

December Safety Corner



Holiday Safety
Accidents never take a holiday. To help make your holiday safe, take these precautions:

- Clear walks and steps of ice, snow and other potential hazards.
- Take frequent rest breaks when shoveling snow, and never shovel snow immediately after a big meal.
- Select a fresh Christmas tree or a fire-resistant artificial one.
- Check tree lights for broken sockets and frayed wires, and replace them if damaged.
- Turn on outdoor lights at night when you expect company.
- Be alert for drivers who have had too much "holiday cheer."

Faulty Lights

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sumers have to do their part too," says Seelbach.
The National Fire Data



Christmas Cheer
Back Door
Eagle Lake



Greetings
WARM WISHES FOR A
HAPPY, BLESSED
CHRISTMAS SEASON

Cattleman's Restaurant

Mr. and Mrs. David Zajick
& Employees
Columbus, Texas

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
To All of Our Patrons
Greetings for the Holiday
Season.

Shindler Electric
Car Wash & Fireworks
Jeri Lee, Phillip and Holl Shindler
EAGLE LAKE

Sixth Graders Entertain At ELPS



The Eagle Lake Middle School Sixth Grade Band directed by Floyd Spenrath is pictured presenting a Christmas Program to the Eagle Lake Primary School student body. The group played a variety of songs,

but the favorite selection of the primary students was the theme from the T.V. program "Dallas". The band will return in the Spring for a final concert.-ELPS Photo.

Let's Look Back

Holiday Activities
24 Yrs. Ago

[Nov. 27, 1957]
Randy Spalinger was honored with a party on his eighth birthday October 29th at his country home by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Spalinger. . . Judith Brison, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Brison, celebrated her birthday on October 18th with a party given by her parents. . . Army Pvt. Lloyd E. Britton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Britton, was assigned to the 12th Medical Company in Baumholder, Germany. . . The Eagle Lake Eagles and the East Bernard Brahmas locked horns and claws last Friday night for a 7 to 7 tie in one of the finest football games ever seen in this area. . . Miss Jo Carolyn Corman and Donald F. Kepka were united in marriage in Lissie Church October 26, at 10 o'clock. . . Riderless horse sets off manhunt on 1300 acre ranch of Leon Schindler.

[Nov. 14, 1957]
Night policeman Helmer

Center reports approximately 82,000 fires killed or injured more than three thousand people and caused about 340 million dollars in property damage last December.

Seelbach says consumers can avoid fires if they use simple precautions. "A spark or a hot wire can ignite a dried out tree. Check each string of lights carefully. If you find a break in the wiring, frayed insulation, a broken bulb or a defective plug, don't use it; replace the string," Seelbach says.

Visit With Santa Claus



Here are some of the groups of children who enjoyed sharing places on Santa Claus' knees during his visit here Dec. 12th under sponsorship of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. At the top are Julie and Jonathan Taylor, children of the Jim Taylors; in the center photo are Billie Jean and Nina, children of the Billy Salazar; and at the bottom are Samantha Densley, April Hemphill and Latoya Armstrong.

Christmas Blessings
Christ the Savior is born! Let us sing His praises!

Nada Grocery & Market
Vic & Dorothy Hyak
Ludwig & Agnes Schoellmann
Nada, Texas

Woytek resigned November 15 to take care of his interests in the Sheridan area and taking his place is Bill Williams, a former member of the College Station Police Department. . . W. K. Lehrer was honored with an agriculture award from the Garwood Lions Club during a Farm and Ranch Ladies night. . . Mr. and Mrs. John Klein were in Houston week before last to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States and became naturalized citizens. Witnesses were Mrs. V. J. Kana and Mrs. Henry Dostal, both of Eagle Lake. . . Eagles move into District lead with 24 to 13 win over Sealy Friday night (homecoming night). . . Kenneth Mahalite was promoted to Specialist Third Class in the U. S. Armed Forces in Germany. He recently was named "Soldier of the Week."

[Nov. 21, 1957]
The Eagle Lake Eagles are the District 25-A champions and take on Bastrop Bears in a bi-district game at the Columbus High School stadium. . . Victor Ray Corman, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Corman, member of 4-H Club, won the District 11 4-H records contest. . . Members of the Kiwanis Junior Police Patrol are L. Locadio Cordova, Captain Dick Waddell, Lt. Russell Reese, Delano Franks, Fulton Dromgoole, John Grieves, Glen Shaw, Paul Cordova, Manuel Ybarra, Billy Kolberg, Roy Hardy, William Estlinbaum, Chris Bradford, Jerry Alvarado, Manuel Alvarado, Henry Torres, Leroy Ziekuhr, Allen Marquart, Brent Boggs, and Eugene Mendoza. . . Loretta Kostka of Wharton was chosen the Homecoming Queen at Wharton County Junior College.

[Nov. 28, 1957]
The Eagle Lake Eagles whip Bastrop Bears 27 to 7 for bi-district crown. They travel to Three Rivers to meet the Pearraal Mavericks in regional play. . . Henry L. Kretzschmar was re-elected Eagle Lake Fire Chief Monday night. . . All churches join in offering for the Community Thanksgiving Service. . . The Garden Club will have a Christmas program on decorations Wednesday. . . A play called "Union in the Stew" will be presented by the Eagle Lake High School senior class next Friday in the school auditorium. . . Pipe is being set for a small gas well on Mosbacher and Mendell's No. 1 Hahn 3 miles northwest of Garwood. . . Robin Engstrom of Garwood was honored by her mother with a birthday party Wednesday morning.

[Dec. 5, 1957]
The Eagle Lake Community Center becomes the center of attention with a long string of holiday parties during the approaching Yuletide season. . . The Battling Eagles gave up one touchdown to Pearraal Mavericks to lose regional championship. . . Hunter Thomas, grandson of Mr. and Mrs.

JOY
May the warmth of Christmas fill your heart and bring you a wealth of happiness.

From The Staff Of
Furniture Shoppe
Eagle Lake

Griff Thomas of Eagle Lake, her sixth birthday with a party given by her mother, Mrs. Lorane Austin, Tuesday. . . Ken and Gerald Roberts were honored on their 12th and 2nd birthdays, respectively, by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty Roberts.

Christmas
MAY YOURS BE
Merry and Bright
Christmas is Giving,
Sharing; It is the Time of
Joy for All.

MAIN AUTO SUPPLY
Louis Semore & Employees
EAGLE LAKE

season's best

There's no better time to say "Thank you" for your past patronage!

COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC
717 E. Main - Eagle Lake
John Richard Torres & Family
Employees & Families

Have a Happy Holiday Season

O Holy Night
May the Star of Bethlehem inspire all men's hearts!

Eagle Lake Iron Works
Andy, Linda, Walt & Dale Phillips
Francine Salinas

Christmas Blessings

Like the Wise Men of old, let us worship the newborn Prince of Peace—may He bless you and yours.

Flintex Oil Company
Columbus

Enjoy Visiting With Santa



Over five hundred youngsters visited with Santa Claus here on December 12th under sponsorship of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. Some of those visiting with Santa are shown above: top left is Melvin Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brown, Sr.; left center is Patricia Black, daughter of

the Tom Blacks; left bottom is Misty Duncan, daughter of the Wesley Duncans; top right is Tasha Tyler, daughter of the Freeman Tylers; center right is Heidi Mims, daughter of the David Mims; bottom right is Mark Glover.

How'd You Like To Get Texas For Christmas??

How'd you like to get Texas for Christmas? Get the swampy Big Thicket and sunny Big Bend. Get the wide sky of the Panhandle and the palm-fringed sky of Port Isabel. Get up-to-the-minute details about thousands of fun spots throughout Texas.

Best of all, it won't cost you a thing! That's right - nada, zilch, free!...except for a 20 cent stamp.

The gift is a book, the highway department's newly released tourist guide called "Texas! Live the Legend." Throughout 176 lavishly colorful pages, the book capsules what there is to see and do in this vast land.

Like rides, for example. Ride a horse at a Bandera dude ranch; O.K., everybody knows that. But how about a simulated elevator ride thousands of feet deep to oil-producing strata at the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore? Or a genuine slickity-clack ride through the Piney Woods on a 19th Century railroad at Rusk and Palestine? Or touchdown in the Lunder on the serene surface of the Moon, with movies taken by Texas astronauts who've been there.

Hunting and fishing, state parks, national forests, even some tips on visiting Mexico - it's all there to tantalize your travel buds for a whole year.

For your free copy, write TEXAS, Dept. DHT, P. O. Box 5064, Austin, Texas, 78763, and ask for a "legend" book.

David Foehner Of Boiling Elected To TFB Board

A corn, mill, and soybean farmer from Wharton County has been elected to the board of directors of Texas Farm Bureau, the largest general farm organization in the state.

David Foehner of Boiling was elected by the voting delegates to the TFB 48th annual convention in Corpus Christi recently. Foehner has been active in Farm Bureau, serving in Wharton County as either a member of the board of directors, vice president, or president for the past 13 years.

Elected to a two-year term, he replaces retiring Texas Farm Bureau board member Donald Hebert of Waller who also was secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Counties included in Foehner's district, TFB District 11, include the following: Austin, Brazoria, Brazos, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, Washington and Wharton.

When I was a boy we would go into the woods and cut down a cedar tree for our Christmas tree. It smelled good-clean, fresh, and like a cedar chest. It was just an evergreen, but when we finally got all the decorations on and in it, it looked completely different. It was beautiful! I guess you could say it is sort of like heaven. Somewhere in those boyhood days I learned that the evergreen meant or symbolized eternal life-life without end with God and all people who have lived good lives. In a way we can say that people's lives before the birthday of Christ were sort of like trees. But since our Savior has come, our lives are like Christmas trees. We have been given eternal life. Maybe too often we take it for granted.

In our churches, homes, yards, and other places, we have set up Christmas Cribbs. They remind us of the event that Christmas is all about-the birth of Jesus. When I was a young man, it became quite popular to have live nativity scenes. It struck me kind of odd at first. Who was worthy to act the part of Jesus, Mary, or Joseph? However, with the passing of time, the reality of grace sank in that Christ can be present in every person. And if God could accept with humanity of His creation by becoming man Himself in the person of Jesus Christ, can we not try to accept each other with our gifts and failings? God is indeed pleased with men and women who accept each other, and these men and women experience the deepest peace recognizing that all people are children of God our Father.

Love becomes real at Christmas through the exchange and giving of gifts. Whenever it happens, Christmas eve, night, or morning, the faces of girls and boys light up. The hearts of many people are filled with joy and happiness. They know and feel that they are loved. Love became most real at the first Christmas. God gave all of us His love through the birth of His Son. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Yes, God gave us the greatest gift of all, Himself. Love invites one to return love. We need to love our God. The best way we can do this is to let His love grow in our hearts and be shown through our lives. This is what Christmas is really all about. Jesus isn't reborn as a baby each year when we celebrate His birthday. But Jesus, God's love, is reborn and grows in all Christians, and that is what Christmas is really all about. That is what gives glory to God and brings peace to you with whom God is pleased.

May you and all your loved ones experience the deepest joy, peace, and happiness this Christmas. My prayer is that the spirit of this season remains with you throughout the new year of 1982.

A Christmas Meditation

[By The Rev. Tom Hanna, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Churches in Eagle Lake]

"Glory to God in the highest heaven! And peace on earth to men and women with whom he is pleased!" What the great multitude of angels sang on the night Our Savior was born should become real within our own lives.

How many Christmas carols have we sung? And how many times? We sing these carols to cheer people up, especially the sick and the elderly. We sing them in our churches and in our homes so that we and everyone present can be filled with and feel the Christmas spirit. And by singing these carols we give glory to God just as the many angels did the first Christmas. We need to ask ourselves every week of the year if what we are doing is giving glory to God. Someone suggested that we sing a Christmas carol in church every month to somehow keep that spirit of Christmas alive all year long.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
Above all we hope your Yule will be the happiest ever.

Eagle Lake Turf Grass
Linda & Abel Gonzalez

HAPPY HOLIDAY To Everyone

The Roach Coach
Ric & Diane Weaver
Eagle Lake

Noel
We wish all of the fine people in our community a very Merry Christmas.

Gold Construction
Walker & Mary Ann Gold
Family and Staff

Best Wishes
A cheery hello to all our many friends, with warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas season!

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Kenneth and Jean Abel & Employees
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Best wishes for a Merry Christmas to you, our friends and patrons.

Skull Creek Co.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Graham
Mansel Graham
ALTAM, TEXAS

Best Wishes
Here's hoping Santa brings you all the things you wish for...including health and happiness.

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Columbus