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Unusually Quiet Holiday Weekend

Officers in Colorado County reported a relatively quiet holiday weekend with lots of traffic but fortunately this county did not contribute to the death toll during the long holiday weekend.

Highway Patrolmen in Eagle Lake, Joel Garcia and Raymond Munell, said they did not work a single accident. There were some minor collisions over the county, especially on the busy Interstate 10, but none were reported to be serious.

Local police officers also reported a quiet weekend.

Weather Is Big News

Perhaps the biggest news was the weather, since Mother Nature brought some of its severest weather of the winter to the area. Temperatures were below freezing several mornings, but fortunately rain which plummeted the area Tuesday, along with some hail and a few snowflakes, ended and the holiday weekend were beautiful indeed.

Heavy hail, about the size of marbles, fell Tuesday afternoon and a few snowflakes were reported in the area, although the snow and the hail melted about as fast as it hit the ground.

Three, Wheels Stolen
The Colorado County Sheriff's Department investigated the theft of three wheels and tires from a trailer parked at the Truckers, Inc. yard in Altair at 7:00 a.m. Wed., Nov. 26th. Robert Sinclair of Columbus reported theft of the wheels and tires from the right rear of the trailer. He estimated the loss at approximately \$500.00. The report showed that the tires and wheels were owned by Truckers, Inc. of Altair.

Vehicle Shot In Garwood
At 5:05 p.m. Sunday, November 30th, Mrs. Betty Womack, of Garwood, reported that her ex-husband had shot out tires and shot some holes in a vehicle parked at the Smidovce residence in Garwood. Investigation revealed the less at approximately \$500.00. The report showed that the tires and wheels were owned by Truckers, Inc. of Altair.

Immunization Clinic Here
Thurs., Dec. 11
An immunization clinic will be held at Dr. Jose Ugar's Clinic on South McCarty in Eagle Lake from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11th, announces State Health Nurse Mrs. Bernice Richter.

VFD Officers
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sergeant at arms; and Clark Powers as chaplain.

Christmas Banquet Dec. 29
The firemen and wives and guests will enjoy their annual Christmas Banquet and Dinner in the Eagle Lake Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 29th. At that event, the new officers will be formally installed into office.

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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 this Sunday (and every first Sunday of the month). You must reserve your orders in advance by calling Andrew Harbich at 234-5824 during the day or Chuck Stephens at 234-5340 at night. Orders must be placed by 12 noon the Saturday before each first Sunday of the month.

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 p.m. on the date of the sale.

Heritage House Aux. Forms Memorial Fund

The Heritage House Auxiliary announces that it has established a Heritage House Auxiliary Memorial Fund with proceeds in the fund to be used directly for the benefit of the residents of the nursing home.

Persons wishing to send memorials may address them to the Heritage House Auxiliary, 200 Heritage Lane, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434. Attn: Memorial Fund.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

New Texas Legislature To Face Re-Districting

AUSTIN — "Every ten years the Texas Legislature knocks down the 'fences' which mark the boundaries of legislative and congressional districts, and redraws the political map. The process is called redistricting, and though it only occurs once a decade, it is one of the most important duties of the Legislature.

What is the function of redistricting? The law requires that legislative and congressional districts must be as equal in population as practicable. At the end of each decade, population shifts in Texas counties have thrown the districts out of balance, population-wise. Simply stated, some districts grow to have more people than other districts. Redistricting is a tune-up, an attempt to start over by making every district equal again for another ten years.

Two New Seats
The Texas Constitution requires that the state redistricting be done every 10 years. Because of the state's rapid population growth, Texas is likely to receive two new seats in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1981, bringing the Texas delegation's voting strength to 26.

The number of seats in the Texas Legislature will by law remain unchanged: 150 in the House of Representatives and 31 in the Senate.

While the courts keep a close watch on the redistricting process to keep minority parties and ethnic groups from being deprived of fair representation, the "Redistricting Legislature" is a political free-for-all in many respects. In general, the most powerful group in the Legislature (whatever its characteristics may be) will try to influence redistricting in order to dilute its opposition.

For example, if the majority group wants to get rid of an urban legislator who has given them stout resistance, they may draw him into a district in which he will face mostly rural voters, hoping he cannot adjust and will be defeated.

The final plan approved by the Legislature is sent to the Governor for his signature or veto.

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BACK THE RAIDERS

About Town

Postal Service personnel did some reminiscing on the occasion of the retirement of Clyde (Squint) Morgan on Friday of last week after 32 years with the postal service.

Postmaster Robert S. Martin, who has been employed with the postoffice since 1968, recalls that it snowed on the first day of house-to-house delivery by Morgan on Feb. 12, 1968. It was also noted that on Feb. 12th, 1969 it snowed again. A few days before Clyde's retirement, (Tuesday, Nov. 25) heavy hail and a few light snowflakes fell here. If there's any coincidence there, we haven't been able to figure it out.

Postmaster Martin remembers too that on Clyde's first day as a route carrier it seemed as though "he would never get in that day" due to the late start because of the first day of delivery and the snow.

Friends in the community join in wishing Squint many happy years of retirement.

The Heritage House Auxiliary is completing plans for the first annual Christmas Homes Tour on Dec. 11th. You won't want to miss it. One of the homes to be visited will be the Steve Balas home on Melody Lane in the Meadowbrook Addition. Steve and his helpers have already started decorating the spacious yard of their new home (the former John Clifton home) and the Balas' display should be bigger and better than ever this Christmas. Other residents in the Meadowbrook Addition are also preparing for Christmas and the area should be another showplace for the forthcoming holiday season.

Santa Claus To Visit Here 1:30-3:30 Saturday
Santa is scheduled to arrive by helicopter on Commerce Street, in front of First National Bank, weather permitting, at 1:30 p.m., and he will be in the foyer of the Municipal Building from 1:30 until 3:30 to visit with the children and to distribute bags of candy, nuts and fruit.

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New AARP Officers Are Installed



New 1981 officers for the Eagle Lake Chapter No. 1035 of the American Association of Retired Persons were installed during the covered dish luncheon meeting in the following order: President, Mrs. Tommie Nelander; president, Mrs. Gladys Gold; secretary, and Elmer Schneider, treasurer. Unable to attend was Vic Curran, first vice-president.

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Coming For Annual Visit By Helicopter; To Have Gifts For Children

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ELMS Addition Nearly Completed

Board Inspected New Facilities Tues., Move In Begins Soon

The board of education of the Rice Consolidated School District, Supr. Harold King and Eagle Lake Middle School Principal and representatives of the architectural firm of Morris-Aubrey were due to conduct an inspection of the new Eagle Lake Middle School addition on Tuesday afternoon of this week to note any work that needs to be completed before the move into the new addition begins, hopefully before the Christmas holiday break.

Supr. King reported to the board Monday night that a tentative schedule calls for moving some of the kitchen equipment by Friday of this week.

Connecting the new equipment in the kitchen in the new addition can begin next week; and that the cafeteria will be ready for use by December 17th.

He said that students and faculty members will begin moving furniture into the new classrooms by the last two days before the holiday break begins - Thursday and Friday of next week. The tentative schedule also calls for moving the portable buildings at the ELMS campus during the holidays.

All of this will hinge, however, on the amount of work which the board finds incomplete or unsatisfactory on its "walk through" Tuesday and correction of the items noted.

Architect Reports
Charles Hubbard of the architectural firm of Morris-Aubrey of Houston met with the board Monday night and commented on the possibility of beginning the move into certain areas while other corrections or omissions are going on.

He commented that workmanship by the contractor, Drymalls Construction Co. of Columbus, has been "above

average." Items he noted that need to be completed Monday night included: vinyl flooring, painting, miscellaneous hardware, electrical and plumbing hook-up and job clean-up.

After the new cafeteria is occupied the present cafeteria space will be converted into library facilities.

Hubbard also discussed change-overs which have been made during the period of construction which in effect reduced the cost of construction from the bid price of \$787,566 to \$731,025.

He asked the board for assistance in paying construction fees which were required in a change of site location, amounting to \$2,514. The board approved the change-overs reported by Hubbard but voted unanimously not to pay any additional fees for the relocation of the building as

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Resolution Asks End To State Wildlife Controls

County To Charge \$8 Per Day For Housing City Prisoners

Sets Fees For Use Of Courthouse Space By Appraisal District

A fee of \$8.00 per day for prisoners from the cities of Eagle Lake, Weimar and Columbus lodged in the county courthouse for city charges was approved by the Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in session Monday. The court also set a fee of 40¢ per square foot or \$172 per month for use of 430 square feet of office space for the Colorado County Central Tax Appraisal District on the third floor of the county courthouse, once the appraisal district begins taking assessments at 100% of market value on January 1, 1981.

County Judge Lester J. Crane presented results of a survey he had made in the four adjoining counties on fees charged for housing prisoners from governmental agencies and also for use of county facilities for the central tax appraisal district.

He noted that Fayette County charges no fees for such prisoners; Lavaca County was due to consider a \$5 to \$10 fee on the same date as the meeting Monday and also collects a fee for dispatching services from three cities in the county; Wharton County charges \$6 per day for housing city prisoners and the City of Wharton pays \$1000 per month for dispatching services; and Austin County charges \$5 per day.

After discussing the issue, the court voted to set the fee at \$8 per day for housing city prisoners and the City of Wharton pays \$1000 per month for dispatching services; and Austin County charges \$5 per day.

Plans for the two officers who are resigning were not announced.

City Manager Klockman said that the city will begin taking applications to fill both the chief of police and patrolman's positions.

He said that the city will be well protected during the holiday period with Chief Smith, Sergeant Larry Hill, Patrolman Lope Villarreal and Special Officer Bill Garvin sharing duties in the local police department.

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To Make Recommendation To New Legislators For Possible Action

Colorado County Commissioners' Court voted unanimously Monday to forward a resolution to State Senator-Elect Kent Caperton and State Representative-Elect Richard Saunders requesting that Colorado County be removed from state regulatory control over wildlife in this county.

Over 100 persons filled the district courtroom of the county courthouse at 1:15 p.m. for a public hearing called on the proposal which had been put before the court last month. A motion to forward a petition to the newly elected officials to request removal of state regulatory controls, made Nov. 10th by Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leydecker and seconded by Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loeferli, was tabled before being brought to a vote in order to hold a public hearing and get more input for or against the proposal.

708 Sign Petition
Meanwhile supporters of removing the county from state regulatory control put out a petition supporting the move and presented to the court at the meeting Monday the petition with a total of 708 signatures.

Pep Crawford, who was among those who signed the initial request for removal of state regulatory controls on the county's wildlife, noted Monday that the petition signers were "sportsmen as well as landowners." He and his supporters have contended that the deer population in this county has declined under the state regulatory control program, especially in light of the annual antlerless deer kill through permits issued to landowners.

"It is apparent that what is going on now is not working" and proof of this fact lies in the great support of landowners from all over the county requesting the removal of regulatory controls.

Others speaking in favor of removing the controls were Robert Zajack and Steve Friedrich and they contended that the deer population has declined and Friedrich stated, "The program has ruined our deer population in county."

Favor Regulatory Controls
Robert Hinkley of Houston and formerly of Eagle Lake and a landowner in this county, pointed out that spike bucks are considered to be "an inferior deer." He said that he opposed shooting of does but added that the spike bucks need to be killed in order to make room for healthy bucks.

David Wiperman of Eagle Lake opposed removal of state regulatory controls since the action would shorten the hunt hunting season in this county. He also contended that action is available through public input concerning regulatory powers at the annual hearings of the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

Ted Brandt of Weimar and Bob Tait of Columbus and Matthew Hinkley of the Sheridan area, told the gathering that 30 years past the deer caused heavy losses and needed to be controlled. Since institution of the regulatory controls they stated "we are now in a position where we can live with the deer" and still carry on farming and ranching operations successfully.

Other landowners were pro or con the matter by absolutely stating either in favor or to the detriment of the deer.

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Hearings Mon.

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Parks and Wildlife Commission and would in effect discontinue killing of does and spike bucks in this county. The removal from regulatory controls would also alter the dates for opening and closing deer season to the general law status, opening on Nov. 15th and closing on Dec. 31st. Also from state regulatory controls would shorten the hunt season considerably from the Nov. 15 to Feb. 15th date under state regulation to the Dec. 1 to January 31st dates prescribed for general law counties.

Much interest is being shown in the game control proposal and a large gathering is expected for the hearing.

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Texas Medical Association Health Tips

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Cold Sneaks Up On Aged

The next time a cold wind slices through your clothes, you may wish you could not feel the cold at all. But as many as one in 10 older people are in real danger because they are not sensitive enough to cold. Sometimes people, especially those over age 65, have bodily malfunctions that keep them from noticing cold and regulating body temperature well. So when they stay in a consistently nippy atmosphere (sometimes no colder than 65 degrees Fahrenheit) for a long time, body temperatures can drop low enough to be fatal from a condition called "accidental hypothermia." Since hypothermia's symptoms may be similar to those of some other diseases, no one knows positively how many people

die from it yearly. But the risk is very obvious because thermometers are going lower as heating bills go up. Instead of the often obvious symptoms (such as hard, white, numb areas) that can indicate frostbite, hypothermia symptoms can mimic other diseases and be less obvious. Meanwhile, the victim's body can slow down until unconsciousness occurs and ultimately the heart stops.

Once core of the body has gotten cold enough to be hypothermic, several days can pass before unconsciousness occurs. In the meantime, symptoms may include bloated face, pale and waxy or occasionally oddly pink skin, trembling in one part of the body, slurred speech, dulled awareness and slow response. (The victim probably will feel cold only before acute hypothermia occurs and not afterward.) Most hypothermia symptoms are signs of other diseases so a physician should be contacted to make an accurate diagnosis. Protection against hypothermia includes wearing warm, multi-layered clothing, especially protecting the head, hands and feet drinking warm liquids (except alcohol because it causes heat loss), proper nutrition, keeping the thermostat reasonably high and checking a room thermometer regularly. These are good ideas for anyone but are especially important for those older people whose natural warming methods are weakened. Sometimes the body loses the ability to shiver and blood vessels may not distribute body heat properly. Losing these two natural warming methods may be especially serious for the aged who often have less muscle mass and slower chemical processes, which are two other heat producers. To make matters worse, sometimes the aged cannot move around very much to get warm and they do not see properly so there is less fuel for the body's chemical processes to use to make heat. Even with all these things working against them, the minority of people who are prone to hypothermia do not need to live in a hellish atmosphere. A few precautions will help get them through the winter just fine.

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