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Police Dept. Commended By Council

Eagle Lake's police department, now fully staffed, met with the City Council in its regular session on Tuesday night of last week and was commended by the mayor and city councilmen for the good work that the officers are doing.

Chief Earl W. Winesinger had all of his officers present to meet with the council, including Patrolmen Lope Villarreal, Jack Reed, Bill Steen and special officer Bill Chavis.

Mayor Elmer Struss and councilmen commended the officers for the fine appearance and efficient service being offered to the citizens of Eagle Lake.

"You are certainly helping to give the department an improved image," added the mayor.

OK Lines' Request

In other action the council approved the use of the downtown city square by the Eagle Lake Lions Club for the annual Pop and Broom Sale field on Thursday of last week.

City Manager Bob Klockman reported that notice has been received that health insurance premiums on city employees and officials is due to go up 24% and Klockman was authorized to check with other agencies on possible coverage and costs.

He reported on plans to be brought to a curbe on Cat Spring Road to some extent; and on a prospective mobile home park on the eastern edge of the city.

The city manager was asked to check on a sanitation problem reported in West Main where raw sewage was said to be flowing into a ditch and coming into the city. Mayor Struss also discussed work on drainage on Seaholm Street to improve drainage in the area from the ball park to Beaks Ave.; on the need to improve radio communication and asked the city manager to check with HGAC for possible criminal justice grant assistance in this improvement.

The council noted that the planning matters in the city are being worked more frequently and Councilman Gene Baker proposed that consideration be given to increasing the fine for illegal parking from 25c to possibly 50c or \$1.00. No action was taken on this proposal.

C.D. Director Reports

H. E. Tate, Eagle Lake's Civil Defense Director, reported on the 20th Annual Preparedness Conference for State and Local Officers held in Austin Feb. 17-19th. Tate stated the meeting and brought information on the sessions and especially on the procedures to be used in handling hazardous materials.

Tate said that he has ordered Department of Transportation "Materials Emergency Guide" booklets for distribution to the local police, fire department, ambulance corps and others interested in emergency situations. He said the

24 YEARS AGO
LET'S LOOK BACK

[Jan. 1, 1957]
 Sam K. Seymour, Jr. of Columbus was elected to a new six-year term as a Director of the Lower Colorado River Authority. Night patrolman for Eagle Lake, W. A. Hobbs has been appointed as office deputy for the sheriff's department in Columbus.

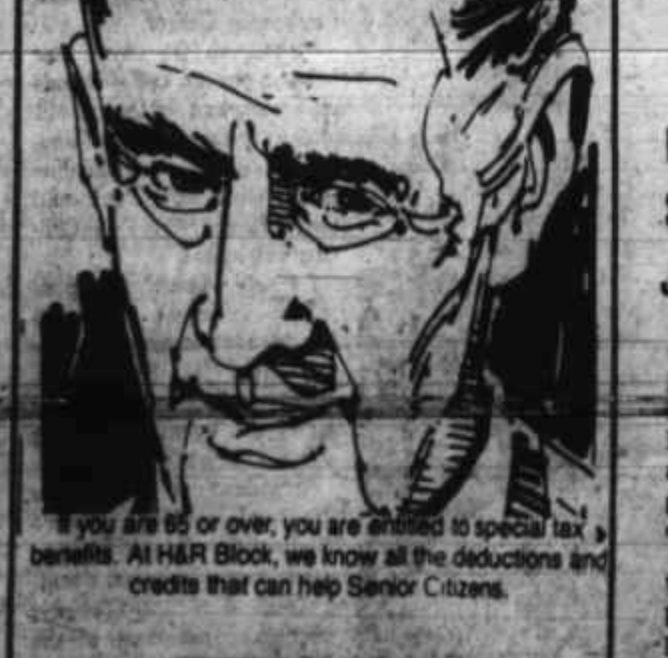
Funeral services were conducted Thurs. Jan. 3rd at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church for Rudolph Rabel, 65, who passed away immediately following a stroke. Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery. Last rites were held Wednesday, Jan. 2nd in the First Presbyterian Church for Mrs. Thomas Preston Haley, native of this community. Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Finney of Texas City are proud to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Donna Jean, born December 21st. Eagle Lake High School boys and girls open District 24-A basketball games Thurs., Jan. 3rd against Sealy. Joe R. Carroll was appointed assistant attorney general of Texas, effective Jan. 1st. He is the brother of John Carroll of Eagle Lake.

Let's Look Back
48 Years AGO

[February 25, 1933]
 Funeral for Lester C. Mill, popular Glen Flora business man and brother of O. L. Mill held. Well near Altair on Tall ranch strikes strong presence of gas. Burglar raids school building Sunday night. Big fun evening at

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A midday Lenten service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbus every Wednesday from March 13th through April 8th at 11:00 a.m. Features will be guest preachers from area churches.

The Rev. George T. Welch, rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake, will be speaker on March 13th.

In conjunction with the services, women of St. Elizabeth's Guild will serve Lenten luncheons in the parish hall, featuring a varied to-noon-type menu. The luncheons are open to the public from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities Discussed

April 30 is Deadline For Applying For 1961 Tax Exemptions

Kenneth E. Graeber, executive director of the State Property Tax Board (SPTB), has announced a statewide program to make citizens more aware of their rights, remedies and responsibilities as taxpayers.

The public education program involves the State Property Tax Board, local tax assessors throughout Texas and the print and broadcast news industries. Graeber said.

He added that the awareness program consists of two elements, the first of which involves distribution of a comprehensive 12-page pamphlet entitled, "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities," while the second phase of the program consists of efforts by news media to inform all Texans of tax rendition deadlines and the procedures and requirements to apply for homestead exemptions and productivity values.

Graeber said that local tax assessors are cooperating in this part of the taxpayer education program. The efforts are being conducted in March to provide sufficient time for taxpayers to apply for all tax relief to which they

may be entitled before local tax rendition deadlines.

To qualify for most homestead exemptions and productivity valuation for agricultural land, Graeber noted that applications should be made to each jurisdiction which taxes a particular piece of property before the rendition period ends. "Most of the state's local taxing units have rendition deadlines of April 1 or April 30 and failure to make timely application may cause loss of the tax relief until the next tax year," he added.

In 1962, when the new Property Tax Code will be fully implemented, all taxing jurisdictions will have a rendition deadline of April 1," Graeber said.

By local option school districts, cities and counties may offer additional exemptions to elderly homeowners of not less than \$3,000 of the assessed value of the residence homesteaded.

Disability Exemptions

Citizens who are totally disabled and who apply for the residence homestead exemption are entitled to an additional exemption of \$10,000 off the market value of their residence homesteaded. This exemption applies to school taxes only. A property owner may not receive both this disability exemption and the \$10,000 exemption for the elderly.

School districts, cities and counties may offer an additional local option disability exemption of not less than \$3,000 off the market value of the residence homesteaded.

* Disabled Veteran or Qualifying Survivor. Certain disabled veterans or their survivors may be entitled to an exemption ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000 from the assessed value of any property they own. The amount depends on the percentage of service-connected disability.

This exemption may be applied against the value of any property owned on January 1 of the year in which the application is made. The disabled veteran must be a Texas resident and complete an annual application at local tax offices. Only one property may receive the exemption and VA or armed forces documents verifying disability are required.

Land which is being utilized for agricultural purposes may be eligible for tax relief. Qualified landowners hold the option of having an agricultural or open-space land valuation applied to their property. Details on what types of land may be taxed on productivity rather than market value are available in local tax offices or in the "Remedies" pamphlet.

booklet will help emergency response personnel to move quickly to protect lives and property in case of an accident (especially by rail or truck) during the transportation of hazardous materials.

The booklet will offer emergency personnel information, easily accessible in the book, to determine what hazards may exist and the steps that need to be taken to safeguard people and property.

Tate explained that under a new identification system, four-digit numbers identifying the material being transported must be shown on orange display panels or placards on tank trucks, rail tank cars and portable tanks carried on vehicles. The new system becomes mandatory on Nov. 1, 1961.

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Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Laughlin Honored At Retirement Party At Farris 1912

Dr. and Mrs. Jones C. Laughlin were the honored guests at a delightful Cocktail Buffet at the Farris 1912 on Saturday evening, February 28 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. upon his retirement from active practice.

Mrs. Laughlin was presented a miniature rose corsage and he received a miniature rose boutonniere.

Dr. J. C., as he is fondly known, retired from active practice in October of 1960 as a medical doctor and surgeon after thirty-five years of service to the citizens throughout the area.

Guests were warmly welcomed and registered by the hosts and hostesses before each extended best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Laughlin upon his well deserved retirement.

In behalf of those hosting the party, Fred Frink gave their party asking all to join in extending congratulations to the Laughlins on this special occasion. He noted that the Laughlins came to this community in September of 1945 and have since been prominent residents and have received the love and affection of all. He asked the group to join in best wishes to the Laughlins for many years of happiness in their retirement.

A buffet of sliced party ham, sliced turkey breast, party breads, assorted relishes, fresh fruit tray with honey lime dressing, blue grass cheese pepper cheese, cocktail sausages, deviled

Brother Of Mrs. Dan Boethel Dies In Calif.

A. J. Mikulenski, brother of Mrs. Dan Boethel of Eagle Lake, passed away suddenly at 5:00 a.m. Saturday, February 28 of a heart attack. He resided in Monterey Park, California where services were held Tuesday.

Mrs. Boethel lost another brother, Thomas Mikulenski of Lubbock in May of 1960 and her mother, Mrs. Betty Mikulenski of Columbus passed away in January of 1979.

Sympathy is extended to her in the loss of these loved ones.

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Catholic Daughters Have Senior Citizens Party

The senior citizens party, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, was held last Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There were two tables of 42 and one of 24. The birthday honoree, Door prizes were given. Lovely refreshments were served.

The next party will be the last Wednesday in March.

Frank Richter Honored With BBQ

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richter of Wesley, Iowa were honored with a barbecue dinner at the Schilling and Wied campouse near Sandies last Sunday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Richter of El Campo, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Richter, Mrs. E. A. Penny of Lake Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Richter, Mrs. Elsie Krenke, her grandbaby, Jennifer Richter, Mrs. Ella Struska, Clarence Hoelscher, E. L. Wied, and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richter, who have spent the past two weeks here visiting relatives, will leave for their home in Iowa Monday.

Mrs. W. R. Frnka

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Last Rites Held For Mrs. Joy Clements

Mrs. W. O. (Joy) Clements, a resident of this community since 1965 and the mother of Mrs. A. B. (Ethel) Coe, died following only a few hours of illness last Saturday, February 28, 1961 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

She was taken to the hospital last morning by the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps and passed away shortly afterward.

She was born January 23, 1886 in Hamilton County, Texas and was very active for her ninety-five years of age.

She was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church, Daughters of the King, Sam Houston University Alumni Association having graduated from Sam Houston Normal Institute (Sam Houston University) in the class of 1908.

Mrs. Clements taught high school math for thirty-seven years in the Gulf Coast area. She was a resident of Gulf and Newburg, Texas (Texas Gulf Sulphur) from 1918 to 1963 at which time she moved to Houston and then came to Eagle Lake in 1965 and has resided here since.

She is survived by two daughters: Ethel Cone and her husband A. B. Cone of Eagle Lake and Isham Wilde and her husband Milton E. Wilde of Boiling; three granddaughters, Peggy Edwards and her husband R. L. Edwards of Houston, Patsy Wilde of Stafford and Nancy Wilde, a senior at Sam Houston University in Huntsville; and one great-grandson, Jason Edwards of Houston. She is also survived by two nieces and one

Rice Schools List 4th Honor Rolls

Schools in the Rice Consolidated Independent School District list many students on the Honor Roll for the fourth six weeks period. They include:

Sheridan Elementary
 1st Grade: Raymond Ford, Tamara Fuller, Kori Klein, Angela Melnar.
 2nd Grade: Becky Paichtinger, Tammie Hinze, Leoina Pence, Donna Douglas, Scotty Helge.
 3rd Grade: Jane Botard, DeWight Dapkin, Lonnie Esparza, Shera Quenard, Clay Sonntag, Michael Till, Steve Matie Yenghaus, Jeff Fearhelm.
 4th Grade: Cash Coble, Doris Edwards, Michael Grahamman, Freddy Solo, Vanessa Canales.
 5th Grade: Lara Dupre, Donna Fudge, Dionne Glover, Leslie Glover, Traci Klein.
 6th Grade: Steven Antrich, Jodi Smith.
 7th Grade: Vicki Darden, Tina Grahamman, Shelby Owens.
 8th Grade: Chris Catalas, Jon Wunderlich, Michael Sonntag, Rebecca Kutzar, Roberta Garcia, Peoco Coble.

St. Mary's School
 All "A's": 6th Grade, Marsha Hoffman; 6th Grade, Donna Drlik, Lisa Drlik, Owen Gallagher, Brian Hyek, Carol Kornek, Shari Popp, Sharon Shimek; 8th Grade, Janice Hyek, Karen Kocurek, Gretta Popp, Joni Rosewald, Jan Zrazek.
 "A's" no more than 2 "B's":
 5th Grade, Dora Hernandez, Keith Kornek; 6th Grade, Duane Kornek; 7th Grade, Mario Hernandez, Sandra Kornek, Christine Schnei-

Local Police Check On Two Home Burglaries

Eagle Lake police were investigating at least two home burglaries which occurred here recently.

At 12:15 a.m., Saturday night, Patrolman Jack Reed was called to the J. Garza home at 622 Sixth Street where a burglary had been reported. The officer stated in his report that entry was made through a bedroom window while the family was away from the house attending a dance at the Guadalupe Church hall.

Garza told the officer that a metal box with personal papers had been removed from another bedroom but was not taken; however the burglar did take a quantity of rolled pennies valued at from \$40 to \$50.

Investigation of the entry continues as local officers are checking on a possible suspect in the case.

Glady's Christal reported to local officers on Feb. 28th that someone had entered her home at 315 West A Street. She found nothing missing but reported that a stereo appeared to have been moved so as to take it out a window but the window was too small and the stereo was not taken.

HOSPITAL News Notes

Patients (March 2)
 Eagle Lake: Mrs. Frank Seaborn; Raddie Rodriguez, Willie B. Johnson, Mrs. Christina Schneider, Mrs. Mary Lou Birdwell, Mrs. Selma Burger, Mrs. Tammy Allen, Baby Boy Allen, James Barclay, Lucius Davis, David Henderson, Joe Ramirez, Henry Brown.
 Garwood: Joe Castaneda, Mrs. Ella Vann, James Sampson; from Hallettsville: Mrs. Martha Campbell; from Altair: Mrs. Esther Hardison; from Austin: Ms. Lida Hutson; from El Campo: Mrs. Dorothy Hoffman; from Nada: Mrs. Anna Maria Perez, Baby Boy Perez; from Lissie: Fred Ineshower; from Weimar: Anna Vornasad, Bohumir Novak, Jerry Janocka.

Rock Island Happenings

(By Bonnie Baker, 234-5043)

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hooper of McAllen were visiting relatives and friends over the weekend.

Mrs. Sue Spann and Noel of Victoria spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cuero: Alfred Breukreutz; from Wharton: Mrs. Tami Waldrop, Baby Boy Waldrop; from Sealy: Mrs. Susan Dvorak; from Altair: LeRoy McCrew; from Abeyton: Ms. Lydia Rodriguez.

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