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Fire Record Former Coach Henry E. Frnka Died In San Antonio Dec. 18

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Attendance At Fire Alarm Smith reported that Pete Canaris was the "busiest fireman" for the year, attending 120 of the 132 alarms. Two others attended over 100 alarms, including Gary Glaser, 103; and Thurston Webb, 102.

Other firemen's attendance at fires in 1980 were: T. J. Smith 80; L. J. Spuniel and Melvin Stancik 78; Mickey Stephens and Roland Harbers 71; Johnny Przak and Bill Blair 66; Gene Jones 67; Dennis Wilkerson 62; Wilfred Loedekes 60; Monroe Briscoe 61; Darrell Gertson 59; Buddy Mascheck 59; Clark Powers 58; Bobby Marcella and Ronnie Miller 56; Frank Cullen 47; Edward Sunderman 46; Bryan Johnson and Gary Grant 43 each; and others forty or less.

Practice Report
Three of the department's members attended all 24 of the twice-a-month practice drills, while seven others missed only one practice. Pete Canaris, Mickey Stephens, and Wilfred Loedekes attended all 24 meetings; Monroe Briscoe, Gary Glaser, Roland Harbers, Gene Jones, Buddy Mascheck, Ronnie Miller and Thurston Webb missed only one meeting.

The 38 firemen (some served only part of the year) in the department in 1980 spent a total of 1096 hours in practice drills to improve and update fire fighting and emergency procedures. The firemen received "bonuses" of \$3 per drill attended from the City of Eagle Lake - a total of \$1779.00 in bonus payments.

Records of other firemen at practice drills were as follows: L. J. Spuniel, Melvin Stancik, and Edward Sunderman 22; David Baird, Johnny Przak, T. J. Smith and Chuck Stephens 21; John Raca and Wilfred Loedekes 19; Darrell Gertson 18; Bobby Joe Marcella and Clark Powers 17; Gary Grant 16; Bill Blair and Dennis Wilkerson 15; Michael Argo 9; Darin Briscoe, Frank Cullen and Tim Loedekes 8; Dennis Miller 7; Bryan Johnson 6; James E. Allen, Ernest Gene Moore, Lane A. Veach, Leslie Wilkerson 5; Allen Koblitz 4; Terry Dean LeNorman and Ervin Rucka 2 each.

For more on the firemen's annual Christmas Party see page 1 of section 2-B.

Final Rites For Mrs. J. O. Walker Mon.

Citizens of the community learned with great sadness of the death of Mrs. J. O. (Macy Lee) Walker of this city at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20th as the result of a heart attack suffered just two days before. Mrs. Walker had been enjoying good health and her sudden illness and sudden death brought great sadness to all who came to know and love this kind and gentle woman.

Funeral services for Mrs. Walker were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22nd from the First Baptist Church with the Rev. J. Melvin Stancik, pastor of the church, officiating. Appropriate hymns were rendered by Mrs. Clara May Nash.

Her body was placed to a peaceful rest in the Lakeside Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were James Walker, Trent Hair, Ralph Deering, Orville Powers, Paul Powers and J. B. Wesson. Mill-Bauer Funeral Home of Eagle Lake was in charge of arrangements.

She was born on October 6, 1901 in Rosenberg, Texas, the daughter of Robert S. and Emma Duty and lived in the Rosenberg and Eagle Lake areas. She and J. O. (Boyce) Walker were united in marriage on May 16, 1928 in Eagle Lake. Mr. Walker served as Colorado County Sheriff for over twenty years before retiring. He preceded her in death in 1970, as did one daughter, Mary Edna Deering in 1982; and two brothers, Frank and Lawrence Duty.

Surviving are a son John Walker of Pasadena; a daughter, Mrs. Martha Hair of Houston; six grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Norma Jean Matthews of Sacramento, California; three brothers, John B. Duty of Houston, William Duty of Mississippi, and R. S. Duty of Houston; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Walker was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church and took an interest and active part in other community organizations.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of this loved one in their great loss.

BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

• Donald Obenhaus, manager of the Eagle Lake office of the American Rice Growers Co-Operative Association, brought by this interesting information to dispel the thoughts in some parts of the world that the citizens of this country are all wealthy capitalists.

The report notes that U. S. agricultural exports reached a record high of \$40.5 billion during fiscal year 1980 which ended Sept. 30th. This is up \$8.5 billion or 27 percent from fiscal year 1979, and record high for the eleventh straight year.

Rich Americans? A survey of the highest disposable income per capita per year reveals the following by country: a. Swiss, \$8,853; b. Danes, \$8,296; c. Swedes, \$8,286; d. Americans, \$7,668; and e. Japanese, \$2,291.

The report further reveals the following percentage of disposable income spent for food: a. Americans 13.8%; b. Danes 27.6%; c. Swedes 27.7%; and d. Japanese 29.3%.

The average Swedish has \$2,658 for disposable income and spends 40% of it for food. The people of India have the lowest per capita disposable income - \$135 and spent 62% of it for food.

The report continues: Let's the words evoke different remembrances to each of us, as varied as America itself. To the New Englander, Christmas can mean Santa coming to town on a hay wagon . . . to the New Mexican, it can mean decorating one's home with *luminarias*, those festive candle lights of Spanish and Mexican tradition.

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Eagle Lake Comm. Center Pretty In Holiday Decor

Eagle Lake Community Center is beautiful again this holiday season with unique decor adding to the festivities being held in the Center.

Members of the Eagle Lake Lions Club and Lionsesses and other volunteers completed the decorations.

Large straw heart-shaped fans decorated with red ribbon and greenery are used on the entrance in the main hall. The focal point is the large green Christmas tree in one corner of the center. Multi-colored satin balls and colored lights are used on the tree.

Table decorations are highlighted by a wide red ribbon centering the tables, along which are interspersed hurricane lamps with red tapers, nestled in greenery and holly.

Officers and directors of the Community Center extend thanks to the Lions for providing the decorations for this holiday season.



Workers for the R. W. (Bob) Strunk Housemoving Co. are shown preparing to move the first of two portable buildings from the east end of the Eagle Lake Middle School building. One of the units will be moved on the north side, at the rear of the present building, and the other will be moved to the Eagle Lake Primary School campus. Strunk recently was awarded a contract to move the two buildings for a total fee of \$7220.

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Tools Stolen At Building Near Columbus Thurs.

Colorado County sheriff's office was called at 7:15 a.m. last Thurs., Dec. 18th to report a burglary at the Sunset Plaza being constructed on Highway 71 north of Columbus.

Columbus Glass Co. was installing windows in the building and reported that entry into the building was made by pulling a latch off the door. Taken were: \$15 in change from a drink machine, 2 Sears routers, a Milwaukee router, 2 Milwaukee drills, a Milwaukee screw gun and an air guide. Investigation of the entry continues.

Families Can Celebrate True Spirit of Christmas

With increased emphasis today on gift-giving for the holidays, parents may despair of trying to keep Christmas from becoming more and more commercialized for their children each year.

There are many ways, however, of keeping the merchandising aspects of the holidays at a minimum and emphasizing the spirit of Christmas within family celebrations. It takes effort on the part of both parents and youngsters, but it can result in the most meaningful Christmas your family has ever enjoyed.

You might begin with the traditional tree instead of settling for the usual, expensive baubles that have no particular significance, try creating a tree that truly is a Christmas tree. Together with the youngsters, you might design "Chrismons," meaning monograms of Christ. These are such symbols as crosses, doves and fishes. In addition, you can create decorations that take their inspiration from the Bible: a boat representing Noah's Ark, a tablet representing the Ten commandments or lilies to represent the Resurrection, for instance. Any symbol from the Old or New Testament is appropriate, as they all are part of salvation history, culminating in the birth and life of Christ.

Most churches offer special music programs or community sings before Christmas; make an effort to attend one of these enjoyable events together as a family to help everyone get into the true spirit of the season. You can also decide on a charitable venture as a family project, whether it's making up a Christmas basket for a family in need, or going to visit elderly neighbors who are without family.

Probably gift-giving is the most difficult aspect of the holidays when it comes to keeping the true Christmas spirit. Remind your children (and yourself) that the reason we exchange gifts at this time of year is to commemorate the gifts brought to the infant Jesus by the Wise Men.

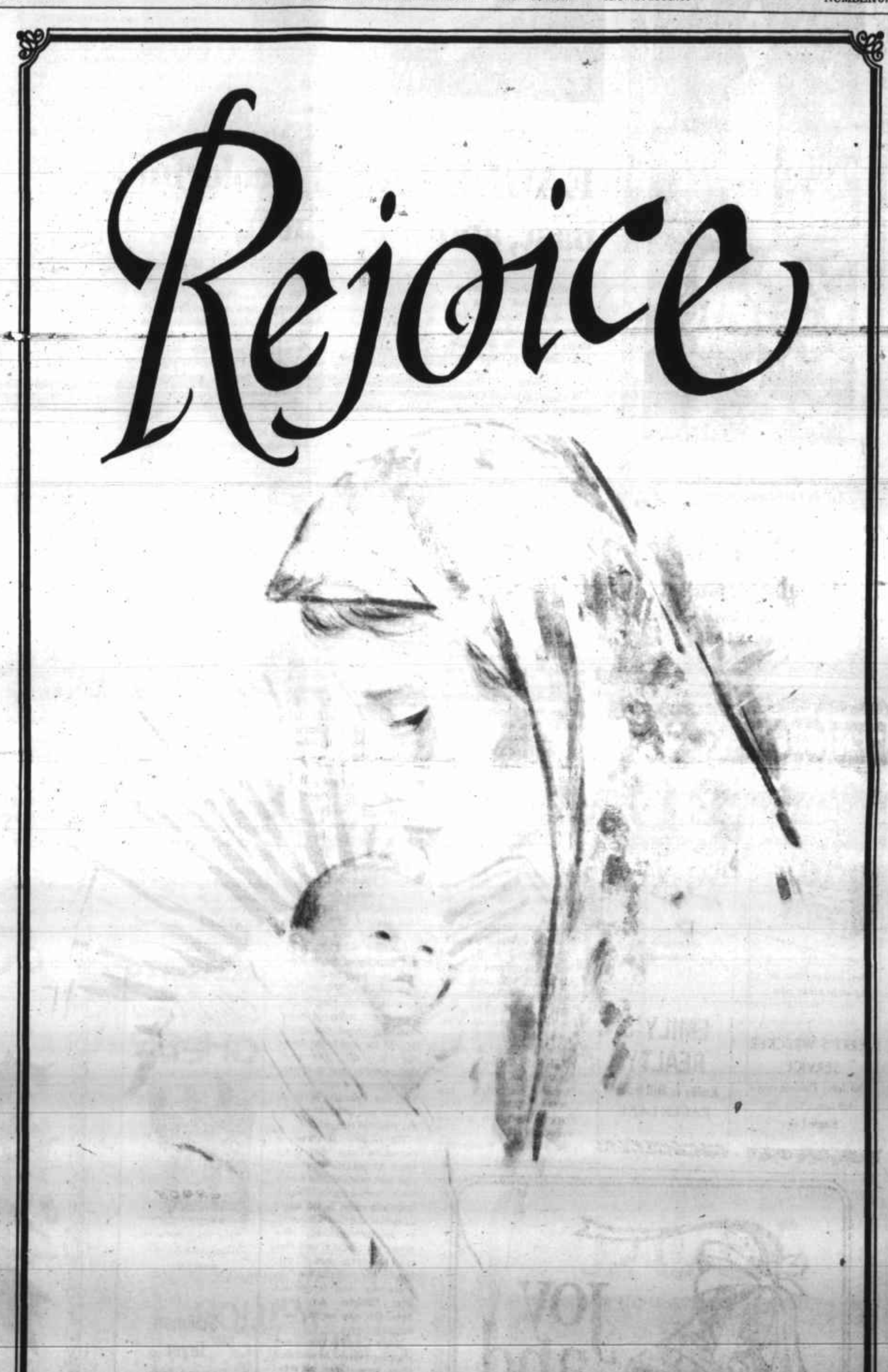
Another "busy" activity of the holiday season that often is rendered meaningless is the exchanging of cards. With the wide selection of name imprinted cards available, sending cards is becoming more and more impersonal. One way to get back to the original intent of green cards — a personal message of good wishes for the holidays — is to make your own! This can be a fun project for the whole family.

Of course, no Christmas can be considered truly kept without attending church services on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. Worship as a family, brought more closely together by observing the birth of the Savior in a spirit of joy and love for one another.

Let's Put Christ Into Christmas!

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*May the warmth and peace and tenderness of the
Madonna and Child enrich our Christmas holidays
and bring joy to our lives.*

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Mrs. J. F. Strunk, Garwood
Mrs. Jim Kester, Shurline
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Dr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas
Host Holiday Reception Sun.

Dr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas entertained with a delightful holiday reception Sunday afternoon, December 21st from two to six o'clock in their spacious home. The home was decked out in lovely Christmas decor.

Guests included the Eagle Lake Community Hospital's Medical Staff, the Hospital Staff, the Hospital Board and active members of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Surprise Birthday Luncheon Honors Mrs. Elmo Senn

Mrs. Gay Burkhardt of Conroe and Mrs. Richard Allen of El Campo gave a surprise birthday luncheon at Jack's Restaurant in Eagle Lake honoring their mother, Mrs. Elmo Senn.

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