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Public Hearing On Tax Rate

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public hearing on the proposal at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 10th. This can be the only item on the agenda at that meeting. However, it is anticipated that the board's regular August 10th meeting will follow the public hearing as a separate meeting with a broader agenda.

If the board votes to adopt a tax rate of more than 3% over the calculated rate, or the proposed 70c per \$100 valuation figure (based on 100% of actual market value), a second public hearing will be called at 7:00 p.m. on August 28th at which time the board will take official action on adoption of the tax rate. Also on August 28th the board must adopt the 1981-82 school year budget, since that is the final date for such adoption under current state statutes.

All interested citizens must be given ample opportunity to speak for or against the proposed tax rate increase of over 3% increase, so those interested are urged to make plans to attend the hearing at 7 p.m. on August 10th.

Salary Adjustments

The board took several actions Monday night to have some effect on the 1981-82 budget now being prepared by Supt. Harbison King.

The board approved salary adjustments for clerical and secretarial personnel, basing such salaries upward from teacher II with no increment. Secretaries at the Eagle

Lake, Sheridan and Garwood primary schools will get the grade II schedule plus \$20 per month; secondary career secretaries will get pay grade II plus \$50 per month; and central office personnel, 4 at pay grade II plus \$50 and 1 at pay grade II plus \$30. Supt. King estimated this will add \$1,920 to the district's budget.

Car Allowance For Supt.

The board approved on a vote of 4-3, a proposal to provide an expense allowance for transportation to be provided by the superintendent in lieu of furnishing him an automobile as agreed when he was hired to become superintendent here.

He presented figures showing that it costs the district \$6,332 per year to own and operate a car for the superintendent, based on 20,000 miles per year. The board voted to allow Supt. King \$550 per month for transportation using his own car, or a total of \$6,600 per year.

Voting for the motion were board members Jean Clipson, Bill Appel, John Engstrom and Lavo Brison; and against the motion, Ted Wiese, Steve Dales and Billy Hefner.

The board also voted with a motion to retain the present car used by the superintendent (when he buys his own new car) to replace an older model owned by the district.

Valuations

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valuations this year of \$18,340,408 based on the 25% of actual value assessment or an increase of \$73,397,624 based on 100% of market value.

Taxing agencies are required to file reports with the State that assessed value of taxable improvements made after January 1 of the preceding year totaled \$44,560,810; and that total property taxes levied in 1980-81 year were \$759,211.21. Of this amount only \$32,969 was levied by pay principal and interest on obligations issued or assumed by the county. He estimates that \$85,000 in principal and interest will be required in the 1981 budget.

Accordingly the officer is required to provide to the state also, the effective tax rate required for debt service and for the operating fund, under the Truth in Taxation House Bill 18. Mr. Harbison estimates that the effective tax rate required for debt service, based on the 100% of market value assessment will be 1.676 cents per \$100 valuation; and that the tax rate required for the operating fund would be 18.218 cents per \$100 valuation; or a total tax rate of 19.894 cents per \$100 valuation in order to bring revenue to the county similar to that received in the 1980 tax year.

His report also projects that the county will need to set a tax rate of 7.132 cents per \$100 valuation (based on 100% of market value) to meet the 1981-82 school year budget. The additional ad valorem tax rate for the 1980 year was 30c per \$100 based on 25% assessed market value of \$18,340,408. This brought a total of \$59,024.13 in taxes to the county from the 1980-81 year. The county's share of the

First National Bank Is Named RCISD Depository

Rice School District's board of education Monday night accepted the bid of The First National Bank of Eagle Lake to serve as the district's depository for the next two year period. First National Bank, being the only bank in the district, was the only bidder.

Travis Wegenhoft, executive vice president, represented the First National Bank at the meeting and discussed the bid offer. On certification of deposit of 30 days or more, the bank offered to pay the greater of: (a) 100% of the yield interest rate on U.S. Treasury bills plus 1/4 of 1%; or (b) one-half percent less than the bank's rate for unsecured certificates of deposit (tied in with Houston's banking market). Wegenhoft explained that at this time the second proposal would give 17 1/4% interest and would be the greater of the two offers; but conceded this could change as the money market fluctuates.

On CD's under \$100,000 the bank offered to pay 5 1/4% for periods of 90 to 180 days and 5 1/2% for periods of 181 to 360 days and 5 3/4% for periods of 361 to 540 days and 6 1/4% for periods of 541 to 720 days and 6 1/2% for periods of 721 to 1080 days. Wegenhoft said that this was the legal maximum limit allowed on such CD's under \$100,000.

The contract also set out rates for loans, not exceeding 90 days, at 6 1/2% of the prime rate being paid for funds by the bank at the time of the loan; payment of 5 1/4% on NOW accounts; costs for overdrafts; and other provisions.

The contract was approved unanimously.

Supt. Harold King compared the rates offered to the rates being received by four schools in the area as favorable in most instances.

Superintendent's Estimate

The superintendent said in his earlier report to the board that the district likely will end the 1980-81 year with a surplus larger than was anticipated in his last report in April. He now estimates the surplus will be "over \$100,000."

He also reported that premiums for health insurance for school personnel will advance dramatically when the contract period expires Oct. 1, 1981. King said Metropolitan Life, the present carrier, estimates premiums for individual coverage will go up from \$88 to \$95 and for family coverage from \$89 to \$112 per month. He said that he is checking with the Texas Association of School Boards' insurance program in hopes of getting the same or better coverage for less money. A report is expected on this matter at the August 10th meeting since the decision made by the board will affect the budget for such insurance for 1981-82 and the budget must be adopted by Aug. 20th.

Other Action

In concluding the regular agenda, the board named president Ted Wiese as delegate and vice-president Billy Hefner as alternate to the TASA-TASB fall convention Sept. 26-28 in San Antonio.

Adopted a list of supplementary textbooks, as submitted by curriculum director and assistant superintendent Charles DeShazo.

Father Of Mrs. Jim Stansel Dies

Friends in the community will regret to learn of the death of Russell Franklin (Buster) Rothenberger, 71, of Sour Lake, Texas at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 25th in the Winnie Medical Center.

Mr. Rothenberger was the father of Mrs. Jim (Sue) Stansel of Eagle Lake.

Mr. Rothenberger was born in Osborne, Kansas but had lived in Sour Lake for the past ten years. He was a retired welder. Mrs. Stansel reported that her father had cancer surgery on June 7th and was proclaimed free of the disease but stitches ruptured and a blockage followed and he was in a coma for 21 days. He regained consciousness but was left paralyzed on the left side and he underwent surgery again two days prior to his death and he died shortly afterward although he told family members he was not in pain.

"He was an independent, modest and sensitive person who could not have had an easy time raising eight children; yet, he did and while I can't consider all of us are in jail either. A sense of responsibility is probably the best legacy he left us and never to ask anyone to do something that we wouldn't do ourselves," added Mrs. Stansel.

Funeral services were held June 27 at the First Christian Church of Sour Lake with the Rev. Billie Bonner officiating and the Rev. Dennis Deyo assisting. Burial followed in the Rosedale Cemetery. Grandsons and nephews were present.

New Town Assn. BBQ Dinner Sat.

The New Town Improvement Assn. announces it will hold a benefit barbecue chicken dinner this Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. from the home of Mrs. Earlene Upson.

The plates will be sold for \$3.00 each. You may call 234-9422 for plates to be delivered.

The appraisal district plans to locate offices in the facilities now occupied by the county tax office at the first floor of the county courthouse. It is anticipated that the county will receive a credit of 40c per square foot or \$14,000, thus reducing the county's share of the costs for assessing and collecting by that amount.

Judge Crane commented further during the discussion that if the county decided not to let the district assess and collect taxes, space would not be available in the courthouse for the district and a building would have to be rented or constructed elsewhere which would in effect cost all of the taxpayers of the nine entities more.

With all agencies participating, county officials estimate that the county could save a minimum of \$5,000, possibly much more, by agreeing to let the central district assess and collect taxes.

The motion made by

Last Rites For Clarence Epps, In Business Here Many Years

The community was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Clarence C. Epps, longtime businessman in this community, in the Rosewood General Hospital in Houston Tuesday, July 14, 1981. He had been in failing health for several years.

Funeral services were held from the Chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home Wednesday, July 15 at 10:00 a.m. Interment followed in the Lakeside Cemetery. The Rev. George Welsh, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church, officiated.

Serving as pallbearers were Joe L. McCreary, Michael Cooper, Earl Rodgers, Gus Seasholtz, Cecil H. Callahan and Harold Thomas. The family named as honorary pallbearers: Simon S. Sinclair, Dr. J. C. Laughlin, Edna M. Kewton, Fred R. Franks, M. M. Jones, David Wintermann, Karl Stefan and Gayle Thomas; and members of the Eagle Lake Rod and Gun Club.

Mr. Epps was born July 18, 1909 in Waco the son of Thomas Epps and Mary Adkins Epps. He had resided in Eagle Lake since 1924 and had the Shell Oil dealership here for many years and interests in other businesses, including a restaurant, lumber company and others. For the past few years he had been assisting Mrs. Epps in management of the Eagle Lake Rod and Gun Club.

On June 24, 1973, he was united in marriage with Caroline Smothers in Eagle Lake.

He is survived by his wife; two sons Colonel Lewis B. Epps stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base and wife Connie and Gene Epps of Crowley, La. and wife Ruth; two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Gold of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Mayme Schade of Columbus; seven grandchildren; and other relatives and many friends.

The deceased was a member of the Episcopal Church.

In lieu of usual remembrances, the family asked that donations be made to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies).

Mr. Epps will be long remembered for his friendliness and kindness shown to all who came to know him. He always had a willing hand to offer to everyone. He shall be greatly missed.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of this loved one.

Visiting Daughter's Family

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Johnston of Fort Laker are here visiting in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Mr. Anderson and children, for two weeks.

2 Sealy Girls Die In 4-Car Crash On 36

Funeral services were held Monday, July 13th for Mary Ann and Patricia Hegemeyer of Sealy, teenage sisters who were killed in a multi-car accident on Highway 36 near Wallis during a rain storm about 7:30 p.m. last Friday.

The two girls were traveling south on Highway 36 about one and one-half miles north of Wallis when the driver lost control of the 1963 Pontiac and the vehicle slid across the wet pavement into the path of oncoming cars, according to the report of investigating officer Trooper Thomas Hartman of Bellville.

The southbound vehicle hit a northbound pickup driven by J. B. Robertson of Bay City. Two other cars also headed north, slammed into the Robertson vehicle, according to the report.

Patricia Hegemeyer, 14, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Dennis King of Wallis and Mary Ann Hegemeyer, 15, was pronounced dead about 9:00 p.m. at the Sealy Medical Center.

Robertson and his wife Connie were transported to the Sealy Medical Center with various injuries. Another passenger of a car involved in the crash, Debbie McGinn, was taken to a local hospital by a private vehicle.

The two other vehicles involved in the accident were a 1977 Ford driven by Casey Smith of Sugar Land and a 1978 Pontiac driven by Stephen Gibson of Houston.

Services for the Hegemeyer sisters were held at the Pete Elinger Funeral Home in Sealy at 2:00 p.m. Monday with interment followed in the New Uln Cemetery.

County Tax Collections

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he would have to continue to have the same budget for expenditures. If not, Harbison said that the operation of the county tax office would cost an estimated \$60,000 less due to fewer personnel, less equipment and supplies.

The county is participating in the multiple district plan and based on the number of parcels of land owned by the appraisal district, the county's share of the costs of the district's budget for operating property tax collection would be \$12,118 based on percentage income in 1981 would be \$7,259 cents, as compared to a total of 94c based on the 25% of market value figure.

The county's share of the

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Award Winners At State FFA Convention



Several Rice High School FFA members were honored at the 58th Annual State FFA Convention held in Dallas July 14-17.

Receiving honors were, pictured left to right, Coby Shorter, III, who served as organizer at the state convention; Thomas Kallins, who earned the honor of being named the American Farmer Star Agribusinessman of Texas; Ricky Miller, Santa Fe Educational Award; Stephen Mahalite, Area Star Chapter Farmer and Rice chapter vice-pres.; and Glen Hefner, Area Star Greenhand. For more on the state meet see story on page 13.

Bernard Johnson, City Officials Discuss Sewer Project Costs

Engineers Promise Full Cooperation After Under Estimating Costs

Eagle Lake city council and representatives of the engineering firm of Bernard Johnson Inc. of Houston spent most of the meeting of the council on Tuesday night of last week discussing the great difference in the estimate made by the company and the actual cost of the project for construction of a new sewage treatment plant and system rehabilitation for the city of Eagle Lake.

Representing the engineering firm at the meeting last week were David C. Scholler, project manager; C. (Ret.) Frank Moon, vice president of the firm of Bernard Johnson Inc.; and Jim Pierce, manager of municipal services for the engineering firm. They met in executive session with Mayor Elmer Struss and City Manager Robert Kleckman prior to Tuesday night's session and then appeared before the council to present facts which apparently led to the wide difference in the estimate and actual cost of the sewer project.

Scholler told the council that there were several reasons for the wide difference, one of which was the fact that the estimate was made in the early part of the year and bids were opened late in the year, which contributed to the added cost of the project due to inflation and increasing costs. Further Scholler told the council that the engineering firm estimated cost of building a levee about \$2.50 per cubic yard (the rate being paid in Houston area) for approximately 20,000 cubic yards; when the low bidder, came up for cost of the fill were about a third of the estimate used by Basic. "This differential of \$2.50 which we used and \$6 to \$6.50 used by the contractor amounted to \$90,000 difference," pointed out Scholler. He also said that his firm had under estimated demolition of existing structures by some \$25,000.

Mr. Pierce pointed out to the council that four of the (Continued on page 10)

3 Plead Guilty, 2 Not Guilty, 2 Sentenced In Dist. Court

Bryant Pleads Guilty To Murder, Sentencing Set For Aug. 12th

District Judge B. B. Schraub presided in District Court in Columbus last Thursday, July 16th and he pronounced sentences on two previous pleadings; including Dorothy Bryant of Glidden - to a charge of murder in the shooting of her husband; and heard non-guilty pleas in two other cases.

Judge Schraub reduced the indictment of theft returned by the June 8th grand jury against Wayne Hemphill of Eagle Lake to Class A misdemeanor and Hemphill entered a plea of guilty to the lesser charge and was given a 90 day term in the county jail and the term was probated for a period of one year; plus a \$150 fine; restitution of \$210 to Johnny Lee Thomas of Eagle Lake; and costs of court. Also Bobby Jean Evans and Gerald Booker had entered pleas of guilty to charges of larceny in the issuance of stolen money orders in the Columbus and Weimar areas last February, and each received a sentence for Sept. 21st.

Israel Oliver, indicted by the grand jury in this county, for possession of marijuana, also entered a plea of not guilty and trial of this case was also set for Sept. 21st. A group of officers alleged some marijuana in an allegedly over four ounces in Oliver's mobile home in Eagle Lake on Feb. 21st.

Read Not Guilty

Douglas Allen Kipp of Douglas, indicted in June on two charges of attempted theft through extortion attempts at the Colorado County Citizens newspaper and Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Assn. in Columbus April 28, pled not guilty to the charges before Judge Schraub last week and trial of the charges was set for Sept. 21st.

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3 Charged With Possession And Ripping Up City Jail

Three local Latin-Americans were arrested Monday night, but not before some pursuit by local officers, and have been charged with possession of marijuana in an amount under two ounces and for fleeing from officers, and then for destruction of city property in the city jail, and other charges.

Eagle Lake Patrolman Gil Steen received a call at 8:00 p.m. Monday night of a fight in progress on Partridge Lane in the Ridgeway Addition. It was reported that three men had stopped another group of Latin-Americans and started a fight. The fracas was continued later at the Midnight Bar on Third Street.

Officer Steen, summoned aid from Chief of Police Earl Weinbrener and Parks and Wildlife Supervisor Sam Center and they went to the Midnight Bar. The three men accused of starting the fracas fled from the scene with the officers in hot pursuit in three different directions.

One was finally arrested going into a mobile home in the area, another behind a church on B Street and the other behind Dan's Minute Stop.

They were placed in the city jail after their arrest and Chief Weinbrener reported that they tore up mattresses, broke light fixtures and caused other damage to the jail.

Driver of the car Silverstar Tabers was charged in city court with disorderly conduct and fined \$53.50 and with destruction of city property, a \$28.50 fine plus \$50 restitution; and in county court with possession of marijuana and evading arrest and bond was set on each charge at \$500.

Francisco Hernandez Flores was charged in city court with assault on a woman, \$103.50 fine; with disorderly conduct, \$53.00 fine; and destruction of city property \$28.50 fine and \$50 restitution; and in county court with possession of marijuana and evading arrest, \$500 bond on each charge.

Manuel Serbin was charged in city court with disorderly conduct and fined \$53.50 and with destruction of city property, \$28.50 fine and \$50 restitution; and in county court with possession of marijuana and evading arrest, bond set on each charge at \$500.

Foster Parent Info. Meeting Thursday

Colorado County has a great need for approved foster-parents who are trained and ready to step in when a need arises. The need is greatest for Spanish-speaking foster-homes. Foster-parents are unselfish people who care for a child or children as long as their care best serves the interest of the child/children.

A time for answering questions about foster care will be provided in Eagle Lake at the Municipal Building on the square this Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Rosemary Gaskamp of the Texas Department of Human Resources will be present to answer questions and make a brief presentation. Everyone is invited.

Dog Which Bit 4-Yr-Old Not Rabid

Four-year-old Denise Fortson of Eagle Lake, a victim of a dog bite last Saturday, was relieved late Tuesday afternoon to hear that test results taken on the animal showed that it was not rabid.

The incident occurred on Hubbard-Perry Road on the western edge of the city and a neighbor in the area shot and killed the dog.

Newly hired human officer Marvin Peyton sent the animal's head to Houston for tests and the results were negative.

With the hiring of Peyton, city officials are hoping to curtail the continuously growing problem of stray dogs roaming about the city.

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New Students To Register At RHS Mon., Tues.

Students planning to enter Rice Consolidated High School at Altair in August and who have not previously secured a school in the Rice District or St. Mary's School in Nada should register at the office of Principal Fred Grammann at Rice High School on Monday or Tuesday, July 27 or 28th, between 8 a.m. and 12 noon.

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County Sheriff's Dept. Busy Investigating Varied Reports

3 Houstonians Charged In Armed Robbery, Shooting On I-10

Three persons from Houston face a variety of charges from aggravated robbery to murder after a series of events on I-10 including aggravated robbery in this county.

At 5:20 a.m. Wednesday, July 15th, Dennis D. Leyer of Milwaukee, Wisconsin reported to the County Sheriff's office he had been robbed and shot on the Interstate 10 west of Columbus. Investigation revealed that Leyer was traveling east on I-10 when he noticed he was almost out of gas. He was traveling with other members of his family in two separate vehicles. He had the second vehicle stay at the rest area west of Columbus while he went in search of gas. His vehicle ran out of gas just west of Columbus and Leyer walked into town and purchased four gallons and returned to his vehicle. After he poured the gas into his vehicle, he was caught by Sheriff's deputies and taken to the jail. The Sheriff's office notified surrounding area officers and at 6:11 a.m., the subjects were arrested in Seguin by Seguin police. Further investigation revealed that the subjects had also robbed a man that had run out of gas while in Gonzales County; however, that subject was not shot.

Sheriff Jim Broussard and Chief Deputy James Parcell Prior to reaching the Glidden Exit he came up on a vehicle stopped on the side of the interstate. The subjects in the vehicle offered him a ride to the rest area, which he accepted. When they reached the Glidden Exit, the subject driving said his car was not running right so he stopped. He and Leyer got out of the car and walked to the front of the car, at which time the subject pulled a gun and shot at Leyer and told him to give him his wallet and anything else he had in his pockets. Leyer was robbed of some change and six travelers checks that were for \$10.00 each. The subject then shot Leyer in the face with a small caliber weapon and drove off. The bullet ripped out several teeth and lodged in a bone.

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Marijuana Plants Found Growing On South Lake St.

Eagle Lake police department received a call at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday night of last week, July 14th, of the possible growth of marijuana plants in a lot behind a house at 503 South Lake in the "flat" section of the city.

City Patrolman Jack Reed began the investigation and was joined by Chief of Police Earl Weinbrener and Relief Officer Lee Etheridge. Etheridge reported spotting some plants which appeared to be marijuana among some weeds and grass behind the house.

Chief Weinbrener, Sheriff Jim Broussard and Ranger Nurt went to the house and a woman at the house said the owner was away from the home. The officers found eight or nine stalks of marijuana growing in a heavily weeded area behind the house; and saw a path leading to a next door lot and found more plants in the adjoining lot.

The woman at the home gave the officers permission to inspect the house and they located a small amount of marijuana, wrapped in foil, in the refrigerator in the home at 503 South Lake.

Owner of the home came to the police station next night, (Wednesday) voluntarily to discuss the investigation with the officers.

Filing of charges are pending other possible developments in the case, said Chief of Police Weinbrener.

EL Industrial Foundation Seeks To Broaden Tax Base

By Attracting New Businesses To Area

Directors of the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation, Inc. met Monday, July 20th, at their regular quarterly meeting and discussed ways to lower the tax burden on Eagle Lake property owners by encouraging more building of homes, businesses, and industrial plants in our taxing area. The wider the tax base, the lower the total tax for each property owner will be, the directors pointed out. Eagle Lake is one of the few in the ways of transportation facilities, recreation, schools, churches, and raw materials for small industrial plants to locate here.

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away to plants in Sealy, Richmond, Rosenberg, East Bernard, and on Highway 1-10 and we get no benefit from the property tax these places pay. Every businessman in Eagle Lake would be helped by one or two small industrial establishments locating here. The \$100 membership fee for the Foundation could be earned many times over, and we encourage every business to join our efforts to keep the economy of Eagle Lake strong and prosperous."

Three new members were reported to the board by Secretary Wegenhoft; namely, Lake Lumber Company, Inc., Lone Star Industries, Inc., and Wilcox Minimax, bringing the total membership now to twenty-one. Each director was also asked to contact at least ten businesses to join the Foundation. Bob McIntire reported that a profile on Eagle Lake is maintained currently in the Central Power and Light Co. office, and this prospectus is frequently referred to us by the company's business development department. The next meeting of the directors is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m.

Colorado County Sheriff Jim Broussard and deputies have had a busy week investigating a variety of incidents ranging from armed robbery to driving while intoxicated. Reports on the investigations included:

Vehicle Robbed

At 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 14th Stan Thout of the Columbus Glass Company reported to the Sheriff's Dept. that one of his employee's vehicle had been broken into while parked at the location on Highway 71 North of Columbus. Investigation revealed that a vehicle belonging to Billy Joe Ellis of Columbus had been broken into. Ellis was out of town when the incident occurred.

The trunk of the vehicle was pried open and taken was a 12 gauge shot gun, a set of assorted tools in a new tool box, a socket set, a Craftsman drill and a baseball glove.

Sheriff officers have a suspect in the break-in but no arrest has been made as of yet.

Vehicle Used Without Permission

On Wednesday, July 16th LeeRoy Lundquist of Garwood reported to the Sheriff's Department that someone had used his 1974 Pontiac without his permission. Investigation revealed that the vehicle was a spare vehicle Lundquist kept parked under a shed near Garwood. The last time he saw the vehicle was about a month ago.

Since that time someone drove the vehicle and hit a concrete post on the Lundquist property causing damage to the left front door and fender. The investigation continues.

6 Juveniles Are Apprehended For Theft Of Services

The County Sheriff's office was advised at 6:35 a.m. Thursday, July 16th of a theft (Continued on page 15)

Forgery Is Charged In Theft Of Ck.

An Eagle Lake man, Jesus Garcia Nieto, is in the Colorado County jail on a charge of theft of a check and forgery after cashing the check at the Austin Grocery in Eagle Lake Saturday, July 18th.

Austin Garcia and Lerry Austin, reported to City Patrolman, Gl Sten Sten after the fact that someone had taken a payroll check left for Garcia at the M.G. Tire Service Company on Highway 90A west of Eagle Lake. It was noted that T-Inc. trucking company normally leaves checks for drivers at the tire service.

The check was in the amount of \$888.01 and was reportedly cashed at the Austin Grocery. Lerry Austin of that firm identified Jesus Garcia Nieto as the one who had cashed the check at the grocery at around 5:30 p.m.

Nieto was arraigned before Justice of the Peace M. E. Jones on the charge of forgery and he was taken to the county jail in lieu of \$2,000 bond pending action by the state grand jury.