

County Farm Producers Eligible For Risk Ins.

Farm producers in 13 Texas counties will be eligible to participate for the first time in an expanded all-risk Federal Crop Insurance program in time for 1980 Spring plantings, Ben A. Jordan, Jr., Regional Director for FCIC, said this week.

The expansion, Jordan said, is part of 150 counties allocated recently by the FCIC Board of Directors and announced by Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland.

Texas counties included in the expansion are Chambers, Colorado, Cottle, Dickens, Fisher, Harris, Howard, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Martin, Rains, and Tom Green. Jordan said the new counties will bring to 104 the

number of counties eligible for Federal Crop Insurance in the state.

Designation of the new counties is based primarily upon a critical need to provide additional disaster protection for major crops in the state, he said. More than 4,257 farm producers now voluntarily participate in



Colorado County Farm Bureau was represented at the 46th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in McAllen, December 2-5 by James E. Adkins, left, and Ted Wiese.

Tidings of Joy

The Many Customs of Christmas

Once, again, the most joyous of holiday seasons is upon us, bringing a spiritual renewal and strengthening of family bonds. Among all these holiday tra-

ditions are found many of long-ago and enchanting history.

The hanging of mistletoe is a practice derived from the British custom of the "Kissing Ball." This special ornament was made from evergreen branches and was hung in a passageway. A berry was removed each time a kiss was exchanged.

Once all berries were removed, kissing ceased.

Decorative wreaths for doors and windows are traditions thought to have been inspired by the great Della Robbia family of Florence, Italy. This popular wreath pattern of fruit and foliage was originally made to resemble small, circular garlands, surrounding tiny figures. Gradually, the round greens grew in size until ready to stand as art in themselves.

The practice of hanging Christmas stockings began in Southern Europe. Legend states that an old man was in despair because he had no money for his daughter's dowry. Saint Nicholas, hearing of the man's plight, dropped a bag of gold down the older's chimney. The gift traveled quickly and landed in a stocking, hung upon the mantle to dry.

The next year, friends and neighbors hung out their prettiest stockings in anticipation of the coming of the generous Saint. Today, the practice of hanging these picturesque socks remains one of the happiest of Christmas traditions.



THE MAN BEHIND ANNUAL DELUGE OF GREETINGS

One of the most firmly entrenched holiday customs is the exchanging of Christmas cards. Surprisingly enough, sending greeting cards through the mail is a fairly recent custom, however.

The very first Christmas card was not designed until 1843, when an English artist, John Horsley, was commissioned by Sir Henry Cole to create a greeting card for the gentleman in question.

It was not long after this that Christmas cards were introduced to the United States. However, it took a German immigrant named Louis Prang to popularize the custom here. His outstanding lithograph reproductions, involving as many as 15 colors, gave impetus to the new fad that had been imported from England.

Had it not been for Congress authorizing free mail delivery to large cities in 1863, perhaps the new custom would not have caught on as it did. But, the extension of the postal system coincided with the quickly growing custom, and by the 1880s, the post office was being swamped with greeting cards.

Oddly enough, Prang's creations rarely alluded to the Nativity. Popular designs included birds, animals, flowers and children, with satin fringes often an added feature.

Today's greeting cards run the gamut from comical Santas to reverent renderings of the Madonna and Child, but the message is always the same:



Merry Christmas!

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Dannels' Best of Show Art



Maryna Dannels of Eagle Lake had the "Best of Show" in the Professional Oil division of the Colorado County Fair's Art Show held December 15 in Columbus. She is shown above with her winning painting "Hairloom Lace" which is currently on display at her Dannels' Design Art Gallery on West Prairie St. See related story on page 2.

'80 To Be Busy Election Year

Officials From Pres. To Precinct Officials To Be Named In '80

With the announcement last week that Colorado County Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller will seek re-election to a fourth four-year term as Sheriff of this county, the busy 1980 election year is off and running. This will be a very important election year with voters over the United States casting ballots for offices from the President down to Constables of the eight Justice of Peace districts in this county.

Mueller, elected in the balloting in the party primaries in May and June and in the general election in November, 1980, will take office on January 1st, 1981.

In addition to the president and vice-president of the United States, Texas voters will also elect a United States Senator and a United States Congressman on the national level; a governor, lieutenant governor and other important officials on the state level.

Also a state representative for the local District 30 will be named (the office is now held by John Wilson of La Grange and he has indicated publicly that he will not seek re-election); and a state senator for District 5, the office now held by W. T. (Bill) Moore of Bryan who is expected to seek re-election in 1980.

In the four-county 25th Judicial District, which includes Colorado County, judges for the first and second district courts and a district attorney will be elected. Currently holding the offices of judge are E. W. Patten and B. B. Schraub and Houston Munson is the district attorney.

County Offices To Be Filled On the county level, the terms of Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loessin and

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Single Copies Of Headlight 25c, Sub. Rates Up

Effective with the next issue of the Eagle Lake Headlight, on Jan. 2, 1980, the cost of single copies of the paper will advance from 10c to 25c per issue. Also subscription rates will be increased as follows:

For subscribers in Colorado and adjoining counties of Austin, Fayette, Lavaca and Wharton, the new subscription price, effective Jan. 2, 1980 will be \$7.50 per year; for subscribers in other areas of Texas, the new rate will be \$8.00 per year; and for subscribers out of state, the new subscription rate will be \$9.00 per year.

This minimal increase is made necessary by constantly increasing costs of paper and production and in postal rates required to mail the paper weekly.

Subscriptions received and postmarked not later than January 2, 1980, will be accepted at the old rate of \$6.50 for those in the county and surrounding counties, \$7.00 elsewhere in the state and \$8.00 out of the state.

Your cooperation in this increase in rates in order to continue publishing a high quality weekly newspaper, will be appreciated.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR WITH A CLEAN AND FRESH START! May 1980 bring you all the joy and happiness that it has brought to our families in 1979.

We're hoping for a great new year in 1980 filled with peace, success and happiness for all of our friends!!

Eunice, Fred, Don and Jeff Frnka
Janet and John Grigar III
and Joseph.

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Burglars Hit Local Businesses, Try At Others

Eagle Lake police investigated the burglary of three businesses on Main Street in Eagle Lake which occurred during Friday and Saturday nights and attempted entries at several other places.

Acting Chief of Police Lupe Villalpando, Jr., received a call at 7:30 p.m. Sat. from Farmers Supply Co. at 414 West Main where burglars forced open a large wooden sliding door and entered the warehouse and then the office. In the office, the burglars used a bar to try to force open a safe but during the process apparently found a key to the safe in a desk drawer in the office and used the key to open the safe and took an estimated \$179 in currency. They left some change in the bag which contained the money, noted the officer.

At 8:45 a.m. he received a call from Bill's Dollar Store at 106 Main Street in downtown Eagle Lake (across from the city square). In the during

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No Garbage Pickup Tues.

The City of Eagle Lake's sanitation department will not pick up garbage next Tuesday, Jan. 1st, New Year's Day. Tuesday's route will be run on Wednesday of next week in order that employees

First National Bank To Observe 75th Year Fri.

Father-Son Team Heads Bank



Top executives of The First National Bank in Eagle Lake today are a father and son team, William H. Harrison, Sr., at left, who was president from Feb. 13, 1903 until Feb. 14, 1979 and is now chairman of the board of directors of the bank; and son, William H. Harrison, Jr., who was elected president of the bank on Feb. 14th. He joined the bank Jan. 16, 1978 as executive vice-president.

Charles Kallina, Jr., Garwood Farmer-Rancher, Found Dead

Citizens of the Garwood-Nada community and others throughout the Gulf Coast area learned with great sadness of the death of Charles Kallina, Jr., some time during Friday night or early Saturday morning, Dec. 22, 1979. He was found dead in his room at the Ramada Inn in Houston, apparently from a heart attack. Mr. Kallina had gone to Houston to meet friends for a hunting trip, but he died in his sleep and was found dead in his room on Saturday morning. Although he had had a couple of minor heart attacks a year or so ago, he had been in good health of

late and was looking forward to the hunting trip and to the reunion of family members for the holiday season.

Mr. Kallina was a prominent rancher and rice farmer and also was owner of the Kallina Supply at Nada and a partner at the Kallina Rice Dryer at Altair. He had been active for many years in management of extensive rice farming and ranching enterprises in this country.

Native of Garwood He was born Feb. 16, 1925 in Garwood, Texas the son of Lucy and Charles J. Kallina. Sr. On April 29th, 1947 he

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County Judge Discusses Road Problems In County

Number Of Gravel Pits In County Up From 8 to 30

Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek was guest speaker at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday of last week and he discussed activities in the county's operation and also one of the major problems which the county will have to face up to in future years, deterioration of the county's roads by ever increasing truck traffic.

Judge Cranek called the road problem, "one of the biggest problems facing us in the future." He noted that

they will withstand the heavy truck traffic and that some paved roads may eventually return to gravel roads.

Nuisance Already Cited The Texas Air Control (Continued on last page)

Present Bank Building

The First National Bank of Eagle Lake shows above, will observe the 75th year of its founding with an open house from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 28th and citizens

of the community are invited to visit the bank during the open house for refreshments throughout the day. For more pictures and history of the bank, see page 5.

Wishing You and Yours the Blessings of Christmas

Light the Christmas candle! Decorate with sprigs of pine! As you gather together friends to celebrate the time-honored traditions of this joyous season, may your hearts be filled with peace and harmony. We're wishing you a Christmas glowing with old-fashioned warmth, child-like radiance and every happiness.

Lakeside Irrigation Co., Inc.

EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS

Wallis Gets EPA Grant For Sewer Work

The city of Wallis, in order to improve the existing sewer system and provide adequate sewerage facilities to its existing and projected population, has applied for and received a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. Grants received from the EPA under Public Law 95-217 are awarded in three steps.

Step 1, the grant just received by the city, is designated for evaluation of the present sewerage system and planning for proposed city wide improvements.

Cost of Step 1 is estimated at \$42,864 with the city receiving approximately \$31,846 from EPA.

Steps 2 and 3 are to be undertaken only after completion of Step 1 and will involve design/specifications work and construction of facilities respectively.

The city conducted a public meeting Tuesday, Dec. 18 at City Hall, 114 S. Third Street, Wallis, to afford interested persons an opportunity for written and/or oral comments on the proposed wastewater treatment facility plan as part of Step 1 Construction Grant.

Four of the five Great Lakes lap at Michigan's two large peninsulas and several islands. The state's total shoreline would stretch more than 2,000 miles, twice the distance from Maine to the tip of Florida.