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Sororities Name "Lady Of The Year"



Mrs. C. H. [Laurina] Matthews, center, has been honored by Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Pi Psi Sororities by being named "Lady of the Year" for 1982. With Mrs. Matthews are presidents of the local Beta Sigma Phi Sororities: Mrs. Richard [Kay] Clipson of Xi Pi Psi at left; and Mrs. Jimmy [Jean] Wiese of Alpha Delta Phi at right.

Laurina Matthews Named 1982 "Lady Of The Year"

Beta Sigma Phi Sororities Honor Recipient At Tea

Xi Pi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi Sororities have chosen Mrs. C. H. [Laurina] Matthews as the 1982 Beta Sigma Phi "Lady of the Year." Mrs. Matthews was honored with a tea last Saturday, March 27 in the home of Ernie Sommerlatte.

Kay Clipson, Xi Pi Psi President, and Jean Wiese, Alpha Delta Phi President, presented the "Lady of the Year" with the traditional friendship brooch commemorating the special occasion. Jean gave a resume of the many outstanding contributions and services afforded this community, which resulted in the selection of Laurina as the 1982 Lady of the Year.

Associate Pastor
Laurina Matthews is Associate Pastor of the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake; a charter member of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies); a member of the Study Club of which she has served as President and Vice President; served as a library for seven years; has served as organist for the Eagle Lake Community Choir since its organization; and was a member of the Colorado County Mission Center Board. She has served as Austin District President of Methodist Women, Secretary of Austin District Council on Ministries, Conference Chairman for Christian Social Relations, a

member of the Board of Christian Social Concern Conference on Ministries, and has served as pastor of the United Methodist Church in Bloomington.

"Laurina Matthews is a willing, helpful, and altruistic citizen of this community. She has brought honor and recognition to the city of Eagle Lake in her Christian service outside the community."

"Laurina broke tradition, and as a woman reached out for a new horizon when she became a pastor. She truly exemplifies the Beta Sigma Phi Course of Study for 1982, Heritage and the Woman, as we have studied what women are heir to and where we ourselves want to go in attitude and situation," noted Beta Sigma Phi members.

Special guests attending the tea were former Ladies of the Year: Mrs. R. L. (Rose) Lange, Mrs. Herman (Elizabeth) Boothe and Mrs. David (Eula) Wintermann.

County To Sell Surplus Eqpt. Sat.

Two cars, seven dump trucks, 3 tractors (one with mower), and other equipment will be sold at auction by Colorado County this Saturday, April 3, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The sale will be at Jerome Wicke's Precinct 3 headquarters on FM 109, a half-mile east of Frelsburg.

The cars are two 1978 Dodge 4-door sedans being replaced in the Sheriff's Department fleet.

Most of the equipment is from Precinct 3. Precinct 4 is also selling two 1968 ten-yard Ford dump trucks.

All the pieces may be inspected at the sale site on Friday, April 2, the day before the sale, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Items will be paid for in cash or by a check with a letter of credit.

Burglars Get Nearly \$4,000 In Silver, Jewelry At Runk Home

Ransack Residence Of Methodist Pastor Last Wed. Evening

Burglars broke their way into the parsonage of the United Methodist Church, occupied by minister of the church, The Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Runk, at 609 Melody Lane on Wednesday evening of last week (Mar. 24th) and got away with around \$4,000 worth of silver and jewelry items.

The entry was believed to have been made between 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. while the Runks were away from the home attending a Lenten Bible Study at the church.

Mr. Runk reported the burglary to Eagle Lake Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner shortly after 9:00 p.m. after finding the home completely ransacked and a number of valuable items missing.

Investigation revealed that entry was made by forcing open a front door to the home using some type of flat object, possibly a tire tool, large screwdriver, or a similar item. Chief Winebrenner, assisted by other

officers from the Eagle Lake police department and sheriff's department, also found that a screen had been removed from a back sliding window and thrown into the yard, but the window had not been broken. Marks indicated the burglars tried to enter two back doors without success and cut the screen on another. A light bulb on the patio was found unscrewed.

Investigating officers found several different sets of tennis shoe prints in the back yard and also lifted finger prints from various areas of the home. Chief Winebrenner said that his department is checking on some possible suspects in the burglary.

House Ransacked

Once inside the home, the burglars apparently roamed at will throughout the house and did a thorough job of ransacking drawers, in all rooms of the home with the exception of one bedroom looking for items of value. Officers believe the entry may have been done by professionals since only selected items of value were taken.

Some damage was done to the home and to furniture. (Continued on last page)

Two Charged In Theft From Safe In Sheridan School

New Sheriff's Dept. Uniforms



Deputy Sheriff R. H. [Curly] Wied is shown attired in the distinctive new uniforms being worn by officers of the Colorado County Sheriff's Department. The uniforms are in a two-tone brown, the traditional sheriff's uniform color. The change gives the officers a more professional look and makes the uniforms easier to keep presentable. Sheriff Jim Broussard adds that the main reason for the changeover is "for the safety of the officer," noting that the white shirt is too visible when the officer is out at night. The officers are given uniform allowances provided by Colorado County.

Use Torch To Open Safe; Take Est. \$1,000; \$683 Is Recovered

Colorado County Sheriff's Department, with the help of some private citizens, lost little time in solving the theft of an estimated \$1,000 from a safe at the Sheridan Elementary School last weekend.

At 7:45 a.m. Sunday, March 28th, C. W. DeShazo of Sheridan, Assistant Superintendent of the Rice School District, reported to Deputy Sheriff Bufford Ashley that the Sheridan School had been broken into. Investigation revealed that someone had gained entry to the gym area by breaking a glass on the side entrance door, then reaching in and unlocking the door. Two soda water machines were also broken into and an undetermined amount of money taken.

Entry was also gained to the main school building by breaking a glass in a south door. Once inside, two doors leading to the office of Principal William C. Gohlke were opened by breaking out the glass, reaching inside and unlocking the doors. The subjects then cut open a floor safe with a cutting torch and took from the safe an estimated \$1,000.00 in cash, mostly in school lunch funds, and a number of checks were burned in the process of cutting open the safe.

While Deputy Ashley was investigating the burglary, Deputy Sheriff Bill Esterling received a call from Guy Botard of Sheridan, stating that a cutting torch used in his business had been used by someone without his authority.

Further investigation by Esterling and Ashley led to two brothers who had come to Sheridan recently from Alabama, and worked for Botard, Danny McLain, 30 years of age, was arrested by Deputy Bill Esterling and his brother, Dennis McLain, 22 years of age, ran off in a wooded area around Sheridan and was arrested some time later by Parks and Wildlife Department Supervisor Sam Center and Deputy Game Warden Butch Herman of Eagle Lake.

They reportedly rolled the cutting torch, and equipment mounted on rollers from the Botard place nearly a half mile to the school and back again. Tracks left by the rollers caused Botard to suspect that the equipment had been illegally used.

The sheriff's officers reported that \$683.37 was recovered from the two subjects and they were placed in the Colorado County jail on charges of burglary.

Assisting the sheriff's department in the search and investigation were game wardens Leo Kohleffel of Columbus, Larry Minekowski of Hallettsville and Buddy Mills of Eagle Lake and also Eagle Lake Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner. Also assisting were Bob Cowart of Columbus with his airplane and Pat Marek and Mike Kollmann of Columbus. These personnel have signed up to be members of the Sheriff's Posse and many other persons in the process of joining the Sheriff's Posse called and volunteered their services if needed. The sheriff's department is very grateful for this assistance, said Sheriff Jim Broussard.

CPL Seeks Rate Hike
Central Power and Light Company announced Friday that it is seeking rate increases in the cities which it serves. See story on page 14.

City, School Elections Draw Little Interest

Only Race Sat. Is For Rice CISD Sheridan Pos. 3

Light voting is anticipated in City of Eagle Lake and Rice School District elections to be held this Saturday, April 3rd. There are no contests in the City of Eagle Lake election and only one—that one for Sheridan Position 3—in the Rice School District. Polls will be open in both elections from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Qualified voters in the City of Eagle Lake will go to the polls in the council room of the Municipal Building Saturday to elect a mayor and two city councilmen for two year

terms. Incumbent Mayor Elmer Struss and Councilmen Eugene Baker and Roy D. Van Nort are unopposed on the city ballot. H. E.

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Revival Begins At Baptist Church Sun.

The First Baptist Church has secured two outstanding men, Dr. Paul Stripling and Bob Griffith, to lead a revival Sunday, April 4th through Wednesday, April 7th with the Sunday morning service at 10:50 and services each evening at 7:30.

Dr. Stripling has recently become Executive Director of the West Baptist Association. He came from the pastorate of the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, a historic, inner-city church. Among other pastores he has served the fast-growing First

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Breeding Hog Killed, Hauled Off From Hog Farm East Of City Sat.

James Brune and Jimmy Hotz of Eagle Lake have reported hogs missing from the Rice F.F.A. farm located just east of the Eagle Lake airport.

Brune reported to the Sheriff's Office at 2:30 p.m. Sunday that a prize 250 pound gilt which he had purchased from Albert T. Tomchesson, had been killed, apparently some time after 6:30 p.m. Saturday and then dragged down a county road to a nearby cross driveway, where the hog was loaded onto some type of vehicle. Tomchesson had shown the gilt as the reserve champion hog in the recent Rice F.F.A. Show and Sale.

Brune said that he planned to use the gilt for breeding

purposes and estimated his loss at around \$500.

Hotz reportedly had missed a young pig from the same location about two weeks ago and another 60 to 70 pound gilt was stolen at the same time as the Brune hog.

Brune and Hotz are posting a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who stole the pigs.

Persons with such information can contact the Eagle Lake police department or the sheriff's department or either of the men by calling 234-3218 or 234-2759.

Colorado County Sheriff's Dept. reports that the department has a suspect but investigation in the theft continues.

Highway Dept. To Meet With Property Owners On 90A Project Next Wed.

The public is invited to attend a meeting called by the Texas Department of Highways and Transportation at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday, April 7th for the purpose of discussing proposed plans for widening of Highway 90A on the western edge of Eagle Lake. Property owners along that portion of the highway from the creek crossing under the highway in front of the Eagle Lake Recreation Center, west to the railroad tracks crossing the highway a half mile west of the city, are especially urged to be present.

The meeting will be held in the council room of the Municipal Building. Mayor Elmer Struss and members of the city council are also expected to be present for the airing.

Widening To Four Lanes

The highway department has proposed that the section of Highway 90A from a point near the creek which crosses under the highway in front of the Eagle Lake Recreation Center west to the railroad tracks just west of Texas Oilfield Contracting and Mike's Auto Parts be widened to allow four lanes of traffic. The widening will include two lanes in each direction with the possibility of an additional turning lane in some areas.

The project would in effect require widening of the highway on both sides of the present highway surface. The highway department has ample right of way on both sides of the highway for the project, it has been noted. Some property owners in

the area have contended that the four lanes would tend to "make a race track" out of the area where speeding is a frequent violation and numerous accidents involving skidding trucks and cars have occurred. Also most bridges leading to private homes would be removed and replaced. The property owners say the widening will bring the heavy traffic even closer to their residences.

To Increase Safety, Drainage

The highway department contends that the widening will increase safety along this stretch of the highway and allow the department to improve drainage, especially on the north side of the highway where drainage problems have been evident for a long time.

1924 Fire Truck To Get "Face Lift"



This "old-timer" from the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department, a 1924 American La France pumper which has been retired for many years, was taken last week to the Ellis Bus Repair Facilities, Texas Department of Corrections, in Huntsville, for a "face lifting."

The pumper with chain drive and pneumatic tires which replaced solid rubber tires, will be refinished and will be used by the Eagle Lake Department for parades and other exhibitions. The unit sat for many years under an awning at the intersection of Boothe Drive and the Swimming Pool Road, adjacent to Johnny's Sport Shop.

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen decided to have the unit restored with the TDC

furnishing labor and the local department paying for materials needed.

The fire department would like to have any old photos of the antique fire truck which might help in restoring the vehicle to its original condition. Also the department would appreciate any contributions made toward cost of the materials for the restoration project. You may send the photos and the contributions to Fire Chief L. J. Spaniel or give them to any volunteer fireman.

The antique fire truck was taken to Huntsville last Thursday by Edward Sunderman and Chuck Stephens on an Eagle Lake Implement Co. truck. Date for completion of the project is uncertain.

Checker, Domino Tourney Slated At Kevin Court Sunday

The residents of Kevin Court Apartments would like to remind those persons 50 years and older about their challenge to a Checker and Domino Tournament. Male and female competitors are welcome. "Please come and join in the activities this Sunday, April 4th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Spectators are more than welcome too. Refreshments will be served," said Heidi Mills, manager of Kevin Court.

To register and for further information call 234-2855 between 9:00-2:00 or 234-3383 in the evenings.