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Morgan Sorts Last Batch Of Mail



Clyde Morgan sorts his last batch of mail prior to his retirement from the United States Postal Service on Friday of last week.

Morgan had been employed with the United States Postal Service for over thirty years, 22 of which were served as the city's local mail carrier.

Eagle Lake City Mail Carrier Clyde Morgan Has Retired

Clyde Morgan officially retired from the United States Postal Service at the close of work last Friday, November 28th completing over 30 years of active service with the post office.

"Squint" as he is known to relatives and friends, will be celebrating his seventy-first birthday soon. He graduated from Eagle Lake High School with the Class of 1929. During World War II he served for three and one-half years with 31 months of duty overseas with the United States Air Force's transport command.

After his tour of duty with the Air Force he was employed for some time with the Texas Construction Materials Co., and began employment with the United States Post Office on July 1, 1950. The late W. E. McRee was postmaster at that time.

His first duty with the Post Office was as a substitute clerk and he also served as substitute rural mail carrier for two years.

When house-to-house de-

livery began in Eagle Lake in 1959, Morgan became the city's first full-time mail carrier and he has been carrying the mail, rain or shine, since that time. He has become a regular visitor to homes over the community for the past 22 years and his presence will be missed by his many friends and patrons along the route, but all join in extending best wishes to Squint and wife Loretta in their years of retirement.

In addition to his duties with the Postal Service, Squint has been a hunting guide at the Eagle Lake Rod and Gun Club (ever since he was in high school) and is one of the most respected and

accomplished duck hunting guides in the area. Now that he has retired he undoubtedly will have more time for more well-earned rest and recreation doing the things that he likes best, hunting and fishing.

New Postal Employee
Eagle Lake Postmaster Robert S. Martin said that a new employee for the local post office is expected to be named this week from the regular register of persons who had previously taken Civil Service examinations.

Ben Castillo will assume the position of full-time mail carrier. The new employee to be hired from the current Civil Service register will begin as substitute clerk in the local post office.

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Commr. Court Hearings On 2,4-D, Game Controls Monday

Colorado County Commissioners' Court has two public hearings set for next Monday, one at 10 a.m. on possible 2,4-D herbicide restrictions in the northern part of the county and the other at 1:15 p.m. on whether or not the county's wildlife should remain under state regulatory controls.

The hearing on the 2,4-D regulation calls for consideration of the Commissioners' Court sending a proclamation to the Texas Agriculture Commissioner to remove that portion of the county lying north of Inter-

state 10 from regulatory control of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The meeting at 1:15 p.m. will be to consider a motion made by the Commissioners' Court, but placed on the table until after the meeting Monday, on a request to remove Colorado County from the regulatory controls of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

This would mean that the wildlife in this county would be regulated by legislation passed by the Texas Legislature rather than by the

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E.L. Primary School Installs Burglar Alarm

The Eagle Lake Primary School campus has been the scene of several break-ins during the past ten years. In order to provide more security a sound-sensitive burglar alarm was installed and activated last week. A police alert, flashing lights, and three sirens will greet anyone attempting to enter.

The sensor device is also capable of detecting people outside who are in violation of the posted campus law after school hours. The system is equipped with a battery so that in the event of an electrical power failure, the unit will remain activated on direct current, reported Principal Major Benge.

The Eagle Lake Headlight has begun the sale of holiday greeting ads and a representative of the paper will be calling on local businesses during the next two weeks.

2 Sentenced On Criminal Charges; 5 Others Plead Guilty

Two men entered pleas of guilty to criminal charges in District Court in Columbus Tuesday with District Judge B. B. Schraub presiding and both were sentenced, one to a term in the Texas Department of Corrections and the other to a probated county jail term. Also five others who were indicted Nov. 12th entered pleas of guilty and their sentences will be announced on January 13th, 1981.

Billy B. LaGrange, indicted on September 22, 1980, for a rifle on June 27, 1980 from Henry C. Beyer of Weimar, was given a term of not less than two years nor more than ten years after entering a plea of guilty to a charge of theft. He has been taken to Huntsville to begin serving his term.

Billy Zickuhr, who was indicted by the September grand jury on a charge of aggravated assault, had the charge reduced to simple assault, a Class A misdemeanor, and Zickuhr entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) and Judge Schraub sentenced him to six months in the county jail, but the jail term was probated for one year, plus costs of court. Zickuhr was charged with threatening Leroy Muesse with a rifle in an incident in Alletton on June 8, 1980.

Enter Guilty Pleas
Indicted by the September grand jury in special session on Nov. 12th, and entering guilty pleas before Judge Schraub were:

Kenneth William Adamak, indicted with aggravated robbery and the charge was reduced to robbery to which Adamak pled guilty. He was charged with robbery of Jim Hamilton at his home on McCarty Street in Eagle Lake on Oct. 11th.

Paul Ruiz, indicted for burglary of Eagle Lake Primary School on Sept. 27th, pled guilty to burglary.

Dorsey E. Williams, Jr. was indicted for unauthorized use of a 1977 Buick owned by J. D. Seymour, Jr. of Columbus, August 21, 1980.

and entered a plea of guilty.

Wanda Jean Johnson pled guilty to a charge of forgery of the name of Milburn Jackson on a \$230 check written on the Texas Dept. of Human Resources to Dorothy Jenkins Landau on July 31st. Tomas Sanchez also pled guilty to a charge of burglary of the Roy Butler home in Eagle Lake, once in June and again in September.

Garwood Man Injured In Collision Tues.

Paul Gregory Kallina, 21, of Garwood was hospitalized in the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton Tuesday morning with injuries received when his automobile collided with a large truck on the stretch of Farm to Market Road 960 between the Colorado River bridge and Highway 71.

Highway Patrolman Raymond Munsell of Eagle Lake was the investigating officer and he was assisted by Highway Patrolman Joel Garcia. His report showed that the accident occurred at 7:35 a.m.

Involved was a 1975 International truck tractor and trailer being driven north on FM 960 by Jaye Woodyard of El Campo. A 1979 Mercury Cougar was being driven south by Kallina when Kallina apparently dozed off briefly and his car crossed the center stripe and hit the portion of the trailer near the rear wheels with the left front side of his car.

Kallina was taken to the Wharton hospital by Garwood Emergency Ambulance with severe neck and back injuries. His car was declared by the investigating officer as a total loss.

Little damage resulted to the trailer of the large truck and Woodyard escaped injury.

Trooper Munsell said that Woodyard tried to avoid collision but was unable to get the truck out of the path of the oncoming automobile.

Ballots Due Friday In C.C. Election

Mail ballots for the election of four directors to the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce board for three year terms are due in the chamber office not later than Friday of this week, Dec. 5th.

Nominees listed on the ballot include: Boyed Belyeu, Fred Beth, Fred Frnka, Bob Klockman, Jo Ann Mahallie, Gwen Paschall, Sonny Spanihel and Lila Waddell.

Returns will be canvassed at the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Mon., Dec. 8th in the council room of the Municipal Building. The new and carryover directors will meet during that session to name the 1981 chamber officers.

Directors whose terms expire on January 1st include: Susan Causey, Lanny Powers, Bob McInteer and Ralph Tuly.

Holiday Greeting Ad Sales Begins

The Eagle Lake Headlight has begun the sale of holiday greeting ads and a representative of the paper will be calling on local businesses during the next two weeks.

If you are not contacted for a greeting by Dec. 17th and would like to be included with a message for Christmas or for the New Year's holiday, please call 234-2783.

Council Discusses Collection Of Delinquent Accts., Taxes

\$19,000 Past Due In Utility Accounts

[By Jeff Frnka]

The collection of delinquent taxes and debts was the main topic of discussion by the Eagle Lake city council, during a brief session held Tuesday night, Nov. 26th.

About \$19,000 in unpaid utility bills also has accumulated over a long period of time, according to city manager Bob Klockman, and the council is now considering the possibility of hiring a collection agency to reduce that loss as well as the loss due to delinquent taxes.

Before any action by the city is taken, Mayor Elmer Struss has authorized Klockman to check with several agencies to determine the amount the city would have to pay for such services. The city manager did indicate that one agency had offered its service for 40 percent of the utility collections made. It was also noted that 10 percent is the maximum an agency can receive for delinquent tax collections.

Some interest in a similar collection project has been shown by the Rice Consolidated Independent School District, according to Klockman, so he has been authorized by the council to check with Rice District, along with the Colorado County tax office, to get their ideas on pursuing such a matter.

\$5,214 For Tax District
Klockman reported that the Central Tax Appraisal District for the county has set up its budget at \$163,000 for the upcoming year. The board, in session Nov. 19th, set Eagle Lake's payment to the budget at \$5,214.00 or 3.199 percent.

In other action the council: ● Heard an update on a refund plan for a low to moderate income housing development project being planned in the city by Landmark Developers;

● Approved a resolution designating Mayor Richard Hefley of Columbus as the county's representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council and also designated Mayor Davis Gindler of Weimar as alternate representative;

● Postponed action until the Dec. 9th meeting on a preapplication for a Community Development Block Grant for the Rice Mill area; and cancelled the council's Dec. 23rd meeting because of the Christmas holiday.

Holidays To Be Set Mon.

The 1981 holidays will be adopted when the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce meets in its monthly session at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8th in the council room of the Municipal Building.

All interested persons are invited to attend and make recommendations on the slate of holidays or may call 234-2783 prior to the meeting to list suggestions.

Tentatively the chamber plans to adopt the same slate of holidays which were observed in 1980. Corresponding dates in 1981 for the holidays observed this year are as follows:

Memorial Day, Mon., May 25; Independence Day, Sat., July 4; Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 7; Veterans' Day, Wed., Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., Nov. 20; Christmas Day, Fri., Dec. 25; and New Year's Day, Fri., Jan. 1, 1982.

Heritage House Auxiliary Homes Tour Thurs., Dec. 11

Five Homes In Community Included In Benefit Tour

The Heritage House Auxiliary is sponsoring a Christmas Homes Tour in Eagle Lake on Thursday, December 11 from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to the purchase of special reading lamps, rocking chairs, and other items for use by the residents of Heritage House.

A donation of \$3.50 will entitle one adult to tour the homes of the Gardner Duncans, the Joe Reeds, the Robert Griffiths, the Ritchie Cunninghams, and the Steve Balas'. Refreshments will be served at the Gardner Duncan home. A gift and goodie boutique will be an additional feature at the Joe

Reed home. A door prize will be awarded from each home at the end of the tour.

Tickets can be purchased from any Heritage House Auxiliary member or from Heritage House. No tickets will be sold at the door of the homes and no children on tour, please.

Maps will be available on the day of the tour from the Heritage House.

Heavy Loss In Burglary Of Golla Home

Colorado County Sheriff's Department was called at 5:15 p.m. Monday to investigate the burglary of the J. W. Golla home near Mentz community. Investigation showed the losses in the burglary were heavy.

Investigation by the sheriff's deputies revealed entry was gained by forcing open a door from inside the garage leading into the house. Taken in the burglary was a 308 Remington automatic rifle, two 6 MM Remington automatic rifles, a 12 gauge Remington Mag. automatic, a 20 gauge Remington automatic, and an 80 pound floor safe. The safe contained an undetermined large amount of cash, deeds, and other valuable papers.

The sheriff's office is asking anyone who may have seen a strange vehicle in the Mentz area to please call the Sheriff's office. Texas Ranger Ray Nutt is assisting the Sheriff's office in the investigation.

Firemen Re-Elect Spanihel As Fire Chief

Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen met in a business session on Monday night of last week and elected 1981 officers, re-electing L. J. (Sonny) Spanihel as fire chief of the department. Spanihel will be serving his 15th year as fire chief.

Also re-elected by the firemen were: T. J. Smith, first assistant chief; Mickey Kochwep, second assistant fire chief; Melvin Stancik, secretary; Pete Canaris, treasurer; and Ronnie Miller, major and training officer.

Chad Sunderman will replace Shane Glaiser as mascot of the department. Other changes in the slate of officers will include: Chuck Stephens as captain of company one and Bill Blair as lieutenant; company number two, Thurston Webb will continue as captain and Gary Glaiser will be lieutenant; company number three, Johnny Prazak, captain and Gene Jones, lieutenant.

The new racing team captain is Buddy Mascheck and lieutenant of the racing team, Bill Blair. Comprising the pension board will be Johnny Prazak, one year; Clark Powers, two years; and Gary Glaiser, three years.

The 1981 membership committee will include Darryl Gertson, Ed Sunderman and Frank Cullen. Bobby Joe Marsalis will continue as

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Santa Claus Plans Visit Here Dec. 13

An invitation to Santa Claus to visit in Eagle Lake on Saturday, Dec. 13th has been extended and accepted and the Chamber of Commerce members are busy completing plans for the annual visit from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 13th.

Santa Claus will be hitching a ride here by helicopter and should touch down at 1:30 p.m. on Commerce Street in front of the First National Bank. The street will be closed and roped off during the arrival of the helicopter, piloted by Dan Thornton.

Santa will visit with all of the children in the foyer of the Municipal Building and will have packages of candy, fruit and nuts for the youngsters, compliments of the Chamber of Commerce.

Numerous volunteers will be needed during the event and anyone who would like to assist should contact the chamber office in the Municipal Building, 234-2780, or Bob McInteer, president of the chamber.

In the event of inclement weather, plans are being made for Santa to arrive by fire truck or some other unaided transportation.

"One and all are invited to make plans to visit with Santa on his annual visit to the community," said McInteer.

Sheridan Lions' Stew Supper Sat.

Sheridan Lions Club invites one and all to the club's 17th annual Stew Supper to be held at the Sheridan Community Center this Saturday, Dec. 6th.

Delicious stew and all the trimmings and other refreshments will be offered for sale, beginning at 4:00 p.m., for \$2.25 for adults and \$1.75 for children under 12 years.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the operation of the Community Center and the Sheridan Fire Department, and other projects sponsored by the Sheridan Lions.

Contact any Sheridan Lion for more information or tickets to the event, or obtain tickets at the door on Saturday.