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Practicing Banjo Picking



Eagle Lake Lions Club members and guests enjoyed an annual Ladies Night Christmas Party in the Eagle Lake Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 10th. The program was presented by a nationally known banjo player and entertainer, Griffin. He gave a brief lesson in banjo picking to two past District Governors of Rotary International from the Eagle Lake Club, Dexter Anderson, at the left, and Mark Anderson, at the right. The annual Christmas party was held in the Community Center.

Thursday, Dec. 10th with a large gathering on hand for the delicious turkey and ham dinner and the fine program. Griffin also serves as minister of activities at the First Baptist Church of Houston.

Lions, Guests Hear Outstanding Banjo Music

Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club held its annual Ladies Night Christmas Party in the Eagle Lake Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 10th and the Lions, Lionesses and guests enjoyed an outstanding musical program presented by nationally known banjo player and entertainer C. D. (Buddy) Griffin of Houston. The event attracted a large crowd and all enjoyed the fine program and a delicious dinner of ham and turkey and the trimmings catered by Mrs. George (Leona) Andel and staff.

President Ralph Truly presided at the event and gave the welcome to the annual event. Lion Mike Barron gave the invocation, after which the gathering enjoyed the delicious dinner served buffet style from a beautifully appointed table. Case Holub, tall twister for the club, assisted by Jim Allen, presented gifts in an amusing manner resulting in fines to the recipients. Special guests for the event were introduced by Truly and included: Mayor and Mrs. Elmer Struss, Rotary President and Mrs. Dan Thornton, Editor Fred R. Frank, the 1981 Lions Queen Kitty Thomas and John Lee Koyenok, the 1982 queen Becky Benge and Kenny Hyek, and Mrs. Edith Duty.

The Lions Club president also presented a queen charm to Miss Thomas and she responded by extending sincere thanks for the opportunity of representing the club in 1981. She is the daughter of Bill and Doris Thomas, Jr. The 1982 queen, Becky Benge, is the daughter of Major and Sandra Benge. Stirring Banjo Music Henry Webb, program chairman for the Lions Club, introduced the entertainer as

one of the nation's most outstanding banjo players and entertainers.

Griffin opened his program with humorous remarks relative to his school days and then branched out into his start as a banjo picker. He commented that at that time the only song he knew was "Do-Dah". He played this favorite song in the manner in which he was called on for his first solo, then at a waltz time, also as a funeral song and finally as a wedding march.

He noted that the banjo is "America's only native instrument" and that the banjo provides some of the most stirring music ever to come out of the South.

After playing numerous selections, he concluded his program by playing his composition of "America Down South, I Love You" which was written as a patriotic song at the request of the International Banjo Association for America's Bicentennial observance. The stirring selection encompassed selections from the South but popular over the entire United States and the patriotic theme. Griffin told his attentive audience that he was a devoted lover of his country and what it stands for and many times he had a hard time finishing the song because of the tears which it brought to his eyes.

To conclude the program, Truly announced that a formal centerpiece on the head table was to be sent to the Heritage House in the name of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club. Lion Paul Krupicka concluded the program by leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Christmas decorations in the Community Center and on the tables in the hall added to the beauty and merriment of the occasion. The decorations were made this year by Beta Sigma Phi sororities.

No Meetings Dec. 24, 31
The Lions will not meet on



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New Year's Day To Bring Changes In State Auto Liability Ins. Law

Beginning January 1, 1982, Texas drivers contacted by Department of Public Safety officers during traffic stops and vehicle accident investigations will be required to furnish proof of compliance with the new compulsory liability insurance law.

Under House Bill 197, an amendment to the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act (6701h) approved this year by the 67th Legislature, all drivers must carry minimum liability coverage for medical expenses of \$10,000 per person (\$20,000 for two or more) and property damages of \$5,000. Department of Public Safety Director, Colonel Jim Adams, reports troopers will accept as evidence of insurance coverage the policy for the vehicle being operated or a document issued by the insurance company.

"Such a document must contain a statement that the liability coverage for the motor vehicle is the minimum described by the law," Adams said. "The document must also include the name of the insurance company, the name of the insured person, the policy period and the policy number. This document may take the form of a letter or a card, depending upon the preference of the insuring company."

Insurance companies throughout the state recommend drivers do not carry their original policy or a photostatic copy of the policy declaration page or the insuring agent's binding agreement. They would rather motorists carry with them an official card or letter. Adams has pointed out that DPS troopers will be enforcing the provisions of this law along highways and rural

roads. Local police officers and sheriff's deputies have also been given the authority to request this information. Drivers who do not maintain the specified coverage, refuse to give information or give false information to law enforcement officers risk a minimum fine of \$75 for the first offense or \$200 for subsequent violations.

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TEXAS FRIED CHICKEN

Robert Hicks, Owner
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Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st, due to the holidays, announced President Truly.

Joy and peace



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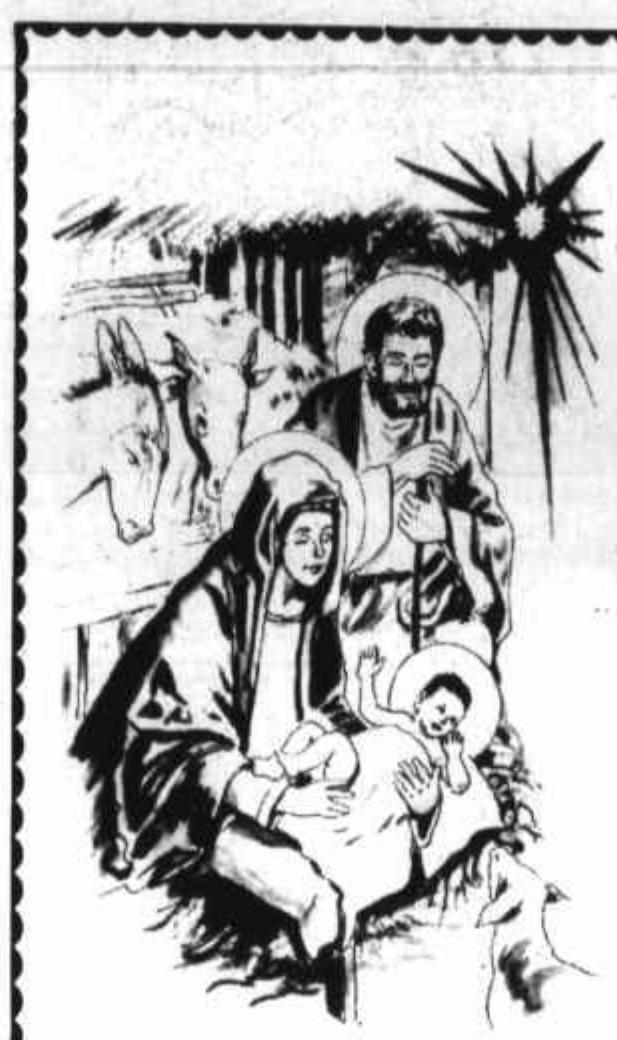
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A Child's Christmas In Italy

Italian children have to wait until the Feast of the Epiphany, on January 6th, to receive their gifts.

Instead of a visit from Santa Claus, children in Italy are visited by La Befana at that time.

Something of a witch, La Befana had the misfortune of not being able to find the Christ Child on the first Christmas, even

though she had been told all about the star of Bethlehem by the shepherds. It seems that she waited too long and missed the star, and ever after she has wandered in search of the Baby Jesus at Christmas time.

She leaves gifts at each house in Italy, in hopes that the Christ Child may be sheltered there.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To all of our friends the peace and joy of this beautiful season.

Marvin's In Altair

Gladys and Marvin Tyler

Six Firemen Have Perfect Drill Attendance



Mayor Elmer Struss, right, commended the six Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen shown above for "perfect attendance" at the twenty-four practice training sessions held by the Eagle Lake VFD during 1981. These firemen and others were presented "bonuses" from the City of Eagle Lake on the basis of \$5.00 for each of the 24 practice sessions attended during the year. The firemen with perfect attendance at the practice sessions are left to right, Gary Glaiser, Mickey Kockwelp, Thurston Webb, Monroe Briscoe, Ronnie Miller

and Pete Canaris. Canaris was also honored as the fireman attending the most fires in 1981 by reporting to 76 of the 84 fires during the year. Webb went to 74 of the 84 alarms and Fire Chief L. J. Spaniel (not shown) was third in fire attendance with 70 of the 84 alarms. First Assistant Fire Chief T. J. Smith reported at the Firemen's Banquet held Sat., Dec. 12th that the firemen spent a total of 1223 manhours in fire fighting during the year.

Fire Dept.'s Training Programs Are Aimed At Professionalism

Report Given By
Training Coordinator
Ronnie Miller

operation, breathing apparatus and salvage and overhaul.

"Twelve of these hours were instructed by the fire protection training division of the Texas A&M University Extension Service. This was a special training program other than our normal sessions." It was presented every night for one week. I am proud to say every member in the department participated. We also had a member of this department to attend a one-week fire fighting school at Texas A&M University in which he received 40 hours of training. Other than training, men of this department spend many hours unaccounted for main

gets in which a member must receive training to acquire the hours necessary to become certified.

"Training Is Varied" This year the department has received a total of 90 hours of instruction on: fire apparatus operation, fire service ladder, fire hose, ventilation, rescue operation, emergency driving, pump

In addition to the fire fighting and emergency services offered by the members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department, members have held regular training programs (two-hours twice each month) in order to maintain a "professional fire service" in this community. Ronnie Miller, major in the role of training coordinator, was praised at the firemen's banquet, Dec. 12th for his outstanding role in providing leadership in the training activities. He summarized some of the training activities, addition of new equipment, etc., by the Eagle Lake volunteer firemen in his following remarks presented at the annual holiday party:

"In our training program in the Eagle Lake VFD, it is our goal to provide professional fire service for this community. Many hours are spent by men in this department to improve their knowledge and capabilities in performing this service. In our training, we use programs prepared by the Department of Fire Protection Technology of Oklahoma State University.

"Our subjects and guidelines are set by the Texas Volunteer Fire Fighters and Fire Marshalls Certification Board. To become a certified volunteer fire fighter, each member must receive 160 hours of basic fire fighter instruction. This training ranges from fire department records to arson protection. There are actually 26 sub-

taining and keeping all vehicles and equipment ready to be used at all times. The equipment of this department is something we are all proud of.

New Radios, Air System This year, we have installed new radios in our vehicles which will enable us to have better communication not only with our own vehicles but also law enforcement offices and surrounding cities and counties. We have also installed a cascade air system which will allow us to go to a scene utilizing all breathing apparatus and air tools, return to the station, and refill all air bottles within a matter of minutes. In the past, it would have taken us several days to a week to have these empty bottles sent off and refilled.

Last month, the department purchased a box-type walk-in van. Beginning the first of the year, men of the department will begin constructing and fashioning this vehicle into an equipment van

which will allow us to transport all equipment to the scene of a fire.

"In addition to regular training and fire service work members of the department also participated in Fire Prevention Programs and demonstrations at the schools, the Community Hospital, the Heritage House and elsewhere.

"I would like to thank Mayor Struss, the City Council, and all the people of

Eagle Lake who have helped us to become one of the best equipped fire departments in this area," concluded Training Coordinator Miller.

In Antarctica

Only one thing can be said if you go to this frozen continent for the holidays; you're sure to have a white Christmas!

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