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County Tax

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icipates a 90% collection (normally the collections run more than this, over 98%; which would bring in a total of \$704,169.10 from the 70c ad valorem rate and \$294,687.00 from the 30c per \$100 additional ad valorem rate.

The court also approved an order to allow the tax officer to give discounts for early payment of taxes at the statutory level, same as in the years past.

Also, the court decided that occupational licenses, such as for mixed drinks, beer, beer and wine, package store licenses, and others, will be collected at one-half of the state licensing fee, same as in the past.

Other Action
Other action in the special meeting Monday, included:
* Approved one application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. to lay cable in county road right of way.

* Discussed a contract with the Travis State School in Austin for use of the Waldvogel property recently deeded to the county for a mental health and retardation workshop center, but took the contract under advisement in light of several suggested changes for final action on August 11th. Among the proposed changes was one to put a 20-year limit, with renewal rights on the

contract, rather than leaving the contract with an open-end date. The workshop has already started operating in the new Workshop Center in Columbus.

* The court changed an order setting pay for election judges and clerks to the statutory limits set by the Texas Election Code (\$2.95 per hour). In the meeting July 14, the court voted to pay the judges and clerks at the minimum wage set under federal guidelines, however, it was found since that time that the state has a statutory limit of \$2.95 on payment for judges and clerks.

Courthouse Restoration
Judge Crane noted that courthouse restoration is progressing and commented on the fact that work was started this week to replace four concrete patio areas with concrete benches on the courthouse lawn. Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker suggested that the wood ceilings in the county courtroom and the judge's office be covered with sheetrock instead of trying to patch the woodwork, which has sizeable holes from previous construction. A meeting with the architect and contractor to discuss this matter is expected to be scheduled.

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Gas Comm.

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councilmen and former officers and owners of the Eagle Lake Gas Distribution Co. (along with Thomas); also W. C. Alley, former gas company manager and city employee; former city manager T. J. Smith; present city manager Robert Klockman; also, Robert Griffith, Julian Flores, Rudy Lopez, Alex Woolridge, Mrs. Claudine Shorter, Mrs. Willie Mill, Charles L. Spallinger, William H. Harrison, Jr., Bob McInteer, Allen D. Cassidy (also a former mayor), J. H. McCreary.

Also, Willie Woodard, Sylvester Castle, Isidoro Ramirez, Leo Luna, Johnnie Parker, Ben Castillo, T. Lang, Bill Appelt, Bennie Miller, Draper Stephens, Leon L. Spanihel, Donald Bendy, William L. Farris, Robert P. Wilcox, Jeff Fruka, Melvin Stancik, Leonard Walker, Gerald Bradshaw, Walter Lee Bauer, L. D. Ewers, Joe Duncan, H. G. Lockier, Jr., J. T. Pilkington, Bill Pink, John Chisholm, H. M. Bengt, and Dr. C. Curtis Laughlin.

Given To City In 1977

Thomas, Wiese and Davidson purchased the system from Texas Southeastern Gas Co. after voters of the city of Eagle Lake rejected a \$300,000 bond issue, 223-93, to buy the distribution system. The three citizens formed a non-profit corporation predicated on the idea that the system would become city property once paid for.

On Nov. 8, 1977, the three company owners turned over the system to the city, debt-free and with some fund balance.

However, since that time, increased costs of gas, numerous leaks in the system,

11 Charged In Gambling Raid Friday

Seven law enforcement officers staged a raid on a gambling game underway in a house adjoining the Sweet Shop in the "Flat" section of the city at around 11 p.m. Friday night and eleven participants in the dice game were charged with gambling.

The men were arraigned before City Judge M. M. Jones and each paid a fine of \$25 and \$3.50 costs.

Officers participating in the raid were: city patrolmen Richard Saunders, Lupe Villarreal and Larry Hill and reserve officer Buford Ashley; Al Holland of the Texas Liquor Control Dept.; and Highway Patrolmen Andy Tacquard and Joel Garcia.

Police, Firemen To Play Benefit Softball Aug. 13

The Colorado County Law Officers baseball team and a team from the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department will play two benefit slo-pitch softball games at the Little League Field on the evening of Wed., Aug. 13th with proceeds going to the Fire Department's FIRE Fund to aid injured firemen and their families.

The doubleheader will start at 7:00 p.m. Admission to the event will be \$2.00 per person and tickets will go on sale with firemen and local police this weekend.

The concession stand will be open during the evening. All sports fans in the area are invited to make plans to attend to see some outstanding softball and to give to the FIRE Fund.

Local Man Charged In Attack On Girl

A charge of rape was filed Monday afternoon by the mother of an alleged attacked 15 year old girl against a 23 year old Eagle Lake man, reports Chief of Police Jimmie Smith.

The young girl reportedly told her parents that she went riding with the man, Larry Soosa, a railroad company employee, and she was assaulted several times at a site near Lone Star gravel pits south of Eagle Lake late Sunday night.

Soosa was arrested by local officers and bond was set at \$5,000 on the charge. He was still in the county jail Tuesday pending action by the next grand jury.

and other problems including a deterioration of pipelines and faulty meters has resulted in losses of over \$200,000 during the 32-month period of city ownership.

In September of 1979 city officials were called before the Railroad Commission and warned that corrective action must be taken, however repairs made to date have been ineffective; and the Commission says that the city has had ample opportunity to develop a corrective program and apparently has failed to do so. Hence the Railroad Commission has issued the mandate that corrective action be taken within six months or the entire system will be shut down.

Interested citizens are invited to sit in on the committee meeting, Thursday night, if they so desire.

ABOUT TOWN

* Friends Eunice and Wilbur Hoffman of Houston sent us this "Half a cliche is better than none" published as an associated press release from Duncanville:

As a writing exercise, teachers at Alexander Elementary School gave their first-graders the first half of some cliches and asked them to complete the sentences.

Here are some results:
"Don't count your chickens - before you cook them."
"Don't put all your eggs - in the microwave."
"All's fair in - hockey."
"People who live in glass houses - Better not take off their clothes."
"If at first you don't succeed - go play."
"All work and no play - is disgusting."
"Eat, drink and - go to the bathroom."
"He who laughs last - did not understand the joke."

Next FIRE Fund List Aug. 7
* The second list of donors to the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department's FIRE Fund will be published next week. Send contributions to the Eagle Lake Fire Dept. or First National Bank. Make checks payable to the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Dept.

In Colorado County

Over \$2.5 Million In Aid Went To Welfare Recipients In 1979

Statistics Cited From Texas Dept. Human Resources Report '79

The Department of Human Resource's annual report for 1979 states that over \$2.5 million in financial and medical assistance payments were made to Colorado County recipients under the department's programs.

In addition the 17 employees of the department in the Columbus office provided protective services for children in 256 cases and handled 92 cases of alternate care for aged, blind and disabled.

Payments to the county are divided into two categories, financial services and medical benefits. Under Financial Services, payments totaled \$563,614 for the year of 1979, including: an average of 1,189 participants monthly in the food stamp program, with coupon value of \$374,331 for the year.

Aid to families with dependent children (AFDC), a monthly average of 171 families and a monthly average of children, 350, with total annual payments of \$189,283.

The department's investigators were instrumental in conviction or arranged for reimbursement in five AFDC and food stamp cases; while four other cases are pending law enforcement action.

Medical Benefits
In this county, under Medical Benefits (Medicaid) the report notes that there were 304 recipients in nursing homes for an annual payment of \$1,378,222.

Total annual payment for prescription medicines was \$158,962.

Total annual payment to hospitals and for physicians' services was \$409,477.

And payments for other health services such as hearing aids, children's health screening, etc., payments amounted to \$51,250, for a total of \$1,997,864 in medical assistance payments. During the year there were an average of 1,377 Medicaid eligibles in this county.

This report was given to members of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club in session on Wednesday of last week by

however for the sake of order, only committee members will participate in any decision which the committee might make as a recommendation to the city council.

noting on the check that the contribution is for the FIRE Fund.

New Pink Lady

* The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary is pleased to have Mrs. Luther D. (Sydney) Sheldon of Sheridan join the volunteers. She became a Pink Lady and began duties at the hospital Thursday, July 17.

In Methodist Hospital

* Mrs. Paul (Frances) Powers underwent surgery in the Methodist Hospital in Houston Tuesday and is expected to be in intensive care until Friday or Saturday before being moved into a private room.

The address of the hospital is 6565 Fannin, Houston, TX 77030 for those who wish to send a note of cheer.

A speedy and complete recovery is wished for Mrs. Powers.

* If you haven't been counted in the 1980 census, please contact the county judge's office in Columbus. It is vital that every person possible is included in the 1980 census. The results of the census will have great bearing on federal financial assistance to the citizens of the county, in the

form of revenue sharing, senior citizens' programs, and others.

* Speaking of population, some changes are due to be made next week in this community. Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jacobs (he has been the city's public works director) plan to leave early next week for Garland to make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balas (former owners of Rice Drug Store) also plan to leave Monday for Jacksonville, Texas to make their home there.

* Col. Lewis B. Epps, with the United States Air Force, was by to change his address, having been transferred from Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico to Bergstrom Air Base near Austin.

* The Joe N. Frazars returned last week from an enjoyable 59-day visit with the families of his sons in Europe. While there they toured "all" of the sights to be offered in most countries of Europe.

* "Tip of the Hat", this week goes to the beautiful new maple and tile flooring in the Eagle Lake Community Center; and to the First National Bank for a \$5,000 contribution toward costs of the project, Eagle Lake Rotary Club added a contribution of \$1,000. You'll be pleased when you see the shiny new flooring.

Citizens of the community are fortunate to have such a building as the Community Center. This pride is reflected in the care which is shown in maintenance of the building and in keeping it as one of the most popular spots for gatherings of all kinds in the entire area.

Flag Is Missing

* The United States flag that was flying at Eagle Lake's City Ball Park in the Rice Mill area has been removed from the centerfield flagpole. The flag was apparently taken down some time during the past weekend.

Anyone knowing of the whereabouts of the flag should notify the city offices or the Veterans of Foreign

Last Rites For Nick Munoz

Nick V. Munoz, 81, passed away in the Methodist Hospital in Houston following a lengthy illness Monday, July 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Funeral services were held from the Kubens Funeral Home chapel in Hallettsville Wednesday, July 30 at 10:00 a.m. followed by interment in the Cheatham Cemetery in Sheridan. The Rev. Bernard Heige, minister of the First Baptist Church in Sheridan, officiated.

Mr. Munoz was born September 11, 1898 in Roma, Texas. He lived in Eagle Lake before moving to Sheridan ten years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Elias Torres Munoz; seven sons, John Nick of San Antonio, Nick T., Edward T. and Larry of Victoria, Danny, Manuel and Mark of Sheridan; seven daughters, Mrs. Mary Lee Reyna, Mrs. Deanna Serna, Mrs. Gloria Villabos, all of San Antonio, Mrs. Adeline Sanchez of Waco, Mrs. Yolanda Cuellar of Victoria, Mrs. Nancy Stasney of Beasley, and Miss Lisa Ann Munoz of Sheridan; 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his first wife and one son.

The deceased was a trucker before his retirement.

Wars Post. The flag was donated to the park June 27th by the VFW and it is the first one to fly there in quite some time. It is inconceivable to think that anyone would stoop so low as to deliberately take the flag. Officials hope that it was taken down by someone for safe-keeping and that it should be returned to the city or the VFW as soon as possible.

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