Season's greetings

Santa says and we do too: "Wishing the merriest to all of you!"

Colorado County Sheriff and Mrs. George (Doc) Mueller

Columbus Man Wins Blue Ribbon At State Hay Show

Jimmy Mikulenka of Columbus had the champion entry in the Colorado County Hay Show perennial grass division this fall. His coastal bermuda grass entry was entered in the State Hay Show held in Lufkin recently.

"The entry checked out at over 14 percent crude protein and was awarded a blue ribbon which is an accomplishment in itself at that level of competition. This quality of hay fed alone to a cow nursing a calf will meet her winter nutritional needs," said County Extension Agent Leroy J. Hajdik.

Wishing you all happiness at this wondrous time of year!

BILL'S GARAGE

Bill & Lavonia Chavis

EAGLE LAKE

May all the world share the spirit of Christmas.

Sheridan Dairy Delite

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Nance & Sons

Sheridan, Texas

Glad Tidings

Peace and joy and friendships strong; may these blessings be yours this Christmas!

Marvin's In Altair

Gladys and Marvin Tyler

Enjoy Visit With Santa

Santa Claus was a half hour late getting here for his annual visit Dec. 13th because the helicopter he was to arrive in failed to start, but this did not dampen the spirit of the occasion as around 700 children visited with him in the foyer of the Municipal Building. He arrived by fire truck provided by the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. for the visit sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Some of the visitors with Santa are shown above. At the top left is Renee Wornat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wornat; middle left is Anthony Clark, son of Carol Clark; at the bottom left is Kim Marsalis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Marsalis.

At the top right is Kay Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Moss; center right are Rebecca and Sharon Harbers, children of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Harbers of La Porte and Ron and Chris Pilkington, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Pilkington of Wharton; and bottom right is Robert Allen Rodriguez.

Cargo Theft Problem Increasing

[By Cong. J. J. Pickle]

For many years, I have expressed concern with the problem of cargo theft--the stealing of goods from trucks, trains, planes, ports and warehouses. Like a big roach that runs away but keeps coming back, cargo theft is an issue which seems to look bigger each year, yet the Congress has not taken grasp of the problem.

Recently, the House Public Works Subcommittee on Surface Transportation invited me to testify on the latest situation. I put in a plug for my legislation, but told the subcommittee I would be quite satisfied with a committee probe or task force.

The American consumer is paying $10 to $12 billion a year to feed the appetites of organized crime and common thieves for stolen cargo. Some people in the federal government may know what is going on, but they, along with the Congress, have apparently ignored the pervasiveness of these crimes. The Department of Transportation's Office of Cargo Security has a few enforcement tools at its disposal, especially when the violators are so tough to root out.

Earlier this year, the General Accounting Office, known as the investigative arm of Congress, pronounced the Office of Cargo Security as ineffective because of a lack of money, staff and interest. I would not be surprised if the higher-ups at Transportation don't even know about the cargo Security Office, don't know where to put it or what to do with it.

Until something is done, I am afraid the big winners in all of this activity are Organized Crime figures. The Mob is in this game in a big way, but cargo crime is the crime of society and individuals.

My legislation would give DOT power to enforce improved standards in packaging, labeling, loss reporting and screening of employees. The bill received no action because it was referred to several committees, slowing the process, and because the problem is so big. I am not trying to put the federal government into a "Big Brother" role, but simply am providing certain enforcement tools to reduce stealing on and near federally regulated transportation routes.

We join Santa in wishing you a great package of joy and happiness.

Furniture Shoppe

Virginia and Walter Lee Bauer - Mrs. O. L. Mill

EAGLE LAKE

Season's Greetings

All good wishes to our many patrons. We hope your Christmas will be a merry one and in the years to come you will remember it with great pleasure.

GIFTS OF DISTINCTION

115 N. McCarty - Phone 234-2507

Eagle Lake

Let's Look Back 48 YEARS AGO

[November 19, 1932]

Eagle Lake State Bank closed since Saturday. Bank did not open its doors for business on Saturday morning since which time the affairs have been in the hands of banking commissioner. Directors making every effort to reopen institution. . An oil well test will begin near Altair. Dallas oil interests to drill well between Altair and Columbus. . Nada man found dead in truck seat Thursday. Willard Glass dies of heart attack. . Eagle Lake defeats Smithville to win district honors. . Legion celebration at Columbus well attended. Eagle Lake Prairie Hunting Club opens. . .Attempt to burglarize Steinweit store made. . .Second ice of week visible here. . .Eagles to meet Granger or Taylor in bi-district game. . .Mrs. Ferdinand Rabel dies Wednesday. . .Thanksgiving picnic held at Nada.

[November 26, 1932]

Bank situation will be decided definitely today. Whether new bank will work out affairs or whether the state will handle liquidating up for final decision. . . Eagle Lake and Granger will play at Smithville. Game for bi-district championship will be played December 2nd at 2 p.m. . . Burglars attempt to crack Garwood Bank Tuesday night. Gain entrance through back door of bank. Fail to get safe open after battering knob. . . Chances good for starting oil test, Winn Poole says. Oklahoma promoter is expected here Monday to complete final arrangements for well test on west side of

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A happy Christmas to our many good friends and neighbors of this fine community.

Christmas Greeting

City of Eagle Lake

City Officials and Employees

EAGLE LAKE

Glad Tidings

The holidays are here! Fill 'em up with happiness!

Arco Service Center

Larry Smidovec

Hwy. 71 - Garwood

Visit With Santa Claus

Shown above are a few of the hundreds who visited with Santa Claus on his visit here December 13th. At the top is little Brandy Zbranek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Zbranek; center, Chris Waddell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Waddell of Rock Island; and in the lower photo, Kari Seaholm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Seaholm.

Christmas Customs

Christmas is celebrated in many parts of the world, and in many different ways.

In Austria, for instance, a charming candle ceremony reminds us that Christ is the light of the world. According to this custom, families gather together on Christmas Eve, before three large, wax candles. The first candle is lit, as the words, "Christ is born," are chanted. On Christmas Day, the second candle is lit, and the third one is lit on New Year's Day.

Christmas Peace

We wish to one and all a most joy-filled holiday.

From The DIRECTORS, STAFF & RESIDENTS

HERITAGE HOUSE

EAGLE LAKE

Looking Back 48 Years Ago

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lake. . . Eagles win easy 31 to 0 victory over La Grange Friday. . . Altair oil well ready to begin drilling today. Derrick is erected on Talt ranch three miles from Altair. . . Old-time citizen, Sam Robinson, visits here. . . Mrs. Bruce McCarty back from hospital following operation. . .Eagle Lake girl, Miss Clara Lillian Killough, elected an active member of Pi Lambda Theta Fraternity at the University of Texas. . Tom Waddell Jr., kills 8-point buck, first deer to be killed locally this season. . Gardner Seaholm celebrated thirteenth birthday with party Saturday.

[December 3, 1932]

Airship "Reliance," one of Goodyear blimps, is air visitor Wednesday. . Irvin S. Cobb, nationally known writer visitor here during the week at Lakeside Clubhouse enjoyed a few days of duck hunting. . .No change made since last week in bank matters. Lands in county are being leased for oil activities. Much territory from Altair well through Ramsey and to near Eagle Lake being leased at dollar an acre. . .Meeting called for Monday night to plan for destitute. . .Lone fisherman, Bart Smith of Lissie, brings home a string of salt water fish from the coast. . .Former Columbus business man, William A. Mathee passes away in Houston.

[December 10, 1932]

State Bank may re-open next week. Stock for new liquidating bank is subscribed in full, but slowness of some depositors in signing required withdrawal agreement is delaying re-opening. . Epidemic of sore eyes through bottom farming section. . Red Cross flour is received here Saturday. . Former citizen, Mrs. Louis Sonsel, of Houston died Sunday night. . Many wolves and bobcats trapped in Rock Island section. . H. E. Bradley has trapped and killed over eighty wolves and a dozen bobcats near Rock Island. . Granger and Eagle Lake play scoreless tie Friday for bi-district championship. Flip of coin wins Granger choice to play Regional game. . Joe Mrazek killed while out hunting. . Nathan stock sold by trustee A. W. Phillips Monday.

Back The Raider Cagers

We wish happiness and prosperity to all

Yuletide Cheer

As the church spire towers majestically over the woods all blanketed in white, we extend a heartfelt wish that your Christmas be rich in the joys of friendship and love.

Garwood Irrigation Co.

El Seven Ranch

Modern Fuels Inc.

Garwood Implement & Supply

GARWOOD, TEXAS