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Wreckage Of Truck Which Hit 2 Others On I-10



Shown above is the wreckage of the large van truck carrying a load of groceries which plowed into the back of two parked trucks on I-10 just east of the FM 102 and IH-10 intersection early Monday morning. Two persons received injuries and heavy damage resulted to at least two of the trucks and trailers.

Two Hospitalized In 3-Truck Collision

Another accident involving parked vehicles on Interstate 10 at around 6:15 a.m. Monday, sent two persons to the Columbus Hospital and caused heavy damage.

The accident involved three trucks and occurred just east of the IH-10 and FM 102 overpass east of Columbus.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Gary Eden of Columbus was the investigating officer that he was in the inside lane and saw the stopped vehicles ahead. He pulled into the outside lane and in changing lanes, glanced back through a rear view mirror to see that he was clear to make the change in lanes. The truck drifted across both lanes and struck the rear of the Home Transportation truck and trailer, smashing it between the grocery truck and the grain truck.

Fortunately, Nash and King had gotten the middle truck started before the accident and were sitting inside the cab of the lead grain truck, to get out of the sub-freezing weather, when the grocery truck slammed into the parked vehicles.

Nash reportedly received some injuries to the head and neck from the impact and Dease received internal injuries, cuts and other injuries, as

DPS Trooper Ray Munsell Transfers To Rio Grande City

Department of Public Safety Highway Patrolman Raymond Munsell, who has been working out of the Eagle Lake area, has been transferred to Rio Grande City.

Munsell left January 4th for his new assignment in his former home town. No replacement is expected until June and until that time Trooper Joel Garcia will be handling calls to the DPS from the Eagle Lake office.

SP RR To Replace Track At 5 Crossings

Southern Pacific Railroad Company is expected to begin work in Eagle Lake on Wednesday of this week to replace the rails on the track east of Church St. on Dobbin, State, Milan, Deaks and Prairie Streets.

The track is expected to be put back into regular use by the railroad company. The section of the track being repaired has been out of regular service since the bridge of the Brazos River was damaged by flood waters.

Crossings at the above listed intersections are scheduled to be blocked during the brief construction period.

Mayor Elmer Struss and the city council have initiated action to insure that the railroad company's proper markings and signals are installed at the crossings for safety reasons.

Other Business

In other action on Tuesday night the council:

- Approved the re-appointment of Dr. Curtis Laughlin, as City Health Officer for 1982.
- Heard a report that the cab and chassis for the new garbage truck had been delivered and that it would be taken to Waco to have the garbage paker installed.
- Installation of the paker is expected to take five days, so the new truck is anticipated to be in operation by the end of January.
- The council heard a report from the city manager that rehabilitation of the sewer lines should be completed by January 27th; and also were told by Klockman, that:
 - Trendmark Builders developers of a proposed housing development on Hubbards-Perry Road near the Kevin Court Apartments and Eagle Lake Community Hospital, is expected at the next meeting on January 26th to complete a contract agreement with the council.
 - Attending the meeting at Tuesday night meeting were: Chief Winebrenner,

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plans for the chamber.

Other new officers include: Mrs. Kenneth (Jo Ann) Mahalite, vice president; Mrs. Ernie (Sandra) Rodgers, treasurer; and Mrs. Gene (Dorothy) Jones, secretary.

Four new directors will be serving on the board of directors for the next three years, including: Dr. Steve Edwards, Larry Dulany, Ralph Truly and Mrs. Raymond (Elizabeth) Waddell. Directors who carry over this year include: through 1982, Sandra Rodgers, T. J. Smith, Roy D. Van Nort and through 1983, Bob Klockman, Jo Ann Mahalite, L. J. Spanihel and Fred R. Fraka.

On Corsicana Board

Mr. Albritton serves as vice-chairman of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Corsicana, Texas. In addition to his banking enterprises, he operates a ranch raising registered Simmental cattle and has interests in real estate, minerals and other personal investments.

A graduate of Corsicana High School, he holds degrees from Southern Methodist University, Stanford University and is a graduate of the SMU graduate school of banking and graduate of the American Banking Association's school for investment officers.

He is reported to be an accomplished speaker with appearances before the Texas Bankers Association, American Banking Association investment division, ABA Ag Bankers conference, and A&M University Agricultural Banking Seminar.

In addition to serving as chairman of Governor Clement's Task Force on Tourist and Industrial Development in this state, he is chairman

City Council

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March or early April.

The mayor emphasized that the 10 percent increase would not only be for police personnel but would also be for all city employees.

Fifth Officer Possible

Also, concerning the police department, the mayor indicated that he would ask City Manager Robert Klockman to "stretch the budget" for 1982 so that a fifth officer could be

BUZZIN' BOU-TOWN

special request - six implement and fertilizer dealers for ballbearers, please - They're used to carrying size 4.

To the weatherman: Rain, sleet and snow for the funeral, please. No sense having nice weather now.

To the gravedigger: Don't bother. The hole in it should be big enough.

To the monument maker: Set a jig for the epitaph - "Here lies a Farmer who has now properly assumed all his obligations."

Taken from an RVOS newsletter.

* This Friday night will be a big night in Dist. 22AAA basketball action as the Rice High School Raiders host the Columbus Cardinals for a varsity girls' game at 6:00 p.m. and a varsity boys' contest at 7:30 p.m. in Raider Gym. Highlighting the night will be the matchup between the varsity boys' teams as the Raiders are the defending State Class AAA champions and this year the Cardinals, coached by former Raider assistant coach Mike Benedict, have their sights set on capturing that heralded title.

Columbus is currently 18-1 and ranked No. 1 among Class AAA cage teams in the state, while the Raiders, coached by Jack Grammer, have posted a 10-4 mark for the season.

A lot could be at stake in the girls' contest at 6:00 p.m. this Friday with the winner taking an edge in the first half of the District 22AAA race. The Raider girls, coached by Reuben Wunderlich, are currently 4-0 in league play and are the defending district champions.

* The following "last will and testament" of a "Farmer" appeared in a recent issue of the Gulf Coast Tribune and is reprinted for information of local readers:

I LEAVE - To my son: Equity in my car. Now he'll have to meet the payments.

To my banker: My soul. He's got a mortgage on it anyway.

To my neighbor: My clown suit. Hell need it if he continues to farm as he has in the past.

To FMIA: My unpaid bills. They took real chances on me and I want to do something for them.

To ASCS: My grain bin - I was planning to let them have it next year anyway.

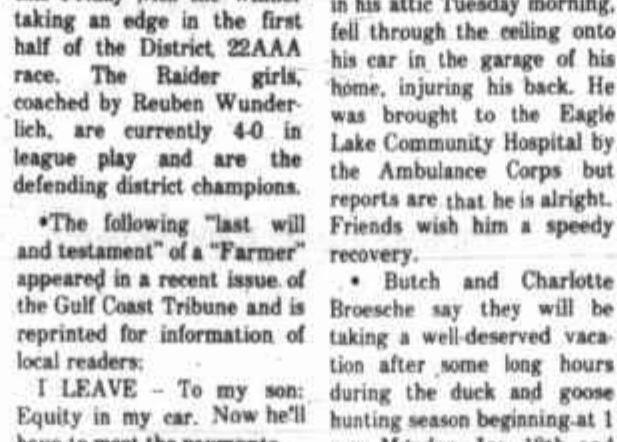
To My Farm Advisor: 50 bushels of corn to see if he can hit the high market I never did.

To the SCS people: My farm plan. Maybe they can understand it.

To the junk dealer: My machinery. He's had his eye on it for years.

To my undertaker: A

Plaque Presented To Outgoing C.C. President



The new president of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, Roy Dean Van Nort, at left, presents a plaque of appreciation from the chamber to the outgoing president, T. J. Smith, right, at the chamber's annual banquet Friday night in the Community Center. For more on the banquet see the story on page 10 of this issue.

Rice District Buys Underground Water System For Football Field

The board of education of the Rice Consolidated School District met Monday night for the January session and approved the purchase of equipment needed to place an automatic underground watering system on the Raider football field, adjoining Rice High School near Altair.

Supt. Harold King said the item was placed on the agenda for the board's consideration; noting that it was not a request of the athletic or maintenance departments.

The superintendent pointed out that the field has deteriorated greatly in the past four or five years and he called the condition of the field "one of the worst in the district" when formerly it had been one of the best. Supt. King said that costs of material and equipment needed to place the underground system would cost around \$3,000 and that work could be done by the district's maintenance personnel.

He said advantages of the system would include freeing coaches and maintenance

Free Immunization Clinic At Ugarite Clinic Thursday

The Free Immunization Clinic sponsored by the Texas Department of Health will be held this Thursday, Jan. 14th from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ugarite Clinic in Eagle Lake.

Immunizations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP), Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella will be given to infants, pre-schoolers, and school-age children. Tetanus and/or Diphtheria will be given to adults.

11 Truck Tires Stolen At Lone Star Industries

Colorado County Sheriff's Department received a call at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14th from Elko Stock of the Lone Star Industries gravel plant on Calhoun Road southwest of Eagle Lake, reporting the theft of eleven truck tires.

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Bingo Option Passes With Big Margin

Bingo option elections carried easily in four counties in this area including Colorado County and adjoining counties of Lavaca, Fayette and Wharton. The approval of the voters allows non-profit organizations to legally conduct bingo games.

In Colorado County with less than ten percent of the voters going to the polls, the final vote was 863 for and 103 against.

There were seven voting precincts in this county and voting at the precincts went as follows: Eagle Lake, 143 for and 23 against; Garwood and Nada, 132 for, 8 against; Weimar and Oakland, 210 for, 24 against; Freburg and

Four Persons Died In These Crumpled Autos



These are the crumpled ruins of two automobiles in which four persons met their death in a tragic head-on collision in heavy fog on Highway 90A just east of the Eagle Lake city limits in front of Shindler Car Wash at around 5:00 a.m. Saturday. The accident, one of the worst ever in this area, claimed the lives of two young men from Eagle Lake, Dennis Wilkerson, 24, and Donnie Perry, 23, and two visiting goose hunters from East Texas. All four fatalities were in the front seats of the respective cars. Two persons, one in each vehicle, were injured but are expected to recover.

Four Are Killed In One Of Area's Worst Accidents In Fog Saturday

A tragic two-car head-on collision on fog-shrouded Highway 90A just east of the Eagle Lake city limits at around 5:00 a.m. Saturday, January 16th claimed the lives of two Eagle Lake area young men and the lives of two visiting goose hunters from East Texas.

The accident was one of the worst ever recorded in this area and brought great sadness to the families and friends of the victims.

In addition to the four fatalities, two other young men, one from Eagle Lake and another from Longview, received injuries in the crash but are expected to recover.

According to the investigating officer, Highway Patrolman Joel Garcia of Eagle Lake, the heavy fog which prevailed during the early hours of Saturday morning was the contributing factor to the crash of the two automobiles head-on in front of the Shindler Car Wash, less than a half mile east of the city limits.

The officer estimated that the accident occurred between 5:00 and 5:05 a.m. and involved a 1978 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven west on Highway 90A by Dennis Wayne Wilkerson, 24, of Eagle Lake. In his car were Donnie Royce Perry, 23, of

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KC's Postpone Las Vegas Night To Fri., Jan. 29

Due to the tragic death of a member of Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus, the Las Vegas Night which was planned for last Saturday evening in the Community Center was postponed.

The event will be staged beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29th as planned and citizens of the area are invited to make plans to attend the benefit event. Local KC's ask that you note the new time, 6:30 p.m., and the new date, Friday, Jan. 29th, in the Community Center.

9300 Of New Voter Reg. Certificates Mailed Out

About 9,200 new "salmon" colored 1982 Voter Registration Certificates were mailed out by non-forwardable mail on Tuesday, January 12, 1982, reports Henry J. Hajovsky Colorado County Tax Assessor-Collector.

If you receive one of these certificates at your address and the person has moved or is deceased, return the certificate to the Colorado County Tax Office, Box 35, Columbus, Texas 77834, urges Hajovsky. If this certificate is not returned, this person's voter registration will be renewed automatically.

Your white Voter Registration Certificate will expire on February 28, 1982. Your "salmon" Voter Registration Certificate will go into effect March 1, 1982. Always present your voter registration certificate when you vote, urges Hajovsky.

If you lose your certificate you must apply for a duplicate. If you move or change your address you must get your voter registration certificate corrected.

Any person 17 years of age can register 60 days before he becomes 18, and is eligible to vote at the age of 18. Any new voter must register at least 30 days before an election in order to be eligible for that election, he added.

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Dennis Wayne Wilkerson Last Rites Held Monday For

Last rites were held Monday morning for Dennis Wayne Wilkerson, 24, of Eagle Lake, victim of a tragic two vehicle head-on collision on Highway 90A just west of the city at 5:00 a.m. last Saturday, Jan. 16th. Dennis was born September 24, 1957 in Gonzales, Texas the son of Joseph and Shirley Marsalia Wilkerson, but had been living here with his family for the past twenty years.

He was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and a member of the Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus. A 1977 graduate of Rice High School, he was formerly active in the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps. He was employed at the time of his untimely death in construction work for Dacon Corp. of Deer Park.

A parish rosary was recited in the chapel of the Mill Bauer Funeral Home at 5:30 p.m. Sunday with Father Tom Hanus leading the prayers, followed by a rosary said by the Knights of Columbus and families.

Many were present for the last rites' held from Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Terrific Crash

According to the officer's report, the Cutlass and Buick collided almost in the east-bound lane with terrific impact which shoved the engines of both vehicles almost into the front seats. The Cutlass remained upright, but the Buick tipped over and landed on its top.

Kyle Jenkins was able to get out of the vehicle but his father and Dowdy were killed instantly by the crash. Their bodies were trapped in the car for a short time until the Eagle Lake Fire Department was able to free the bodies from the vehicle.

Also killed instantly in the impact was Wilkerson and Donnie Perry was critically injured and he died at 7:40 a.m. in Eagle Lake hospital.

Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps and the East Bernard Responders took Donnie Perry, James Perry and Kyle Jenkins to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, however all efforts to save Donnie's life were in vain.

James received a badly broken leg, broken ribs and other injuries and is expected to be in traction for a month or so. Kyle received cuts and bruises but was able to be transported to Longview Sunday morning.

Because of the heavy fog and darkness, there were no witnesses to the accident, said Trooper Garcia, and the wreck was discovered by Eddie Orange and Herb Orange of Alleyton and Jimmy Smith of Columbus who came upon the scene shortly after the accident. They assisted in directing traffic and with the injured until assistance arrived.

Justice of the Peace M. M. (Mac) Jones of Eagle Lake held an inquest at the scene and ruled that Dennis Wilkerson, Jack Jenkins and Michael Dowdy died of injuries from the collision.

Others assisting at the scene were members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps, the East Bernard Responders, Eagle Lake Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner and City Patrolman Joe Covarrubio-Sheriff Jim Rousseau and other volunteers.

The eastbound lane was closed to traffic during the time the injured and dead were removed and vehicles were cleared from the roadway. The two automobiles were removed by David Delgado Wrecker Service and placed on his lot on East Prairie Street.

It was a tragedy long to be remembered since it snuffed out the lives of two popular young men in this community as well as the lives of the two visiting hunters.

Information on last rites for the four fatalities are listed in the above story.