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AN EDITORIAL:

Violations By "Some" Truckers Make Driving Hazardous

Traffic violations by some truckers (believed to be a small percentage of the total) are the topic of almost every conversation when two or more people get together in this area. . . and the big question is "why doesn't somebody do something about it?"

It's common knowledge that the Texas Department of Public Safety just doesn't have the personnel and budget to be everywhere in order to keep dangerous driving habits of some commercial truck drivers in check. According to a letter on page 14 in this edition from Joe E. Milner, Chief of Traffic Law Enforcement for the DPS, he points out that the Highway Patrol has only 1,450 officers (including supervisors) to handle enforcement responsibilities on 199,573 miles of highways, an average of 133 miles of highway per officer.

This is where you and I come in. Milner says further in his letter that the department "solicits the cooperation of law abiding citizens in promptly reporting these incidents which may enable an officer to observe the violation, identify the violator for prosecution and perhaps remove a hazardous driver from the highway."

You and I can assist the DPS, local city officials and the sheriff's department by reporting violations on our streets and highways.

Eagle Lake city judge and justice of the peace M. M. (Mac) Jones has expressed a desire to assist in this reporting program. Other officials and officers also seek your help.

How can you help? By noting the accurate license number and if possible the company for whom the driver is working, and if possible the number assigned to the truck and trailer. Also note the date and time that the violation occurred and the approximate location of the violation, i.e., list the highway and distance from a city or landmark. Turn that in, in person or by phone, to Judge Jones and he promises that the trucking company involved will be notified and an attempt made to identify the driver. It will not always be able to prosecute all drivers but real assured that safety officers for the trucking companies want to hear of these violations and if needed can take positive action to remove a hazardous driver from our streets and roads.

Similarly, reports can be made to authorities outside the Eagle Lake area, but you should make sure the report is made to an officer or court which exercises jurisdiction at the site of the violation.

One of the most frequent violations occurs when one truck passes another and in doing so has to cross the centerstrip without regard for oncoming traffic, and in doing so forces the oncoming vehicles into the shoulder and in extreme conditions into a ditch to avoid collision. This moving violation is inexcusable. If there isn't sufficient clearance to pass safely without threatening oncoming traffic, there should be no attempt to pass, regardless of the fact that a friendly driver moves to the shoulder in order to encourage passing.

"Tailgating" is another hazardous practice that some drivers follow in order to "encourage" you to allow passing. If you are traveling at the legal limit of 55 miles per hour, there's nothing in state statutes that says you "have to move over" to let another vehicle (except for emergency vehicles) to pass. It's a courtesy practiced by many, but it is not mandatory.

This is not intended to say that all truck drivers are "violators." To the contrary, we acknowledge that the big majority are safe and courteous drivers. But it's those few "lemons" who habitually practice dangerous driving habits who need to be corrected and if necessary restrained from driving on our highways and streets.

Are we willing to share in this responsibility or are we content to let practices which threaten our lives daily to continue unabated? The DPS, city police and sheriff's department should continue to accelerate efforts to rid the highways of habitual violators whether they drive a truck, auto or cycle. With a little help from the public, the highways and streets can become safer for all of us.

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One recent estimate is that there are 2,314,013 farms in the United States.

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Raymond Thomases Honored By SWTSU



Dr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Thomas of Eagle Lake, center, accept a plaque from Southwest Texas State University President Lee H. Smith, right, and Vice President for Institutional Advancement William C. Bourland during a luncheon for Parents' Club members held recently during Family Weekend at SWT. The plaque recognizes the Thomases, active SWT supporters, for their President's Associates contributions. The President's Associates is a development program through which unrestricted funds are made available to the president for use to enrich special programs. (SWT Photo.)

83 Year Old Man Found Dead

At 9:15 a.m., April 27th, Colorado County Sheriff's Office was notified of a deceased subject at the Robert Thomas residence in Alton.

Investigation revealed that Mr. Thomas, 83 years of age, was the deceased and it is believed that he had been dead for 3 to 4 days. There were no signs of foul play around the house.

The inquest was performed by Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt.

Mr. Thomas was found by his daughter Winona Thomas of Houston, when she came to visit him.

Wallis Voters Elect Write-Ins To Mayor, Council

The unincorporated City of Wallis has elected a new mayor and a new member of the City Council who were elected to office earlier this month by write-in balloting.

Frank Petter, a write-in candidate, defeated incumbent mayor Charles Dusek; and Jeanette Zajick was a write-in candidate elected to the council. Both were supported by the organization of Wallis Concerned Citizens.

Mrs. Zajick is a secretary at the Eagle Lake Rice Dryer, Inc.

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Alleyn Business Is Burglarized

Milton Victoria of Alleyn, reported to the Sheriff's Office at 10:15 a.m. Monday, April 27th that her place of business had been broken into. Investigation revealed that entry was gained through the ceiling of the ladies restroom.

The juke box and cigarette machines had been pried open and an undetermined amount of money taken from them. Also taken was about four cases of assorted beer.

David Whites Welcome Baby Boy Apr. 28

Mr. and Mrs. David White of Garwood, both teachers at Rice High School, are the proud parents of their second son, who arrived Tuesday, April 28, 1981, at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton at 8:45 a.m. At birth the new arrival weighed eight pounds and five ounces and measured twenty-two inches in length. His name is Daniel Wade White.

Grandparents are Mrs. Eva Shields of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin White of Victoria.

Welcoming Daniel into the family is a brother, Jeremy, age two years.

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Beta Sigma Phi Day Proclaimed



Mayor Elmer Struss is shown signing a proclamation designating today, Thursday, April 30th as Golden Anniversary Day for Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Present for the signing were: Ernie Sommerlatte, left, president of Xi Psi Sorority in Eagle Lake and at right Janice Oberhaus, president of Alpha Delta Phi Sorority of Eagle Lake.

believed to be a worthwhile act that would benefit its many members around the world, with a lifetime of association with the finest people; now, therefore, I Elmer Struss, mayor of the city/state of Eagle Lake, Texas, do hereby proclaim April 30, 1981 as Beta Sigma Phi Day and ask that other Beta Sigma Phi sisters everywhere join with Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Psi of Eagle Lake, Texas in saluting Beta Sigma Phi Day.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the city/state of Eagle Lake, Texas this 10th day of April, 1981.

Elmer Struss, mayor



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Scenes Of Storm Damage In Sealy



Shows above are scenes of some of the damage done to homes and businesses in Sealy during the vicious storm last Thursday morning. At the top, a Gulf service station at the intersection of IH-10 and Hwy. 30 had a portion of the roof blown away; second from top, the roof of the nearby Crossroads Motel was removed by the storm causing extensive damage; center, the living room furniture in one of the numerous mobile homes destroyed by the storm remains intact and undamaged on the home's foundation. Next to bottom is the wreckage of another mobile home ripped apart by the storm's fury; and at the bottom is one of many, many trees uprooted by the storm in Sealy and in the Bernardo-Monta area also hit hard by the tornado winds.

Storm Causes Heavy Damage In This Area

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building owned by Mechanical Works Corp. on the south side of IH 10 near the intersection of IH 10 and FM 949, was caused in and considerable damage resulted to the building and equipment.
Most large highway signs along IH 10 were blown over by the fierce winds from east of Columbus to near Katy.
Central Power and Light Co. lines on FM 949 and Bernardo Road were wiped out for a distance of over a mile just west of the Ellis Check home and egg farm. Sea Bernard Electric Coop. lines in the Montz and Bernardo areas were also heavily damaged.
Crews from both utility companies were busy Thursday afternoon and night and Friday making repairs and restoring power to all of the area. Bob McInteer, Eagle Lake, CPL manager, estimated 19 poles were twisted off and three miles of lines downed.
The full brunt of the storm hit Stuckey's at the intersection of IH10 and Bernardo Road. Much of the roof was destroyed, signs blown down and at least two large trucks on a service road off IH 10 in the area of Stuckey's were damaged. One was blown over onto its side and the roof of the other "ripped off". Fortunately, there were no injuries at Stuckey's but damage was reported as "very heavy."
Crews of Blackie's Wrecker Service of Columbus were called to at least ten trucks on IH 10 overturned or

County To Sell Garwood Lot On Bids

Colorado County Commissioners' Court met in a short special session Monday and voted to ask for bids for the sale of a vacant lot in the Garwood townsite.

A resident who owns property adjoining the 25' x 150' Lot 19 in block 41 (on Canal Street) in Garwood, asked the court to sell the property, indicating an interest in bidding for the property.

Freddie one Commissioner Otto Loosen said that he could foresee no future use for the lot and noted that the sale of the lot could bring in additional tax revenue. The lot was taken over by the county in lieu of unpaid taxes in a tax sale in 1949 and the court indicated it would reject any bids below the total amount of taxes, penalty and interest due on the lot.

Plans are to accept bids on the lot during a May meeting. No Bids For Garage
The court had asked for bids for the sale and removal of an old garage (now being used for storage) on the County Jail property, but failed to receive a single bid in the bid opening session Monday.

Members of the court indicated they would retain possession of the building at least until surplus liquid fixtures from the courthouse and surplus beds from the jail renovation program, might be sold at a future date.

Only other item on the agenda discussed by the court was the courthouse restoration and County Judge Lester J. Crane reported that the correction of the list of deficiencies found by the court "on a recent 'walk through' inspection is nearly complete.

He reported that last Thursday's tornadoic wind blew out two windows in the dome of the county courthouse and some light water damage resulted. The two windows which were blown out had been replaced during the restoration project with makeshift windows apparently gave way under the tremendous pressure of the wind during the storm.

The court will meet for an agenda session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 6th (instead of the normal meeting time of 10 a.m.) to prepare an agenda for the regular meeting of the court on Monday, May 11th.

Nada CDA Plans Bake Sale May 9

The Catholic Daughters of the Garwood-Nada area are having their annual Mother's Day bake sale Saturday, May 9 at the F and W Food Mart in Garwood and Nada Grocery in Nada from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Members of the CD are asked to bring their baked items to either location in time for the sale.

Citizens of the communities have the opportunity to support this organization by purchasing food by some excellent cooks.

damaged by the wind and flying debris. Blackie Britton said his crews used air bags to lift a truck and trailer (with 40,000 pound pay load) overturned at Stuckey's and when uprighted the driver was able to continue on his way.

A mobile home being towed by a truck west on IH 10 flipped over and the winds blew the home across the highway and scattered materials and contents from the mobile home over a large area ten miles east of Columbus. A gravel truck which stopped behind the truck and mobile home was pulled over by the wind.

Another mobile home parked in an area on the north side of IH 10 east of Columbus (near Fourby's) was flipped over on the south side of the service road and destroyed.

Sealy Damage In Millions
Sealy city officials and Department of Public Safety personnel reported damage in Sealy in the "millions of

Congratulations Grads

Our very Best Wishes to members of the Rice High School Class of 1981. May you enjoy happiness and the best of everything in future life !!

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GOOD LUCK GRADUATES! Jo Ann's

Storm Damage At H&S Grocery



Heavy winds tossed liquid fertilizer facilities and equipment at the H&S Grocery in Bernardo into a mass of rubble last Thursday morning.

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Trucks Rolled Over By Wind
This scene taken from the IH-10 Bernardo Road overpass (near Stuckey's) shows two of at least ten trucks damaged by last Thursday's storm. At the left, the roof of a tanker truck was ripped away; and another truck was rolled over. (Both were on the service road). Another truck and auto shown at right were not involved.

escaped injury. It is estimated that twenty mobile homes in Sealy were overturned or damaged.

The American Red Cross set up a unit in Sealy to assist those who suffered damage in filing claims and to provide food and medical supplies and housing to those who were hardest hit in the storm. The center was open during the weekend and early this week in the Sealy city hall building.

Storm Travels East
The path of destruction continued in an easterly direction and caused considerable damage at Wallis Highway 36 and at Brook-

shire on IH 10. Don Franks of Eagle Lake is employed at Allstate Chemicals in a new building north of IH 10 and east of Brookshire and he reported that the strong winds and rain damaged the roof of that firm's new building and many vehicles parked at the business received broken glass and damage from flying rocks and other objects. At least five large trucks were reportedly blown over in the Brookshire area.

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Van Johnson Opens At Windmill May 12
Van Johnson, star of over 125 motion pictures, will open in the hit Broadway comedy, "Tribute", May 12 at The Windmill Dinner Theatre in Houston.

In addition to a very successful run on Broadway, "Tribute" was released as a motion picture in December 1980, with Jack Lemmon starring in both.

"Tribute" will be at The Windmill Dinner Theatre May 12 through June 21. Tickets are available at The Windmill Box Office, 390 Town and Country Blvd. or by calling 464-7855.

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