

Pink Ladies Award Prizes In Successful Benefit Event

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) on Wednesday, Dec. 17th awarded prizes to Mrs. E. E. Voghsang; to Mrs. Jennie Arnett, a beautiful silver vase donated by Mrs. A. J. Strum; to Mrs. Ben Mota, a pretty stuffed animal, and to Dennis Comer, a set of Auxiliary Cookbooks.

The Auxiliary members express heartfelt thanks to all who supported the worthy

project. All proceeds from the fund raising event will go toward benefitting the local hospital.

The Pink Ladies did a tremendous job in support of this project and are due credit for the ninety-nine percent success, said the president, Eunice Franks.

The world's largest oil field beneath the desert sands of Saudi Arabia is big enough to cover an area from Los Angeles to San Diego, from the Pacific coast inland for 15 miles, according to National Geographic.

HI THERE!

Best wishes for the very best holiday.

Pyramid Club
Wharton
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& Loretta

HAPPY HOLIDAY

In the spirit of Christmas, joy and peace to all the world

Adolph & Isabel Vecera
Eagle Lake

"Jesus, The Fulfillment"

[By the Rev. Ole Rhoads, Pastor
White Cloud Baptist Church, Eagle Lake]

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all of this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet" St. Matthew 1:21-22.

God had revealed to men of the Old Testament that there would be born one day a man who would be their savior and Messiah. He was spoken of by the prophets as being one whose birth and life were so singular that he could have been no less than God himself.

It is also a well-known fact that the common folk of Israel, not only the Prophets, had come to look for a Messiah who would be a Saviour to them. But between the Old and New Testament there is a period of over four hundred years when there is no Prophet and when there is no special word of God.

In the silence God was in his own way focusing the rays of revelation on the most dramatic night the world has ever seen.

By the time of the new Testament the expectancy is intense. The people had begun to see the cruelty of their rulers. They had begun to feel the yoke of their bondage under Rome. They had begun to feel disappointment in the faults and excesses of temple worship.

There is such a combination of unusual events that anyone would have to say that surely it was a spectacular night. First there is record of some sheep farmers. They had been sitting there as they had on a thousand other nights, when suddenly the whole night was bright and angels appeared unto them. One angel said, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The Bible says the shepherds were frightened. The angel then said, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." Then the angel was joined with other angels as the earth and sky was filled with "a multitude of the Heavenly Host."

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Give The Gift of Life Blood

After all your holiday gifts have been chosen and your wallet is empty, there is still one more gift that you can give - "The Gift of Life."

During the holidays, people forget to donate because they become so involved with the hustle and bustle of shopping, celebrating and having the kids home from school.

But the fact is: The need for blood never takes a holiday! In fact, the need often increases due to holiday accidents. Volunteer donors are also needed over long holiday weekends due to the treatment of cancer patients, trauma victims and others requiring extensive surgery.

Donating is virtually painless and takes only about a half hour of your time. If you

are in good health, you probably can be a blood donor. You must be between 18 (17 with signed parental consent card) and 65 years of age. You must weigh at least 110 pounds and never have had a history of hepatitis or yellow jaundice, internal cancer requiring surgery or x-ray therapy, or certain types of heart disease.

If you'd like to donate blood during the holidays, call the Blood Center's regional headquarters in Houston at 790-1300 for the location most convenient to you. They can also help you set up a bloodmobile visit to your company, church or organization.

This certain, give the ultimate gift - one that will cost you only a little time, but will have infinite value to the recipient.

This year, give blood.

Deck The Halls With Safety

"Deck the halls" this Christmas with safety in mind, says the president of the Texas Safety Association.

"Many people are less safety conscious than usual during the excitement of the holiday season. Be as aware of hazards during the Christmas season as you are the rest of the year," Dave Consett contends.

Christmas trees often cause tragedies during the holidays. If you plan to

decorate with a natural tree, be sure that it is freshly cut to reduce any fire hazard. Keep the tree watered and away from heat sources to slow drying.

He also warns that to avoid a potential shock hazard, metal trees should not be strung with lights.

While certain, all tree and display lights are turned off and plugs disconnected when retiring for the night or leaving the house. Many fires occur when lights are left burning in an unattended house.

"And don't forget fireplace safety," Consett continues. "It's a common mistake to let the fireplace serve as an incinerator to burn gift wrappings, boxes, cartons and packing materials. Because these items burn very

rapidly and generate a high heat, their flames can ignite soft deposits in chimneys, causing fires that can spread to ceilings or roofs. Have the chimney inspected every year to ensure that all linings are intact and that the chimney is

free of soot and blockage."

"Have an enjoyable holiday, but play it safe," Consett concludes.

Homemakers' Reflections
By Donella Paniel
County Extension Agent

Today's Blazers - Correct Fit

Blazers - the fashion item of the season - must fit correctly, whether ready-made or home-sewn. Any pull line or bagginess indicates improper fit in that area. Use any wrinkles or folds to pinpoint the problem and alter the garment as needed.

Specifically analyze any garment made or bought for the following: The collar should hug the back of the neck with the lapels lying flat. Armholes should curve smoothly and end at the top of the shoulder with the cap not puckering. The use of a sleeve head will add to the no-pucker feature. Sleeves should hang straight from the shoulder and cover the end of the wristbone with the elbow bent. Darts or fullness should be at the elbow.

Jacket Front

Darts should end between one-half to one and one-half inch from the fullest part of the bustline and appear smooth and even with no puckers at the end. The center front should close and lie smoothly when buttoned. Closures should appear at stress points such as the waistline. Tailored pockets should add to the appearance of the garment. If the garment has a back vent, it should not pull open with the garment on. The waist should fall at the natural waistline of the body with the garment hanging out from there, depending on the design. Hems should lie parallel to the floor at an attractive length for the figure. For most individuals, an attractive length is slightly above the fullest part of the

hipline or slightly below but not falling at the hipline to emphasize this curve.

Lining or Partial Lining

Jackets or blazers often are fully lined or may be lined only in the sleeves, only in the jacket front or across the shoulder area. Regardless of the amount of lining, it should aid in the easy-on, easy-off characteristics of the garment.

Have yourself a grand and glorious holiday.

The Hair Place
Ben Mota
Eagle Lake

Christmas Cheer

May your holiday be bright and most abundantly blessed.

Season's Greetings... from

A. J. Willrodt & Associates
Arthur J. Willrodt Joan Dillman
Columbus, Texas

Christmas 1980

An old-fashioned wish - that joy and peace abide with you all during this holy season.

FROM ALL OF US AT
Lake Motors, Inc.
323 S. McCarty Eagle Lake Ph. 234-2513

An octopus is timid, says National Geographic World magazine. Instead of attacking enemies, it usually tries to hide or escape.

New Year's Eve Dance At Nada KJT Hall

There will be a big New Year's Eve Dance at the Nada KJT Hall in Nada and one and all are invited to make plans to attend. The Twilights will be providing music for dancing from 8:30 until 12:15.

Table reservations may be made by calling 756-3380 or 756-3851.

Wilcox Minimax Offering Four Christmas Prizes

Owners of Wilcox Minimax invite citizens to come by to register for free prizes to be awarded on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th. Registrations will be taken without obligation.

Greetings

Blessings to you and your family at this joyous season!

Irving Williams
Licensed Plumber
Mr. & Mrs. Irving Williams & Family - Eagle Lake

Jack's Restaurant & Coffee Shop
Jack & Elaine Listowski and Employees
Eagle Lake

It's Christmas Time Again

[By the Rev. Paul Krupicka, Pastor of
Faith Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake]

It's Christmas time again. Another year has come and gone. So fast it seems like only yesterday we were getting over the hassle of Christmas shopping and baking for last year. Now all of a sudden it's upon us again. Time to run out and buy gifts. Time to make all those nice cookies, candies, and cakes. Time to have your annual Christmas party. Then in a week it will be time to celebrate the new year. It seems as though nothing ever changes, doesn't it? It's the same old thing year after year: rush to buy this gift dressed up to party here, eat too much of that good food. And when it is all over, we sit back and wonder if that is all there is?

No, that is not all there is to this Christmas season. The most important part has been left out of the preceding celebration - that being the birth of Jesus Christ. All too often we lose sight of the reason for our celebration of a day called "Christmas." We think it is a time of the year when we can buy our children presents, when in reality we do that year round. Or we believe that it is a party time when we can correspond with old friends and meet new ones over drinks or a meal, when in actuality this could be done any time of the year. But one thing we don't always think of is the birth of the Christ child in a manger in Bethlehem. We play down God's gift of Himself in the form of a helpless human infant. We forget what a wonderful gift each one of us got that first Christmas. And it is so easy to do.

It's no fun thinking about a helpless infant when we can be care-free adults at this time of year. There is no enjoyment celebrating with worshiping the glad news of God in human form, when we can be celebrating with some other form of entertainment. And most of all why should we stop to thank God for the gift of Himself when we could have used so many other things for Christmas. So you see it is easy to forget the reason for Christmas.

But we must ever be drawn back to that reason. The light in the midst of all the evil and darkness was borne into the world that one night. God became human. He came to us, to live as we live. He chose to share in our fears and our frustrations. Just as he chose to rejoice and share with us in our happiness.

It is not wrong to celebrate Christmas. But let us remember in the midst of our jubilation that what we celebrate is the new or old acquaintances, not what I buy for someone else, or what they buy for me. Rather Christmas is a birth in a manger which eventually leads to a death on a cross, in order that each one of us might experience the grace and the love of God every day of our lives.

It is this grace and this love which I wish for you in this Christmas season, and more so in the coming new year.

95 Holiday Traffic Deaths Are Expected

The director of the Department of Public Safety has called on all holiday drivers to substantially improve their driving safety consciousness; otherwise, the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods may claim as many as 95 lives.

Colonel Jim Adams said "we realize the added danger of traveling by motor vehicle during these holiday periods and we want to help avoid the tragedy and suffering which could mar this otherwise happy season."

Adams believes that "we don't have to continue suffering the spiraling traffic deaths if drivers use extreme caution in traveling on the streets and highways in Texas."

During the first 10 months of 1980 there were 856,896 vehicle accidents in Texas in which 153,099 persons suffered personal injuries. Adams said that in the comparable 1979 period, there were 872,448 accidents in Texas during which 153,884 persons were hurt. The total motor vehicle accidents are down 4.2 percent when compared to the same period last year.

Deaths Up 3 Percent

Adams said that statewide traffic deaths are presently running about three per cent ahead of the record pace of a year ago, in which 4,229 persons were killed in motor vehicle crashes.

When comparing the first 10 months of this year against 1979 figures, Adams indicated that during the January - October period, the state had counted 3,109 fatal accidents in which 3,582 persons were killed. In the first 10 months of 1979, there had been 2,968 fatal accidents, resulting in 3,415 deaths. This reflects a 4.3 percent increase over the comparable time frame.

During the first 11 months of this year, there have been

3,855 motor vehicle deaths, of which 2,044 have been recorded in cities and towns with the remaining 1,811 occurring in rural areas.

Adams estimated that 50 persons would be killed in motor vehicle accidents during the Christmas holiday weekend and another 37 persons would be killed during the New Year holiday weekend. Both holiday periods are 102 hours long.

Count Begins Wednesday

He said the Christmas count starts at 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 24th and continues until midnight, Sunday, December 28th. The New Year holiday count starts at 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 31st and ends at midnight, Sunday, January 4th, 1981.

Adams said that during the Christmas holiday period last year, 72 persons were killed in traffic accidents and 43 were killed during the New Year holiday period.

"During both forthcoming major holidays, our traveling public has an opportunity to take advantage of slower speeds while helping our law enforcement officers across Texas reduce the spiraling death toll. I would certainly urge all drivers to utilize only wise driving habits and caution while on the roadways. In so doing, our motorists would be in a better position to live to enjoy the full holidays," he added.

Adams also reminded motorists that many lives would be saved and serious

injuries would be reduced during the crowded utilization of seat belts and other restraint devices.

All available DPS Troopers will be on duty throughout both holidays. They will be joining with local officers to place special emphasis on removing drunks and reckless drivers from city streets and highways.

The \$200 million Georges Pompidou National Center of Art and Culture in Paris now attracts more visitors than the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower combined.

GREETINGS

Surround yourself with those you love and experience all the beauty of the season!

THOMAS DRYER
EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS

Good Tidings

Wishing you joys to remember, memories to treasure, and love all around this Christmas!

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Columbus, Texas

Branches in Seely, Schenley, Wharton, Katy and Mason Village

We wish you a Merry Christmas...

The Gallery Girls ... photography and much, much more Columbus

Patsy
Delia
Shortie
Kaye
Kathy
Jodi
Karen
Jayne