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Officer

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is a certified officer with special training at the Department of Public Safety Identification School and in Basic Fingerprinting at Brazosport Junior College. She began work in law enforcement with the West Columbia police department, then with the Clute Police Department, later with Matagorda and Angleton police departments.

City Manager Bob Klockman said Tuesday that Travis comes to Eagle Lake "with the highest of recommendations." He added that the city has had a real need for a woman police officer to work with women offenders. "Her experience in law enforcement work and especially in communications should be a real asset to the city," said Klockman.

Eagle Lake Police Chief Jimmie Smith presented a badge to the new officer Tuesday afternoon and she began duties with the department Tuesday evening. Smith said that she will carry on all regular functions of a city patrol officer, and he too expressed pleasure in having someone with the qualifications of Travis to join his staff.

She will fill a vacancy on the department's staff created by the resignation Sept. 1st of Patrolman Richard Saunders who reportedly has accepted a position with the Longview police department.

Other regular officers on the staff include patrolmen Lupe Villarreal Jr. and Larry Hill.

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No Parking

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man reported to the council that the total bill for the six injured firemen in the June 28th explosion will amount to about $69,000, most of which goes to Brooke Army Medical Center for the two firemen who were patients there for over a month.

Payment of the bills is being delayed until individual insurance claims have been settled. It is anticipated that Eagle Lake Cable TV's insurance will cover about 80 percent of employee Lane Voelcker's bill. It is also anticipated that homeowner's insurance of the property owner where the explosion took place will pay $500 toward each of the six victim's bills.

It was noted at the council meeting that money collected through the FIRE Fund will not be used for any medical expenses but will go toward living expenses incurred by families while the men were unable to work. All medical expenses not covered by insurance will be paid by the city through capital outlay funds.

Traffic Signal

Klockman also reported that the State Highway Department has asked the city to reconsider its request for a traffic signal at East Main Street and FM 102 South (near the East Main Mobil Station). The State, which agrees that a signal is needed in the area, suggested that one be located instead at Allen St. and East Main since the offsetting street and railroad crossing at FM 102 South would cause multiple problems. Mayor Struss and the council agreed that the signal would be more effective at the Highway 90A - FM 102 intersection and they will ask the State Highway Dept. to reconsider its proposal.

Many Items Stolen From New Ulm Home

Colorado County sheriff's department investigated the entry of the Darrel Hill home on New Ulm Rd. after a report on the burglary at 11:15 p.m. Sat., Aug. 30th. Officers found that entry was gained by prying open the front door. Taken in the burglary were a tool jray with assorted wrenches and socket wrenches, a skil saw, a tool box with assorted socket sets, a pocket knife, a flashlight and batteries, a Weed Eater, lawn chairs, five rods and reels, a tackle box, a filing cabinet, assorted household items including a microwave oven, a portable AM-FM radio and about $4 to $5 in change.

Mr. Hill estimated his total loss at $3000. The burglary apparently occurred between 5:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday while Hill was away from the house.

Gas System

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with the city council Tuesday night of last week.

Represented at the council meeting by Bill Hinds, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Distribution, and Guy Dawkins, newly appointed Vice President and Texas Coast Division Manager, Entex has indicated that it would pay the city $100,000 for the system and added a guarantee that no rate change would be made for three years. Residential rates, under Entex ownership, would be about 50c higher than current gas rates with small commercial rates experiencing a higher rate than that. The rates would be comparable to the Entex owned gas system in El Campo, officials indicate.

It was noted at the meeting that if the city were to maintain ownership, gas rates would have to be increased and would probably be higher than those proposed by Entex.

Entex proposed a 30-year franchise to operate the system and indicated that it would locate in Eagle Lake an office with a gas company expert and office manager. All construction projects would be done by Entex crews out of the Richmond-Rosenberg office, proposed the representatives.

Four hundred eighty cities in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi are currently served by the Entex system which includes 1,150,000 customers. The Houston metropolitan area accounts for 550,000 of those customers.

"Eagle Lake will have as good a supply of natural gas as any town in Texas," proposed the Entex officials if they purchase the system. "We have never had to curtail any city's supply and foresee no problem in this century."

A notice of the election may be found on page 9 of this issue.

HOSPITAL News Notes

Patients (Sept. 1):

Eagle Lake: Edwena Peroni, Joe Strouhal, Charlia Allen, Clarence Grace, Rosemary Waddell, Ben Castillo, Leo Luna, Elsie Andreas, Jose Dominguez;

Rock Island: Antonio Rodriguez; from Columbus: Judy Heintschel.

Dismissals:

Eagle Lake: Leandro Martinez, Augustine Ramirez, Selena Cobin, Adolpho Saucedo, Lorenzo Israel, Shelia Wright, Purdis Grounds, Olivia Garcia, Clara Lee, Mary Norris, Vera Brown, Adolf Hollas, Juan M. Valles;

Garwood: Geneva Shoop, Robbin Upton, Emil Pieprzyca, Jeanette Stallman; from Rock Island: Luther Alford; from Columbus: Bernadine Cedillo, Clay Bradberry; from Hockley: Robert Allen Cook; from Alleyton: Hillie J. Kretzschmar; from Wallis: Marie Hogan and Baby Girl; from El Campo: Mallory Leslie and Baby Boy; from Giddings: Lorene Penn; from Houston: Wilma Gordon; from Altair: Shirley Labay and Baby Girl, George Johnson; from Sheridan: Mary J. Berna, Maria Navarro and Baby Girl, Elizabeth Fuller; from Bloomington: Roy Stubblefield; from Weimar: Mary Kobesky; from Louise: Mary Turner; from East Bernard: Carlos Reyes, Margaret Toeffner.

COMING SCHOOL EVENTS

EL Primary Room Mothers' Meeting Next Monday

All mothers who have children in the Eagle Lake Primary School are urged to attend the organizational meeting on Monday, September 8th in order that plans can be made for the class parties this year, announces Principal H. M. Benge.

The Halloween party will be Oct. 31, the Christmas party on Dec. 19, and the Valentine party on Feb. 13.

The meetings will begin at 2:45 p.m. in each child's homeroom.

Oakland Man Confesses To Garwood Theft

The arrest of an Oakland, Texas man, Richard Eugene Eaton, 27, in Matagorda County has apparently solved a burglary of the Garwood Lumber Co. on May 20th of this year.

On Thurs., Aug. 28th the county sheriff's department received word that Eaton had been arrested in Matagorda County on a charge of armed robbery. Eaton also confessed to the Garwood burglary.

Officers are attempting to recover a number of guns taken in the burglary and hope to recover all of the items taken in the Garwood Lumber Co. burglary.

Eaton was given a term of 30 years in the Texas Department of Corrections on the charge of armed robbery in Matagorda County. He had been previously convicted on charges in this county.

Indictments

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carrying a weapon on licensed premises, was returned against Harold Stanley Andrews, charged with displaying a pistol in Jack's Restaurant and Coffee Shop in Eagle Lake on Aug. 23, 1980.

Aggravated assault was charged against Bernardino C. Cedillo for allegedly hitting Constable Joe Dusek of Weimar on July 19, 1980; and also against Billy Zickuhr for use of a rifle to threaten the life of Leroy Muesse in an incident in Alleyton June 8, 1980.

Russell J. Jesernig was indicted for tampering with a witness for allegedly intent to influence a witness in an Austin County rape trial being held in which he was the defendant. He allegedly attempted to influence a young girl who was a victim in the attack.

Raymond Geary was indicted for theft of a 1973 Chevrolet auto from Christopher Manuel on July 29, 1980; and against James Carl Royal for theft of a 1970 dump truck from Dean Word Construction Co., James Cook owner, on June 10, 1980; and R. R. La Grange was charged with theft of a rifle from Henry Beyer of Weimar June 27, 1980.

Forgery Charges

Four indictments for forgery were returned, two against Isaac Smith for passing a forged instrument July 3, 1980 in the amount of $200 to Grace Tiletta, an employee of Brookshire Bros. in Columbus and also for forgery of a $200 check to George Taylor, owner of The Place in Columbus July 30, 1980; and two against Wanda Moore. She is charged with passing a forged instrument to George Taylor on Aug. 11, 1977; and another to Grace Tiletta of Brookshire Bros. on July 3, 1980 in the amount of $820.50.

Welfare Check Frauds

Six indictments were returned for unlawfully appropriating funds from the Texas Department of Human Resources.

They included: Kathleen Glenn for accepting $389 in Public Assistance Treasury Warrants from the period Mar. 1, 1979 to July 30, 1980; Ella Mae Toliver for accepting $2,148 in food stamps for the period Oct. 1, 1977 to May 31, 1979; Phoebis Huffman for accepting $487 in aid to dependent checks and $814 in food stamps from Jan. 1, 1979 to Dec. 31, 1979;

Also, Susie Booker for $309 in aid to dependent children's checks from May 31, 1979 to July 31, 1979; Susie M. Booker for $331 in food stamps from April 30, 1979 to July 31, 1979; and Willie Mae Johnson for checks received from Nov. 1, 1978 to April 30, 1979.

Pleas on the charges will be heard by District Judge B. B. Schraub in District Court on Monday, Sept. 15th.

ELMS Parents' Night Open House Tues.

The Eagle Lake Middle School will hosts its third Parents' Night Open House on Tuesday, September 9, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. All teachers will be in their respective rooms during this time span to visit with parents of the school's student body.

This activity was planned by the school's staff because of their desire to become better acquainted with the parents of the students whom they teach. Only ELMS students and their parents are invited to attend stated Principal James Crabb.

On the Record

Real Estate

Deed, Howard C. Johnson et ux to Joe Lee Foster et ux parcel of land in G. W. White Survey 8-8-80.

Deed, Athal Rasco Wood et ux to Fuller Rogers et ux 200 Ft. X 180 Ft. James Tumlinson League 8-5-80.

Deed, Veterans' Land Board to Donald Dee Dennis 16.161 Acres J. H. Burton Survey 8-8-80.

Deed, Fort Bend Federal Savings & Loan Assn. of Rosenberg to Purtis Grounds et ux parcel of land in G. W. White Survey 6-18-80.

Deed, Charles A. Bawel et ux to R. C. Macaulay Lots 27 & 28 Blk. 3 City of Weimar, Texas 7-30-80.

Deed, Peter John Schuette to Stacy [illegible] et ux 17.594 Acres Wm. Hudgeons Survey 8-7-80.

Deed, LaVerne Kallina et al to Anthony V. Kallina, Ind. Executor of the Estate of Lucy Anna Kallina deceased undivided interest tracts of land in G. N. RR. Co. Survey et al et different Counties 8-12-80.

Deed, Jack Floyd Leyendecker et al to Paul Townley Moritz et ux 1.38 Acres Thomas Morris Survey 8-13-80.

Gift Deed, Ewald Meyer to Herbert Aschenbeck et al 1.06 Acres Rawson Alley League 8-14-80.

Deed, Columbus Investment Corporation to Rudy Medrano et ux 9.97 Acres Phillip Bugler Survey 8-9-80.

Deed, Gift Deed, Mary Lee Rainer to Austin O. Bouldwin et al parcel of land in H. Austin Five League 8-6-80.

Deed, Charles Jimmy Crum Jr. et ux to Elo Kotrla et ux 10.30 Acres S. M. Williams Survey 8-14-80.

Oil, Gas Leases

Lease, C. W. Kearney et ux to Joe E. Smith 150 Acres D. Gilleland Survey 7-8-80.

Lease, Rowana Walker Monahan to Cico Oil & Gas Co. 221.62 Acres C. C. Herbert Survey 7-8-80.

Lease, Daniel J. Patey to Ponexco Incorporated 10 Acres Peter K. Bartleson Survey 7-18-80.

Deed, Potter Development LTD. et al to Velma Inc. 2.266 Acres J. Hadden Survey 8-7-80.

Pete Unkel

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vehicle went off the left side of the highway and made a half of a roll stopping on its top. Mr. Unkel was brought to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Trooper Bill Schuette of the license and weights division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, investigated the accident.

Funeral services were held for Unkel at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2nd from the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with the Rev. Father Tom Hanus, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, officiating. Interment followed in the Cheetham Cemetery near Sheridan. Serving as pallbearers were: Charles DeShazo, William C. Gohlke, David Gohlke, Pete Peterson, Elmer Enloe and Howard Criswell.

Peter Paul Unkel was born July 13, 1913 in Welsh, Louisiana, the son of P. P. and Lyda Arceneaux Unkel. He and Miss Josie Elliott were united in marriage in Eagle Lake on Nov. 21, 1940. The family lived in Eagle Lake on several occasions but had been residing in Sheridan for quite some time.

Unkel served in the United States Navy, with the Seabees, seeing considerable duty in the Pacific as a heavy duty equipment operator in constructing bases and airfields during World War II. He received several commendations for outstanding service in this field.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Josie Unkel of Sheridan; a sister, Mrs. Lynn Davis of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and a brother, Francis P. Unkel of Greenville, Miss.; three nephews and one niece and other relatives and friends.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of this loved one.

Ike Etheridge is serving as a special security officer in the temporary drive-in facilities of First National Bank for the next several weeks. Ike is a special deputy with the Colorado County sheriff's department.

A welcome this week to Eagle Lake's first policewoman, Linda Gail Travis, who began duties here as a patrolman on Tuesday evening.

Beverly Marquart is the new face at the Gulf Coast Savings and Loan Association branch office in Eagle Lake. Beverly (Mrs. Allan Marquart) was formerly employed at the First National Bank.

Construction is well underway on a beautiful new home for Mr. and Mrs. Simon Landry on Partridge Lane in the Meadowbrook Addition. Kollmann Contracting Co. of Columbus is in charge of the construction.

Florence (Mrs. Fred) Henske has resumed part-time operation of the Thriftyman Service Station on Boothe Drive. She continues her regular duties at Ugarte Clinic in Eagle Lake but opens the Thriftyman in her off-duty hours.

Mrs. Bob (Margaret) Curry spent Sunday through Friday in the Methodist Hospital in Houston undergoing some tests. It was good to see her in the downtown area Tuesday.

Friends in the community who have had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Wilbur (Eunice) Hoffman of Houston, will be happy to hear that she is recuperating nicely in the Park Plaza Hospital in Houston following surgery on Thursday of last week. She was due to be moved from intensive care to a room early this week. Mrs. Hoffman has visited here often with the Editor and Mrs. Fred R. Frnka.

Everyone had nothing but high praise for the new Priesmeyers department store in Wharton during the preview showing Wednesday and the grand opening Thursday through Saturday. Of interest is the fact that Friedrich Priesmeyer did most if not all of the woodwork in the outstanding new business in Wharton.

Tom Reed was here for a week-end visit with his parents, the Joe S. Reeds, and had as his guests three out of state friends. Tom invited his friends to Texas for the University of Texas-Arkansas football game played Monday. They became acquainted while Tom was studying in England.

The guests included Fred Gilckman of Montgomery Village, Maryland; Jim DeMerlis of Los Angeles, California; and Ron Crumlish of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sammy Tise and son Bert reported killing a large rattlesnake just a short distance from their home in the Sublime area during the holiday weekend. Some dogs cornered thesnake near a tree and it was killed. The snake was 4 feet and 10½ inches long and about 8 inches around with nine rattles and two buttons.

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1980-81 Rice High School Twirlers

Pictured above are the 1980-81 Rice High School twirlers and drum major who will be leading the Rice Raider Band. They are: standing left to right, majorette Renee Hunt; Michele Sibley, drum major; and majorette DeLoslya Valenta; kneeling left to right, majorettes Lisa Cormas and Michaelanne Hefner.

These pretty young ladies have been working very hard this past summer preparing themselves for the exciting football season ahead. The girls attended the University of Houston Drum Major Twirling Camp July 13-17. They have also devoted many hours to practicing after school. By Jenny Lee Griffith, Rice Raider Review-RR Photo.

City Asks County To Declare Acre Of Land Surplus Prop.

Wants Quit Claim To Acre To Negotiate For Written Easements

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, after an hour-long discussion, decided to table a request from the City of Eagle Lake to declare an acre of land in the city limits, and now deeded to the State of Texas, as surplus property so that title to the land could be conveyed to the county and quit claimed to the city and then back to the former owner Louis Kohleffel [illegible] the city could obtain written easements involved at the site.

Mayor Elmer Struss, City Councilmen Alvin Kohleffel and Ralph Truly and City Manager Robert Klockman met with the court Monday morning and asked the court to "honor its surplus resolution of March 14, 1966, so that action can be taken to convey the one acre tract to the abutting property owner."

The Department of Highways and Public Transportation acquired the one acre tract out of an original four acre tract which was sold by Adah M. Wintermann to Kohleffel on Feb. 10, 1967 as possible right of way for a Highway 90A bypass around Eagle Lake. The by-pass was considered in the early 1930's but was later abandoned. The Eagle Lake officials pointed out that on March 8, 1966 the City of Eagle Lake passed a resolution declaring the one acre tract as surplus and the Commissioners' Court passed a similar resolution on March 14, 1966.

City Seeks Easements

The one acre tract fronts on Highway 90A and is a long, narrow plot of land surrounded on three sides by the remaining three acres owned by Kohleffel and is on an angle with the present highway. By declaring the acreage surplus, it was the intention that the title to the acre be conveyed by the State to the County and a quit claim issued to the City of Eagle Lake which could then convey the land to Kohleffel for certain written easements.

The primary interest of the city in the matter is to obtain badly needed easements (in writing since they apparently had been given before verbally only) for city utility lines under the property, for a drainage ditch and for a four-foot right of way inside the curb which now crosses property owned by Kohleffel. The State reportedly has an interest in the drainage easement to move water from the area where Farm to Market Road 3013 crosses

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2nd Fair Will Be Bigger, Better Than Ever Before

Parade at 6 PM Thurs. In Columbus, Ribbon Cutting At 7 P.M.

The Second Annual Colorado County Fair is set to kick-off with an opening parade this Thursday, Sept. 11th and following will be three full days of activities, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12, 13 and 14.

The Fair, the second to be held in this county in over fifty years, promises to be bigger and better than ever. A complete schedule of events, admissions, entertainment, etc. may be found in a special Fair Section in this issue.

Thursday night is billed as Family Night at the Fair and the evening's activities will open with a parade at 6:00 p.m. followed by the official opening and ribbon cutting at 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Community Center.

Admission to the Family Night activities Thursday will be free and there will be special prices at the carnival attractions.

The admission gates at the Community Center, Armory and the Livestock Arena, will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Friday will be Senior Citizens Day with free admission for the senior citizens.

Admission Fees

Admission to the Fair will be $1.00 for students and $2.00 for adults. Pre-schoolers and Fair Association members will be admitted free. Members will need to present their membership card at the main gate in front of the Veterans Community Center in order to obtain badges (limit of 4 to family) which will be good for admission to all events of the Fair with the exception of the dances to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Admission to the dances will be $3.00 per person.

Over 700 entries have been made in the Home Economics division which will be held in the Armory; there will be many entries in all other events of the Fair as described in more detail in the special Fair Section of this issue. There will also be many commercial exhibits and food and drink booths that should satisfy the taste-buds of all ages.

Many items will be offered for sale in a Country Store; and also there will be an auction of blue ribbon and rosette winners (except livestock) from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the Veterans Community Center.

There will be Little and Junior Mr. and Miss competition in the Veterans Community Center at 10 a.m. Saturday; preliminary judging in the Queen's contest at 3 p.m. and the final judging at 8 p.m. A Youth Fashion Revue will be an event at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

In the livestock area, there will be open horse show competition beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday; Jackpot Roping beginning at 5 p.m.

Fiedel-Fest Sat. and Sun.

Also expected to draw much interest will be a Fiedel-Fest in the Veterans Community Center featuring some of the best fiddlers in the area in competition. The preliminary competition will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday; and the finals from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Sunday will feature Go Texan activities including the BBQ Cook-off and Hay Hauling competition. There will also be Hide Pull and relay racing in the livestock area, beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Many, many committemen and women are completing plans for the event under the direction of the Co-General Chairmen Tom and Katie Northrup of Freiburg. Bill Harrison, Jr. of Eagle Lake is president of the Fair Association this year.

They and other officers, directors and committee-persons invite you to come to the Fair and enjoy the many attractions, exhibits, contests and other activities which have been planned for the event.

A free parking area will be provided adjacent to Gibson's across Highway 90 from the Veterans Community Center.

Raiders Travel To Hallettsville For Non-Dist. Battle Fri., 8 P.M.

The Rice Raiders will try to make it two-in-a-row this Friday as they travel to Hallettsville to take on the highly ranked Brahmas in a non-district football contest beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Both teams chalked up wins in their season openers last Friday with Rice defeating La Grange 21 to 6 and Hallettsville knocking off Schulenburg 48 to 6.

Hallettsville ranked as high as number two in Class AAA in one State high school football poll, have the nucleus of last year's Regional-qualifying team back. Rice lost to the Brahmas at Raider Stadium last year 20 to 7.

Advance Tickets for the contest are available at Rice High School with student tickets on sale for $1.50 and reserved seats for $2.50.

Two games will be played Thursday at Rice High School with the Raider freshmen hosting Hallettsville at 5:30 and the Rice junior varsity battling the Brahmas at 7:00 p.m.

Also Thursday night, the Eagle Lake Middle School seventh and eighth grade Raiders will scrimmage in Hallettsville starting at 5:30 p.m.

Meet Friday On Drought Loss Aid

Farmers and ranchers who have suffered losses due to the drouth are invited to meet with FmHA and SBA representatives.

Representatives of these agencies will explain how these agencies can assist producers who have been hurt financially by adverse weather.

The meeting will be held 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 12 at the KC Hall on Fulton Street in Wharton. It is being sponsored by the Wharton County ASCS Committee.

Directions to the KC Hall may be obtained at the Agricultural Building in Wharton.

Heavy Rains In Area Break Drouth

Heavy rains during the past week, as a result of tropical disturbance Danielle, broke the long summer drouth in this area. The Eagle Lake area received up to four inches of rain with three reported in some areas, and less in others.

The lake plant of the Lakeside Irrigation Co. measured 2.96 inches from the period Tuesday of last week through Monday of this week to bring the total rainfall this year to 18.54 inches well below the average.

The rice experiment station west of the city measured 3.53 inches during the same period.

The lake plant's measurements so far in 1980 include: Jan., 2.90; Feb., 1.82; Mar., 2.74; April, .37; May, 6.27; June, .08; July, .74; Aug., .66; and so far in Sept., 2.96.

$2,190,811 Co. Budget Approved With Changes

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, following a public hearing Monday afternoon in the county courtroom, approved a $2,190,811 budget for the year of 1981, down 4.5 percent or $104-006.39 from what the county is expected to spend this year. The budget was filed Aug. 29th by County Judge Lester J. Cranek after members of the Commissioners' Court, Judge Cranek and Auditor M. L. Briscoe had discussed thoroughly all aspects of the 1981 budget at a workshop held on Monday afternoon, August 25th. The 1981 budget was approved with some deletions and additions, including the addition of a combination secretary for the state health nurse's office and ambulance accountant; purchase an audio meter for use of the health nurse; increased an allocation for Mental Health-Mental Retardation work in this county after having sliced the allocation in half during the preliminary session; and funds for additional activities of the County Tax Office in establishing 100% market values on properties in 1981.

Delegations Appear

A number of persons attended the public hearing on the budget in support of the nurse'sserctary and the MH-MR program.

Health Nurse Bernice Richter and Dr. Nina Sisley, director of Region 11 for the Texas Department of Health, were present to seek the secretary for the nurse. An annual report was presented by the health nurse showing that 6914 clients were given service during the past year. Of these, 1002 were for immunizations, 755 for hypertension tests, 478 for TB tests, 492 for vision and 492 for hearing tests, 530 for diabetes, and others.

Dr. Sisley urged assistance for the health nurse in order that she could make more contacts afield. She stressed the importance of "making people aware of caring for themselves."

The commissioners' court had tabled action in the August meeting on the hiring of an ambulance accountant and decided in the session Monday to hire a secretary for the health nurse's office in the Columbus city hall but combined the position with the ambulance accountant's position at a salary of $6968.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles, appointed by Judge Lester J. Cranek last month to come up with a plan for collection of ambulance accounts, reported that the units in the county average 12 calls a week and said that the collections could be done with a half day of work each week. He withdrew however objections and complaints about the method of collection which had been done previously in the county judge's office.

Judge Cranek noted that the 1981 budget expects $29,000 in revenue from

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Mobile Home, Contents Destroyed By Fire Thurs.

A fire destroyed a two bedroom mobile home owned by Ralph Walker and under rent to the Alvin Faichtinger family, and all contents on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Cause of the fire has not been determined. Eagle Lake firemen were called to the scene and managed to save a self-contained camper owned by the Faichtingers next to the mobile home, however the mobile home and contents were reported to be a total loss.

Mrs. Faichtinger, secretary at the Rice High School, had been home for lunch and there was no sign of fire at that time.

Garwood firemen came to the scene to assist but the fire was under control by Eagle Lake firemen by that time.

The mobile home was located in Walker's trailer park near a car wash on Highway 71 just south of Altair.

The Faichtingers lost all personal belongings in the home at that time. They commended the firemen for their fine work in saving their trailer and in their efforts to save the mobile home in which they had been living and their personal belongings.

Rice School Bd. OK's Veh. Insurance Bid

The board of education of the Rice Consolidated School District met in regular session Monday night and approved the bid of Eagle Lake and Strickland Insurance Agency to provide insurance on school-owned vehicles for the next year at a cost of $4,145; and heard a report from Eagle Lake Middle School Principal James Crabb on disciplinary measures in effect this year at that school.

Bids for insurance on the school-owned vehicles were opened with the Eagle Lake and Strickland bid the lowest of two bids on items as submitted by the bid notice. The only other bidder was the W. M. Thomas Jr. Insurance Agency and the firm bid $4,395 for comparable coverage.

Thomas also offered alter-

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Grounds Given 2 Yrs. In TDC For Burglary

Jimmy Grounds, 25-year-old Black man of Eagle Lake, was assessed two years in the Texas Department of Corrections last Wed., Sept. 3rd on a charge of burglary of the Duncan and Son store in Eagle Lake on Jan. 15th. Grounds entered a plea of guilty to the charge on July 31st. He had been indicted on the charge by the grand jury on Feb. 4th.

Sentencing was pronounced by District Judge E. W. Patteson.

Absentee Vote Ends Tues. In Gas Election Sept. 20

Absentee voting is underway and will continue through Tuesday, Sept. 16th in the election called by the Eagle Lake City Council on Saturday, September 20th on the proposal to sell the city's gas distribution system. Absentee votes may be cast in the Municipal Building from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

The election was ordered by the council in order to determine the taxpayers' wishes on the sale of the gas system in lieu of expensive repairs to the city in order to bring the system up to state and federal standards.

Entex has indicated interest in purchase of the system and has offered to pay the city $100,000 and proposes to use rates similar to those in El Campo ranging about 50c per month higher on minimum charges than are currently being charged for residential users here.

The council has pointed out however, in order to meet the standards required to keep the system operating, the council would be required to issue bonds and thereby increase rates accordingly. Since taking over the system three years ago the city has lost $200,000 on the operation due to leaking lines, faulty meters, etc.

Eagle Lake's 4 Entries In Fair Queen's Contest

These four pretty young ladies will represent Eagle Lake in the Colorado County Fair Queen's Contest which will be held this Saturday in the Veterans Community Center in Columbus. They are attired in special Colorado County Fair Queen contest blouses and blue jeans, the costume for all contestants. Left to right are: Pat Bradshaw, representing the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce; Carol Crabb, representing the Eagle Lake Lions Club; Jenny Griffith, representing Johnny's Sport Shop; and Mary McIntosh, representing the Eagle Lake Rotary Club.

Pat is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bradshaw; Carol's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Crabb; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mattson III are parents of Jenny; and Mary's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob McIntosh.

Pam Cranek, daughter of County Judge and Mrs. Lester J. Cranek of Garwood, will compete for the title of County Fair Queen Saturday as an entry of the Garwood Lions Club.

1980 County Fair Opens Thurs.