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24 YEARS AGO LET'S LOOK BACK

[February 27, 1958]

Judith Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Johnson, was named first place winner in the annual Colorado Soil Conservation District essay-writing contest. . . W. E. Lenhart, president of the First National Bank of Eagle Lake, announced that construction is expected to begin on the new modern bank building to be located at the present bank building site. . . Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wiese announce the arrival of a daughter born Feb. 23. She was given the name Denise Carol. . . Jeff Seaholm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seaholm, Jr. celebrated his second birthday with a party on February 21. . . Susan Earle Braden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Braden, was honoree at a birthday party February 21st in celebration of her fifth birthday. . . Eagle Lake High School cagers closed out their 1957-58 basketball schedule by defeating the Katy Tigers in a twin-bill with the A team winning 39-36 and the B team winning 26-24. . . Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nance of Rock Island announce the arrival of a son, Kenneth Jr., born February 24 in the Laughlin Hospital. . . Mrs. Bernadette Marx, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marx, had her "doodle" picked for the use of the "Big Jim" Hester program on KTRK-TV Feb. 16 and received many beautiful prizes from R. P. Wilcox, owner of Wilcox Grocery.

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Federalism Can, And Must, Work Says Lions Speaker, George Strake

Tough Position During Trying Period Of Revitalization

George W. Strake Jr. of Houston, former Secretary of State and currently a candidate for the position of Lieutenant Governor on the Republican ticket, spoke to the members of the Eagle Lake Lions Club and guests last Thursday stressing the importance of federalism to the revitalization of this nation.

Strake was on a whirlwind trip about Texas and came here from Corpus Christi, via El Campo, and left from the Eagle Lake meeting for Wharton. Inclement weather was making it difficult to meet time schedules and he arrived almost an hour late in Eagle Lake but nevertheless impressed local Lions and guests with his sincerity.

Strake told the gathering that "America is going through a period of revitalization," adding that "it's going to happen if we will just let it." He noted that Texas took a big step in revitalization of the state when it elected a governor "of the opposite party".

He hit at federal spending which was "up by 150,000% and resulted in a deficit which increased from $9 billion to $91 billion. Americans are getting tired of it."

He stated that the federalism program proposed by President Reagan to return to state controls some forty programs, could do the job, "if the people we elect are willing to take the necessary risks and get the job done."

He said that by returning these programs to the state level, fat can be eliminated and programs which are not needed, done away with.

In Shock Process

Mr. Strake added that "this country is in a shock process. We have become fat and lazy. . we need to go to work to get this country going again." He added, "Americans want to do it, if our leaders will let us."

He predicted a balanced budget by 1984 or 1985 if "we stay tough during this revitalization." He added that Americans should regain the commitment of our forefathers, such as those who suffered through the days at Valley Forge. "We've got the resources, we've got the leadership, its time to stop apologizing and time to start praising America."

In concluding he called America, "the last bastion of freedom." He challenged the Lions and guests to "walk away from this meeting and say I, as an individual, can do something about it."

Mr. Strake was introduced by Mark Anderson, who was program chairman for the day.

Cub Charter Presented

By coincidence the Eagle Lake Lions Club, which sponsors Cub Scouting, was due to receive its charter for reorganization of the Cub Scouting program in Eagle Lake. Brahman District Scout Executive Harley Doerfler of Wharton relinquished the honor of presenting the new charter to the Lions Club president Ralph Truly, to Mr. Strake, who is on the executive committee of the Sam Houston Area Scout District.

Doerfler noted that the new Cub Pack, No. 3078, now has four dens with over fifty Cub Scouts enrolled under the leadership of Cubmaster Larry Dulany.

Other Scouters present for the occasion were: Edward Sunderman, District Committeeman; Troop 334 Scoutmaster Verlin Argo; and Cubmaster Dulany. Other guests for the meeting were: Harold Thomas, Fred R. Frnka, Dr. Jose Ugarte, Milton Anderson, Joe Fling, and Jim Wood, of this city; and David Cohen of El Campo; and Jose Blanco of Wharton.

New Cheese Factory

While waiting for the speaker to appear, Mr. Blanco told the group about the dedication being held that day of a new cheese factory in the Wharton area. The $2 million plant produces three kinds of cheese, especially designed for use in Mexican food preparation and for hors d'oeuvres, and is producing 8000 pounds of cheese per day and has a capability of 60,000 pounds. At the present the plant uses 18,000 gallons of milk daily which is purchased from cooperatives in San Antonio. The plant employs 15 but at full capacity will increase employment to 60.

Future Lions' Event

President Truly expressed appreciation to the Lions for their work at the Mop and Broom sales when sales totalled over $4,000. He reminded members of a coming event, the club's annual golf tournament on May 2, 1982.

Let's Look Back 48 YEARS AGO

[March 10, 1934]

Mrs. Helen Smith of Lissie, who has served as assistant postmaster for six years, succeeded George B. Smith, who has resigned after twenty-four years of service. . . W. E. Welford announces re-election to the office of mayor. . . William Cook of Lissie received word that he had passed his examination for the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. . . J. W. Fling of Garwood celebrated his 77th birthday with a flower shower given by members of his Sunday School. . . Miss Vera Hahn of Victoria and R. A. Shoop of Garwood were married last week in the Lutheran Church in Victoria. . . Mrs. M. L. Moore celebrated her 79th birthday last Sunday at her home in El Campo. . . Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hennecke of Bernardo are the proud parents of a baby girl born on March 1st.

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Fri., March 5: Batter Fried Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Buttered Broccoli, Apple Crisp, Cornbread.

Mon., March 8: Meat & Spaghetti, Lunchroom Choice, Tossed Salad, Banana Pudding, Garlic Bread.

Tues., March 9: Pigs-in-Blanket, Sauerkraut, Green Beans, Brownies.

Wed., March 10: Hamburgers, French Fries/Catsup, Hamburger Salad, Happy Apple Cake.

Thurs., March 11: Fried Chicken, Rice/Onion Gravy, Collard Greens, Mixed Fruit, Hot Rolls.

Fri., March 12: In-Service.

Bluntson Gets Cap

Wharton County Junior College Vocational Nursing student Beverly Bluntson of Eagle Lake receives "bade of profession" from WCJC's Helen Pickett, R.N., denoting responsibility put forth in successfully reaching the midway stage of Beverly's one-year endeavor to become a vocational nurse.-WCJC Photo

Free Tony's Dinner

Dabbie Marshall this is a ticket for a free Tony's Deluxe Dinner at Taco Tony's on Highway 90A just west of the city. You'll find delicious foods in a pleasant atmosphere. Clip this out and present at Tony's not later than Mar. 9, 1982.

THANK YOU!

Members of the Eagle Lake Lions Club extend sincere thanks to the citizens of this community for their kind and generous support of the Mop and Broom Sale held Thursday, Feb. 18th.

Your purchases will help the Eagle Lake Lions to sponsor many worthy community projects; and also will support the fine work being carried on at the Lighthouses for the Blind.

Once again, thank you one and all.

Eagle Lake Lions Club

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Texas Exes Award Scholarship, Elect Officers At Annual Meet Here

Ierma Yanez was named winner of the 1982 University of Texas Ex-Students Association $1000 scholarship given by the Colorado County chapter at its annual meeting at The Farris 1912 in Eagle Lake Monday night.

Over sixty Texas Exes gathered at The Farris 1912 for the annual meeting and dinner at which David McWilliams, defensive coordinator for the Texas Longhorn football team, was the guest speaker.

Activities got underway Monday night with a social hour followed by a dinner prepared by The Farris 1912 staff. Following the meal, association president Vance Duncan called the meeting to order and opened the floor for election of new officers. Newly elected officials for 1982-83 included Billy Youens of Columbus, president; Gary Dusek of Weimar, vice-president; and Susan Tyler of Columbus, secretary-treasurer.

Scholarship Winner

After the election, Duncan announced the winner of the annual $1000 scholarship awarded by the Colorado County Texas Exes Association to an outstanding student at one of the three county high schools.

Ierma Yanez of Eagle Lake, a senior at Rice High School, was named this year's recipient and she plans to attend the University of Texas and will major in Pre-Law. She is a very active student at Rice High School and besides being an honor roll student, she is involved in the FHA, FTA, VOE, JETS, is vice-president of the band, all-district and all-regional band member, is a representative on the student council and is on the tennis team.

Special Guest

David McWilliams addressed the gathering following the presentation and gave an encouraging prospectus on the Longhorn football team.

He outlined in detail the results of the recruiting effort by the Longhorns noting that 29 new faces will be participating at the opening of next season. Fourteen of the recruits signed, according to the coach, are linemen and average 6'4" and 240 pounds.

McWilliams also indicated that only four of the 29 recruits were from outside of Texas; one from Illinois, one from Oklahoma and two from Louisiana.

McWilliams ended the evening with a question-answer session and gave the gathering an insight into the upcoming Southwest Conference football season.

18 Required Items In Vehicle Inspection

Many motorists are not aware of exactly which items are included in Texas annual safety inspection. Others are not aware that required repairs can be made by themselves or by anyone else of their choosing. According to Captain R. L. Campbell of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Service Commander of the Vehicle Inspection Service for the thirty county area included in the Houston Region, there are eighteen items of inspection on a passenger car. When any one of these items fails to pass inspection, the motorist has several rights. First, they have the right to ask for and receive a cost estimate for any required repairs, if the inspection station makes those repairs. Second, should they not want the inspection station to make those repairs, they can do them or have them done by anyone of their choosing. Third, they have fifteen days to make those repairs and return for one free reinspection.

Campbell added that the fee for the first inspection is $3.00, excluding repair cost, with one free reinspection after repairs, should the vehicle fail. The official station inspection rules require the following items to be inspected on every passenger car:

1. Horn - must be audible for 200 feet and have a proper switch.
2. Windshield Wipers - must operate and the rubber must not be torn more than a total of one inch at either end or be hardened.
3. Mirror - only one with proper view to rear required.
4. Steering System - free play, binding, power steering fluid level, and leak check. Wheels should be turned full right and left.
5. Seat Belts and Attachments - if the vehicle was originally equipped with belt anchors.
6. Brakes - road test, cylinders and fluid level. Parking brake check on 1960 and newer cars only.
7. Tires - tread depth of at least 2/32 and overall safety condition.
8. Wheel Assembly - rims, lugs, etc.
9. Exhaust System - no leaks or patches and proper mounting.
10. Emission System - visual check of original equipment on 1968 and newer.
11. Headlight beam indicator.
12. Tail Lamps - two on 1960 and newer - one on 1959 and older. Lenses unbroken.
13. Stop Lamps - same as tail lamps.
14. License plate lamp.
15. Rear Reflectors - two or more unbroken.
16. Turn signals - 1960 and newer only.
17. Headlamps - aim and condition check with no colored coverings or attachments.
18. Vehicle identification number.

There is one exception to the $5.00 inspection fee. When you register an out of state vehicle in Texas for the first time an extra inspection procedure is required to be performed at a state inspection station before title transfer procedures. A form VI-30A is executed and an additional one dollar fee is collected.

Theresa Roberts

Theresa Roberts Named Valentine Queen At Rockport

Theresa Roberts, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daughtry Roberts of Rockport, was elected the Valentine Queen of the Rockport High School, recently.

The pretty young lady turned 18 on February 13. She is a senior and will graduate in May.

Mrs. Dora Roberts of Eagle Lake is her grandmother.

KC's To Sell BBQ Chicken This Sunday

The Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus will sell barbecued chicken this Sunday (and every first Sunday of the month). You must reserve your orders in advance by calling Andrew Harbich at 234-5524 during the day or Chuck Stephens at 234-5340 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.

KC's Plan Gala St. Patrick's Dance Mar. 14th

Members of the Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus will stage their annual Saint Patrick's Dance in the Eagle Lake Community Center from 7 to 11 p.m. on Sunday, March 14th.

Music for the event will be by the Sounds of Country and admission will be $12 per couple. Beer (including green beer, too) and set-ups will be furnished.

The public is invited to make plans to attend.

Loose Goose Bar Now Open At Taco Tony's

The Loose Goose, the first pay bar in the Eagle Lake community, is now open for business in a new building adjoining Taco Tony's on Highway 90A just west of the city.

The bar will be open daily and will feature a happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

Henry Kretzschmars Attend Trailer Rally

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kretzschmar returned home Saturday from a two-week trip to the Valley to attend the Holiday Rambler Travel Trailer Rally at Fiesta Park in Harlingen, Texas. They traveled to other places of interest and Mexico. Also traveling with them were Mr. and Mrs. John Brandt of Warren, Michigan.

The Kretzschmar's also spent several days in Raymondville with Mr. and Mrs. Karl Duddleston, Mr. and Mrs. James Duddleston and Mrs. Roy Duddleston, relatives of Mrs. Kretzschmar.

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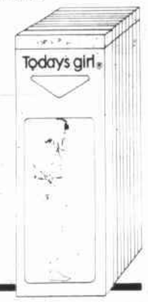

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Gear Up For Spring Gardening

[By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Extension Agent]

It's time to gear up for that spring vegetable garden. Two major steps are: getting the right varieties and planting at the right time. Proper planting time is important if maximum quality and production are expected.

Since such warm-season crops as tomatoes, peppers, corn, eggplants, beans, squash, cucumbers, okra, watermelon, sweet potatoes, pumpkins and canteloupes are sensitive to cold temperatures and can be killed by even the lightest frost, gardeners must be aware of the average date of the last frost for Colorado County.

According to the National Weather Service, the average date of last frosts for this area is March 15. Remember, the date is an average, which only means there is a 50 percent chance a frost may occur at a later date or earlier date.

It's also wise to wait until the soil has warmed before planting seed of warm-season crops. Soil temperature at planting depth should be in the upper 60s or into the 70s to increase seed germination and insure a good stand.

Some vegetable crops are cold-hardy and can tolerate light frosts or freezes. These include beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, peas, lettuce, onions, parsley, radishes, spinach, cauliflower, collards, mustard, kale and turnips. These can be planted in late winter or early spring.

We suggest planting some warm-season crops in late spring as they will produce more high-quality produce. During the hot summer such heat-tolerant crops as southern peas, okra, eggplant, sweet potatoes, squash and small-fruited tomatoes do best.

Gardeners are advised to plant the best adapted varieties that are available as this can mean the difference between gardening success and failure. For some of the current vegetable variety recommendations by the Extension Service or for further information on growing a successful spring vegetable garden, contact the county Extension office.

Car, Truck Collide S. Of Eagle Lake Mon.

The collision of two vehicles, a car and a truck and trailer, at 6:50 a.m. Monday on FM 102 4.5 miles south of Eagle Lake was investigated by Highway Patrolman Joel Garcia of Eagle Lake.

His report showed that a 1980 LTD driven by Kerri Lynne Collins of College Station came off a county road in an easterly direction and failed to stop at a stop sign before entering FM 102 and collided with a 1977 Mack truck and trailer driven by Raul Enriquez of Eagle Lake, which was heading south on FM 102.

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Prehistoric giant ground sloths weighed about a hundred times as much as today's two-toed sloths, says National Geographic World magazine. The skeleton of a ground sloth found in Daytona Beach, Fla., measured 16 feet long and stood 12½ feet high.

Agricultural Observations

From Texas A&M Research Site
Eagle Lake

Date	Air Temp 2/ Max	Air Temp 2/ Min	4-inch Soil Temp Max	4-inch Soil Temp Min	Evap (ins)	Rain (ins)
Feb						
23	74	52	67	55	.110	
24	78	54	68	59	.100	
25	59	54	60	58	.169	1.71
26	58	39	50	49	.084	
27	56	38	57	42	.106	
28	62	36	61	45	.148	
Mar						
1	66	35	64	46	.034	

1/ In cooperation with National Weather Service & Texas Water Development Board.
2/ Sheltered air temperatures.

Fair, mild weather is forecast to continue across the Coastal Plains through Wednesday. Moist southerly flow should continue until cooler weather arrives on Thursday. Enough moist air should be present to trigger showers. Clearing, cooler weather is expected to continue Friday and Saturday.

Field drying should continue through Wednesday but may be cut by showers on Thursday. It is too early to tell yet how much rain to expect since moisture is just starting to build over the area. Growers can expect cooler air to be pulled in behind the system Thursday through Saturday. Winds may become a bit gusty during the afternoon and hamper chemical applications. Fog prolonged vegetative wetness Wednesday morning and delayed startup time for some operations.