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Safe Holiday Driving Urged; Death Count 5% Over 1980

Major A. J. Mladenska, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, says that "it is tragic that so many men, women, and children will become victims of motor vehicle accidents during the Christmas and New Year holidays."

He added, based on past holiday experience, "we believe many of the traffic accidents during the holidays will involve either speeding or drinking, therefore he said, 'we will place special emphasis on those violations, and all available troopers will be on duty.'"

Mladenska stated that deaths so far during 1981 are running more than 5% higher than in 1980, and he noted "that the Texas Department of Public Safety would conduct 'Operation Motorcade', a program in cooperation with the news media to focus

public attention on accident dangers during the holidays. He concluded by saying, 'we hope every Texas driver will join in our year-end efforts to make the Holiday Season safe and happy.'"



Free Tony's Dinner

Mrs. Louis Griger said this is a ticket for a free Tony's Deluxe Dinner at Taco Tony's on Highway 90A just west of the city. You'll find delicious foods in a pleasant atmosphere. Clip this out and present at Tony's not later than Dec. 15, 1981.

24 YEARS AGO LET'S LOOK BACK

[August 25, 1957]

Schools in area open Tuesday, Sept. 4. Construction work is being done on the Municipal and Post Office building on the city square, at Humble bulk station on East Main Street, renovations to Paul Marx Gulf Station, and many other projects are being conducted in the area after a lull throughout the summer.

Supt. Paul Lewis announced that Charles Rice, instructor of music, has been hired as music instructor for the Garwood High School. Last rites were held August 23 for Clamans A. Schobel, 55-year-old Columbus garage owner. Services were held in St. Anthony's Catholic Church with burial in St. Anthony's parish cemetery. Jo Ann Sens of Eagle Lake, sophomore student in the Wharton County Junior College, was chosen head twirler for the Starlettes at tryouts last week.

Gardner (Buddy) Seaholm, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Seaholm, Sr., celebrated his sixth birthday, which was August 18, with a delightful party at the Recreation Center in Eagle Lake on August 17th. Otto Loeissin of Columbus won \$29.50 in the state Bowling Tournament held recently in New Braunfels. . . Loretta Miller, twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller, was complimented with a surprise birthday party by the Junior Club members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. . . Thirty boys show up for practice for the opening of football season.

Let's Look Back 48 YEARS AGO

[Nov. 25, 1933]
Eagle Lake girl is chosen university queen for Simmons University at Abilene. Miss Mildred Corley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Corley, was selected in election run-off and will head favorites in the 1934 annual. . . Harold Thomas and Miss Inez Obenhaus married in Richmond Sunday. . . Eagles win from Rosenberg here Friday. Captain Buddy Reese played an outstanding game defensively. Lloyd Spalinger kicks well, and W. C. Reed, smallest man on the field, smears Rosenberg line. . . Miss Mary Waddell gets limit of ducks, busting with her father Thursday. . . Big attendance expected at Austin Hall for dance with Charlie Cerny orchestra. . .

Helmer Seaholm Retires From Rotary Club After 53 Years Service

Axel Helmer Seaholm, affectionately known to all of his acquaintances as "Pappy," completed fifty-three years of active service to the citizens of the community through membership in the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on the occasion of his 90th birthday last week, and Pappy announced at last Wednesday's meeting that he was retiring from active membership in the club.

He joined the club in 1928 just five years after the first Rotary Club was chartered in Eagle Lake on April 16th, 1923 as club number 1403 in Rotary International.

At the time of announcement of his retirement from active service at last Wednesday's regular meeting, Pappy recounted a few of the memorable events in his long service as a Rotarian. He recalled that he attended his first Rotary District conference even before becoming a member as a guest of his long-time friend O. J. Wintermann. In his early years he carried the classification of producer of small grains since he was active in the production of rice in this area. He also was a successful rancher and had great pride in production of high quality livestock, both cattle and horses. Some of his horses won many honors in competition over the state.

"I've enjoyed membership as a Rotarian for 53 years," said Pappy during his announcement statement last week. "But it's time to check out and turn it over to a new generation."

During his tenure as a Rotarian, Pappy has participated in all activities of the club and in service to the citizens of the Eagle Lake community. He and the late I. V. Duncan were among the originators of the Chuck Wagon Supper which is held annually to raise funds for sponsorship of the Boy Scout troop and for other community projects.

Pappy Seaholm served as the first parade marshal for the Chuck Wagon Supper and did a commendable job in "putting the club on horseback."

He also served his community as a city councilman for many years and also served as corporation (city) judge for many years.

In his many years in the club he has seen the club meet in the Dallas (later the Ramsey and now The Farrah 1912) Hotel. In 1929 the club began meeting in the White House Hotel which was new in the year of 1929 but returned to the Dallas in 1930 and the club met there until 1935. The club began meeting in the Frank Stephens Co. building on Main Street (next to the City Grill) and remained there until 1941. The club then began meeting in a building next to the Darby's Cafe across from the downtown city square and remained there until 1982 when the club began meeting in the Community Center. At various times during the years of Mr. Seaholm's

To Entertain Lions, Guests



Buddy Griffin, nationally known banjo player, will provide entertainment for the Eagle Lake Lions Club annual Christmas Party to be held in the Community Center at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Dec. 10th. Griffin is also minister of activities at First Baptist Church of Houston.

Some outstanding entertainment has been booked for the Eagle Lake Lions Club annual Christmas Party to be held in the Eagle Lake Community Center at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday, Dec. 10th. President Ralph Truly will preside at the event.

Providing entertainment will be Buddy (C. D.) Griffin, minister of activities at the First Baptist Church of Houston, who is a nationally known banjo player and entertainer. He has been featured on TV segments of the Hee Haw and Real People television programs. He appeared on the Real People program on film in 1979 and made a personal appearance on the show in April of 1981. Griffin has taught banjo and guitar since 1964 and is billed as a Christian entertainer and banjo soloist and humorist. He has entertained across the United States and Canada and was guest artist of the "Banjo Spectacular" in Los Angeles in 1974. He was also guest artist in the "Mid-American Banjo Rally" in Eureka Springs, Ark. for four years.

He is founder and director of the Bayou Banjo Club of Houston, a 20-piece banjo band. In June of 1978 he toured Great Britain with a 180 voice choir and directed The Strummers comprised of 20 guitars and banjos in thirteen concerts in sixteen days and was featured banjo soloist in each concert.

A native of Houston, he is a graduate of Sam Houston State University and also attended the University of Houston and Howard Payne University. His biography includes many prominent activities related to fields of coaching, church, physical fitness programs, youth fairs and other youth activities, sports and more. He was awarded the George Washington Medal of Honor from the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge for "contribution to American Education" in 1972. He also is a job owner and director of the Westwood Basketball Camp.

Lions To Hold Christmas Party This Thurs.

Before making his retirement announcement Mr. Seaholm presented to Deth A. Thornton, president, a silver dollar which he had received at one of the club's meetings many years ago. He expressed appreciation for Thornton's friendship and assistance for many years. He also acknowledged the great friendship developed by association with club members throughout the past 53 years. "I'll miss you all, but it's getting harder for me to get down," he stated.

Although he may not continue as an active member of the Rotary Club, his great love for comradeship and his willingness to serve his fellow man through service in the club, will be greatly missed, pointed out President Thornton. "We'll miss seeing you at our club meetings every week, but you know that we'll always welcome you with open arms any time that you desire to come back

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C. Of C. To Hold Banquet on Jan. 15, Speaker Named

Plans have been announced for the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce annual banquet meeting to be held in the Community Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15th, 1982.

Speaker for the event will be Oliver Albritton, who currently serves as chairman of a task force appointed by Governor Bill Clements to promote industrial and tourist development in this state. He is expected to bring an informative and entertaining message.

Tickets to the event will go on sale late this month at \$6.00 per person. A committee composed of C.C. President T. J. Smith, vice-president Fred Frank, Bill Harrison, Jr., Dorothy Jones and Susan Causey,

1982 Holidays Are Adopted By C. of C.

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, in session Monday, voted to adopt the same state of holidays which were observed in 1981 for the 1982 year. The chamber urges that all businesses give consideration to observing the full state of holidays.

The chamber had asked for suggested holidays on ballot cards which were to be returned to the chamber prior to 10 a.m. Monday; but got little response. Hence the

same state of holidays observed in 1981 will be observed again in 1982.

Some discussion was held on the Christmas holiday since the date falls in 1982 on a Saturday, but the chamber decided that any additional holidays, other than Sat., Dec. 25th, be decided at the discretion of the individual businesses.

The list adopted included: Memorial Day, Mon., May 31; Independence Day, Mon., July 5; Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 6; Veterans' Day, Thurs., Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., Nov. 25; Christmas Day, Sat., Dec. 25; and New Year's Day, Sat., Jan. 1, 1983.

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Sheriff's Office Investigates Two House Burglaries

Colorado County sheriff's department investigated two house burglaries on Tuesday, Dec. 1st.

At 4:30 p.m. December 1st, Kermitt Reichardt of Bernard reported his residence had been burglarized. Entry was gained by smashing a back door to the residence. Missing were an A.M. FM clock radio, a pocket watch and wrist watch, a large assortment of costume jewelry and approximately \$250 in cash.

The burglary reportedly occurred sometime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on December 1st while the Reichards were away from home.

Then at 6:15 p.m. December 1st, Bennie Gonzales of New Town near Eagle Lake reported his house had been burglarized. Investigation revealed that the house was unlocked and someone came in and took a 19-inch black and white television set, a Panasonic eight-track tape player, an eight-track tape deck, and a 10-speed boys' bicycle.

The theft was reported as having occurred between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on December 1st.

Jet Transport Trucks Broken Into Near E.L.

Charles Nettles of Eagle Lake reported to the county sheriff's office at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6th that three trucks at the Jet Transportation Company site just east of Eagle Lake had been broken into.

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Man Charged In Theft Of Services At Stuckey's

Failure to pay for gasoline cost a Louisiana man a fine of \$73.00 last Saturday, Dec. 6th. The county sheriff's office was called at 7:21 a.m. by George Rutherford who reported that a subject had left Stuckey's on IH-10 east of Columbus without paying for \$29.50 worth of gas. Officers searched for the subject and he was arrested going into Columbus.

Arrested and charged with theft of services was Joseph Rego, Jr., 26 years of age, from Louisiana. He pled guilty to the charge and was fined \$73.00 by Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt.

Columbus police assisted the sheriff's officers in the arrest.

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