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Hunters say city good; good opener? Depends

Goose and Duck hunting season opened to rave reviews for Eagle Lake again last Saturday, and depending on who you talked to it was a pretty good weekend.

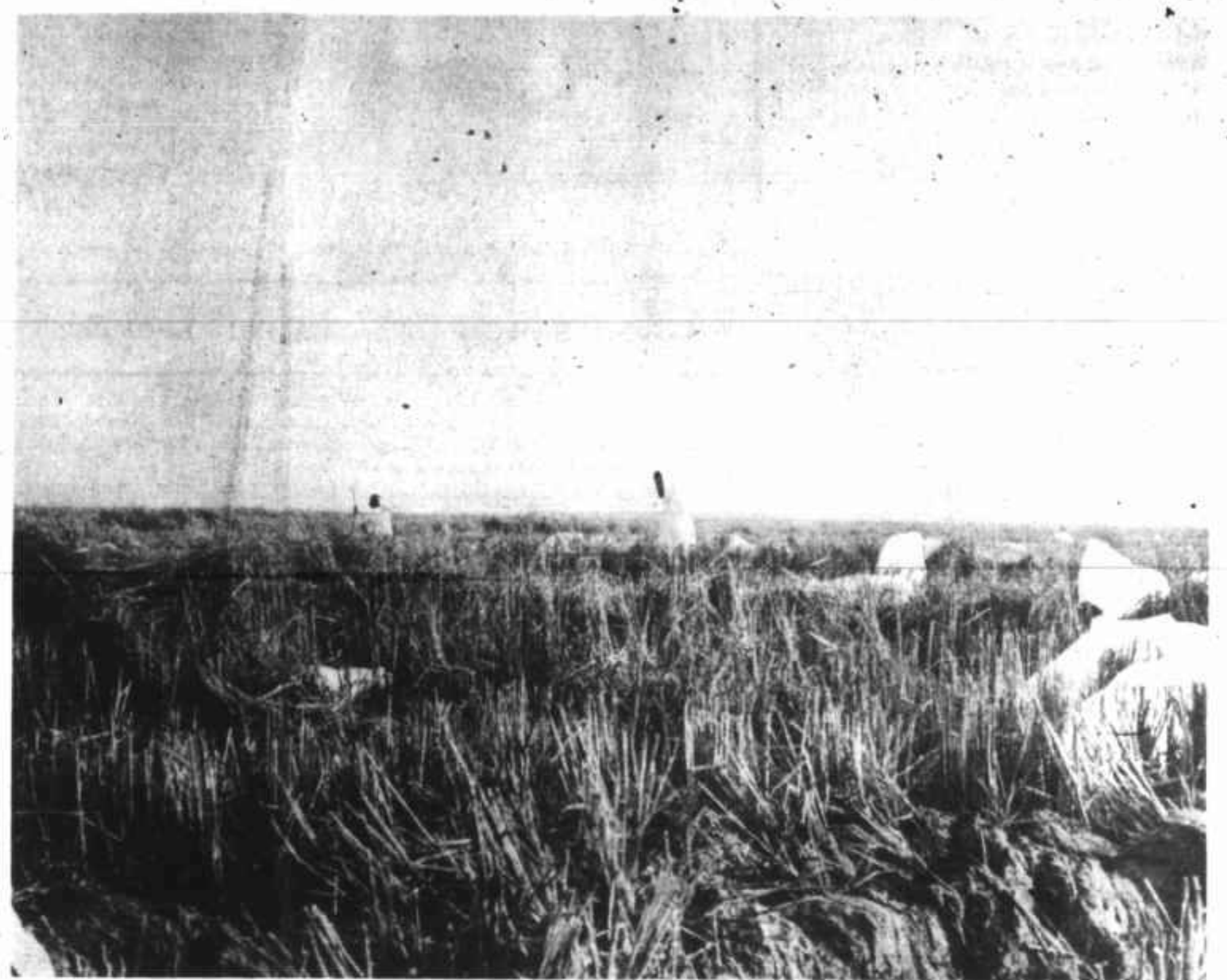
Hunters were bringing in the birds to the pickers, but guides said the mild weather and fair skies caused some problems because the game could feed at night under the bright moon, and fly higher in the morning because of the lack of clouds and wind.

Whether the economy will have a dampening effect on the season, as far as the financial impact to the area, remains to be seen. Some hunting clubs and businesses said they felt companies out of the area would not be sending groups here as they have in the past, but Bill Farris, who with his wife Helen are proprietors of the Farris 1912 Hotel, said "You pick up other customers too."

One of the guides for Clifton Tyler said he felt the opening success depended on where you were. One group Monday morning brought in 17 birds while another brought in only three. "There must be a half million birds this opening," he said, comparing it to what he called a good season a couple of years ago when he estimated 300,000 birds were in the area.

Saturday night was a veritable aerial show as geese and ducks that had just flown into the region continued their search for roosting and feeding places. It was a photographic scene, with the beautiful red sunset.

A group staying at The Sportsman Motel on U. S. 90A said they had been coming to Eagle Lake for years and always enjoyed the city's hospitality. "Food here is terrific, and the hunting always is enjoyable," Jerry Winton of Bay City said.



The morning vigil

Scenes like this are familiar to hunters and local guides about this time of year. Dave Dunham of Austin and Mike Edgar of Houston, at right, look about for possible targets. This scene was photographed Monday southwest west of the city. Louis Schorlemmer was the guide for the group.

6-months of trash gone

Volunteers make cleanup success

"The Cleanup campaign can be viewed as nothing less than a complete success," according to a member of the city Revitalization Committee, sponsors of the campaign.

As much rubbish was hauled to the county dump in six days, to equal the amount the city normally hauls in six months.

Citizens in all areas of Eagle Lake responded to the call to clean up their property by putting out more than 150 truck loads of rubbish that was picked up by volunteers and taken to the dump. Sprint Waste Disposal Co., of Houston, owners and operators of the dump on U. S. 71 between Columbus and Alamo, allowed the trucks to dump there free, avoiding dump charges of approximately \$3,500.

The initial problems encountered, such as scheduling free pick up two days, and the giant volume of rubbish that was not bagged, were overcome through the dedication of those who volunteered to do the pick up work.

All last week residents were taking the first step in the city-wide cleaning by moving everything from scrap lumber and metal to limbs and old appliances from their yards to the curb. The response was so intense that what began as a two-day schedule evolved into the six day job. Only through the efforts of cleanup chairman Tommy Pilkington, the cleanup committee, Sprint Waste Disposal and the trucks and manpower voluntarily supplied, has this massive

effort been possible to complete," said Paulette Klockman, coordinator for the Revitalization Committee, which sponsored the campaign.

And a volunteer effort it was. Trucks and crews hauled to the county dump from Wintermann and Co., Lakeside Irrigation Co., Inc., as well as from the farm operations of Nelson Eisenhauer, Bob Cook and Harold Thomas, worked most of the six days, and a truck and driver from Steve Balas' operations helped also.

Ed Sunderman from Eagle Lake Implement Co. brought a crew down to work on the exterior of their building near the bank. Other men in on the effort were Robert Black, Sr., Kenneth Deason, Harvey La James, Henry Flowers, Jr., Joe Stovall, Vince Blunt, Dave Addicks, Gary McTeer, Charlie Wilder, Eugene Spears, Lenard Sims, Clarence Kuykendall, David Ellis, Paul Ruiz, Daniel Alvarez and Roy Hernandez from Lakeside and Wintermann companies, and truck drivers from the other farm operations, Stanley Smith, H. Montgomery and Jeff Pensell.

The men had to use at least two front end loaders, that also were loaned free, to pick up the loose, rubbish, and the larger items. "With as

Group to be formed for police funds

A method of keeping track of funds donated to the Eagle Lake police department will be established soon, to eliminate the past practice of handing such money through a locked drawer in the desk of the chief of police.

City council Tuesday night instructed Chief Gil Steen to come up with an organization to be responsible for the funds that come in as donations, as well as from annual calendar sales.

Steen brought to council's attention that the money had always been the responsibility of the chief, but he wanted to change that practice. "If any councilman asks about it, I want records to show," he said.

Some councilmen were not even aware the money was available. There are no records of how much money has been involved, nor where it was spent. Steen said that about \$300 came from calendar sales, representing about five percent of the money raised through advertising.

We are opposed to asking for donations, and don't want to be accused of preferential justice, Mayor Elmer Struss said. He told Steen he was the first chief in the city to want the money out in the open.

Steen asked Steen to recommend an organization and a name, and suggested a five-person board be formed to oversee police donations. That board would be made up of representatives of the city, police department and civic organizations, so no one group would have control.

In other matters, Council extended Steen's probation time for another month, giving the chief time to locate a home here. Steen was named chief about 15 weeks ago, and given 90 days to move here before the appointment would be made permanent. Housing has been difficult to find, as well as solving the problem of what to do with his home in Wharton County.

Other council members lauded Steen on the job he has done since becoming chief. Mike Duarte complimented him for the job that policeman Albert Martin and reserve officer Dan Easter did on their own time in working with the schools and parents on the educational safety program. Alvin Kohleffel added compliments and

said Steen was doing a good job, that the department was well organized and Steen was in control.

Council also: — Designated Mayor Struss to be the representative to the Houston Galveston Area Council. He will represent the three cities in the county, but not sit on the council's board.

— Again declared about an acre of property at the junction of Glenn Flora Road and U. S. 90A as surplus, and will work further on easements in that area.

— Learned the automatic controls for the new sewer plant are late in being installed because of the failure of a subcontractor. A new contractor has been hired and the plant now is expected to be turned over by the mid-December.

It is operating at about one-third of its 800,000 gallon capacity, with no

Dinner, awards given for Ambulance Corps

The Volunteer Ambulance Corps here celebrated its 9th year of service to the Eagle Lake Community with a dinner and dance Saturday, and awarded certificates to members and others who have given their time and service.

After the dinner at the Community Center, Lanny Powers served as master of ceremonies and first recognized the members of the 25 chapter members from 1973 still are active! They are Jim Clippson, Jo Ann Gertson, Joe H. McCreary, Carolyn Noska and Bill and Emily Stiles. Charles and Trudy McMurrough were welcomed as new members.

Certificates representing 22,926 total hours volunteered were presented to:

for her service during the past six years as treasurer or other officer.

During the past year, the corps answered 365 calls, including 40 out of town emergency transfers. January was the busiest month with 39 calls, and August had the least with 22.

Mrs. Stiles, in her report on the year's activities, noted that the corps has been very active in the past year. She said the corps has been very active in the past year. She said the corps has been very active in the past year.



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Three-nation waterfowl management sought

Wildlife agencies in the United States, Canada, and Mexico are beginning to realize that the management of migratory birds must be a joint effort. The three nations have agreed to work together to manage the waterfowl population. This is a significant step towards ensuring the future of the waterfowl population in North America.

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