



Happy New Year

May health, happiness and success be abundantly yours and may good friends always surround you.

City of Eagle Lake

City Officials and Employees

EAGLE LAKE

Looking Back 24 Years Ago

Oct. 4, 1956
Clarence Duncan, a member of the armed forces was shot in the chest by Elmer Lloyd Mitchell with a .38

IT'S TIME TO WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



May all your joys be multiplied many times over in the New Year!

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From all of us, to all of you, very best wishes.

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43 New Faces In 67th Texas Legislature

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—The 67th Texas Legislature will convene on Jan. 13, 1981, and on opening day there will be 43 new faces in the House and Senate, decidedly more conservative.

Presiding over the Senate will be Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby with a ten-year tenure in that office.

Sitting in front of the House will probably be Speaker Bill Clayton, considered a shoo-in for an unprecedented fourth term.

And in the Governor's Office is still the first Republican in over a hundred years, Bill Clements. Clements was a "rookie" during the last session, but in a short two years he has become a seasoned veteran. He has several proposals for the Legislature, including initiative and referendum, tax relief, legalized writs and public education reforms.

Clements has never been stronger. He spearheaded Ronald Reagan's victory in Texas, and stands now as one of the President-elect's closest advisors. He had a hand in the defeat of three liberal state senators and even more state representatives.

Initiative and referendum go hand in hand with tax relief, depending on the mind of the voters. If I&R were available to Texas voters, one might very well see a tax revolt at the ballot box similar to California's Proposition 13.

"Writings are important" to Clements who has declared war on narcotics trafficking.

The Governor also wants a regional primary election for Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The primary would force all candidates to Michael Deane Reading is the name of the new son for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reading. He was born Sept. 30th in El Campo. . . Henry Alvarado made the only score for the Eagles in the loss to Angleton 46-6. After many penalties the Eagles got a first down with Alvarado going over on the third try. . . Mrs. F. M. Drymgoole honored her children, Fulton Jr. and Myra Ann, with parties on succeeding weekends at their country home. On Sept. 22nd, Myra Ann was six years old and she was honored at a party. On Sept. 29th, Fulton, Jr., was honored on his ninth birthday. . . Victor Ray Corman, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Corman of Lissie showed the championship pen of three Brahman-breeders type calves at the County Fair. . . Funeral services were held at the Columbus Funeral Home for Dempsey Hovington, who passed away at Garwood after a brief illness.

Texas traditionally has been a "third party" state with liberal Democrats on one end, Republicans on the other, and conservative Democrats in the middle (skillfully playing both ends against one another).

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However, in the Legislature there are still a good many conservative Democrats, all worried about the future of their party. And despite Republican gains, there are still enough liberal/moderate members to make three strong factions. The old squeeze play will no doubt continue, but who will be squeezed the most?

A good guess is that the Republicans will make a strong swing on which the conservative and liberal Democrats can beat one another.

Players To Watch

In the House of Representatives, where the 150 members make for interesting play-action, keep your eye on Republican Bob Davis and progressive Democrat John Bryant. . . and, of course, the veteran Bill Clayton.

In the Senate, Hobby heads the conservative Democrats. Walter Mendon and Betty Andujar lead the Republicans, and Carl Parker and Lloyd Doggett are top moderate-liberals.

And to add a further dimension, while it may be handy to classify legislators into handy factions and labels, that classification doesn't hold up every day.

Each must vote for his or her district, for his or her conscience. On days when that type of political integrity is in abundance, Texas benefits from good government.

In underses help forests off the shore of southern California, a single giant kelp sometimes supports more than 50,000 small animals.



Have a happy holiday and a most successful year. Thank you for your friendship.

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Pre-Christmas Prize Winners Announced

A number of Eagle Lake business firms offered Pre-Christmas prizes. Winners included:

Marilyn DeBay was named winner of a sewing basket at the Eagle Lake Sewing Center; Rice Drug Store awarded huge 8-foot Christmas stockings to Mary Morales and Norman Breimmon.

Dick Wood was winner of the \$100 gift certificate at Jo Ann's and Mrs. V. J. Kana won a bon-bon dish and Mrs. Wayne Lipperdt won a set of glasses at Jo Ann's.

Miller's Grocery awarded cash prizes including: a \$50 prize to Peggy J. Pohl; a \$25 prize to Bernice Maxie; \$10 to Eusebio Salazar; \$5 to Denise Sanders; \$2 prizes to Beverly Mason and MeLo Davis; and \$1 prizes to Winnie Wiese, Tony Ramirez, Evelyn Beseda, Regina Bennett and Rudy Lopez.

Connie's Crafts and Gifts awarded a basket of fruit to Helen Glover.

Wilton's Awards Prizes

At 2:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve Day obligation free prizes were awarded to the following at Wilcox Minimax: Westinghouse Microwave Oven to Mrs. R. H. Janow; Little Tikes Railroad to Mrs. Barbara Perry; Giant Christmas Stocking filled with toys to Mrs. Joyce Rhodes; Mickey Mouse Wrist Watch Clock to Miss Betty Hoover. R. P. Wilcox and Buck Swords congratulated these winners and thanked all their customers for the great interest shown in their Christmas Prize Promotion.

Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association in Columbus awarded two prizes on Dec. 23rd, including a 10-speed bicycle to Mrs. W. J. Huvar of Garwood and a \$500 savings certificate to Hauer Stephens of Wharton.

Christmas Guests

Christmas Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gertson were: Calvin Gertson, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Veera, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Finney, Mrs. Ada Maule Gunn and son, Mat, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Henke and daughter, Kim, all of Eagle Lake.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Jobe and son, Justin Blair of Wharton; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Becker of El Campo; Miss Lisbet Boer of Nederland; Mrs. Glenna Mueller and son Chase of New Ulm; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Means and sons, Quintine and Timothy of Bellville; Randall Becker of Houston; Mrs. Emily Clark of Yoakum; and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Foyt and sons, Mark and Bryan, of Tucson, Arizona.

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Tax Officer Begins Tour Next Monday

Colorado County Tax Officer Henry J. Hajovsky and his deputies will begin a tour of the county Monday to assess property for 1981 and to collect 1980 taxes.

Mr. Hajovsky reminds that under new state legislation, all tax assessments for 1981 must be made at 100% of market value.

The group will begin the tour in Weimar Jan. 7, 8 and 9; will be in Frelsburg Jan. 12; in Oakland Jan. 13.

Following stops will be at Hopkins Office in Garwood on Jan. 19; at the Sheridan School the morning of Jan. 20th and at the Rock Island Community Center the afternoon of Jan. 20th.

He asks that you bring a deed for any property purchased and to be rendered for the first time in 1981.

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Eagle Lake Headlight

Chief Of Police Winebrenner



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Earl Winebrenner Is New Chief Of Police

Was Former Wharton County Chief Deputy And Acting Sheriff

Eagle Lake City Council in special session at 3 p.m. Tues., Dec. 30th voted unanimously to hire William Earl Winebrenner, 32, formerly Wharton County sheriff's department chief deputy and acting sheriff for a short period of time, as the new Chief of Police for Eagle Lake.

Chief Winebrenner began duties here on Friday of last week (Jan. 2nd).

One of his first tasks will be to fill the local staff which is full of the recent resignations of Larry Hill and Linda Travis. Patrolman Lupe Villarreal and part-time deputy Bill Chavis were the only remaining officers from the staff under chief of police Jimmie Smith who resigned to accept a position with the Wichita County sheriff's department.

Winebrenner is a native of Boling and a graduate of Boling High School. He comes to Eagle Lake with excellent credentials and references, according to City Manager Bob Klockman. Klockman, Mayor Elmer Struss and city councilmen expressed pleasure in having an officer of Mr. Winebrenner's qualifications to fill the position here.

The new officer and his wife and three year old daughter were special guests at a gathering of council members and wives in the Bob Klockman home on Tuesday night of last week.

Chief Winebrenner was certified by Texas A&M University and in 1975 graduated from the Institute of Applied Science specializing in criminal and civil investigation and in the use of fingerprints and police photography. In 1977 he

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New-Born Baby Left On Hospital Steps Dec. 30

4 Pound Baby Girl Survives Ordeal, Mother Being Sought

A tiny four pound baby girl is reported to be recuperating nicely in Eagle Lake Community Hospital after being left on the steps at the emergency entrance to the local hospital late Tuesday evening, December 30th.

The baby was wrapped only in a white blood-stained blanket and apparently had been born only a few hours before this dastardly act was committed by the mother or the parents of the infant of Spanish descent.

Fortunately the baby was found in time or else it probably would have perished in the cold weather which prevailed at the time.

Special Sheriff's Deputy Ike Elbridge, assisting the local police during the shortage of officers here, said that he received a call from the hospital at 7:10 p.m. reporting the incident. He said that every effort is being made to discover the identity of the baby's parents or at least of the mother. Child

Welfare officials in the county are also assisting in an effort to locate the child's parents, but up to noon Tuesday, they had not been able to do so.

Local officers and the Colorado County Child Welfare Board in Columbus urge that any person who might have any information on the identity of the parents, to contact them at once. You may report the information to the Eagle Lake Police Department, 234-2727 or to the Child Welfare office on Spring Street in Columbus, 732-6231. Name of the informant will be kept confidential.

A representative of the child welfare office told the Headlight last week-end that an effort will be made to find a foster home for the infant girl as soon as possible.

Citizens of the community learned of the incident with shock and with disbelief that any parent could have committed such a despicable act as to desert the baby in cold weather with a good probability that the small child might have perished if not located at the time it was found.

Parents of students in grades K-8 are invited to visit with their dependents' teachers next Monday, Jan. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. The staff will be in their respective classrooms and available to discuss with the parents the status of their child's progress or any other school related matter.

All Rice schools will be closed on Monday, Jan. 12. While the students are enjoying the holiday, their teachers will be involved in in-service planning activities.

Eagle Lake Postmaster Robert S. Martin reports that two promotions have been approved by the United States Postal Service and two new employees have been named for the Eagle Lake Postoffice.

Ben Castillo was promoted to a full-time city carrier following the retirement of Clyde Morgan and Jim Mathis was advanced to a regular carrier on city route number two, succeeding Castillo in that position.

The new employees at the local postoffice include: Larry D. Waddell who was selected from a register of persons who took recent Civil Service examinations for the position of substitute city carrier, a position formerly held by Mathis; and W. M. (Bill) Thomas, Jr., was selected from the Postal Service register for the position of substitute rural carrier to fill a position left vacant by the death of Clifford T. Wiese.

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