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Special Closings Listed For New Year Holiday

The Eagle Lake Headlight has received notice of the following special closing dates for the New Year's Day holiday:

Eagle Lake business firms will be closed all day Tues., Jan. 1st in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

Offices in the county courthouse, city offices, the Post Office, First National Bank will be among those closing all day Tues., Jan. 1st.

Schools in the Rice District will remain closed for the holidays through Wed., Jan. 2nd and will reopen at the regular hour on Thurs., Jan. 3rd.

The Eagle Lake Library will be closed all day Tuesday, Jan. 1st.

The local Sears store is closed this week and will remain closed through Tues., Jan. 1st.

Colorado County Farmers Supply Co., Inc. will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st for New Year's holidays.

No Garbage Pickup Tues. The City of Eagle Lake's

sanitation department will not pick up garbage and trash on Tues., Jan. 1st. The normal Tuesday route will be serviced along with the Wednesday route.

Gifts of Distinction will close at noon on Mon., Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve and remain closed through Tues., Jan. 1st.

The office of the American Rice Growers Assn. here is closed through New Year's Day, Jan. 1st.

Royal Cleaners will close at 12 noon on Mon., Dec. 31st, and remain closed through the New Year's Day, Jan. 1st.

Phase II gifts and beauty shop will be closed Tues. and Wed., Jan. 1st and 2nd for the New Year's holiday.

Schobel's Restaurant in Columbus will close at 2 p.m. New Year's Eve and will be closed through Tues., Jan. 1st for the New Year's holiday.

Columbus Livestock Commission Co. will not have a sale this Thursday, but will return to the regular schedule with a sale on Thurs., Jan. 3rd.

Prizes Are Awarded At Local Business Firms

Numerous business firms and organizations in the community awarded prizes at the conclusion of pre-Christmas events. Those reported to us included:

Miss Susan Spalinger was recipient of a quilt given by the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) on Dec. 19th. An Afghan was awarded to Wayne Hemphill and Jerrol Higgins received a set of Cookbooks from the Auxiliary.

Jo Ann's Dept. Store

Jo Ann's department store awarded three prizes on Christmas Eve to: first prize of a \$100 gift certificate to Phyllis Thomas; second prize of a pillow and frame fabric set to Gwen Paschall; and third prize of a Gorham centerpiece bowl to Mary Lou Anderson.

Eagle Lake Sewing Center, Mrs. Dorothy Kohleffel owner, awarded three prizes prior to Christmas, including a \$25 gift certificate to Mary Ann Kaluza, a \$15 gift certificate to Wanda Henry and a \$10 gift certificate to Mrs. O. H. Kochwelp.

Phase II Gifts

Winners of prizes awarded at Phase II Gifts owned by Dorothy Baker included: Tracey Baros, a frosted candle; Anna Mae Wiese, a relish tray; Jo Ann Mahalite, a picture frame; Lucy Mascheck, a silver candleholder; and Donna Wilbeck, a silver candleholder.

Cranek in his talk before the Rotary Club last week.

The judge also discussed the courthouse renovations program which is currently underway and said that the fears of county officials that the courthouse wiring was inadequate were clearly proven when ceiling tile were removed in the basement and some of the huge timbers supporting the first floor and others for the ceiling were charred from an obvious electrical fire in a junction box. "The entire courthouse could have gone up in flames, or at least a major part damaged by fire," stated the judge.

New Tax System

The judge also had some comments about the new tax valuation board which was made mandatory under Senate Bill 621 and House Bill 1040 effective January 1st. The seven taxing agencies in the county have appointed a board representative of all areas of the county, noted the judge, and the board's first big task after taking the oath of office after January 1st will be to find a chief appraiser who will become the executive director of the valuation district. By Jan. 1, 1982, all of the county's 40,000 parcels of property, now on the tax roll or to be added this year, will have to be adjusted to 100% of market value. The cities, school boards and county participating in the district will decide the tax rate

Shoe Tree

Mrs. Wilfred Luedcke, owner of the Shoe Tree, announced winners of prizes at her pre-Christmas drawing, including, a pair of men's shoes, Lenora Long, a pair of ladies' shoes, Mrs. Sidney Miller; a ladies' purse, Laura Mae Miller; and a pair of children's shoes, Willie Moore Miller's Grocery.

At 4 p.m. Christmas Eve's drawing for prizes was held at Miller's Grocery with winners including: \$25 in cash, Mrs. Pat Seaholm; a BBQ turkey, C. T. Wiese; an electric clock, Louis David; and a set of BBQ utensils, Oscar Einkauf of Rock Island.

Lake Crest Flower Shop

Winners of prizes awarded at Lake Crest Flower Shop, Mrs. Pansy Burger, owner, were, a large poinsettia, Sheila Mathis; a table arrangement, Roberta Davidson; an angel candleholder, Gladys Dostal; and a Christmas corsage, Virginia Fair Wells.

Colorado Savings & Loan

Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Assn. awarded a 10-speed bicycle to Wade Schindler of Columbus in a pre-Christmas drawing Friday.

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which will be applied to that 100% value. "This figure (total valuations) is going to run pretty high" added the judge, noting that the county's valuations this year are nearly \$100 million and they are based on a 25% of market valuation.

"If we're going to keep the boards of the seven participating agencies honest, we are going to have to have participation from the public at respective budget making times," pointed out the judge. He said that written notices will have to be published in the county's newspapers before any board or commissioners' court can change the total tax valuations or the total tax revenue by more than 2%.

"In my opinion the legislation is good, not withstanding some questionable points," commented Judge Cranek, adding that one of the pet peeves of the taxpaying public has been the different valuations placed on properties in the county by the county, the school districts and the cities.

Judge Cranek was introduced by Wm. H. Harrison, Jr., program chairman for the meeting. Prior to the program Rotarians presented gifts to the caterers for their weekly meals, Mrs. Arthur Behrens and Mrs. L. O. Frka, and to the club's sweetheart and pianist, Mrs. Clara May Nash.

To Buy New Flag It was also voted to join with the Eagle Lake Lions Club in the purchase of a new flag for the Community Center to be displayed at the meetings of the respective clubs.

ABOUT TOWN

spacious waters of the lake. It was the first time that residents of the area can remember that large amount of geese on the waters of the lake. They added, "the noise from the great numbers of geese was deafening."

* We enjoyed lunch at The Farris 1912 on Thursday of last week and a group of hunters at the adjoining table were having a lot of fun kidding one of their party, Jim McCoy, about killing a goose "2000 feet away." We doubt seriously that it was nearly that far, but it was one of those rare occurrences when a single shot hit a lethal spot right between the eyes. Of course, McCoy said that it was "the real McCoy" and he had been aiming at that spot all the time.

* It was nice of the bank personnel to visit local merchants to distribute good cheer week before last and pass out Christmas gifts of hot pads, calendars, memo books and other handy items.

If you haven't gotten yours, ask any of the bank personnel and they will be glad to supply you with the Christmas remembrances from the First National Bank.

* Congratulations go out this week to the bank on the observance of the 75th anniversary of its founding in Eagle Lake. Free refreshments will be served throughout the day this Friday, Dec. 28th.

* Mrs. M. L. Woodruff, 90 year old mother of Mrs. Roy A. Van Nort of this city, suffered a broken hip last week and is confined to St. Jude's Hospital in Brenham. Mrs. Woodruff celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary here earlier this year with a family gathering at the Van Nort home. Friends and relatives join in wishing her a speedy recovery to good health and send to her best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

* Youth from the Methodist-Lutheran Churches and also from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church were among the carolers spreading good cheer on Sunday night.

* Jo Ann and Kenneth Mahalite and daughters have been sending out picture Christmas cards for the past twenty years... and the recipients have enjoyed every one of them watching the family grow. With the card this year, the family noted that this will be the final card in the issue. The first picture Christmas card had the picture of their daughter Lisa when she was one year old and next month she will be twenty. Lisa is now Mrs. Thierry Hoffman, since they were married in September of this year. The family's twin daughters, Lori and Lana, are eighteen and are seniors at Rice High

School and will be entering college next fall.

In discussing the "grand finale" in the Christmas card collection, the family noted, "It makes us sad in one way, but happy in another when we look at the framed pictures of all twenty cards that hang in our den, not just at Christmas but every day of the year. We thought this would make a great final card, because the picture includes our new son, Thierry."

* Carl Seaholm III and wife Liz made the 6:00 p.m. news report on Austin TV Channel 36. Carl surprised Liz by wrapping red ribbon around their pretty new home in Austin. Carl, a patrolman with the City of Austin, is the son of Nancy and Carl Seaholm, Jr. and grandson of Mrs. C. W. Seaholm of this city.

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Burglars

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burglary on the city's main thoroughfare, the burglars are believed to have used some type of tool to trip the lock and entered the store through the front door and took around \$200 from a cash box from the office of the store. In this instance both currency and change were taken.

Villarreal said that there was little evidence as to how the entry was made and the department is also investigating the possibility that a key was used, since the lock on the door was still operative when the burglary was investigated Saturday morning.

Cable TV Entered

On Monday morning, Villarreal was called to Eagle Lake Cable TV offices at 219 Main Street where entry was made by forcing open a back door and the burglars got away with a Phone-Mate recorder.

The officer also investigated attempted entries at back doors to Western Auto Store where the burglar or burglars were chased away by a "booby trap" and at the Furniture Shoppe where the burglars failed to force open a door held shut by a bar.

Investigation of all incidents continues.



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Election Year

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Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker will expire at the end of 1980. Leyendecker has stated that he will not seek re-election and already announced for that office is Jerome Wickes of Bernardo community. The terms of Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Yeselka and Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles carry over through 1982.

Other county offices to be filled in 1980 elections include: County Attorney, now held by Donald Bendy of Eagle Lake who has indicated that he will not seek re-election. J. Woolery-Price of Columbus has indicated that he will seek the county attorney's office; Tax Assessor and Collector, now held by Henry J. Hajovsky; County Surveyor, now held by Leonard Frank; and Constables in all precincts including J. T. (Jimmie) Frnka in Eagle Lake JP Precinct 8 and Lawrence Berger in J. P. Precinct 2, and others.

The deadline for filing for places in the Democratic and Republican primary elections to be held on May 3rd will be

on Feb. 4th, 1980.

Local Elections, Too

In addition to the above, voters will cast ballots in city and school elections in April of 1980. In the City of Eagle Lake, the terms of Mayor Elmer Struss and Aldermen James Cash and William L. Farris will expire in April of 1980; and in the Rice Consolidated School District, the terms of Ted Wiese of Sheridan Position 4 and Steve Balas of Eagle Lake Position 5 will also expire in April.

Also, the prospect is good that the City of Eagle Lake will call a bond election soon for funds to improve the city's gas distribution system.

Voter Recertification Year
The gold-colored voter registration card which qualified voters have in their possession at this time, will expire on February 28th, 1980.

The Colorado County Tax Office has mailed out the new white Voter Registration certificates to all the voters who were registered to vote in the November 6, 1979 General Election. These Voter Registrations are mailed by non-forwardable mail, so if you do not have the correct address your certificate will be returned to the tax office and you will not be

a registered voter come March 1, 1980.

If you do not receive the new white Voter Registration you should get in touch with County Tax Assessor-Collector Henry J. Hajovsky since your gold Voter Registration expires February 28, 1980.

Road Problem

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Board notified the Commissioners' Court May 15th that the Houston office had confirmed that a nuisance condition for residents along a portion of Duncan Lane (County Road 111) between Vox Populi and Garwood, in Precinct 1, does exist and asked the court to notify the agency what steps will be taken to alleviate the nuisance. The road is heavily traveled by trucks en route to the Thorstenberg Materials plant and what was once a paved road has now become a gravel road since it has been impossible to maintain the paved surface. At that time Judge Cranek noted that the cost of rebuilding a road to carry such heavy truck traffic could run as high as \$400,000 per mile. The Board's letter also noted that another plant operated by TXI was expected to begin operation in the same area, directly across County Road 111 from the Thorstenberg plant, and when that occurs truck traffic on the road will increase correspondingly.

Last May the court took no action on the letter from the Air Control Board, but the situation will undoubtedly be among the "road problems" referred to by Judge

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