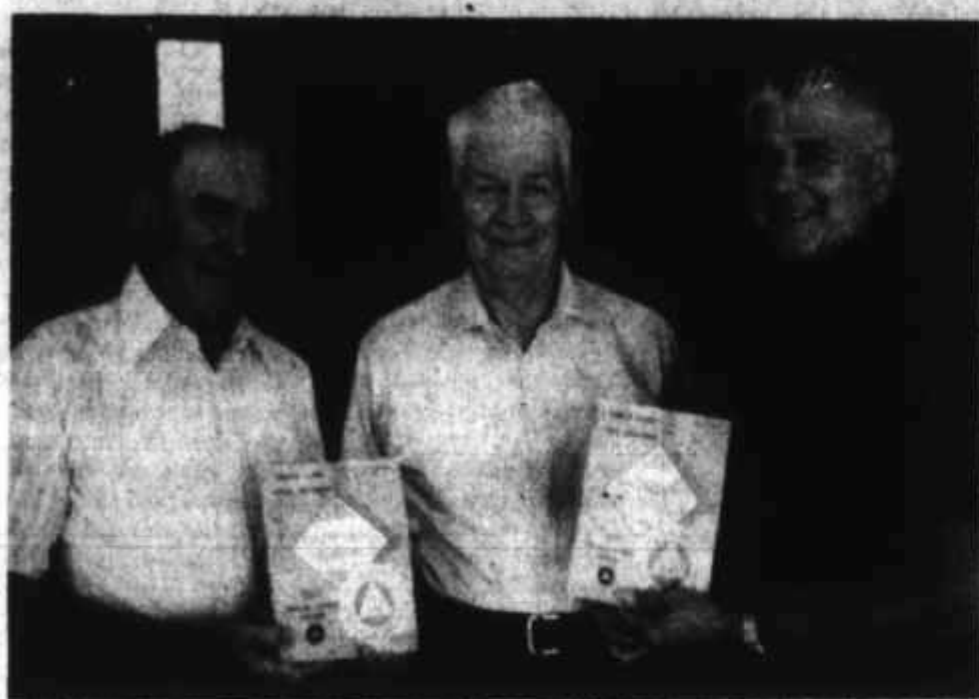


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CD Director Distributes Emergency Handbooks



Eagle Lake Civil Defense Director H. E. [Ed] Tate, center is shown presenting very informative and useful Emergency Handbooks published by the Department of Transportation to Assistant CD director and city councilman Alvin W. Kohleffel left, and Fire Chief L. J. [Sonny] Spanihel, right. The handbooks provide a quick and comprehensive cross-reference on hazardous materials which might be hauled by train, truck or other vehicles through this area and methods of handling such materials safely in

the event of an emergency. The handbooks will be placed in all fire trucks, in the Ambulance Corps vehicle, in the fire station, police department, city offices and hospital and with other emergency personnel in the city. The books are expected to be a great help in safely handling hazardous materials, noted Fire Chief Spanihel. All hazardous materials which might be transported are listed and also methods of handling the materials, safe distances to remain from the substances, etc.

New 'Fogger' To Help Battle Mosquitos

The purchase of a new insecticidal fogger and a vibratory plate packer were approved by the Eagle Lake city council during its regular session on Tuesday night of last week with delivery of both items expected in about three weeks.

Two bids were received for both items on the council's agenda last Tuesday with the low bidder in each being approved.

A bid of \$1,071 by Wacker Corporation of Houston for a packer was accepted by the council with a bid of \$1,259 by AC Pavers Supply Co. being rejected.

The new piece of equipment, delivery of which is expected in about three weeks, will assist personnel with paving projects in the city, explained city manager Bob Klockman.

The council also accepted a bid of \$3,396 from Century Laboratories for a fogger to be used in the city's mosquito fogging operation. Industrial Solvents entered a bid of \$3,995.95, also on a Dina-Fog 1200.

The city's current fogger is not in very good shape, according to the city manager; however, fogging operations, on a very limited basis, have been underway to control mosquitos which are "very bad" at this time due to recent rains.

Etheridge Is Assisting Local Police Dept.

Ike Etheridge of Eagle Lake has resigned his position as a special deputy with the Colorado County Sheriff's Department and will be used on an hourly basis as needed on special and relief assignments with the Eagle Lake police department.

City Manager Bob Klockman noted that this is only a temporary situation. He expressed appreciation for Etheridge's conscientious work for the department during the period that the department was short of personnel during the early part of this year.

Etheridge has just completed final certification as a certified peace officer.

ELHS Classes To Hold 50-Year Reunion Sat.

The Eagle Lake High School graduates, the classes of 1930, 1931 and 1932, will convene Saturday, June 6 in Eagle Lake for a combined 50th class reunion. Eighty persons are expected to attend the progressive activities.

The ex-students and spouses will meet in mid-afternoon in the home of Miss Kathryn McRee for a coffee, then a social in the early evening hosted by Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann in their home, followed by dinner at The Farris 1912.

Mrs. Harold Thomas and Mrs. Daisy Aull are co-chairmen of the reunion and report all are anxiously looking forward to seeing former classmates.

Local Man Swindled Out Of \$800

A 77-year-old Eagle Lake black man, Clarence Davis, Sr. of 202 Beard Street, was swindled out of \$800 by two "fast-talking, slick operating" black men on Tuesday of last week.

Although Davis lost the money to the two men in an episode which began at around 10:30 a.m. Tuesday of last week, May 26th, it was not until 1 p.m. Thursday, May 28th that Eagle Lake Police Department was called in on the investigation.

Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner filed the following report on the swindle. Davis was approached by the first of the two subjects on the parking lot at the rear of the A. J. Struss Auto Supply building, just off Main Street and the man told Davis that he was looking for a job. He later asked the man for the location of the school and Davis told him that there were two schools in the community. The man asked Davis to take him to the Eagle Lake Primary School and the man got out of the pickup, was gone about five minutes and returned to the pickup stating that he was "unable to locate Mary."

About that time, a second

City Council Considering Weed, Dangerous Bldgs. Ordinances

(By Jeff Franks)

Citizen Comments On One-Way Street Needed

Council To Discuss Proposal Again Tues.

The "One-Way Streets" being considered by the Eagle Lake city council received little citizen response at the council's regular session on Tuesday night of last week, so action on the proposal has been delayed until the Tuesday, June 9th meeting in hopes of getting more reaction from local residents.

A proposal by councilman Roy D. Van Nori, at the council's May 12th meeting, suggested making Commerce Street, (between the First National Bank and the Municipal Building Square) and the street directly behind the Post Office, one-way streets.

Under the proposal, traffic on Commerce would move in a northerly direction [from Main Street toward Post Office Street] and the traffic behind the Post Office would move west [Commerce towards McCarty]. Safety was the main concern of the proposal.

Since the subject was first aired, the bank and the Eagle

Lake Chamber of Commerce have given support to the idea; however, little response has been received from anyone opposed to it. The one-way street proposal came before the council twice in the past and both times failed to pass, once about 13 years ago and again about six years ago.

Improve Safety

Proponents of the one-way streets say that it would eliminate a "dangerous left turn" off Commerce onto Main; would not eliminate parking spaces; but would make access to the mailbox behind the Post Office safer; and would coincide with the flow of traffic from the drive-through area of the bank.

Some Oppositions Voiced

The council had hoped to hear from the public on Tuesday night of last week but no one attended the meeting. However, city secretary Lucille Perry spoke as a private citizen voicing opposition. According to Perry, traffic flow, as it is currently, is convenient for the elderly drivers and indicated that the one-way street would add to

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Tim Luedeckes File Damage Suit Against City Of Eagle Lake

As Result Of Injuries Received In Fire-Explosion June 28, 1980

A civil suit was filed in District Court in Columbus this week by Tim C. Luedecke and wife Judy K. Luedecke against the City of Eagle Lake seeking damages as the result of a tragic fire-explosion in Eagle Lake on June 28, 1980. At that time Luedecke was a member of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and he and four other volunteer firemen and a city councilman were injured when an acetylene tank exploded in a fire at the Bobby Joe Semora home near the airport.

The plaintiffs contend in their petition that Tim Luedecke's injuries were caused by negligence of the City of Eagle Lake by failing to "provide proper protective clothing in each of its Fire Department Emergency Vehicles." Also the suit contends that the city had

agreed to provide workman's compensation insurance while in the course and scope of "employment as a Volunteer Fireman."

The suit asks for a trial by jury to "separately consider

to determine the sum of money for each element that will fairly and reasonably compensate" the plaintiffs, such award "the total value of all such benefits exceed the

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TABS Test Results To Be Aired Monday

Tests Given In Mar. To 3rd, 5th, 9th Grades In Rice CISD

During March of this school year, Rice Consolidated Independent School District third, fifth and ninth grade students were administered the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills test. District-wide results of this criterion-referenced test will be reported to the Rice CISD School Board in regular session Monday night, June 8th. Individual student's results have been mailed to

parents with their student's report card.

The TABS test relates test items to specific objectives or levels of proficiency in skills students are expected to have mastered in reading, writing, and mathematics.

Rice CISD counselors say that TABS test results should indicate to both school district personnel and the patrons of the Rice District the strengths and weaknesses in these curricular areas and serve as directives for further progress.

E. H. Henrys To Observe 60th Wedding Anniv. June 13



Professor and Mrs. E. H. Henry, Sr. of the Elm Grove Community announce the forthcoming celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary to be held on the lawn of their home on Saturday, June

13, 1981. The ceremony will commence at 1:00 p.m. The beloved couple requests the presence of all relatives and friends to share in this glorious occasion with them.

Street Improvements, FM 102 West Widening Are Aired

45 M.P.H. Speed Limit To Be Posted On FM 3013 In City

(By Jeff Franks)

Several road related items were discussed by the Eagle Lake city council, during its regular meeting on May 26th, including the street repair program, FM 3013 speed limit and the widening of FM 102 North.

City manager Bob Klockman presented a recommendation on a preliminary schedule of repairs to be made on various streets in the city, totaling 2,640 square yards. Last year's project totaled 2,900 square yards of paving repairs.

The council is expected to approve the proposed street improvements, with possible additions, at its next meeting June 9th and will authorize Klockman to seek bids for the project. Bids will be accepted on a per unit basis.

Streets scheduled in the improvement program proposed by the city manager

include: Hubbard's Ferry Road from Austin Road to S. McCarty Ave.; Lake St. south of Boothe Dr.; B and C Streets; Allen Avenue; Norris Avenue from State to Prairie Streets; Seaholm Street; Maple Street; and a portion of McCarty St.

3013 Speed Limit
The council approved a recommendation from the Texas Highway Dept. to post a 45 m.p.h. speed limit on FM 3013 four-tenths of a mile on each side of its intersection with Highway 90A on the eastern edge of the city.

The city of Eagle Lake had requested a survey of that area and a recommendation since no speed limit was posted in the area. The council was hoping for a lower limit and asked the THD to lower its recommendation. However, the THD indicated no change would be made unless the city could support its request with an excessive amount of violations in that area.

Patrolling that section of FM 3013 is expected to be

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City Plans To Up Fees, Fines

Parking Meter Violation To Go Up From 25c to \$1.00

Several fines and fees set for the City of Eagle Lake services or activities are expected to be increased following approval by the Eagle Lake city council. The council, in session on May 26th, approved a fine and fee schedule presented by the Rate and Revenue Committee, however, most of the new rates will not be effective until after the third reading, which will be early in July.

Heading the list of fines will be an increase in parking meter violations. The current fine is 25c if paid within 24 hours and \$1.00 following that period. The new rate will

up the parking ticket fine to \$1.00 for the first 24 hours and \$3.00 after that period.

Other changes include dog pound fee up from \$2/day to \$5/day, and impoundment fee up from \$4.00 to \$5.00.

Building permits will now cost \$7.50, up from \$5.00, water connects will be upped from \$5.00 to \$15.00 and pulled meters up from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Water disconnects, normally no charge, will be \$5.00.

Use of the clean-up truck will remain \$7.50; tax certificates are up \$3.00 to \$5.00; moving permits will go up from \$7.50 to \$10.00; and plumbing inspection will go up from \$2.00 to \$5.00.

Charges for materials and supplies such as gravel, asphalt, garbage bags and culvert (12 inch) will remain at cost prices.

New Grotto Is Blessed



This beautiful Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Patroness of the United States of America, was blessed and dedicated at the Memorial Service at St. Mary's Cemetery in Noda last Sunday afternoon. The statue of Our Lady of Lourdes atop

the stone grotto and the kneeling statue of Saint Bernadette were gifts to St. Mary's from Monsignor Aloysius Leopold, retired, who has returned to his native parish for his retirement. See page 10 of this issue.

The Eagle Lake city council, in regular session on Tuesday of last week, received a draft of two proposed ordinances which would regulate "weeds" and "dangerous buildings" in the city. The council also discussed its current employee insurance coverage and is considering a possible change.

In an attempt to control premises that have been neglected and become unsightly, and to regulate structures that are considered dangerous, the city council is now considering a set of ordinances, presented by city manager Bob Klockman, that would give the city authority to regulate such cases.

The "Weed Ordinance" would require owners to cut weeds and grass upon premises and remove trash and rubbish that may be on it. The ordinance would set a fine for failure to comply and would declare such premises to be a nuisance.

The council is currently studying an ordinance that has been in effect since 1960 in the city of Columbus.

The "Dangerous Buildings Ordinance" being considered defines such structures, lists standards for demolition and gives the city manager authority to carry out demolition if the owner does not comply with the decision of the city.

Several unsightly premises and dangerous buildings were mentioned by the council, during the meeting, which would be effected if the two ordinances were approved.

The council is expected to further discuss the two proposals at their next meeting on June 9th.

Insurance Discussed
The council tabled any action until its next meeting, however a change in its current employee insurance coverage appears forthcoming.

The City of Eagle Lake is currently under an insurance program with Time, Inc. which amounts to a cost of \$42.80 per employee. But an insurance committee appointed by Mayor Elmer Struss, after considering seven bids, has recommended that the city accept a new policy from Great Southern which amounts to \$37.49 per employee. The cost per employee is not the main reason, for the recommendation, according to committee chairman Mike Duarte.

"The Great Southern coverage is better by far," said the councilman. "We can get more benefits for less money."

W. M. Thomas, Jr. Insurance Agency of Eagle Lake presented the Great Southern policy and he is expected to meet with the insurance committee prior to the next meeting before any action is taken.

Other members of the committee include councilmen Ralph Truly and Alvin Kohleffel, city secretary Lucille Perry and city manager Bob Klockman.

Waldvogel Center Open House And Dedication Sun.

The public is cordially invited to attend Open House and Dedication of the Waldvogel Opportunity Center at 634 Preston Street in Columbus from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. this Sunday, June 7th.

The Waldvogel Opportunity Center is a joint venture of the Travis State School and the Colorado County Mental Health-Retardation Board.