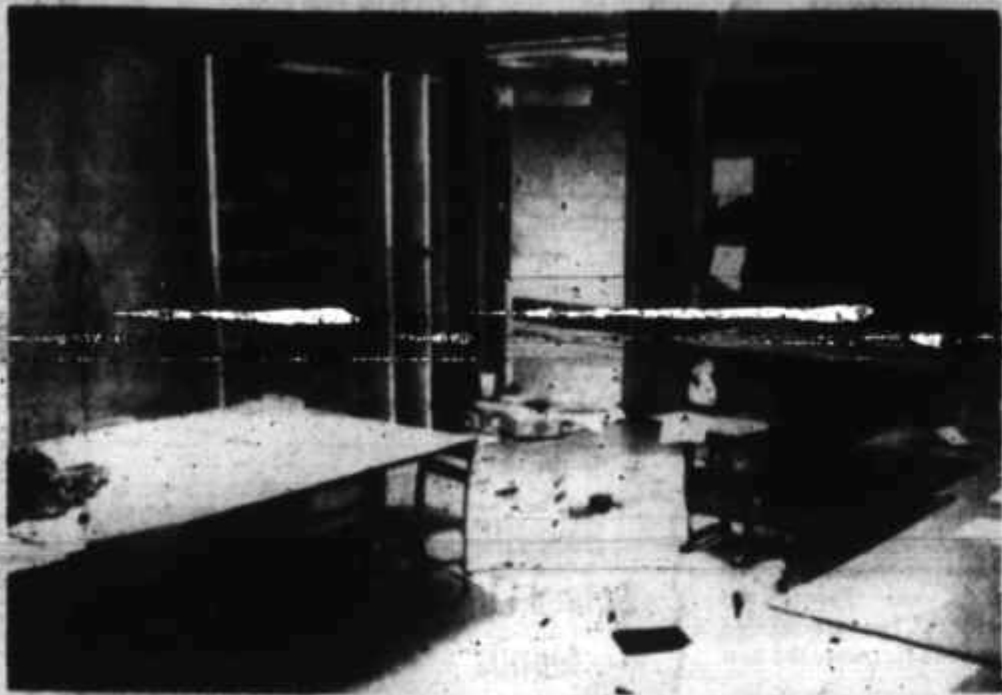


Malicious Vandalism At EL Primary School



Shown above is a little bit of the heavy damage done by vandals at the Eagle Lake Primary School some time during the weekend. As noted, desk drawers and cabinets were dumped onto the floor, windows and mirrors broken, and a

typewriter and computer and monitor, damaged and some items stolen during the case of malicious vandalism. ELPS Principal Major Bengt took this picture shortly after the entry was found when he arrived at the school early Monday morning.

Vandals Do Heavy Damage At School

Burglars broke into the Eagle Lake Primary School sometime during the weekend, probably Sunday night, and did extensive damage, estimated at over \$2,000 in almost all portions of the main building on the Primary School campus on E Street in the "Flat" section of the city.

Eagle Lake police are conducting an extensive investigation of the burglary and malicious vandalism and have some suspects but late Tuesday no arrests had been made. It is believed that juveniles were involved in the vandalism.

Primary School principal Major Bengt found the "mess" when he arrived at the school at 7:30 a.m. Monday. It is believed that entry was made by jimmying a window or by breaking out a window and then opening another window from the inside, on the southeast side of the main building.

According to Bengt, entry was made into the aides' room and then into the hall. The vandals broke windows in three or four classroom doors and entered the rooms, dumping contents of desks,

cabinets, etc. onto the floor. Three large mirrors in a girls' restroom were broken out with what appeared to be a club or baseball bat.

Heaviest damage occurred to an IBM typewriter which the burglars knocked off upon entering the aides' room. In one room a brand new computer and monitor were damaged when they were thrown onto the floor.

The principal said that to date the only items found missing were two wastebaskets, one large desk drawer from a teacher's desk, two record players and a cassette. Damage was reported in all eleven classrooms in the building and three were in such condition that students had to be withheld from the rooms for over an hour while the debris was cleaned and investigation was conducted by the local officers.

Original investigation was started by patrolmen Lupe Villarreal and Linda Travis and Chief Jimmie Smith and Patrolman Larry Hill joined in the investigation upon returning to the city Tuesday after their day off Monday. Special officer Bill Chavis and other officers in the area are also assisting in the investigation.

Council Calls Sewer Plant Bond Election

Eagle Lake City Council, in special session Tuesday night, called a bond election for Saturday, Oct. 25th on the proposal to issue \$350,000 in tax bonds to finance the city's 25% of the costs of constructing a new sanitary sewer treatment plant to meet state and federal requirements.

Action to call the election was unanimous, after Mayor Elmer Struss and representatives of the city's financial advisor, Moroney, Beisner and Co. of Houston, reiterated the fact that no increase in utility rates or the tax rate would be necessary at this time. This is not withstanding unforeseen or exorbitant increases in costs of operating the city's water and sewer system.

The remaining 75% of the costs of the proposed \$1.2 million project (estimates by the engineering firm of Bernard Johnson of Houston) is expected to come from a federal grant.

The Texas Dept. of Water Resources has asked for a definite commitment on availability of the funds from

the city by early November in conjunction with the city's grant request, reported City Manager Bob Klockman. Hence the council adopted ordinances to call the election and to dedicate revenue from the water and sewer operations (after normal expenses and current bonding requirements) to payment of the proposed \$350,000 bond issue. The council also passed an ordinance to take advantage of Article 1106 of Vernon's Civil Statutes of Texas to "appropriate and apply the net revenues of its combined waterworks and sanitary sewer system to the payment of the bonds and interest."

Copies of the two ordinances will be published in full in the next issue of the Headlight.

Voting will be done Oct. 25th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the council room of the Municipal Building. H. E. Tate will be presiding judge.

Representing Moroney, Beisner and Co. at the meeting Tuesday were David Fetzer and Pete Fisher.

City To File For Another Com. Dev. Block Grant

[By Jeff Franks]

The Eagle Lake city council, in session last Tuesday, Sept. 25, decided on a split vote to make an application for a Community Development Block Grant which would provide funds for public works and housing rehabilitation in a designated area of the city, known locally as the "Rice Mill Area."

Community Development planners of LaPorte will file,

at a cost of \$2500, the city's application for \$850,000 in funds, the maximum grant offered by the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. The city did receive a grant in 1979 for a similar grant amounting to \$700,000 which was used for improvements in the Westmoreland (Flat) Addition.

If the city receives the 100 percent funding grant, funds

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Entex Took Over Gas System Thurs.

New Rate Schedule Is Announced

[By Jeff Franks]

Entex, Inc. assumed ownership of Eagle Lake's gas distribution system in a brief ceremony held in the council room of the Municipal Building last Thursday.

Bill Hinds, Senior Vice President and Manager of Operations for all Entex distribution, presented Mayor Elmer Struss with a check for \$100,000.00 after both men had signed the Franchise Ordinance, Bill of Sale and Rate Schedule, officially turning over ownership of the system to Entex.

City Councilmen Mike

Duarte, Roy Dean Van Nort, Alvin Kohleffel and Ralph Truly added their initials to the contract. (City councilman Gene Baker was unable to attend but had approved the ordinance and bill of sale the previous Tuesday night). City Manager Bob Klockman, city secretary Lucille Perry and city clerk Betsy Glaiser were also at the changeover ceremony.

Representing Entex were: George Hepburn, attorney; Charles Watson, District Operations Manager of Richmond; J. R. Moore, District Operations Manager of Houston; Guy Dawkins, Vice President and District Man-

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Mayor Accepts Check For Gas System



Senior Vice President and Manager of Operations for Entex, Inc., Bill Hinds (right) is shown handing Eagle Lake Mayor Elmer Struss a check for \$100,000.00. Entex, Inc.

possessed the gas distribution system from the city and handled the deal during a brief ceremony held last Thursday morning at the Municipal Building.

Trucks Explode Into Flames



Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen are shown in action working to control the raging fire which erupted following the head-on collision of two large truck-tractor units on Highway 90A two and a half miles west of Eagle Lake at 9 a.m. Friday. The flaming wreckage completely blocked Highway 90A from bridge railing to railing making it

difficult for the firemen to reach the second truck, a Blue Bonnet Express van truck. Shown above is the gravel truck which was heading west on 90A when the tragic collision occurred. Drivers of both trucks were ejected from their cabs and died instantly.

Two Killed In Fiery Truck Crash On 90A Friday

Raiders Open District Play In Waller Friday

Raider Fans Urged To Turn Waller Blue

The Rice Raiders will open their District 22AAA football season against pre-season district favorite Waller this Friday in Waller Stadium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Coach Clifton Darden and his upset-minded Raiders, after compiling a promising 2-1 non-district record, will be going into the contest against the Bulldogs (2-0-1) as 14 point underdogs.

It will be "Turn Waller Blue Night" as all Raider fans are urged to attend and to wear something blue to the game.

"Our Raiders have proven that they are contenders for the district title," said "Blue" campaign chairman Larry Wiese. "Let's show Rice we're behind them by wearing our colors this Friday in Waller and cheering them to a win."

Wiese urges all Raider fans to attend this Friday's very important district opener. The stadium seating capacity is 3000 and a good crowd is expected to be on hand from both teams so fans should plan to get there early to get

the best seats.

The Rice cheerleaders and Outriders will be on hand to lead cheers and the Mighty Raider Band and twirlers will provide music throughout the game and during their halftime performance.

Thursday's Games

The Rice junior varsity and freshman teams will host Waller at Raider Stadium beginning at 5:30; the Eagle Lake Middle School seventh and eighth grade teams will be in Waller for games starting at 5:30; and the Garwood-Sheridan Raiders will play in Louise at 5:00 p.m.

Schneider Injures Leg

The Rice Raiders football team got a jolt Tuesday on the eve of their district 22AAA opener with Waller when lineman John Schneider suffered a severe leg injury during a practice session. The injury was diagnosed as a dislocation of the small bone in his left ankle and a cast was applied. He was due to be examined by a specialist Wednesday. John, in his fourth year as a standout offensive and defensive performer for the Raiders, will be out of action for at least this Friday and possibly longer.

Trucks Meet Head-on On Canal Bridge 2 1/2 MI. W. of E.L.

Two truck drivers were killed instantly in a fiery head-on crash of two trucks on Highway 90A 2.5 miles west of Eagle Lake at 9:00 a.m. last Friday. The wreck was one of the most destructive seen here in quite some time and occurred on the bridge of the Lakeside Irrigation Co. canal crossing just west of the roadside park on Highway 90A.

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen rushed to the scene only to find both trucks completely enveloped in flames since the gas tanks on both trucks apparently exploded on impact. Because one of the trucks skidded sideways and completely blocked the entire roadway, the firemen had to use a portable pump which was placed into the canal for water for battling the blaze in the second truck. Garwood firemen were called to approach the wreck from the west but were notified that the situation was under control when the pump was put into action.

Highway Patrolman Sam Trammell of the Columbus station was investigating

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K.C.'s To Sell BBQ Chickens This Sunday

The Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus will sell barbecued chickens every first Sunday of the month, starting this Sunday, October 5th. You must reserve orders in advance by calling Andrew Harbich at 234-5334 during the day or Chuck Stephens at 234-5340 at night.

The chickens will be sold for \$3.00 for a whole chicken and \$1.75 for a half chicken and must be picked up at the K.C. Hall on Pendleton Street, next to the Perpetual Help rectory from 11 to 12:30. Orders must be placed by 12 noon the Saturday before each first Sunday of the month.

Lions Club Annual Carnival Saturday

Opens With Parade At 3 P.M.; Activities At Comm. Center

The Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club invites one and all to attend the annual Street Carnival which will be held this Saturday, Oct. 4th, at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Floats, marching bands, other marching and decorated units and commercial entries will be featured in the parade which will begin at 3 p.m., according to Bill Appelt and Major Bengt, parade chairmen.

The parade chairman said this week that late entries of all kinds are welcome. If you are not registered and would like to be in the parade, report to the Walnut Street area at least 30 minutes before parade time and you will be placed in the parade.

Trophies will be awarded and six classifications of judging will include: Civic, Commercial, Childrens (12 or under), Band, Individual, and Open.

The Lions will have for your entertainment and enjoyment a variety of booths and rides. There will be train rides and other rides for the kiddies, and a host of other booths for the entertainment of all ages.

Among the entertainment features will be a dunking stand and another feature of the carnival will be the bell-ringer machine where local citizens will be able to test their strength by swinging a large hammer in an effort to send a sliding plunger up to the ultimate



Miss Carol Crabb, the 1980-81 Queen for the Eagle Lake Lions Club, will reign at the parade opening the 1980 Street Carnival to be staged by the Eagle Lake Lions this Saturday. Miss Crabb, a Rice High School senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Crabb.

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There will be a food concession and cold drinks. Cotton candy and snow cones will also be available.

Parade Route

The parade route will be the same as that used for parades of the past starting on North McCarty, south to Main Street, then left to Lake Avenue, left on Lake Avenue to a dispersal between Church and State Streets.

A complete list of the parade entries to date may be found on the last page of this issue.

Proceeds will go to benefit many worthy projects supported by the Noon Lions.

County Sells Part Of Used A.C. Units

Colorado County Commissioners' Court met in special session on Wednesday of last week and sold part of the used air-conditioning units taken from the county courthouse to the Weimar School District.

The court had asked for bids for the 16 used units, but received only two bids. O. J. Peroni of Eagle Lake offered \$220 for the lot and Weimar School District offered \$25 for each of the 16 window units and \$50 each for three central units with heat pumps. After discussing the bids, the members of the court voted to sell half (or eight) of the window units to the Weimar District, but decided to keep the other eight for possible use in other county facilities, and also to keep the three central units for possible use at section. The sixteen units to be sold will be numbered and a coin toss will determine if the Weimar district will get the odd-numbered or even-numbered units, since some are in better condition than others.

The court heard a letter read by Frank Statz complaining of dust control

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