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24 YEARS AGO
LET'S LOOK BACK

[Sept. 19, 1957]

Susan Davidson, Barbara Reese, Glenda Altman, Donna Lou Thomas, Doris McCreary, all majorettes, and Jo Ann Konvicka, drum major, can be seen in front of the band during the 1957-58 year. . . Eagle Lake Parent-Teacher Association opens its 1957-58 year at a meeting and social with Mrs. Raymond H. Waddell, presiding. . . Eagle Lake Eagles are now 2-0 after an impressive win over the Louise Hornets ? to 0. . . Mrs. Wilburn Black became president of the Loyalty Class of the First Baptist Church after a meeting and installation of officers. . . Garwood Garden Club opens year with a meeting with Mrs. Lee Glass hostess and Mrs. John Becak, co-hostess. Mrs. Glass is also the president of the club.

[Sept. 26, 1957]

Rep. Homer Koliba, State Representative of the 46th District of Texas, was presented with the Distinguished Service Award for his leadership as a member of the Texas Legislature. . . Darlene Loessin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gussie Loessin, celebrated her eighth birthday with a party given by her mother. . . Eagle Lake Eagles are stopped cold by Weimar with a 27 to 13 loss Friday night. Eagles go on to play Angleton. . . Lake Crest Flower Shop has been accepted as a member of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association, says Mrs. Jack Rhoades and Mrs. H. E. Burger, owners of the new F.T.D. shop. . . Frank Davidson, Jr., local engineering surveyor, found a tusk from some prehistoric animal on the H. A. Dromgoole river bottom farm.

[Oct. 3, 1957]

Susan Gail Spalinger, fourteen-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Spalinger, was named the winner of the grand prize in the Eagle Lake Furniture Company's Photo Contest. . . Cheering the Eagle Lake Eagles to victory during the 1957 football season are Misses Nancy Bradford, Margaret Meitzen, Janet Gibson, head cheerleader, and Patricia Loessin. . . Eagles bow to Angleton 50-13, however they put up a valiant struggle before being downed. Eagles host Needville in District play Friday. . . Joe Scarborough, former pastor of the Church of Christ in Wharton, accepted the ministry of the Eagle Lake Church of Christ. . . Rotary Club of Eagle Lake will be host to J. A. Benson, Governor of the 589th Distriet of Rotary International.

[October 10, 1957]

A pleasant Sunday morning ride ended in one of this community's greatest tragedies last Sunday, resulting in the death of Hayes Stephens, 79, retired businessman and financier, and seriously injuring his wife. . . J. A. (Jack) Grieves buys Eagle Lake Furniture Company building. . . G. M. Cason confined to hospital after suffering heart attack Sunday. . . Leon Hainebach and son Freddie take over Texaco Station from Melvin F. Campbell and son Melvin, Jr. . .Rev. Ralph Jones is new pastor at First Baptist Church. . .Dick Obenhaus, Jack Ray, Mrs. Daughtery Roberts and Edward Walker each pick eight out of ten winners in Headlight Football Contest. Obenhaus won the tiebreaker: Mr. Ray was second; and Mrs. Roberts, third. . .Judy Simmons, daughter of Pryor Simmons, elected freshman representative to Student Congress of Texas Christian Univ. . .Crowd estimated at 10,000 attend opening of the ultra-modern M-G Poultry Processing Plant in Weimar. . Don McGehee has Hobo Party on eighth birthday. . Steve Gilstrap leaving Alamo Lumber this weekend to manage Edna Lumber Co. . First place winners in Fire Prevention Poster contest were Judy Fay Emmel, Mary Ann Walton, Don Spalinger and Barbara Jean Emmel. . $10.22 high for Texas Patna rice grown by Waddell Bros. on Duncan Bros. land; harvest nears end. . .Laurel Annette is the new addition to the Dexter Anderson family. She was born October 6th. . .Mr. and Mrs. Guy Briggs honored at housewarming Sun. . .Fullback Ed Harborth standout in Eagles' win over Needville Bluejays. Defensive standouts in the first district game win were Clifton Marshall, Jim Milby, Victor Corman, Herbert Lenard, Dickie Smith and Henry Alvarado.

A Heavenly Message Which Cannot Be Hushed!!

[By The Rev. George T. Welsch, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Eagle Lake]

Christmas! What a magic word it is! It stirs up in us a warm glow, a lifting joy, and a bright hope. Where this feeling comes from is hard to track down. It has its roots in a stable 19 centuries ago. It also comes from the legend of Santa Claus, from the experience of opening thousands of Christmas cards, memories of childhood's Christmas trees, gifts both material and spiritual, carols, bells, tinsel, and lights. The Holy Night and the Holiday become fused into a feeling which somehow makes us more open, more filled with warmth and the goodness of life, than at any other time in the year.

The worldly and the heavenly are fused together in Christmas in a lovely way. That was God's plan, to join together his divinity with our humanity. The great joy of Christmas is not only that God sent his Son into the world in the long ago, but that he continues to do so. "Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in." He still comes with divine hope and love to human hearts that are open to him.

As a perceptive person said: "At some point, however small, peace, love, and freedom are always breaking into affairs otherwise human. Where men make peace, where human love meets human need, where the oppressed are struggling free. . .at those points however small, the Kingdom of God is always breaking into the affairs of men."

May the joy of Christmas break anew into your heart this Christmas!

Let's Look Back

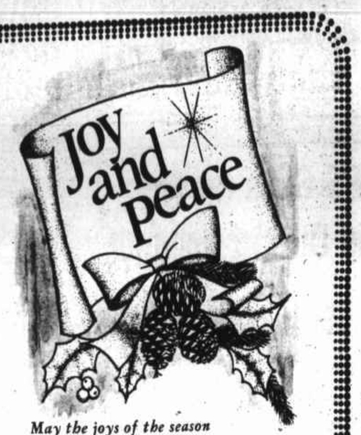
Holiday Activities 48 Yrs. Ago

[Dec. 9, 1933]

Automobile belonging to O. J. Wintermanns stolen here Saturday night. Driven by large man toward Heck filling station. . . Russian Grand Opera group stops at Eagle Lake on way to San Antonio. . . Local Masons attend Grand Lodge in Waco; W. A. Dallas, George Salladay, Judge Max Conner and Helmer Sesholm. . . Mrs. Harold Thomas, a recent bride, was honored at a bridge and bedroom shower Tuesday by Ada Thomas. . . Real domino game witnessed between Judge Max Conner and Chief Epperson Wednesday. . . Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky and Miss Elizabeth Westmoreland win prizes at bride shower honoring recent bride, Mrs. Fulton Dromgoole. At the shower, given by Misses Mary Waddell and Caroline Smothers, were Mrs. E. E. Turner, Mesdames John Chapman, George Crim, John Kearney, and Misses Emily Howard, Anna Margaret Martin, Lorease Carey, Mildred Reese, and Lois Hardy. . . Building tradesmen form organization at meeting here. A. D. Baker is selected chairman and C. R. Curry, secretary. . . Zeno Smith, H. A. Dromgoole, and A. Ludwig of El Campo place in Rodeo at Nada Sunday.

[Dec. 16, 1933]

Eagle Lake's Chamber of Commerce plans big community Christmas tree and fruit, candy, and nuts for the children. . . Popularity contest to be held at Avalon Theatre. Participating are Misses Alice Mae Thomas, Anna Margaret Martin, Ethel Barker, Eleanor Reese, Thelma Dunlavy, Mari McCaleb, Ruth Boothe, Betty Ney, Caroline Smothers, Bertha Maurine Davidson, Mary Frances Hopkins, and Mrs. John Chapman. . . McMillan and Reading chosen to captain football team at oyster banquet given by Supt. W. C. Reed and Coach Otis Coffey. Players to receive letters are Charlie Brown, Buddy Reese, Lloyd Spalinger, John Duty, T. J. Roberts, Ashley Walker, Frank Kallina, Phil Harrison, Douglas Swearingen, Ralph Fuller, Arthur Hodde, Hootie Wiese, W. C. Reed, Jr., Pete Reading, Albert McMillan, Ford Ham, and Erwin Estlinbaum. . . W. D. Williams of Garwood surprised with a birthday party dinner Sunday. . .Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole of Rosenberg arrive to take over as managers of Avalon Theatre.



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Defensive Driving Course At WCJC Jan. 18 And 20

The National Safety Council's eight-hour Defensive Driving Course will be offered in Wharton and El Campo according to information received from Wharton County Junior College, the local sponsoring agency.

Motorists completing the course will be entitled to a 10 percent reduction on their automobile insurance premiums.

Persons wishing to take the course can register in advance during regular college office hours or before class on the first night.

Defensive Driving is scheduled January 18 and 20 from 6-10 p.m. Room 101 A of the Wharton County Junior College Administration Building located at 911 Boling Highway in Wharton. Those who do not pre-register should report to the classroom at 5:30 p.m. January 18.

Greetings
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11 a.m. Morning Worship
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Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Choir Practice 10:55 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Wednesday:
Youth Club 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
P.Y.F. 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Nightly Service 7 p.m.

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Through Jan. 17, 1982

Duck And Geese Remain In Season

The second portion of the 1981-82 duck season opened at half hour before sunrise Saturday, Dec. 12th and ducks and geese will remain in season through Sunday, January 17th, 1982.

The limit on ducks continues on the 100-point basis. Possession limit is the number of ducks that would be legal in two days kill.

A reminder of the duck point ratings for 1981-82 follows:

Canvasback - 100 points;
Mallard hens, mottled ducks, Mexican black duck, wood duck, hooded merganser, redhead, black duck - 70 points;
Greenwing teal, bluewing teal, cinnamon teal, pintail, gadwall, scaup, shoveler, baldpate, all mergansers other than hooded - 10 points;
All other legal species including the greenhead drake mallard - 20 points.

The 1981-82 duck season is closed blackbilled, masked and fulvous tree ducks.

The P&W Commission increased the daily bag limit on geese for the area east of U. S. Highway 81 which includes this area to include five light geese (snows, blues or Ross') plus one Canada and one White-Fronted (Speckled Bellied). The possession limit is twice the daily limit or ten light geese and two Canada and two White-Fronted geese.

Shooting hours on ducks and geese continue at one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Quail Season Underway

The season is underway on quail and will continue through Feb. 14th. While reports have been received that there are lots of birds in the area, a good hard freeze was needed to kill grass and weeds and help to make the birds easier to locate. The daily bag limit in counties of this area, Colorado, Lavaca, Austin, Wharton and Fort Bend, is 16 birds per day with a possession limit of three days' kill or 48.

Deer Season Continues

The deer season in Colorado County continues through Sunday, Jan. 3rd. Good kills have been reported in some areas, not so good in others. But all agree that the deer are in excellent condition and horns bigger this year than they have been in many years.

In Colorado County there is a 3-deer limit but only one may be a buck and the other two must be antlerless deer which may be killed by special permit only. A spike deer is considered as a buck deer. The same regulations apply for Fayette, Lavaca and Wharton Counties, but in Wharton County the season also continues through Jan. 3rd but the limit is three deer, with a two buck limit.

Other Seasons

In Colorado County squirrel remain in season all year long with a daily limit of 10 and possession limit of 20. The same applies to Fayette and Lavaca Counties but in Austin County the season runs May 1-July 31 and Oct. 1-Dec. 31 with a 10 per day limit and possession limit of 20.

Wilson's jacksnipe remain in season through Feb. 14th, 1982 with a daily bag limit of eight and possession limit of 16.

Woodcock also remain in season through Feb. 14, 1982 with a daily bag limit of 5 and possession limit of 10.

Dove Season

The second split of the 1981-82 dove season is scheduled to open January 2 and will continue through Jan. 17th with daily bag limit of 12 and possession limit of 24.

Erecting Backstop At McCarty Field In 1932

Shown above erecting a backstop at McCarty Baseball Field in 1932 are: from left to right, Percy Middlebrook, George Crim, Hubbard Taylor, Albert Loughridge and on ladder, Benny Blair.

Eagle Lake was one of the charter members of the Colorado Valley Baseball League, founded in 1932. Frank Orsak was the first manager and the team was sponsored by the Howard L. Campbell Bottling Works and was known as the Dr. Peppers.

Land for the baseball diamond was donated by Bruce McCarty, editor and publisher of the Headlight at that time, and was named McCarty Field in his honor. It was located east of what is now known as Austin Road on the west side of Eagle Lake.

The Dr. Peppers participated for several years until the league finally folded.

The Colorado Valley Baseball League had six teams, Eagle Lake, Moulton, La Grange, Flatonia, Columbus and Ellinger. Games were played on Sunday afternoons.

Among the players for Eagle Lake were Harry Townsend, Howard Harry, Benny Blair, Sr., Ligon and Albert Loughridge, "Tug" Causey, Tolbert, Roger Fuller, Durbin, Hintz, Frank Duty, Hubbard Taylor, George Crim, W. Duty, Wallace, Randow, Fry and even Tom Waddell and Howard Fitzgerald played a game or two. Waldo Townley was official scorer for the league.

Fitzgerald, a long-time star player in the old Texas League for Wichita Falls, played two games and gave up in disgust. Howard was a long ball hitter. There were no fences in the outfield at McCarty Park. Every time Howard came up to bat, the opposing manager waved his outfields back to 400 feet or better where they had little trouble fielding his fly balls. For anyone else with the fielders in their normal position, these fly balls would have been home runs. Photo by Waldo W. Townley, Houston, Texas.

BOWLING

Initial League

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1981 at Skull Creek Lanes in the Initial League high team game and series went to Western Auto with a score of 1071-3051. High individual game and series went to Mano Graham who bowled a 280-212-203-695. Other high scorers were: James Dahse 202-200-591, Larry Rothbauer 220-548, Butch Schmidt 215-546, Glen Locklier 212-563, Verlin Argo 210-500, Erwin Knippel 207-556, Jerry Zbranek 204-533, Les LeBouef 560, Jack Dromgoole 540, Freddy Pelts 540, Leroy Janda 533, James Osburn 526, Lawrence Stallman 524, Mike Grigar 519, Charles Thrasher 509, Paul Bittner 504, Roy Rucker 501.

Jokers are holding down first place with 258½ points with Skull Creek Lanes in second with 228½ points, Misfits 216 points in third, fourth with 210 points Appelt Ins., Eagle Lake Imps 209½ in fifth and in sixth place 44 Magnums with 201½ points.

Monday Night Mixed

In Monday Night Mixed League at Skull Creek Lanes on Dec. 14 U.F.O's captured high team series with a 2367 win and Bonus Lease Service a 829 for high team game. Lee Briscoe bowled a 247-625 for men's high game and series. Mary Obenhaus rolled a 186 for high game and Alta Barten a 509 for the series in the women's scoring. Other top scorers were Clyde Werland 209-549, Harold Williams 544, Shorty Rucka 205-547.

U.F.O.'s are standing in first place with 31 wins, one win ahead of three teams tied for second place. With 30 wins each in second place are Pearl Lites, Bonus Lease, Good Times, and in fifth place with 29½ wins are Lucky Strikes and Briscoe Realtors.

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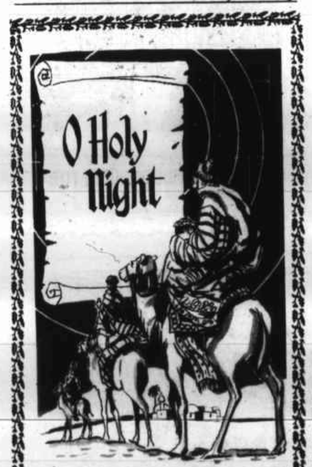

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