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Courthouse

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the detectors where false alarms sounded.

Willrodt told the court that he was in contact with a Bennie Frieze of Rosenberg who was in the pest control business and also serves on the Historical Board and Willrodt was asked to contact Frieze on what "type of fumigation would be required and to have a response at the regular meeting of the court next Monday. After considering Frieze's recommendations the court will decide how to go about getting the job done, by taking bids or contacting pest control operators in the county and elsewhere.

It was decided after a suggestion by the contractor and concurred with by the engineer and project director, that the fumigation be completed prior to the changeover of the detectors so that the fumigation process might not have effect upon the detectors.

3 More False Alarms

Judge Cranek reported that after a period of no false alarms from Nov. 5 to 27th, three false alarms have sounded, one on Nov. 27 and another on Dec. 1st, both in the area of the courthouse attic where numerous alarms have sounded previously; and the other on Dec. 3 in the district clerk's office.

When the new detectors are installed and other recommendations completed, such as upgrading the battery system, the court is expected to wait for at least another 30 day period to see if the system is functioning properly before giving final approval to the restoration project and releasing funds being held from the contractor.

Clark, who was present at Tuesday's session, and Willrodt were due to meet Tuesday afternoon to iron out differences in costs of change orders approved by the court from the original contract, and to have a report on these negotiations at Monday's meeting.

Teletype Service Contract

The court also had on the agenda at Tuesday's session audience with Sheriff Jim Broussard relative to a maintenance contract for the teletype in the sheriff's office. Judge Cranek noted that the teletype and 60 others were purchased under a cooperative agreement (48 others have since been added) between the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Criminal Justice Division on a 40-60% basis. The period for the service contract expires in January of 1982. Current cost for such maintenance is $105 per month; however it is anticipated that this cost will increase in the future.

Judge Cranek said that H-GAC did not realize that the maintenance contracts were about to expire until he asked the council to seek a multiple service contract for all agencies using teletypes purchased under the cooperative program.

Writing Of Payroll Checks

Also the court discussed future of a machine used for making payroll checks in the county clerk's office and the possibility of using the computer to be installed in the Central Appraisal District office to be housed in the tax offices on January 1st, for such purposes. Since County Clerk Lester Schneider was unable to attend because he was attending a Bureau of Vital Statistics seminar in Austin, the court delayed action until the regular meeting next Monday.

Explosion

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on the catwalk and had just opened a hatch when gas in the tank ignited and exploded, knocking Veach off the catwalk and blowing the top off the steel tank. The catwalk was also knocked over by the impact.

Veach landed about twenty feet from the tank and managed to get to his truck and to drive it safely away from the burning tank. Fortunately there was not much oil in the tank, mostly salt water, and the fire was contained mainly to the inside of the tank. Eagle Lake volunteer firemen said the tank "turned cherry red" but managed to burn itself out in a couple of hours.

Veach was brought to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital with a badly dislocated shoulder and surgery was required to correct the dislocation. He had other injuries but is reported to be recovering and was dismissed from the hospital Saturday.

The battery of tanks is the property of Cico Oil & Gas Co. which has several producing wells on the Wintermann land.

Chester McGehee, who services the tanks for Cico, said that it was a miracle that Veach was not killed or hurt more seriously from the tremendous explosion.

Two Other Alarms

At 4 p.m. Dec. 4th the firemen were called to a grass fire on Kaechele property on FM 3013 ten miles east of Eagle Lake.

The firemen responded to a call at 5:25 a.m. Dec. 5th at 500 Third Street where a 1967 Chevrolet Impala owned by Harcel Montgomery, Jr., stalled and in starting the vehicle it backfired and caught fire which caused consider able damage.

BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

• Some business people have complained about a woman who came to their businesses seeking aid for the purpose of visiting with sick members of her family, etc. She promises to repay the loan, but usually never does.

It should be noted that the United Way (Consolidated Fund) in Eagle Lake has a relief fund for such legitimate purposes. It is suggested that if you are contacted, as a business or an individual, for contributions that you request the individual or organization to contact the Consolidated Fund, the Ministerial Alliance or the Red Cross for assistance.

We have received reports from at least four persons that the same individual has contacted them for aid under presumably false pretenses.

• The United States Postal Service issued this reminder: Christmas stamps may not be used for International Mail; they are for Domestic use only.

• Once again we would like to remind you that the Headlight pages this week are full of outstanding Christmas gift suggestions for young and old. Why travel costly miles and take chances of an accident in the heavy holiday traffic when you can find just about anything you need for your shopping list in Eagle Lake. Our merchants are the ones who support the city and school with their taxes and deserve your support and first consideration. If they are unable to provide you with a proper selection, then a trip to the big city might be justified.

• If you haven't been to Houston since the Christmas rush started, it is an experience to say the least. . . and not a very pleasant one at that. Every time we leave the Houston city limits we thank God for letting us escape without harm.

• The Headlight staff is busy getting things ready for the annual Christmas and New Year greeting editions. Our plans are to publish the Christmas greetings in the edition dated Dec. 24th and coming out Wed., Dec. 23rd; and the New Year greetings in the issue dated Dec. 31st and coming out Dec. 30th.

If you are not contacted for a holiday greeting and would like to publish one in either or both editions, call 234-2783 and we'll be glad to come by or fix up a greeting for you.

• Liz Waddell, owner of Gifts of Distinction, was boasting about her efforts to boost Eagle Lake as the goose hunting capital of the world and she proved her point quite well when she gave us a couple of her "special" memory balls for our Christmas trees. The unique balls are white with colorful Canadian geese imprinted on the ball. The geese have bright red bows tied around their necks. Quite a unique item for anyone's Christmas tree.

• Mrs. Jack (Margaret) Shaver remains in very serious condition in Hermann Hospital. She was due to undergo 10-12 hour surgery at 7:00 a.m. Wednesday of this week to correct an aneurism (cerebral hemorrhage) which occurred at her home here on Tuesday, Dec. 1st.

Tests during the past week have indicated that she also has a heart problem and the surgery is reported to be a critical one. All of her friends in the community join in prayers for her complete recovery to good health soon.

• Owners of Wilcox Minimax advise that the printer unintentionally omitted the dates from the insert in this issue. Specials listed will be in effect for the usual times, from Thurs., Dec. 10 through Wed., Dec. 16.

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Cable TV

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franchise agreement with the firm and that it "has nothing to do with the running of the cable company." He emphasized that complaints should be directed to the firm but that the city would assist in getting service if the problems were not being solved.

No Parking Ordinance

The council, in other action, approved the third and final reading of a no-parking ordinance on Farm to Market Road 3013 from its intersection with Highway 90A to a point east of State Street. The ordinance will become effective as soon as the "No Parking" signs are posted.

Holiday Items

In routine action prior to the Christmas holidays, the council took action on several items including: approval of firemen's bonuses; approved city employee bonuses; cancelled the Dec. 22 council meeting.

The council also approved "sacking" of parking meters from Dec. 10th to Jan. 4th; and authorized the closing of the city offices on the afternoon of Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st.

Highway 90A Widening

The council also heard a report indicating that no response has been made by the Texas Highway Department concerning a meeting with property owners that would be affected by the proposed widening of Highway 90A west.

Executive Session

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Struss called the council into "executive session" to discuss recent litigation against the city. Others allowed to attend the executive session with the mayor and councilmen were Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner and employee Harry Supak.

Howard Lobpries' Welcome Baby Boy Dec. 1st

Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Lobpries of Angleton, Texas announce the birth of their second child, a baby boy, born at 7:47 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1981 at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

The little boy was named Clinton Andrew and at birth he weighed five pounds fifteen and one-half ounces.

Welcoming Clinton home is a sister, Courtney Lynn, two and one-half years of age.

Maternal grandparents are Louis J. Balas of Jacksonville, Texas and Mrs. Jo Reilly of Bastrop. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Lobpries of Garwood. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kasmiersky, Sr. of Nada.

The mother is the former Julia Balas of Eagle Lake.

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Santa Welcomed To E.L. Community

Santa Claus is shown being welcomed to the Eagle Lake community on his annual visit here last Saturday, Dec. 12th, by Chamber of Commerce President T. J. Smith, center. At the left is Alvin W. Kohleffel, engineer for the miniature Lions-Shirley-Kohleffel train which brought Santa into the city for the visit.

Santa Claus visited with over 500 children and presented each with a bag of goodies during his visit here from one to three p.m. last Saturday. More pictures taken during Santa's visit here will be published in the Dec. 24th issue of the Headlight. For more information on the visit see page 4 of this issue.

Col. Lewis B. Epps Retires After 27 Years In U.S.A.F.

Colonel Lewis B. Epps, a native of Eagle Lake community, retired from the United States Air Force on Dec. 1, 1981 after twenty-seven years of distinguished service in the Department of Logistics.

Epps entered the USAF Reserves when he entered Texas A&M University in 1954 and graduated from Texas A&M with the Class of 1958. In January of 1959 he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force and began his illustrious career in the service on active duty in April of 1959.

Since entering the Air Force he has seen duty in Texas, New Mexico, Idaho, California and Virginia and held key positions in the Air Force in assignments in Turkey (two tours of duty there), in Vietnam, Italy, Australia and Korea.

During his time in the service he advanced to the rank of full Colonel and was serving as director of supply for the Twelfth Air Force in Bergstrom, Texas at the time of his retirement. He was a Squadron Commander on six occasions including

Col. Lewis B. Epps

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Bids Being Taken For EL Hospital Expansion

Barbara Miller Elected Vice-President And Cashier At First National Bank

Present Bank Officers Re-Elected For '82 By Bd. of Directors

At its regular meeting last Wednesday, Dec. 9th, the Board of Directors of the First National Bank elected Barbara C. Miller, Vice President and Cashier. Mrs. Miller was elected Cashier in September of this year.

She is an active member of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and the National Association of Bank Women. She and her husband Welton (Ronnie) are parents of Chad, age 12, and Krista, age 8.

In other action the Board re-elected present bank officers for 1982. They include: President Wm. H. Harrison, Jr.; Executive Vice President Travis L. Wegenhoft; Sr. Vice President Sam P. Thomson; Vice President Earl H. Rodgers; Assistant Vice President Case A. Hollub; Auditor Barbara (Mrs. Ed) Harborth; and Assistant Cashiers Robert B. Waddell, Sandra (Mrs. James) Dutcher, and Shirley (Mrs. Gus) Seaholm.

At the November meeting the Board approved an annual dividend of $4.50 per share and a 10% dividend, both payable on January 2, 1982 to shareholders of record December 1, 1981.

3700 Sq. Ft. Addition To Include 14-Beds, New Therapy Dept., Others

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 12th, 1982 for a major expansion of the facilities of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The project will in effect increase the hospital's capacity from 37 to 47 beds and will include addition of a therapy department and a new surgical recovery room and other improvements to the existing facilities.

Thomas R. Fannin of the architectural firm of Page Southerland Page of Houston is the project manager. His firm is issuing plans and specifications to interested bidders and expects a large number of bidders on the new addition. The bids will be opened at 2 p.m. Jan. 12th in the hospital's conference room.

Eagle Lake Community Hospital was initially granted a license to construct a 37 bed hospital at an estimated cost of $1.25 million and the bids for the construction were opened Jan. 24, 1973 at a total of $1,167,004. Architects fees and other additions boosted the total cost to around $1,550,000.

Official dedication of the new facility was held on Mar. 23, 1975, culminating almost five years of effort which started with a fund drive which originated on Jan. 1, 1970. The hospital was officially dedicated debt-free through contributions from businesses, individuals and corporations plus a $600,000 grant through the federal Hill-Burton assistance program.

New Projects

The new wing to be added to the hospital will extend southeast and perpendicular to the present facility (toward the Heritage House). The wing will join the present facility near the present nurses' station. Fannin explained that this will necessitate the removal of two rooms presently situated in that area. The new wing will have six private patient rooms, and four rooms of two beds each in the semi-private category, or a total of 14 beds. Thus after removing the two rooms in the present facility, the new wing will add a total of 10 beds to the entire facility.

The expansion project also calls for a new therapy department and a new surgical recovery room. Improvements will be made to the existing facility including expansion of the nurses' station, enlarging the physical therapy department and in other areas.

The expansion will add a total of 3,700 square feet to the existing facility which has around 30,000 square feet. Fannin said that costs of the project are being estimated at around $350,000.

The application for a license to expand the hospital's capacity from 37 to 47 beds has been given approval by the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Texas Health Facilities Commission.

The need has been felt for some time for added hospital beds in the Eagle Lake community since the hospital has been filled to capacity on many occasions and there has been some slight delay in admission of patients due to the lack of beds in some cases.

Construction is expected to begin by the latter part of January and should take about nine months to com-

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Use of Amine 2,4-D With Ground Application Is OK'd

Aerial Application Remains Banned Mar. 15-July 31 E. Of River

Regulations regarding the use of the herbicide 2,4-D in the south part of the county were aired once again at the meeting of the Colorado County Commissioners' Court in Columbus Monday morning. About twenty-five farmers and ranchers from the area were on hand, and about half of them appeared ready for a liberalization of the regulations on the use of 2,4-D with ground units and the other half was interested in protecting cotton and other crops and gardens that might be affected by the use of the herbicide.

Vance Duncan, of the I. V. Duncan Ranch of Eagle Lake, presented a request to the court last month that the regulation on the use of 2,4-D in the area east of Colorado River and south of the Highway 90A boundary be permitted during the period from March 15th through July 31st. After long hearings late last year, the Commissioners' Court asked the U. S. Department of Agriculture to restrict the use of 2,4-D by any means in the area south of the Highway 90A boundary. This included applications by ground rigs or by plane.

Too Early For Weeds

Duncan and other farmers on the east side of the river, in the affected area, contend that weeds in their pastures do not reach a stage by that early date that would give an effective result from the application of the 2,4-D. They stated that by the use of ground rigs, proper mixing agents and proper equipment the 2,4-D can be applied by the ground rigs without harm to the crops.

Arthur Mahalitc said that it's hard to understand why a pasture which lies in both Wharton and Colorado Counties can be treated on one side with 2,4-D and the other side can't. In Wharton County

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Bingo Option Vote In County Jan. 16

Voting To Be Done In Seven Places, Volunteers Asked

A bingo option election, to permit the legal operation of bingo games by charitable and non-profit groups, was called by the Colorado County Commissioners' Court in session Monday, for January 16th, 1982. The election was called after 342 persons, certified by the County Clerk as legal voters in this county, presented a petition asking that such an election be called. County Judge Lester J. Cranek pointed out that only 319 certified names were required to call the election in this county under enabling legislation passed by the past special session of the Texas Legislature. The enabling legislation was in response to approval of an amendment to the Texas Constitution by Texas voters in the 1978 general election.

Judge Cranek added that the election can be called only four times a year, on a quarterly basis, with the earliest possible date being January 16th.

Upon the recommendation of Judge Cranek, the court approved consolidation of some voting precincts in this county in an effort to keep cost of the election to a minimum. According to the format approved Monday, there will be seven voting places as follows:

Seven Voting Places

Garwood and Nada voters will vote in Garwood; Eagle Lake and Altair in Eagle Lake; Rock Island and Sheridan in Sheridan; Alleyton, North Columbus, Columbus, Buescher, Shaws Bend and Glidden in N. Columbus; Weimar and Oakland in Weimar; Freisburg and Brushy in Freisburg; and

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Firemen Answered 84 Alarms In 1981

Wet Year Reduces 1981 Total By 48 Less Than In '80

The effect of a wet year, as compared to a dry year, was reflected in the report on the number of alarms answered by Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen during 1981. This year the Eagle Lake firemen answered a total of 84 fire alarms, or 48 less than last year during which rainfall was well below the normal for this area.

Second Assistant Fire Chief Mickey Kochwelp reported on the fire alarms answered in 1981 at the Firemen's Ladies Night Christmas Party held in the Community Center last Saturday evening. Of the 84 alarms answered this year, 35 were within the city of Eagle Lake and 49 were outside the city limits. This compares

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Sam Centers Buy Scott's Snack Shack

Sam and Wanda Center have completed purchase of Scott's Snack Shack in Eagle Lake and will take over operation of the business on January 1st, 1982. They will operate the business as The Snack Center.

Mrs. Center, who has been managing the Kevin Court Apartments, will devote full time to operation of the business. Mr. Center, a supervisor for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., will continue serving in that capacity.

The Centers say the business will continue the same family-type service offered in the past by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Scott and Mrs. T. W. Scott.

Two Arrested In Eagle Lake For Burglary Of Gifts Of Distinction

Arrested Within Five Hours Of Report; Watches Recovered

Eagle Lake Police Department took just over five hours from the time they received word of the burglary of the Gifts of Distinction business in downtown Eagle Lake until they had made two arrests and recovered four wrist watches, valued at $640 taken from the business.

Some time Wednesday night, believed to be after midnight, the two men used a large piece of a cement block to break out a large hole in a large plate glass window at the front of Gifts of Distinction, facing McCarty on the west side of the city square. They reached through the gaping hole and took four Ricoh wrist watches which were mounted on a tray. The tray was later located on the street on the north side of the Wintermann building, a short distance from Gifts of Distinction.

Eagle Lake Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner received a call about the burglary at 8:30 a.m. when Mrs. Donald (Mary) Obenhaus, employee at the store, arrived for work, Wednesday morning, Dec. 9th. The owner, Mrs. Raymond (Lila) Waddell, owner was also notified.

Chief Winebrenner and Special Officer Ika Etheridge began an investigation of the burglary and at around 1:30 p.m. Chief Winebrenner received information that Israel Hernandez Aguilar, 25, might have taken the watches. Chief Winebrenner and Officer Etheridge went to Aguilar's home at 612 Strickland, but he was not at home. They later located him on Shirley Street and brought him to the city police station for questioning.

Chief Winebrenner said that Aguilar admitted that he and a 16 year old Mexican male (a juvenile whose name cannot be released) were involved in the burglary. Aguilar took the officers to his home where two of the four watches were recovered. Another watch was later recovered as was the fourth watch which was damaged during a fight which had

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Spl. Education Advisory Comm. Meeting This Thurs.

There will be a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee of Colorado County this Thursday, December 17 in the Administration Building of the Rice Consolidated I.S.D. This meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

An important item on the agenda will be a discussion of the proposed budget for federal funds for the handicapped. Your presence is urgently requested, said Victor A. Scott, director of the Colorado County Cooperative.

Burglars Enter Bill's Dollar Store Thru The Roof

Burglars, using the same method of operation which was used when the A. J. Struss Auto Supply Co. was hit by burglars last month, entered the Bill's Dollar Store on East Main Street in downtown Eagle Lake during the weekend and got away with around $180.00 in cash.

Entry was made through a skylight on the roof of the building, and apparently the burglars departed the same way. Nothing else was reported as missing. The money was taken from a money box in the office of the store.

Mrs. Inez Maturs, manager of the store, reported the burglary to Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner at around 8:30 a.m. Monday and he conducted the investigation. Local officers are continuing the investigation, but believe that the same person or persons committed both the Struss and Dollar Store burglaries.

Chief Winebrenner reported that he went up on the roof of the buildings on the north side of East Main Street and found air conditioning vents on the roof of the Entex Building pried off as if someone had attempted to enter that building through the roof.

Patrolman on duty early Tuesday morning found a door at the former Farmers Supply Co. location on West Main Street open, but no sign of forced entry or burglary was evident.

Jerry Fink Mobile Home On Lakeside Drive Burglarized

The mobile home owned by Jerry and Cindy Fink, located at Seventeen Acres on Lakeside Drive, just south of Lakeside Cemetery, was entered by burglars some time between 1 and 5 p.m. Monday and the burglars left with an estimated $1300 worth of household items and jewelry.

Colorado County Sheriff's Dept. was called at 5:25 p.m. Monday by Mr. Fink reporting that the home had been burglarized. Investigation showed no apparent forced entry, and the Finks reported leaving the door locked.

Reported as missing were: a Microwave oven, a Sony 19 inch color TV set, a .22 automatic Ruger pistol and assorted jewelry.

Eagle Lake Patrolman Gil Steen assisted in the investigation.

The Finks are offering a $100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons who were involved in the burglary. You may call them at 234-9411 days or 234-2659 after 5 p.m. or the Eagle Lake police or the sheriff's department. All information will be kept confidential.

Rice School Board Adopts 5-Year Plan

Addition Of Computer Course, Implementing ESL In Plan

The Rice School District's Board of Education, in session Monday night, adopted a five-year plan of improvements for the district highlighted by the addition of a computer course and implementation of ESL (English Second Language) requirements.

Assistant Supt. Charles DeShazo discussed the plan put together by a committee of administrators, faculty members and lay citizens. The five-year plan is required for accreditation with the Texas Board of Education. The district is completing its first five-year plan this school year and the new plan sets out goals and objectives for the next five year period. The plan takes into consideration student needs, improvement of assessment testing as well as improved curriculum.

DeShazo said the district plans to purchase six TRS (Tandy Radio Shack) computers and other equipment at a cost of around $12,000. Interest among the students and faculty is running high and DeShazo was quite enthused by the prospects for the course. He said that about twenty faculty members have volunteered to take a two-week workshop in the computer training in late May of 1982.

Supt. Harold King noted that the equipment should be in before the end of the school year to give those planning to take the instructional workshop some time to become acquainted with the machines. Funds for the program are included in the 1981-82 budget.

The program is being patterned after similar courses offered at El Campo and Victoria. Other schools in the area are also planning to add computer training in 1982-83.

A further report on the five-year plan adopted Monday will be presented in the next issue of the Headlight.

Wayne Dupre of Sheridan appeared before the board at the open forum preceding the meeting and he expressed interest in seeing that something is done about leaking roofs at Rice Schools

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