of resource conservation.

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District belongs to you, the people of Colorado County. The district would like for you to know that your participation in district activities is encouraged and appreciated.

Austin Lumber Co. Seeks Judgment On Account

A civil suit was filed in District Court in Columbus, Texas, by Austin Lumber Co. of Austin, Texas, seeking to collect an alleged past due debt from Buddy Kusey, doing business as Weimar Lumber Co.

The petition alleges that the suit was filed in the interest of the estate of Richard Reuben Hernandez against Southern Pacific Transportation Co. on July 25, 1978.

Hernandez alleged that she was filing the suit in her behalf and in the interest of Frankie, Lillie, Roy and John Hernandez, children of the deceased man.

The petition alleged that Hernandez was killed or grievously injured when hit by a freight train on the S.P. tracks near the Lake Avenue intersection.

Hernandez's body was hit by a westbound Southern Pacific train, unknowingly to the train engineer; and another eastbound train ran over the body and later a switch engine engineer recognized the remains as a possible body and notified the Eagle Lake police department.

The \$477,000 in damages asked in the suit included: Hernandez for alleged loss of affection and counsel and loss of support of her son, \$75,000; \$200,000 for funeral expenses, \$100,000 for alleged extraordinary pain and mental anguish which the deceased suffered, \$100,000 for his estate, and another \$200,000 for punitive damages.

Serving on the jury hearing the case were: Earline Junious, Karen Elaine Bloom, Barbara Jean-Till, Leo Goenther, Barto Wilson, Karen S. Schmitt, Genevieve Williams, Charlotte R. Fox, John Louis Johnson, Madeline Hattermann, Clifton Owen Griffith and Katherine Elnauf.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Suit Seeks To Set Aside Industrial Board Award

New York Underwriters Insurance Co. filed suit in District Court Dec. 14th seeking to set aside an award made by the Texas Industrial Accident Board.

Defendant in the suit is

Misc. Bridal Shower Honors Tanya Calloway

A miscellaneous shower was given for Tanya Calloway, bride-elect of Riley Henderson, on Saturday, Dec. 15 by Mrs. Annie Dancy and mother of the groom-to-be, Mrs. Maggie Henderson.

The honoree received many lovely gifts including a crystal cranberry set from the hostesses.

The refreshment table was covered with a beautiful lace tablecloth. A dip with almonds shaped as a pine cone was used as the centerpiece. Also served were ham and cheese chunks with olives, miniature sausage rolls, buttered mince cookies, deviled eggs on lettuce leaves, avocado dip with chips, orange spee punch and cake, all served from crystal appointments.

Present were Mrs. Emma Reggins and daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Powell and daughter, Mrs. Lois Davis and daughter, Mrs. Lillie Parker, Mrs. Carol Perry, Mrs. Katherine Henderson, Mrs. Bertha Dancy and friends of the bride-to-be. Everyone reported having an enjoyable time.

Vehicle Stolen In N. C. Recovered In County Thurs.

A brown 1978 Dodge automobile stolen in North Carolina was recovered in this county last week by a rather unusual incident.

The county sheriff's department received a call at 11:45 a.m. last Thursday, Dec. 13th that the car was headed west on IH 10 toward Columbus with three white males and one black male in the vehicle. The car came from an attendant at a service station who was told by one of the men that the car was stolen and asked that the sheriff's department be notified.

The sheriff's officers spotted the vehicle near Columbus, and followed it as it pulled off onto Highway 71 and into a parking lot of a service station.

The man who reported the car as stolen, was a hitchhiker and he told officers he had heard the two men who stole the car talk about robbing a store to get some money. The black man also was reported to be a hitchhiker.

The other two, one of whom was a juvenile wanted in Charlotte, North Carolina as a runaway and on violation of probation, and the other Edward Bush, 43, were held by the sheriff's department. The juvenile was returned to Charlotte the next day; and Bush waived extradition and was due to be returned to North Carolina Wednesday to face charges of auto theft in that state. Sheriff's deputies were due to take Bush to the Houston airport Wednesday morning to meet North Carolina authorities to accompany the man back to that state.

Happy Birthday Connie Morales
Saturday, Dec. 22
From: Your Family

Jury Denies Damages In Train Death

Result Of Death On RR Tracks Here on May 28, 1978

A suit seeking a total of \$477,000 in damages resulting from the death of Richard Reuben Hernandez when he was run over by a Southern Pacific train in Eagle Lake on May 28th, 1978, was being before a jury in 25th Judicial District Court this week.

The trial of the case began Monday, with the selection of the jurors with Judge E. W. Austin presiding. The trial was held in the Columbus city building since repairs are underway to the district courtroom in the courthouse.

The jurors retired at 4:25 p.m. Tuesday and returned 20 minutes later with the decision that Southern Pacific was not negligent and allowed no damages to the plaintiffs.

The suit was filed by Anita Hernandez, mother of the deceased man, acting individually and as administratrix for the estate of Richard Reuben Hernandez against Southern Pacific Transportation Co. on July 25, 1978.

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Churches Plan Special Services

Churches in the community are planning special services for the Christmas holiday season. The following have been listed with the Headlight:

Catholic Churches
Father Tom Hanus announces that there will be Christmas Midnight Masses in both Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Guadalupe Churches. Also on Christmas Day, Mass will be said at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 9:00 a.m. and at Guadalupe Church at 10:30 a.m.

Father Edward Geiser will say the Mass at Perpetual Help on Christmas Eve and Father Hanus at Guadalupe Church. The Mass at Guadalupe will be in Spanish but the sermon in English.

Confessions will be heard at Perpetual Help Church from 8 p.m. as long as necessary on Wed., Dec. 19th; also from 7:30 p.m. as long as necessary at Guadalupe Church on Fri., Dec. 21st; and again at Perpetual Help on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, from 8 p.m. as long as necessary on Sat., Dec. 22nd. No confessions will be heard before Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

This Sunday, Dec. 23rd, Perpetual Help parish will have its Children's Christmas Party beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Dider Hall. Every family should bring sandwiches and cookies.

Eagle Lake Mission
Eagle Lake Mission will have a Christmas program Friday night, Dec. 21 following the regular church service on Sunday, Dec. 23 at the Community Center, announced the Revs. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Burger.

Lissie United Methodist Church
The Lissie United Methodist Church will have a Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 23 at the church Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. The youth of the church are in charge of the candlelight service. The Rev. William S. Couvillon is pastor of the Lissie church.

Headlight Classifieds really pay off - 234-2753

Daughter Born For Bobby Weishuhns

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Weishuhn of Eagle Lake announce the birth of a daughter, born Friday, December 14th at 11:51 a.m. in Caney Valley Memorial Hospital at Wharton. The little lady weighed eight pounds and four ounces and measured twenty inches. She has been named Amanda Lynn.

Welcoming the arrival of a new sister are two brothers, Wayne, age 15, and Darrell, age 12, and two sisters, Dancette, age 10, and Rachel, 6.

Pleased grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Wasieck of El Campo.

Driver Injures Arm In Fall From Truck Tues.

The driver of a large truck tractor owned by Georgia Pacific stopped at the Hodges Welding Supply Shop on East Main Tuesday afternoon at around 1:30 p.m. to restrap the load of building materials and he slipped and fell from the truck.

Eagle Lake Ambulance Corporation were called to the scene to render aid to the injured arm of the driver, Art Thompson of Austin, and he was transferred to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital for further examination.

David L. Carter of Columbus is alleged that he was employed by Superior Sand and Gravel at the time of an injury July 28, 1978.

***** CB, Rifle Stolen From Pickups; Home Entered

The city's police department, assisted by county and state officers, has been investigating several thefts and the entry of one home and other attempted burglaries.

Acting Chief of Police Lupe Villarreal investigated the theft of a CB radio from a pickup truck owned by Robert Hicks, owner of the Texas Fried Chicken, at his business place at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday of last week. A local juvenile is a suspect in the case.

Deputy Sheriff Jerry O'Connor investigated the theft of a Winchester 190 .22 caliber rifle from a pickup owned by Dennis Polach, parked on Center Street, the night of Tuesday, Dec. 11th. Last Thursday, Dec. 13th, Villarreal received a call from First Bell that her home on North Lake had been entered and someone took some earrings, valued at \$200, and possibly other items. Entry was made by breaking a window in a back door to the home.

Also officers investigated an attempted entry at the Burgess Power Equipment Co. on FM 3013; and an attempted entry at the Rubie Drywall home on Center Street.

Kay Kretschmar In Christmas Program At Dulles

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kretschmar, Sr. of Sugar Land attended a Christmas program at John Foster Dulles auditorium in Stafford in which the Lakeview fourth grade presented.

THANK YOU

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the support, patronage and friendship we received while operating the La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant for the past several years.

Robert Hicks became the new owner Monday, December 17. We hope you will show him the same kindnesses you have shown us.

Jackie and C. Roy Morales

Little Jesus Boy
Key is a great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Duddleston of Eagle Lake. The Lakeview fourth grade sang at the Westwood Mall in Houston Tuesday evening and will perform at a Stafford bank on Thursday.

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