

County Comm. Seeks History Information



May the light of Christmas time be a guide this day.

Grigar Insurance Willie Mae & Louis Grigar EAGLE LAKE

The County History Committee of the Colorado County Historical Commission has recently begun the task of compiling a history of Colorado County. The committee plans to begin putting the gathered material into manuscript form by the latter part of 1982. This narrative account will begin with the Indian tribes which resided in this area and continue to the present. Sections will include Indians in Colorado County; Land Grants and Austin's Colony; Colorado County during the Texas Revolution and as a part of the new Republic; Colorado County during the Civil War and Reconstruction; The Post-Reconstruction Period (1873-1900); and a look at the county from 1900 through the early part of the 20th century. Churches being researched are: the Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church, the Baptist Church, the Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church. Three ethnic groups which played a major role in the settlement of the county will be included in sections on Czech, German and Black History.

The County History Committee is asking for input from the community as a whole as they gather material. Any information pertaining to the areas mentioned would be helpful. This information could include anecdotes, artifacts, local legends, or stories which have been passed along in your family. Photographs are of particular interest. Anyone who has oral, written, or pictorial information may call: Rosanne Harrison, 234-2662, in Eagle Lake; Elvira Kahlich, 725-9285, in Weimar; or Leah King, 732-2804, or Patti Price, 732-2828, in Columbus.

Receive VFW Awards, Plaques



Recipients of awards and certificates from the Eagle Lake Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars during the annual Pre-Christmas Party at Broesche's Restaurant on Wednesday evening of last week, are shown above, left to right, Past Commander and

Past State Deputy Chief of Staff J. T. (Tommy) Pilkington; Columbus high school bandman David Arthur; Mrs. Frank Beak of Garwood; Mayor Elmer Struss; and Post Commander James Cash who made the awards.

Golden Age Center Lists Events Calendar

Thurs., Dec. 24: Holiday.
Fri., Dec. 25: Merry Christmas.
Mon., Dec. 28: Local shopping, Weimar.
Tues., Dec. 29: Movie, crafts, quilting, local shopping, 10:30, Eagle Lake.
Wed., Dec. 30: Local shopping, movie, Columbus.
Thurs., Dec. 31: Holiday.
Fri., Jan. 1: Happy New Year.

EL Implement Closed Dec. 19 'til Dec. 28 For Inventory

The Eagle Lake Implement Co. on Highway 90A east closed at noon Sat., Dec. 19th and will be closed until Mon., Dec. 28th for inventory purposes and for the Christmas holiday.



May the spirit of Christmas abide with you now and through the New Year.



May your holidays bring you health and happiness.

Season's best



We wish you a season of beautiful Christmas moments... lasting memories to treasure always.

Dr. Rose Marie Roquemore D.D.S.
Don Frnka, CPA
Susan Debbie Jenner
EAGLE LAKE

Crude Oil And Gas Sales In County Totaled \$85 Million

The sale of crude oil and natural gas from Colorado County wells in 1980 boosted the county economy and accounted for \$85 million of the \$31.2 billion value placed on Texas production last year.

In a report on the economic impact of oil and gas industry operations in the top producing counties of Texas, Dallas-based Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association said the county ranked 91st among Texas' 254 counties on the basis of the value of its marketed petroleum production. This includes condensate and casinghead gas.

The county's wells produced 680,384 barrels of crude oil, valued at \$14.7 million, and 47.3 million Mcfs of natural gas, valued at \$70.3 million. Owners of royalty in the county received \$10.6 million as their share of the output, the Association said.

"Although crude oil and natural gas production in Texas declined slightly last year from 1979 levels, we in the industry are encouraged by the fact that drilling started in 1980 over 18-percent over the previous year," said the Association's chairman, Avery Rush, Jr., of Amarillo. "Since petroleum remains the cornerstone of our state economy and its tax base, Texas must continue to

encourage the development of its energy resources." Rush added.

In addition to paying local, county, and state property taxes, producers in the county also supported state government through production tax payments estimated at \$6 million, according to the Association. Crude oil taxes amounted to \$676,986 while natural gas levies totaled \$5.3 million.

Based on Texas Employment Commission figures, some 313 oil and gas industry employees in the county received wages of about \$5.3 million in 1980.

In the search for new petroleum reserves in the county, oil and gas operators spent a reported \$49.2 million in the drilling of 83 wells, including 19 wildcat, or exploratory, wells. This effort resulted in the completion of five oil wells and 36 gas wells, although some \$19.9 million

was lost in the drilling of 42 dry holes. As of March 1, 1981, there were 399 producing wells in the county: 52 oil and 347 gas.

Petroleum processing also contributed to the county economy, with three natural gasoline plants having a total daily capacity of 387.1 million cubic feet of natural gas, in operation.

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The mistletoe was cere

moniously caught in white cloths because the Druids believed contact with earth would not only diminish its power to promote fertility and cure numerous ailments, but would also bring bad fortune.

In Switzerland, Sweden, and Wales, superstition dictated that to retain its virtues, mistletoe had to be shot out of trees and caught before it touched the ground. Today, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where mistletoe is prevalent, shooting it out of trees remains one method of harvest.

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Free Pizza

Mrs. Steve Balas this is a ticket for a free pizza at the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, where you get the finest foods in town including delicious pizza. Clip this out and present at the Dairy Delite for your free pizza not later than Dec. 29, 1981.



Rejoice

Have the merriest, most wonderful Christmas ever!

City Cafe

Mrs. Joe Schoellmann Garwood

CHRISTMAS



The Great Tidings Are Heard Round The World, Rejoice. Christ is Born in Bethlehem.

Season's Greetings... from A. J. Willrodt & Associates Arthur J. Willrodt Jean DuBoise Columbus, Texas

New Texas Almanac Has Census Results; Other Info.

If you want to know the 1980 census counts of Houston or Loving County or any other incorporated city, county or metropolitan area, you can find it in the 1982-83 edition of the Texas Almanac, which is just off the press.

The new edition, published by The Dallas Morning News, features the 1980 Census along with an analysis of Texas population shifts written by L. S. Sklar, professor of sociology and demographer at Texas A&M University. The book also contains tables of 130 years of population growth of Texas cities and counties.

The Almanac also features a special article on East Texas, written by Bob Bowman, author of several books on the region.

West Texas is also featured in a comprehensive article on McDonald Observatory, located in the Davis Mountains. Persons who want to know more about Texas are provided a reading guide in a special article, "44 Books

VFW, Auxiliary Enjoy Party At Broesche's

Awards Presented To Four At Annual Holiday Social

Columbus who served as the bugler for the VFW memorial service held here on Nov. 11th.

Mayor Elmer Struss and Past Commander and Past State Deputy Chief of Staff J. T. (Tommy) Pilkington, were presented with certificates of appreciation for service to the VFW and for patriotism expressed in behalf of their city and country. Struss and Pilkington also received pen and pencil sets bearing the VFW emblem.

District Commander and Mrs. Willis Barton of Fort Land were present and the district commander expressed appreciation for the courtesy shown to the ladies, commenting that "we need the ladies to have a successful VFW Post."

Words of appreciation for assistance to the event were also expressed by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Balazs of Columbus and Mr. and Mrs. Fuller of Lake Jackson.

In closing the program, Commander Cash reminded those present of the bingo option election which will be held in this county on Jan. 16th. The VFW strongly endorses passage of the proposition since many funds are derived from such benefits for the support of countless projects and group.

Door prizes of poinsettia plants were presented to five of the lucky ladies present, including Mrs. Pat Barten, Mrs. Estrella Truly, Mrs. Mary Stallman of Garwood, Mrs. Evelyn Miller and Mrs. Hesh-Mill.

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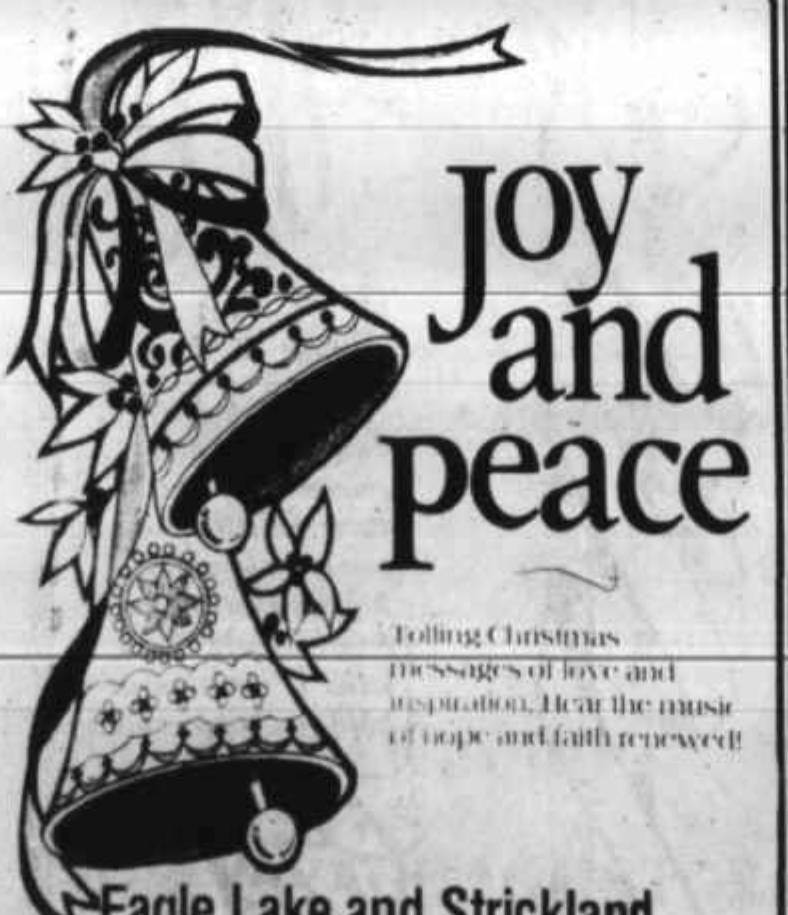
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Blessings

May faith be your guide this Christmas to the blessings of the season. Sincere greetings to all our friends.

CLYDE'S FOOD MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Farthing and Employees EAGLE LAKE



Eagle Lake and Strickland Insurance Agencies ROBERT AND MAXINE GRIFFITH EAGLE LAKE

JOYOUS NOEL



THOMAS DRYER EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS

May love light your way, and friends bring a glow to your life.



Yuletide Greetings

RAWHIDE CORRAL S. G. Pence, Owner Rock Island

HAPPY YULETIDE



We wish you great joy this Christmastide...may love and peace abide with you and yours all through the holiday season and in days to come.

Your Colorado County Officials

Lester J. Cranek COUNTY JUDGE	Jim Broussard COUNTY SHERIFF
Henry J. Hajovsky TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR	Edward Woolery-Price COUNTY ATTORNEY
Harvey Vornsand DISTRICT CLERK	Mrs. Martha Bodungen COUNTY TREASURER
Lester Schneider COUNTY CLERK	M. L. Briscoe COUNTY AUDITOR
Otto H. Loessin COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1	J. T. (Jimmie) Frnka CONSTABLE, J. P. PREC. 8
Rafael Veselka COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2	M. M. (Mac) Jones JUSTICE OF PEACE, PREC. 9
Jerome Wicke COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3	W. A. Heifner JUSTICE OF PEACE, PREC. 2
L. W. Stiles, Jr. COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4	Lawrence Berger CONSTABLE, J. P. PRECINCT 2