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## LCRA Announces Big Hike In Water Rates For Farming

J. J. Thomas, president of Lake County Irrigation Co., Inc. of Eagle Lake, said that the board of directors last week announced a 25 percent increase in the cost of water for irrigation of row crops, effective for the second crop of 1980.

Thomas said that LCRA will increase the rate for the first crop of 1980 from \$5.00 to \$6.25 per acre foot, and for the second crop from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per acre foot.

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## Jimmie Frnka Asks Re-Elect. As Constable

Constable J. T. Jimmie Frnka of Eagle Lake announced this week that he will be a candidate for re-election to the position of Constable of Justice of the Peace Precinct 8 in the 1980 Democratic Primary Election to be held next May.

Frnka made these comments in his announcement for re-election.

"I have served as Constable of Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 8 for sixteen years and if re-elected I will continue my policy of trying to help the people to the best of my ability."

"I would appreciate your vote and support in the coming election."

Frnka concluded his statement by urging all citizens of the precinct and elsewhere in the state to plan to cast their ballots in the 1980 elections.

## Tickets On Sale For CC Banquet

Tickets to the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet went 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 7:00 p.m.

Tickets to the event, which will be catered by Mrs. Frank Broesche, will be \$6.00 each.

Speaker for the occasion will be Paul Clark of Houston, a talented entertainer in much demand in the Texas Gulf Coast area, announces Louis Schorlemmer, president of the chamber and chairman of arrangements for the annual banquet.

**Home From Hospital**  
Friends were glad to hear that Fred Henske was able to return home to convalesce after being a patient in the VA Hospital in Houston since early Christmas morning. He was transported by Life Flight helicopter from Eagle Lake Community Hospital after his lung collapsed. Friends join in wishing Mr. Henske continued improvement.

## County Attorney Bandy To Resign On Feb. 1st

Colorado County Attorney Bandy, who began a four year term in office on Jan. 1, 1977 and has one year remaining in that term, announced his resignation to the Colorado County Commissioners Court, effective February 1, 1980.

The Court, in its regular session on Mon. Jan. 12th, is expected to take formal action on the resignation and to begin the process of appointing a successor to Mr. Bandy for the remainder of the 1980 year.

Bandy, in his announcement, stated:

"I have announced to the Commissioners Court that effective February 1, 1980, I will resign from the office of County Attorney of Colorado County, Texas. I take this notice somewhat reluctantly, but the demands of my private law practice have become such that I can no longer give each job the full attention which it demands and deserves."

"I appreciate the faith

## Lamaze Classes At Hospital To Begin Wed.

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital will offer as a community service another series of Lamaze Childbirth Classes beginning on January 9th. The classes will be held Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 at the hospital's conference room from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each day.

Fee for the classes will be \$25 per couple. Instructor will be Linda Conner, R.N., B.S.N., a certified Lamaze instructor.

The course is sponsored by the Eagle Lake Community Hospital and endorsed by the hospital's medical staff.

## La Grange Man Charged In Theft Of Auto

The theft of a 1973 Triumph TR6 Roadster which had been parked alongside IH 10 east of Columbus Friday, Nov. 30th, has been solved and a La Grange man is charged with the theft of the vehicle.

Frank Solis of Boerne, Tex. informed the sheriff's department that his car had been stolen after it had been left off the roadway because of motor trouble. A black man driving a pickup truck offered Solis a ride back to Houston and when Solis returned the car was gone and a witness informed the sheriff's department that a pickup truck, driven by a colored subject, had towed the vehicle away.

Willie Washington, 35, of La Grange, was arrested in that city on a forgery charge and during interrogation admitted taking the vehicle. He told officers he had left the car parked in Columbus and it has been recovered and returned to the owner.

Washington was brought to the Colorado County jail by the sheriff's department and he was charged with auto theft through the court of Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt in Columbus and bond was set at \$1,000. Washington was in jail late Monday pending action by the next grand jury.

## Traffic Deaths In County Down In '79

Colorado County passed the Christmas and New Year seasons without a traffic fatality and ended the year of 1979 with ten traffic fatalities, three less than the total number of deaths on highways and roads in the county in 1978.

Of the ten fatalities, four occurred in the month of September and none in the last three months of the year.

In 1978, the thirteen traffic fatalities occurred in eleven accidents. In 1977, twenty persons died in fourteen accidents in this county; and in 1976, there were only five fatalities, one of the safest years of the past decade.

Highway Patrol Sergeant Gilbert Kiel said Monday that traffic for the Christmas and New Year's holidays was off considerably this year, probably due to escalating gasoline prices.

In neighboring Fayette County, a total of 18 deaths in traffic mishaps had been recorded up to the New Year's Eve date. Last year there were nine traffic fatalities in Fayette County, and the highest year to date was in 1970 with 23 deaths.

Kiel noted that Texas ended the Christmas holidays with 51 fatalities when 67 had been predicted.

The Department of Public Safety's New Year's count which began at 6 p.m. Friday and ended at midnight Tuesday, is also running behind the projection of 56 deaths on Texas roads and highways during that period.

## County Fair Committee To Meet Mon.

All persons interested in the Colorado County Fair Association are invited to attend an evaluation and planning session to be held at 7 p.m. next Monday night, Jan. 7th in the Columbus Elementary School Cafeteria.

During the session, a discussion will be held on the recent 1979 County Fair, the first to be held in this county in over fifty years, and plans will be started for the 1980 Fair which is expected to be held in late August or early September.

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## Single Copies Of Headlight Are Now 25c Ea.

Effective with this issue of the Headlight, the price for single copies of the paper advances to 25c per copy.

Also the subscription prices advance \$1.00. Subscribers in the county and adjoining counties may receive the paper for \$7.50 per year, elsewhere in the state for \$8.00, and out of state for \$9.00, effective Jan. 2, 1980.

Subscriptions postmarked after Jan. 2nd at the old rates will be on a pro-rata basis.

## Highway Dept. Taking Bids For More 3013 Work

The Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation in Austin publishes a notice in this issue of the Headlight that bids will be taken until 9 a.m. Wed. Jan. 16th for 1,949 miles of paving on the new Farm to Market Road 3013 from Eagle Lake to Wharton County Line.

The proposed work includes a section from 4.5 miles south of the intersection of 3013 and US 90A in Eagle Lake, south to the Wharton County line; and a section from the proposed 3013 extension at the Colorado County line south to connect with FM 102.

Plans and specifications for the project are available through the office of Clyde E. Schulz, Resident Engineer, in Wharton and the Highway Department offices in Austin.

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## 3 Burglaries Here, 2 In Garwood Are Solved

### Receives VFW Award



James G. Cash, right, receives a beautiful Americanism Award from Jack Listowski, left, commander of the Rice Area Memorial Post 8783 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

## James Cash Cited By VFW Post With Americanism Award

Members of the Rice Area Memorial Post No. 8783 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars honored James G. Cash with an Americanism Award during a pre-Christmas dinner party at Jack's Restaurant on the evening of Dec. 18th. Members of the Post and the Auxiliary gathered for the steak supper.

Cash initiated the Americanism Award in the Post and designed a beautiful plaque to be awarded to a member demonstrating "outstanding service to the Post and to the Community."

Unknown to Cash, members of the Post voted to present the award to him and Commander Jack Listowski.

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acknowledged some of Cash's work in the Post before making the presentation.

## Van Flips At End Of FM 3013 Construction

Mrs. Frankie Baird Jobe of Garwood was hospitalized shortly after midnight Saturday, Dec. 29th with injuries received when her 1979 GMC van went out of control and flipped over on its side.

Highway Patrolman Joe Garcia was the investigating officer. He reported that Mrs. Jobe was heading south on FM 3013 4.2 miles south of Eagle Lake when the van went into a skid on the newly paved section of FM 3013. The van skidded into a dirt culvert and flipped over on its side, causing

considerable damage to the side of the van and windshield.

Mrs. Jobe was brought to the county jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond on the charges of burglary and theft.

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## One Eagle Lake Youth Arrested, Another Is Sought For Burglaries

One Eagle Lake youth, 18 years of age, has been arrested and another is being sought as suspects in burglaries here and in Garwood during the past several weeks.

The Colorado County Sheriff's department received a call at 9:30 a.m. Saturday from F. B. Priesmeyer reporting that Priesmeyer's Dept. Store in Garwood had been burglarized some time during Friday night. Investigation revealed that entry was made through a trap door on the roof of the building. Once inside the burglars literally "ripped" the place apart apparently looking for cash. Counters were overturned, desks and file cabinet drawers ransacked. Mr. Priesmeyer reported that a .38 Smith & Wesson automatic pistol, some pocket knives and about \$300 in cash and change was missing.

During the course of the investigation, officers found evidence which revealed the apparent name of one of the burglars.

At 9:12 p.m. Saturday, William N. Lehrer reported to the sheriff's department that the Lehrer office building had been entered by placing a wooden plank on the roof of a small shed. The burglars broke into a drink machine and took some change from the coin box of the machine.

One Entry Wed. Night

At 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27th, Tyler Clark reported to the sheriff's department that the Garwood Implement and Supply Co. had been entered by removing screws and a piece of paneling on the south side of the building. The only item reported to be missing was a Speed Air portable air compressor, valued at \$300.

Using the evidence found at the scene of the Priesmeyer burglary, Deputy Sheriff Richard LaCourse and Eagle Lake Acting Chief of Police Lupe Villarreal arrested Daniel Munoz, 18, at his home here at around noon on Monday. During the arrest the officers recovered some of the money reportedly stolen at Priesmeyer's and some of the pocket knives.

Officers report that Munoz admitted burglary of Priesmeyer's and the Lehrer office building in Garwood and also admitted entries at Eagle Tractor, Inc., Bill's Dollar Store and Colorado County Farmers Supply Co., Inc. in Eagle Lake.

The other young man implicated in the burglaries was believed to be in Freeport where he has relatives and late Tuesday evening had not been arrested. Warrants for the arrest of Munoz were issued through the office of Justice of the Peace W. A. Hefner in Garwood JP Precinct 2, and also for the arrest of the other suspect through offices of Judge Hefner and Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones of Eagle Lake.

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## Rhonda Gertson Runner-Up To State FB Queen



Rhonda Gertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gertson of Llaneta, at right, was named runner-up recently in the Texas Farm Bureau queen contest held at McAllen in conjunction with the Texas Farm Bureau convention.

Miss Tracy Syma of San Patricio County, left, was named queen at the December 3rd event. Miss Gertson represented Wharton County and District Eleven in the state competition.

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