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Citizens of the area are invited to visit the showrooms of W. A. Virnau & Sons., Inc. at 1537 Highway 36 north of Sealy to view some beautiful and unusual holiday decorations.

The showroom of the Massey-Ferguson dealership is respendent with a beautiful Christmas tree and country scene including stuffed animals and other decorations in tones of brown. Silk flowers, an assortment of decorative birds and ribbon and other decorations add beauty to the setting.

W. A. Virnau Jr. manager of the firm invites one and all to come by for a visit during the holiday season.

Pink Ladies Buy Items For Community Hosp.

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) met Thursday morning at 10:00 in the Conference Room of the hospital with fifteen members present.

Interpretation of the by-laws was made by the Standards and Policy Committee and discussed and approved by the group.

In the absence of the Ways and Means Chairman, Mrs. Frank Higgins, Mrs. Luther Sheldon gave a report on the progress being made on the new cook book.

Since the new cook books will not arrive until January, gift certificates will be issued upon request for delivery at that time. These certificates can be obtained from Mrs. Higgins, at the gift shop in the hospital, or at the Eagle Lake Headlight office. The cost of the new recipe book will be $6.00.

There is still a limited supply of "Cook's Tour of Eagle Lake" and "Cooks Tour No. 2" cook books remaining. These books will not be reordered, therefore if you wish to replace your soiled ones or need a gift, now is the time to act. Contact Mrs. Frank Higgins, Headlight office or hospital gift shop to obtain these for $4 each.

The three bed-chairs purchased by the Pink Ladies have arrived and are now being used in the patient's rooms.

Authorize Purchases

The Pink Ladies voted to purchase a respiratory monitor and 23 wall blood pressure cuffs for each room in the hospital.

"With the help of citizens of the community, the Pink Ladies are very pleased to be able to do these worthy things for the hospital staff and patients in the hospital," said the Auxiliary president Eunice Fraks.

Members of the Auxiliary would like to remind persons interested in supporting the present fund raising project, to do so by contacting any Pink Lady or drop by the Spalinger Hardware or the Eagle Lake Headlight office before December 17th.

Congratulations to Mrs. L. D. (Sydney) Sheldon, Mrs. V. V. (Chris) Swords, Mrs. Frank (Gladys) Pidgeon and Mrs. Sophie Zoeller for receiving pins for volunteer service in the hospital recently.

Mrs. Sheldon and Mrs. Swords received 100 hour pins, both are relatively new members, joining the auxiliary this past summer; Mrs. Pidgeon received her 500 hour pin, having been with the auxiliary for several years and Mrs. Sophie Zoeller, a charter member, received her 1000 hour pin.

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Ethel Konvicka Hosts Christmas Social At Circle K Ranch Saturday

Mrs. Ethel Konvicka was the gracious hostess for a gala "Holiday Cocktail Party" at her Circle K country home Saturday evening, December 6 from 7:30 to 11:30.

Santa and his reindeer greeted guests along a colorfully lighted walkway. Beautiful Christmas decor in the home created a festive atmosphere for those attending.

A bountiful buffet and cocktails were enjoyed by the large number of friends present throughout the evening.

Lose Insulation

Garments lose insulation value when spaces are clogged with dirt and grime. Clean clothes are warmer, allowing the spaces to fill with warm body air, says Nancy Brown, a clothing specialist. Ms. Brown is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Farmers Supply Co. Set Special Closing

Colorado County Farmers Supply, Co., Inc. of Eagle Lake will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, Dec. 24th and remain closed through Sunday, Dec. 28th.

The business will reopen at the regular time on Monday, Dec. 29th but will be closed again on Thurs., Jan.1st, New Year's Day and remain closed through Sunday, Jan. 4th.

drive 55 — State Department of Highways and Public Transportation

Rock Island Happenings

(By Bessie Baker, 234-5843)

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hooper of McAllen returned home after spending several days with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Christan were visitors in Arlington with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Christan.

Sorry there wasn't any news last week as I was visiting in Boerne, with my sister, Mrs. Nellie Van Oudekerke.

Mrs. Susie Spann and Noel are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moss.

Get-well wishes for Mrs. Anton Kula who is a patient in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Mrs. Helen Ball returned home after spending a week in Gladewater with her son.

Daughter For Harold Waits'

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waits on the birth of a daughter, Kara Elizabeth, who weighed in at eight pounds on Nov. 18th. She was welcomed by a two-year-old brother, Eric. Grandparents are Mrs. Earl Waits and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Blake of Houston.

"Common sense is genius in homespun."
Alfred North Whitehead

HOSPITAL News Notes

Patients [Dec. 8]

Eagle Lake: John Mahalitc, Sr., Lonnie Taylor, Bennie Schmidt, Marion Thrasher, Mrs. Lettie Richardson, Mrs. Patricia Shropshire, Miss Willie Mae Farrow, Helene Burke, Mrs. Vivian Coleman, Elvin Pipkins, Johnny Parker, Miss Gloria Amos & Baby Boy, Mrs. Elsie Andreas, Mrs. Eva Stephens, Miss Diana Scott;

Garwood: Mrs. Marion McGrew; from Rock Island: Mrs. Laura S. Kula; from Sheridan: Adolf Dittrich; from Cat Springs: Allen Schindler; from Alleyton: Louis Dehmer; from Weimar: Jerry Hayek; from Kennedy: Rodney Campbell; from Houston: Eugenio Rodriguez; from Wharton: Mrs. Ruth Nelson; from Brenham: Fred Bredthauer; from Sealy: Mrs. Susan Dvorak; from Wallis: Mrs. Petra Soriano.

Dismissals

Eagle Lake: Mrs. Ruth Kelly, Ms. Mary Norris, Mrs. Lillie Semora, Robert Armstrong, Mrs. Lera Wied, Adolphus Dornan, Miss Dorothy Tumer, Beal Foster, Lynn Nymeyer, Briana Moreda, Sammy Soto, Clarence Miculka, Mrs. Emma Israel, Marcus Gonzales, Ms. Georgia Pipkins, Harold Davis, Lucius Davis, Louis Davis, Jr., Michael Davis, Detroy Davis, Debbie Davis, Miss Jewel Hurd, Mrs. Aralia Hernandez, Baby Boy Shropshire, Grady A. Spradley, Coy Sunderman, Phillip Reggins;

Garwood: Mrs. Sandy Schneider, Baby Boy Schneider, Roy Johnson, Kevin Johnson; from Columbus: Mrs. Margaret Shook, James Bell, Mrs. Zuleka Gates, Mrs. Rosalyn Eversole; from Sheridan: Henry Kahanek, Bufford Ashley; from Wharton: Mrs. Sharon Rogers, Baby Boy Rogers; from Dime Box: Joseph Malinak; from Hempstead: Mrs. Billie Parker; from Sealy: Mrs. Michelle Novicke, Baby Boy Novicke; from East Bernard: Joseph Lopez; from El Campo: Mrs. Evelyn Jaksah.

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A visit to the Heritage House, 200 Heritage Lane, will be welcomed.

Highway Dept. Wants To Begin Seeking Hwy. 71 Right-Of-Way N. Of Columbus

Texas Highway Department District Engineer Carl Ramert and Marvin Matusek, with the district's right-of-way office, met with Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday in reference to acquiring right of way for widening Highway 71 from the present 71 by-pass project, now under construction, to the Colorado-Fayette county line.

Ramert explained that work is progressing nicely on the by-pass project north of Columbus and should be completed by the end of this summer.

"We hope that we can get right-of-way processes on the last segment of Highway 71 improvement between Columbus and La Grange started early next year," said the district engineer. He noted that the 7½ mile stretch is the last not already in the process of expansion to handle 4-lane traffic.

The right of way for the segment includes an estimated 125 acres, said Matusek, extending to a point about a half mile from the Fayette county line where right of way has already been obtained by Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker.

Ramert asked the Colorado County Commissioners' Court for permission to begin getting appraisals made so that acquisition can begin in March.

31 Parcels Included

It was estimated that there are 31 parcels of land to be acquired but 75 of the 125 acres would come from the Cullen Ranch. Matusek estimated the county's 10 percent share of the costs should be around $45,000. The state would pay 90 percent or an estimated $405,000 for right of way costs including moving of utilities, etc.

County Judge Lester Cranek noted that the State Highway Dept.'s appraisers put a value on the land and the state will pay 90% of that figure. If negotiations are needed to obtain land at more than that figure, the state would pay only 90% of its appraisal figure. Furthermore the county would have to pay costs of its own appraisers in negotiated cases.

The court decided to delay action on the requested permission to determine first if funds would be available in the right of way fund for 1981 for such purchases. Once this is determined, it is anticipated the court will reconsider the matter. Ramert expressed hope that it would be soon, noting that the time to begin the appraisal work "is just right at this time."

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Ashley Injured When Car Hit By Truck

Former Eagle Lake Chief of Police Bufford Ashley, now residing in Sheridan, was admitted to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital on Thursday of last week when his 1980 Datsun was hit from the rear by a large gravel truck on Highway 90A about three miles east of Eagle Lake.

Highway Patrolman Raymond Munsell was the investigating officer. The accident occurred at 1:58 p.m. when Ashley, driving west on 90A slowed for a construction area, and a 1979 Mack gravel truck driven by Ignacio Cardono of El Campo approached from the rear and was unable to stop and clipped the left rear side of the car.

Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps brought Ashley to the hospital with neck and back injuries. He was released during the weekend. Damage resulted to the Datsun and to the right front bumper of the large truck.

Cardono was charged with failure to control speed to avoid an accident.

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Lake Motors Low Bidder On 2 County Trucks

Lake Motors, Inc. of Eagle Lake, local Chevrolet dealer, was the successful bidder for the sale of two trucks with dump bodies for Commissioner Rafael Veselka's Precinct 2. Four firms offered bids and the final action came after a long and sometimes heated debate in the session of Colorado County Commissioners' Court, Monday.

Lake Motors offered to provide two 1981 Chevrolet trucks with dump bodies for $27,006.04 with delivery in 60 to 90 days. Joe S. Reed, president, said that the bid met or surpassed specifications. This was questioned by W. C. Smith, representing Brasher Motor Co., the Chevrolet dealer in Weimar. He contended that a 17,500 pound rear axle was not available on the models on which Reed bid. Reed checked by phone with the Houston office and confirmed that the bid he had made met or surpassed specifications and the court unanimously accepted the bid on recommendation of Commissioner Veselka.

Brasher Motor Co. offered two 1981 Chevrolet trucks with dump beds for $27,254.06 and offered an optional bid for trucks with an 18,500 pound rear axle and 5-speed transmission since Smith contended that Chevrolet did not have a 17,500 pound rear axle model except for diesel engines.

Don Morrison Ford of Columbus offered two 1981 Ford trucks for $30,200.44; and J. F. Miller Ford, Inc. of Eagle Lake offered the two trucks for $35,915.00. All bids were after trade-in of two 1972 Chevrolet trucks with dump bodies.

Other Action

Other action by the court included:

• Acceptance of a plat for a 1½ mile portion of Cat Spring Road which widens the road to 60-feet. Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker said that he had obtained 11 parcels of land for the additional right of way.

• **The court voted to continue as in the past collecting taxes on personal properties, including vehicles, for the 1981 tax year.**

Judge Lester Cranek pointed out that if the court did not take such action, the vehicles would become exempt from county taxes under legislation set up in Senate Bill 621 and House Bill 1040.

• The court also approved several applications to cross county roads with telephone cables;

• Approved the name of Onward Lane for a road in the Evans Subdivision near Columbus.

Divide School Coupons

• The court authorized the division of a total of $253.47 in interest earned by school bond coupons to the three school districts on the same ratio as it the past, percentage of resident students to total enrollment of resident students in the three school districts, Rice, Weimar and Columbus.

• Bonds for newly elected officers who will begin terms on January 1, 1981, were approved and included: Henry J. Hajovsky, Tax Officer; Joe Dusek, Ivan Menke, Billy Joe Schindler, Howard Chollett, David Zajicek and J. T. Fynks, Constables; Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller; County Attorney Edward Woolery, Price; and Commissioners Otto Loessin and Jerome C. Wicke.

• **Judge Cranek announced that there will be an official "swearing-in" ceremony for all new officials who want to be sworn into office, at the county courthouse at 11 a.m. on January 1st, 1981.**

• The court also approved a slate of holidays for 1981 to include the same holidays to be observed as the City of Columbus with the addition of a half day for Good Friday, Texas Independence Day on March 2nd; and a half day on Christmas Eve. The holidays will also include July 3rd for Independence Day, Memorial Day May 25; Labor Day Sept. 7; Veterans' Day Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Day Nov. 26, Christmas Day Dec. 25; and New Year's Day Jan. 1st.

• The court also approved Dec. 22nd as an early payday for county employees.

• The court also passed a resolution asking the county extension service personnel in this county to observe the same holidays as those set for county employees.

Final Courthouse Work Is Progressing Slowly

Arthur J. Willrodt of Willrodt and Associates of Columbus, project director for the Colorado County Courthouse Restoration, reported to the court Monday that progress on completing the project is slow and that it may be several months before the work is done satisfactorily.

A request from the contractor, Circle Double (C), for payment on work done during the past month, estimated at $38,000, was received too late for issuance of a certificate of obligation and the court will consider issuance of the CO. at the Dec. 22nd meeting.

Willrodt said the contractor has many sub-contractors involved in the final stages of the project and the finishing work is not progressing as rapidly as expected.

It is anticipated that when the contractor has completed his work, the commissioners and Judge Cranek will go through the building to point out any deficiencies that need to be corrected before final approval by the county.

Commr. Court Agrees On Fund Division

The division of funds to the four commissioners' precincts was finalized in action by the Commissioners' Court Monday, although it took almost a year to arrive at the formula to make the division.

In years past the funds were divided equally, one-fourth to each commissioners' precinct, but in action earlier this year, the court decided on a split vote to divide funds on the basis of ratio of miles in each precinct to the total mileage of county roads.

Through assistance of the Texas Highway Department and measurements by the commissioners (by vehicle speedometer) it was determined that there are 699.4 miles of county roads. Of this total 210.1 miles or 30.04% are in Precinct 1; 154.3 miles or 22.06% in Precinct 2; 201.5 miles or 28.83% in Precinct 3; and 133.4 miles or 19.07% in Precinct 4.

Monday the court agreed to distribute $52,303.84 which had been retained until the formula ratio could be worked to compensate for allocations made during the year. The $52,303 included $28,000 from the Class 2 road and bridge fund, $1,989.00 from road and bridge special; and $22,314.84 in the ad valorem fund.

Lions Hear Program On Eye Bank

The Eagle Lake Lions Club members and guests heard an interesting program on Dec. 4th by Nelson Kieke, District Director of the Lions Clubs' Eye Bank, and J. D. Devins, Deputy District Governor of District 2-S3. They noted that this is a very important project that the Lions have and that it is growing each year. Many people are helped to regain eye sight through the program.

On Thursday of this week, Gardner Duncan will bring the program and members are looking forward to his program.

Dec. 18th is the date for the club's annual Christmas party and ladies night. All members are urged to attend and to bring guests. There will be no noon meeting on Dec. 18th due to the night meeting.

The Eagle Lake Lions and Lionesses are in charge of decoration of the Community Center this year and have the Center ready for the holiday season. Members thank the Lionesses for their usual fine help. - Reported.

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Altar Society Has Christmas Party; Plans Other Events

The Altar Society of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church held its monthly meeting and Christmas Party at the Dinner Hall December 4th at 7:00 p.m. with twenty members present and two guests, Mrs. Albina Strong and Miss Mary Jo Spanihel.

Hostesses were Mrs. Martha Sommer and Mrs. Charlene Spanihel.

The meeting was opened with prayers led by Father Tom Hanus. Mrs. Cynthia Sunderman presided over the meeting. The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report given.

Plans were completed for the party the Altar Society is sponsoring at the Heritage House on Tuesday afternoon, December 9th.

The members decided to give a donation to the Colorado County Children's Service Board for the Foster Children.

The children of Perpetual Help Parish will take part in a Jesse Tree Service during the 7 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 13th. After the Mass all the children of Perpetual Help Parish are invited to a Christmas Party at Dinner Hall. Families coming should bring sandwiches and cookies.

Mrs. Dorothy Kohleffel won the door prize.

The meeting was closed with prayers.

After the meeting, Christmas gifts were exchanged and Christmas carols were sung. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.-Reported.

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