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Rice CISD To Tax Vehicles

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for board members Bill Appelt and Anthony Kall against.

The board discussed the possibility of hiring an outside firm to collect delinquent taxes. Supt. King said that an effort should be made to reduce the delinquent tax roll and estimated that perhaps as much as \$10,000 could be collected. He was told to get more information on a collection agency or collection process and report back for further consideration. Some thought was given to joining other entities in collecting delinquent taxes. The City of Eagle Lake, in its last meeting, discussed the possibility of increased emphasis on collecting delinquent taxes and utility accounts.

The board voted to ask for bids for a new automobile to replace a 1977 Chevrolet which had been used by Asst. Supt. Charles DeSham. The car had been used by personnel from the Rice CISD business office recently to attend a school of instruction and was wrecked when a truck jackknifed in front of the car and across Highway 71 near Elkins.

Supt. King said the insurance carrier says the vehicle is a total loss and payment of around \$2950 for the damaged car is expected to be applied on payment of the new vehicle. The wrecked car had an estimated mileage of 77,000 miles.

The board delayed opening bids on a bulk gasoline storage facility at Rice High School to a later date, approved payment of \$200 in

ELMS Addition Nearly Comp.

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requested by the architect. Hubbard said that his firm was willing to stand loss of \$7,000 for the change in site

location, but added that his firm was to have received a proper survey plat of the location, and did not, causing some of the error in locating the building too near a deep drainage ditch on the south edge of the ELMS campus. Board members contended that the architect's professional should have used more care in locating the addition on the ELMS campus through on-site inspection, etc.

The addition to the Eagle Lake Middle School includes a new cafeteria with stage, a completely new kitchen, addition of four classrooms to include two for science instruction with some lab facilities, one for art instruction and lab facilities and the other for general classroom instruction. The present cafeteria will be converted into a library and the present library into two classrooms; and the present kitchen area into a teacher aide and teacher workroom and storage, thus making one more room now in use for this purpose for a classroom.

County Jail

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county jail on city charges. All three cities have "lock-up" facilities and the action is expected to affect the city of Columbus the most, since few prisoners are lodged in the county jail on city charges from Eagle Lake and Wharton.

For Appraisal District Bill Youens, the chief appraiser for the Colorado County Central Tax Appraisal District, met with the court and pointed out that the district did not budget any funds for rental of the office space in the county courthouse since it had been the district's impression that the court, on two separate occasions, agreed to let the district use the third floor office space without charge.

Judge Crank again reported on fees charged by

Resolution On Wildlife Control

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County Judge Lester J. Crank.

Reviews Situation
Judge Crank opened the session by reviewing the actions which have been taken in the past in regards to control of wildlife in this county and discussed procedures that would be required to remove the county from the state regulatory control program.

Commissioner Leyendecker stated that in past hearings by the Parks and Wildlife Commission, those present had little if any influence on the programs proposed by biologists under the state regulatory control program.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Yonessa said that he did not favor killing deer but still he "feels sorry for people whose crops are being destroyed by deer."

Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles proposed that the quail season be continued for the same period of time, if the county goes under general law, compared to the long period under regulatory control. He called for a show of hands if anyone objected to leaving the quail season like it presently is and no one indicated objection to this proposal.

Judge Crank indicated that the district will operate under the general law status, the legislators could have local option bills to leave the quail season as is and to discontinue the killing of deer and spike bucks as is the situation under the general law status.

Judge Crank reported that only 27 counties in the state are now under general law provisions and 220 are under regulatory control.

The motion to lift the motion made Nov. 10th by

Leyendecker and Loessin off of the table, to remove Colorado County from state regulatory controls of wildlife in this county, passed unanimously and this was followed with a unanimous vote to forward the resolution requesting that such action be taken in the next Texas legislature by Saunders and Caperton.

Exactly what regulations would be asked for in the local option bills which have to be introduced in the legislature was not clear, but Judge Crank indicated that the legislators, through their personal contacts, by other communication or possibly even another public hearing, might determine exactly what controls would be asked for as exceptions to the general law proposal.

Under general law, the deer season opens on Nov. 15th and ends on Dec. 31st with a limit of two bucks and spike bucks are not considered a legal buck. Killing of antlerless deer is prohibited under general law.

State Representative-elect Saunders was in attendance and although he said he was present only to listen to testimony, he would "try his hardest to get any kind of a bill passed that would meet the desires of the people of this county."

Parks and Wildlife Dept. representatives were invited to attend the meeting but none appeared Monday to give testimony on the issue of removing this county from state regulatory control.

Open House At Colo. Co. Savings & Loan Friday

Everyone is invited to the Annual Christmas Party of Colorado County Federal

Quilt, Afghan Donated To Pink Ladies Project



Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) extends thanks to donors of two of the five items which will be given by the Pink Ladies on December 17th. Mrs. A. J. Struss crocheted the beautiful afghan and Mrs. E. E. Vogelsang contributed the beautiful handmade quilt shown above. The Pink Ladies provided other items to be given, including the stuffed tiger, one of many stuffed animals or wonderful gift items at the gift shop of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, and copies of Cook Book I and Cook Book II.

Some of the proceeds from the event will help the Pink Ladies in the purchase of a new respiratory monitor and 23 wall blood pressure cuffs for the hospital.

The Pink Ladies also use materials made to the Auxiliary and proceeds from Cook Book sales for the purchase of such items to benefit the Community Hospital staff and patients in the hospital. The new Cook Book III is due in January but you may purchase a gift certificate (for Christmas giving) now at the hospital gift shop. Mrs. Frank Higgins or the Headlight office.

Savings and Loan Association in Columbus on Friday

December 12 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring your children and let them see Santa Claus and Toy Land. Refreshments will be served and souvenirs given.

"No other invitation will be given except through the press. Don't miss this big Christmas Party," said Sam K. Seymour, Jr., President of the Association.

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 few days. 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.

New Employee

A new employee at the Central Power and Light Co. office in Eagle Lake is Mrs. Guadalupe Villarreal who replaced Miss Erianda Salinas as a clerk in the office. Mrs. Villarreal's husband is a patrolman with the City of Eagle Lake police department.

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Hail Success Of Consol. Fund Drive



Eagle Lake Consolidated Fund president Dr. James W. Stansel, left, and the drive chairman, the Rev. Melburn Sibley, left, the successful completion of the 1980 fund drive when the collections passed the \$11,881 goal allocated to fourteen worthy agencies for the year of 1981, this week. The fund officials noted that the drive had received contributions in excess of \$12,700 on Friday of last week. They praised the cooperation of Eagle Lake area residents for their support commenting that the collections this year were the largest ever and were collected in the shortest period of time.

Consolidated Fund Is Over \$11,881 Goal

(By Melburn Sibley, Drive Chairman)

The Eagle Lake Consolidated Fund goal of \$11,881 has been more than met with contributions of \$12,708.00. Contributions continue to come in each day and the additional funds will be put to good use. Citizens of Eagle Lake area are to be commended for their generosity.

Santa To Be At Rice Drug Store Saturday

Santa Claus and his helpers will make a special visit to Eagle Lake this Saturday, Dec. 20th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rice Drug Store on Main Street in downtown Eagle Lake to take last minute orders for Christmas gifts.

Santa will have surprises for the children and one and all are invited to register without obligation for two huge eight-foot tall Christmas Stockings filled with toys, games and other surprises.

One of the stockings will be awarded this Saturday afternoon during Santa's visit and the other at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.

Also a photographer will be on hand to take free photos of the children visiting with Santa Claus during the time that he is at Rice Drug Store from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday.

2 Garwood Firms Hit By Burglars

Burglaries at the Farmers Co-op in Garwood and at the Garwood Implement & Supply Co. were investigated by the county sheriff's office last Friday, Dec. 12th.

The sheriff's office received a call at 6:30 a.m. from Art Janke, manager of the Co-op, reporting the burglary when he arrived to open the place for business. Entry reportedly was gained by prying open a door at the south side of the building.

Once inside the burglar pried open doors and filing cabinets, but the only items found to be missing were various hand tools, a battery charger, a microwave oven, and an oxygen and acetylene kit. The items were valued at approximately \$1800.

While investigating the Co-op entry, Tyler T. Clark, manager of the nearby Garwood Implement and Supply Co., on Highway 71, reported there had also been a burglary at that location. Investigations revealed that

community minded and giving so much to the campaign. The Chamber of Commerce is to be commended for the time Mrs. Dorothy Jones has given to campaign records.

We are grateful to Fred Franks for his ideas, support, and the great publicity he and the Headlight give year after year. We also appreciate the service given by the First National Bank in taking the collections and making the financial information available every few days.

By working together we can take care of our community needs and extend our help to others.

Man Released From TDC Sat., Nabbed For Theft Here Same Day

Eagle Lake police department continued to bat 1000 in solving burglaries during the past week, with the arrest of a Columbus man who was just released from the Texas Department of Corrections Saturday morning, on a charge of theft at the Sportsman's Motel in Eagle Lake at 9:35 p.m. the night of the same day.

Larry Hill and Special Officer Bill Chavis were called to the Sportsman's Motel at 9:35 p.m. Saturday by the motel manager.

Investigation revealed that the occupant of one of the rooms, here for some time hunting, was walking down the stairs and left the door to the room cracked slightly. When the man returned to the room he spotted someone at the back of the room and noted that luggage had been ransacked.

David told the officers that he found \$23 in currency and a calculator missing from the luggage and told the person in the room to give the items back and the subject did so. The subject then left the room and went to his room next door.

Meanwhile the local officers were called and they arrested him in his room watching television.

Arrested was Robert Campos, 38, of Columbus, and he was charged with burglary of a habitation and he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones and bond was set at \$5,000. Campos was later transferred to the county jail to await action by the next grand jury.

2 Charged For Burglary At Eagle Lake Implement Co.

Two "drifters" who arrived in Eagle Lake a couple of weeks ago and were given assistance with part-time jobs at the Eagle Lake Implement Co. found themselves in a heap of trouble last week and they are charged with burglary of the implement company and are in the Colorado County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond each.

The incident started at 10 p.m. Thursday night when the alarm at the Eagle Lake Implement Co. sounded and city officers Sergeant Larry Hill and special officer Bill Chavis went to the scene but were unable to find anything disturbed. Owners of the company also came to the scene but could find nothing disturbed.

Later, statements received from the two men arrested revealed information that the men entered the building and then locked the door through which they entered. They stated that they saw the officers searching the building but remained hidden in the shop area of the building.

The two men reportedly remained in the building all night and attempted to get into a large safe which was locked in a vault. They did succeed in knocking off a knob on the door to the vault according to the investigating

officers, but failed to get into the safe.

When personnel of the implement company arrived on Friday morning they found evidence of the entry, and Patrolman Lupe Villarreal was called to the scene. Investigation was continued shortly afterward by Police Chief Jimmie Smith and he arrested the two men, who were still at the implement company, and after interrogation and receiving statements, charged the two men, Richard Clayton Franklin, 24, and Richard A. Welsh, 20, with burglary.

The two were arraigned before Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones and he set bonds on each at \$10,000. They were transported to the county jail.

It was learned that Franklin was also wanted in Travis County for a "probation violation. He had been given a ten year probation sentence on nine counts of burglary."

The two men are still in the county jail pending action by the next session of the grand jury in February.

Travis County has a hold on the two men and Franklin will be released even though he can make bond, due to the probation violation in Travis County, according to local officers.

Etheridge Is Temporary Officer For City

During the period that the city's police department is short a patrolman, Ike Etheridge, who is a special deputy for the county sheriff's department, is assisting the city officers on a temporary basis.

Applications are being taken at this time for the position to be filled following the resignation of Patrolman Linda Travis; and for the

City Files For \$850,000 Comm. Develop. Grant

Hears Complaints By Apartment Owners

A preapplication for Federal assistance in the city's Community Development Program for 1981 was adopted by the Eagle Lake city council Tuesday night, Dec. 9th, and it approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development the city would become eligible for \$850,000 in grant funds.

The city should not expect any decision on their pre-application until about April, according to Bruce Spitznagel of La Porte, a Community Development Specialist who prepared the city's 1981 program.

Target area of the program, as decided by a citizens committee, is the Rice Mill Area. Water and sewer improvements, which includes drainage and some street work, would account for \$415,000 of the \$850,000. About \$15,000 of the \$850,000 in funds being sought, would go toward demolition, \$30,000 to energy conservation, and about \$40,000 would go toward administration of the program.

It was noted by Spitznagel that competition for Community Development Program funds is very tough since over 200 cities will be applying for a limited amount of funds available. The city unsuccessfully applied for funds in 1980 for a similar program in the Rice Mill Area.

A group of local apartment owners, not scheduled on the agenda, met briefly with the council to discuss utility and city service charges on multiple dwelling apartments that are not totally occupied. The owners are currently paying sewer and garbage charges on each apartment whether occupied or not. They are scheduled to meet with city manager Bob Klockman to discuss the matter and will be put on the council's Jan. 13th agenda, at which time a decision is expected.

Included in the apartment owners were Dr. Rose Roquemore Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dannels and Mrs. Bill Stiles.

Other Action
In other action last week the council:

- Delayed discussing collection of delinquent utility bills and taxes until more information can be obtained.
- Approved bonuses for firemen and city employees.
- Authorized the city manager to see that parking meters are "checked" from Dec. 12th until Jan. 1st. The act is a courtesy to area shoppers and is intended to help encourage shopping locally.

Next Meeting Jan. 13
The council, as in done each year, has canceled its second regular session of December, slated for Dec. 23rd, and will not hold another regular meeting until Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Santa Claus
To Be At Miller's Gro. Christmas Eve

Santa Claus will be making a last-minute stop at Miller's Grocery in Eagle Lake from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 23th, Christmas Eve, before heading up his sled to bring children all over the world some of the things they want for Christmas Day. The Green Valley family invites you to join with them for a visit with Santa.

Fire Destroys Priesmeyer House In Garwood Saturday

Losses were reported to be heavy from a fire which destroyed a house and contents, owned by W. X. (Dickie) Priesmeyer in Garwood last Saturday night.

Garwood firemen got a call to come to the residence in the southern part of the Garwood residential district shortly before 9:00 p.m. but when the firemen arrived, the flames were already gutting out of the roof of the house and found it impossible to save the house or its contents. Eagle Lake firemen were called to bring a truck to the scene, but by the time the truck arrived the fire was out of control and the Garwood firemen concentrated efforts on preventing fire at other residences in the area.

Fortunately there was no wind and the raging fire and sparks reportedly went out of control and the Garwood firemen concentrated efforts on preventing fire at other residences in the area.

Chief Smith announced last weekend that he will be accepting a position with Wichita County sheriff's department in Wichita Falls, Texas. He commented that he has enjoyed working here. "I have no complaints about my duty here," said Smith. "The increased pay afforded by the new position was a primary factor in my decision to leave Eagle Lake. I leave this community with a good feeling about all of the people and city officials."

Smith remains on duty with the local police department until Dec. 31 and is assisted by Sergeant Larry Hill, Patrolman Lupe Villarreal, Jr., special officer Bill Chavis and special sheriff's deputy Ike Etheridge.

Chief Smith also extended thanks to officers of the police department for their cooperation during this busy holiday season.