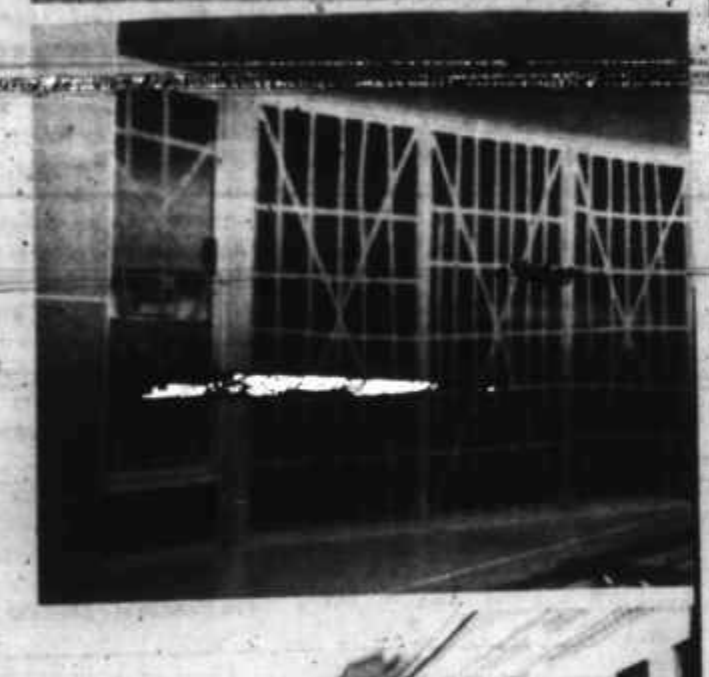


Downtown Area Prepared For Hurricane Allen



Many businesses in the downtown area prepared for the worst from Hurricane Allen but fortunately the effects of the hurricane were very minimal in this area. At the top, Mayor Elmer Struss and his staff are seen at the top of the downtown area. The mayor is seen with his staff, and they are all looking towards the camera. The scene is a typical downtown area with many businesses and people.

Although it appeared Sunday morning that the hurricane would move into the Brownsville area, local citizens were reluctant to get out and the lower photo of the downtown area shows the city's appearance of a "ghost town." As Allen moved closer to the coast, activity did increase considerably throughout the weekend.

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Allen Brings Scare to Area But Effects Here Are Minimal

Brownsville Area Has Heavy Damage From 170-MPH Hurricane

Hurricane Allen brought a "real scare" to the Eagle Lake area however, fortunately this area felt little influence from the hurricane with gusty winds and intermittent light rain the only evidence of the terrible and destructive storm.

Mayor Elmer Struss and Civil Defense Director Ed Tate and Assistant CD director Alvin Kohnlel called a meeting of city department heads, school and hospital personnel and others on Thursday morning to initiate plans for the possible arrival of Allen in the Gulf Coast area. During the meeting it was decided that five shelters would be opened for local and visiting evacuees if necessary. They included the gymnasium of the local schools, the Community Center, First Baptist Church and the Winterman Warehouse; however, none of the shelters became necessary and the civil defense director stated that no evacuees were quartered here. The only exception was that 13 residents of the Bay City Nursing Home were brought to the Heritage House here for the period of the danger.

County Fair In 'Back Stretch', Events Added; Deadlines Cited

In an appearance before this week's Commissioners' Court, Colorado County Fair Co-General Chairman Tom Northrup distributed packets to members of the Court and announced that the 1980 Fair is moving into the back stretch with only thirty days left until opening day.

Northrup indicated that while the Fair officially opens September 11 with a parade through downtown Columbus and family night at the Carnival, it is extremely important that all Fair exhibitors realize that pre-registration is being required in most competitive events.

Youth entries for the Livestock Show are required to be submitted to their Ag teacher, 4-H leader, county agent, Dr. Rugsley, Livestock Department chairman, or to Dr. Barn, Livestock Department officer-director, by August 15.

Entries in the Home Economics Department are due August 29. These may be turned in at the County Extension Office or to their Division Chairman.

The Art Show entries must be turned in at the County Extension Office, to Mary Helting or Pam Potter, Fine Arts Department chairman, by September 1.

Action of this nature is necessary in order that final preparations may be made for the respective events and space requirements considered.

Northrup indicated that the 1980 Livestock Show will be substantial and that virtually every other event will surpass 1979 in numbers of entries. Considering the effort necessary to prepare an entry for exhibition, the point is stressed that entries cannot be accepted after the appropriate date.

Gas Advisory Committee

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absence of the committee chairman Harold Thomas who was recovering equipment from Port O'Connor due to the approaching hurricane.

The mayor reviewed the four alternatives on which the group voted.

Rates Discussed

The group had hoped to have some assurance from Extel relative to the rates which might be expected if the gas system was sold to that company. Mr. Hinds explained that further study of the customers serviced by the system, 1980 in all, will have to be made before a definite commitment could be made.

He noted that a survey of residential and commercial customers. The city of Eagle Lake currently classifies some businesses (137 in all) as commercial customers but bills 126 of them on a residential rate basis.

Operation Cost Pass-Through

He noted that most cities serviced in the area (with the exception of El Campo) an agreement has been reached on an automatic pass-through of an automatic increase in rates on a semi-annual basis. This pass-through cost of service adjustment averages 35¢ per customer per month per year, explained Hinds.

Hinds indicated that the company would open an office here with a full-time service representative and also a full-time employee in a collection office. Repairs and maintenance improvements would be made by company personnel stationed at Richmond and El Campo. He added that the firm did not generally do merchandising (sale of appliances) in cities where good appliance sales and services are offered.

In question from Mayor Struss about the rate of tax adjustment which might be expected if the sale were consummated, Hinds said that in other cities serviced by Extel the average assessment for purpose of the rate runs from \$120 to \$225 per meter or an average of \$150 to \$165 per meter.

Safety First Consideration

Woody said that the first project of the company would be to make improvements to the hazards of leaking gas. The company would proceed with installation of cathodic protection on steel pipe which was judged to be safe and usable; and unrepairable pipe would be replaced with plastic pipe.

Former councilman Leonard Walker questioned the Extel officials about their franchise agreement with El Campo. They agreed that El Campo is one of the few cities where the pass-through increase in operation costs is not automatic. The company returns to the council in that city semi-annually for rate increases due to increasing costs of operation (mostly for increased cost of natural gas).

Rate Study Required

At the initial meeting, it has been reported to the committee that Extel would offer service here at the same rate as that in effect in El Campo, however Mr. Hinds pointed out that he could not give an accurate figure for costs of gas at this time until a further study of the classes of customers serviced by the system is made. He did concede that the rate structure here could be near that of El Campo (\$6.45 for the first 1000 cubic feet of gas), but the rates could run slightly more or slightly less once computer computations are made.

In response to an inquiry from Don Beady, Bell said that from past experience it might be a "good number of years" before the company would have to return here for a rate increase, provided however that the cost of

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Letters To The Editor

Directory Correction

The new telephone directory, just received, shows a classification on the yellow pages #23 Physicians-Chiropractic - See Chiropractors. I am sorry for the error by the telephone co. Chiropractors are not Physicians.

Vote District Be Required

After the vote on the recommendation to the council, Mayor Struss reported that it would not have to take bids for sale of the system, but it would have to be brought to a vote of the qualified resident voters of the City of Eagle Lake. The council would have to issue a call for the election at least fifteen days prior to the actual election date.

Recommendation to the Council

The recommendation to the council to dispose of the system was made contingent on the fact that a reasonable and logical agreement would be reached between the city and the council in that city semi-annually for rate increases due to increasing costs of operation (mostly for increased cost of natural gas).

Real Estate Deeds

Deed, Robert L. Dabney Jr. et al. to E. E. Wells et al. undivided interest 60.9 Acres Gen. W. Wright Survey 6-17-80.

Deed, Morris E. Ponder et al. to Robert L. Wells et al. 0.5 Acres P. Reel's Survey 6-19-80.

GARWOOD AND NADA COMMUNITY NEWS

MRS. J. F. STRUSKA - 758-3352

Attend Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waligura and son Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Detling of El Campo and Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Crane attended the Zapala-Minarik and Marek Reunion at the St. John's Center in Fayetteville last Sunday.

Attend Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ray visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Heard in Bowie, Texas this past weekend. While there they also attended the wedding of the Heards' daughter, En route to Bowie they visited their daughter, Beth, and son, Rick, at their home in Bowie.

Attend Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. John Albrecht and Mrs. Tim and Lyn of Amarillo visited Mrs. Albrecht's mother, Mrs. Hubert Swoboda, and other relatives and friends here. They spent from Wednesday through Sunday.

Attend Wedding

Lena and Mrs. Jimmie Brinkley of Waco visited Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Raymond Hunt.

Attend Wedding

Mrs. Dale Hunt and daughter, Renee and Russell, visited Mrs. Hunt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shofner, the past weekend.

Comm. Court Re-Invests \$292,100

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in session Monday, approved the reinvestment of \$292,100 in funds, budgeted for use in the 1980 fiscal year, in a 90-day certificate of deposit to draw 14.11% interest - until such time as the funds are needed to be spent.

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Miss Janis Schott and Jim Waddell were honored with a Sunday Brunch at noon Sunday, August 10 at the Farris 1912.

Hosting the event were Messrs. and Mesdames George Causey, C. E. Evert, J. L. McCreary, Bill Harrison, J. R. Thomas, R. R. Wells, Jr., Alvin Wieser and Walter Meacham, Jr. Mrs. Anna Loesslein and Earl Rodgers.

Annette Galow Honored At Tea Shower

Miss Annette Galow of Garwood, bride-elect of Jeff Wind of Garwood, was honored with a Tea Shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lehrer.

Hostesses for the pre-nuptial courtesy were Mrs. Harry Engstrom, Mrs. W. F. Jones, Mrs. Duane Kallies, Mrs. Paul Lehrer, Mrs. William N. Lehrer, Mrs. Franklin Pavlick, Mrs. F. R. Priemeyer, Mrs. Melvin Rees, Mrs. Joe Seifert, Mrs.

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H.E.C.E. Student Trainee

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EGYPT NEWS

(Mrs. B. H. Toller)

Mrs. George Krenke, Jr. with her sister, Miss Margaret Zahn of Hungerford, spent Tuesday of the past week in Houston.

Texas SE Gas Ups Rates Under Bond

Texas Southeastern Gas Company announced Monday that the Railroad Commission of Texas approved a rate increase for natural gas service.

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