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## Mayor Extends Congratulations to Bill Chavis



Mayor Elmer Struss, right, congratulates Eagle Lake Special Officer Will (Bill) Chavis, center, on the occasion of "Bill Chavis Day" staged by appreciative friends for the

officer's 31 years of service as a law enforcement officer in the Eagle Lake community. At the left is Mrs. Chavis, known affectionately to friends as

Lou, short for Louvenia. The event was attended by over three hundred persons in the Eagle Lake Community Center last Sunday, Dec. 28th. See page 3 for more on the reception.

## Bill Chavis Cited For Dedicated Service To Citizens Of EL Area

A capacity crowd of over three hundred persons gathered at the Eagle Lake Community Center from three to six p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28th to pay tribute and offer accolades of praise to Will (Bill) Chavis, special officer with the Eagle Lake Police Department for the past thirty-one years during a special "Bill Chavis Day". The event was sponsored by Chavis' friends under the supervision of the Rev. Coby Shorter, Jr. and wife, Claudine, and many other friends.

While Officer Chavis has retired from his automotive repair business, he does plan to continue an active part-time role as a special officer for the Eagle Lake Police Department.

Mr. Chavis was commissioned on June 18, 1949 as a special officer for the Eagle Lake Police Department by the Mayor at that time, Emmanuel Roos, and has served in that capacity since.

The Rev. Obie Rhodes, pastor of White Cloud Baptist Church, served as master of ceremonies for the impressive program during which much praise was heaped on Officer Chavis and wife, Louvenia, for their many years of dedicated and unselfish service to citizens of Eagle Lake community and Colorado County.

While guests were registering, Patrick Johnson ren-

dered musical selections at the piano. The Rev. O. Scott, pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church, read the scripture reading; and the Rev. Paul L. Barrow, pastor of Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church, led in prayer.

Mrs. Helen Glover, Junior High School counselor for the

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## ECA Course, EMT Refresher Begin Tues.

An Emergency Care Attendant Course will begin Tuesday night, Jan. 6 at the Ambulance Hall at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in taking the course is urged to be prompt so that registration can be accomplished quickly.

Ambulance Corps EMT's and ECA's are reminded this will be for their recertification, also. Anyone whose certification is not out yet should attend anyway so that local Corps members will be on the same rotation.

If you are interested in joining the Ambulance Corps or even if you just want the

## 1981 Expected To Be A Year For Regrouping

(By Babson's Reports Inc., Wellesley Hills, Mass.)

A year ago, our forecast for 1980 predicted that the American economy would experience a recession, the main thrust of which would be felt early in the year. Technically speaking, however, the generally accepted definition of an economic recession was not fulfilled. That is, the "real" gross national product (the GNP stripped of inflation) did not experience two consecutive calendar quarters of negative readings. However, the massive second-quarter 1980 slump (down nearly 1%)

suffered by the gross national product in terms of 1972 dollars, and the minuscule growth rates of the year's remaining quarters, surely must be regarded as ample indication that a recession did indeed occur.

While the severity of the economic contraction during the spring weeks of 1980 exceeded the expectations of most economists, the let-down's brevity underscored the intrinsic resilience of the nation's economy. Had it not been for the drastic credit curbs which the Carter Administration and the Federal Reserve employed in the

bold bid to curb burgeoning inflationary forces, the economy might not have been subjected to such a pronounced buffeting in the spring and early summer of 1980. But even if the reins had not been pulled back so radically, it is doubtful that a business slowdown could have been averted completely.

After all, the growth of the nation's money supply remained consistently higher than the targets that had

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## Possible Burglary At Clyde's Food Mkt. Thwarted

A possible burglary at the Clyde's Food Market on Postoffice Street in Eagle Lake was thwarted early Sunday morning when an alarm in the store sounded when the would-be burglars hurled an electric motor through a plate glass window at the front part of the business under the covered parking area.

Owner Clyde Farthing received a call around 4:50 a.m. from Mrs. Florence Goodson, who lives near the store, that the alarm was sounding. Her son-in-law and a friend went to the area with guns but did not see any one in the area.

Mr. Farthing arrived at the store a few minutes later and found that the electric motor, probably from a washing machine or some other appliance, had been hurled through the plate glass door. The motor struck a counter some ten feet from the door about two feet off the floor, hence it was apparent that the motor was thrown through the door with great force shattering glass in the impact.

Eagle Lake Patrolman Lupe Villarreal, Jr. was called to the scene to investigate and he checked the motor for possible fingerprints.

Fortunately the alarm apparently frightened the burglars off and nothing was missing from the store, said Farthing.

Investigation of the case was continuing this week.

Stevenson's Cafe Entered

Eagle Lake Officer Villarreal was called to Stevenson's Cafe on the Boothe Drive to investigate entry of the building early Monday morning. The officer said that entry probably occurred between 4 and 5 a.m. Monday since Special Sheriff's Deputy Ike Etheridge had patrolled that area prior to that time. The burglars gained entry through a window inside a garage at one side of the building. Once inside a juke box was broken into and an undetermined amount of coins taken.

GRASS FIRE MON.

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen were called to a grass fire on railroad right of way near the Ramsey community shortly before noon on Monday of this week.

## '80 Rainfall Total Runs Over 20" Short of '79

27.76 Inch Total Is One Of Lowest Ever

Last year at this time, the Eagle Lake Headlight's headline read "Foot More Rain In '79 Than In '78" but this year the headline is reversed (and then some) as the total rainfall to date (Dec. 30th) is running over twenty inches behind that of the 1979 total and about a foot less than the normal for this area.

According to the gauges at the Lakeside Irrigation Co. plant, the 1980 total is 27.76 inches as compared to a total of 48.53 inches in 1979. The normal rainfall total for this area is just over 39 inches.

The total measurement in 1980 is the lowest in the past decade and probably one of the lowest ever recorded here, although official records are not complete.

May was the wettest month of the year with a total of 6.26 inches with less than

## City Council To Name Police Chief This Week

### C.C. Banquet Tickets Are Now On Sale

Tickets for the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20th, 1981 in the Community Center, went on sale this week with all officers and directors of the chamber and also in the chamber office in the Municipal Building.

The tickets are \$6.00 each which includes a delicious catered meal, entertainment and an address by Johnny Baker, former Houston Oiler.

"We hope that citizens who plan to attend will make arrangements for tickets early so that adequate plans may be made for the large gathering expected for the event," said Chamber of Commerce President Bob McInteer.

During the banquet, the 1981 officers will officially take over their respective offices, including T. J. Smith succeeding McInteer as the chamber's president for 1981.

### Commr. Court OK's \$25,000 Ct. House C.O.

Six Weeks Away From Completion Of Restoration Project

Colorado County Commissioners' Court approved a \$25,000 Certificate of Obligation as a payment on work done in the county courthouse restoration program in special session Monday and heard disappointing news that the work on the restoration project will not be completed for another six weeks or so.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Layendecker, whose term will expire Dec. 31st since he chose not to seek re-election, expressed deep disappointment that the project could not be completed before the end of his term. Layendecker said the court had received assurance on

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### 2 Injured In Shooting At Garwood

Charges were filed against two men following an argument and shooting at a Garwood bar and grill early on Christmas morning. Two persons who were in the place received injuries from a gunshot that was fired in the fracas.

According to the investigating officer, Deputy Keith Riehs, two men Carl Smith and Robert Pratt became involved in an argument in the Williams Bar and Grill in Garwood. Pratt reportedly left the place but returned with a gun and he fired one shot, missing Smith, but hitting two other persons in the bar and grill, Wilma Shorter of Eagle Lake and Willie Smith of Garwood.

Colorado County Sheriff's department received word from the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 4:23 a.m. Dec. 25th that two persons with gunshot wounds were being treated at the hospital. They were found to be Shorter with a wound in her right arm and Smith with a wound on one of his fingers on his left hand. Shorter remained in the hospital and Smith was released.

Carl Smith and Pratt were arrested by the sheriff's deputy on warrants issued by Justice of the Peace W. A. Hefner. Pratt is charged with two counts of aggravated assault and he was released under \$500 cash bond on each of the charges pending action by the February grand jury. Smith was charged with disorderly conduct and his case will be heard before Justice of the Peace Hefner.

Earlier this month, the city's first woman patrol officer, Linda Gail Travis, submitted her resignation. She plans to become married.

The local police department, which had been in full strength since Ms. Travis was hired, dropped back to a one-man full-time force temporarily. Guadalupe Villarreal, Jr., who served for a time as chief of police here, continues as a full-time officer and he is being assisted by Special Officer Bill Chavis, Special Sheriff's Deputy Ike Etheridge, former police chief Buford Ashley and officers from the highway patrol, Parks and Wildlife and sheriff's department to provide adequate around-the-clock patrolling in Eagle Lake, said Klockman.

Action by the city council Tuesday in hiring a new chief of police will be the first step to returning the local police staff to full strength.

### Now Account Program At First Nat'l Bank

Interest on checking accounts is now available at The First National Bank according to President Bill Harrison, Jr. "We have been working for several months to offer a competitive NOW account program and we are pleased to have it available at the earliest possible time for our customers," said Harrison.

First National's program will pay the highest interest rate presently allowed on the average monthly account balance. Service charges may be incurred if state minimum balance requirements are not met. Balances on deposit in regular savings accounts may qualify a customer for a free NOW account.

"Federal regulations determine which types of checking accounts are eligible to become NOW accounts," said Harrison. "Individuals, sole proprietorship businesses, charitable and civic organizations, non-profit corporations, and school districts are among those who are not eligible."

"NOW accounts should be effective and profitable for those customers who can meet the balance requirements," commented Harrison. "Others may find a convenient

### Swearing In Ceremony Thurs.

County Judge Lester J. Crank has announced that a swearing in ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. New Year's Day morning, Jan. 1st at the county courthouse in Columbus.

Two new officials will include County Attorney Edward Woolery-Pries who will succeed Durward Sell in the county attorney's office; and Jerome Wickes, the new Commissioner in Precinct 3, to succeed Crockett Layendecker.

A number of re-elected officials are also expected to receive their oath of office January 1st.

### K.C.'s To Sell BBQ Chickens This Sunday

The Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus will sell barbecued chickens this Sunday, (and every first Sunday of the month.) You must reserve your orders in advance by calling Andrew Farthing, 234-5524 during the day or Chuck Stephens at 284-3340 at night. Orders must be placed by 12 noon the Saturday before each first Sunday of the month.

The chickens will be sold for \$3.00 for a whole chicken and \$1.75 for a half chicken and must be picked up at the K.C. Hall on Pendleton Street.