

Reward fund set in brutal beating Attacker puts Gay Englehard, 90, in hospital with severe injuries

A community outcry arose Monday afternoon after the unconscious and bloody body of Mrs. Willie Gay Englehard was found in her burglarized home in the 100 block of West Stockbridge here.

Within 24 hours of the discovery, a reward fund had been established at the First National Bank by the Chamber of Commerce, and \$335 had been deposited.

The early police investigation included fingerprinting the home, talks in Houston with doctors to determine Mrs. Englehard's condition, and interviews with neighbors in an attempt to establish leads in the case.

At 12:47 p.m. Monday, the police department

received a call that Mrs. Englehard had been found in her home. Sgt. Dan Easter and Chief Gil Steen responded with the emergency ambulance corps and Dr. Curtis Laughlin, and assisted in transporting her to the hospital. She was given some treatment there, then between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. was transferred by Lifelife Helicopter to Herman Hospital in Houston.

Sgt. Easter said Mrs. O. L. Mill discovered the beating when she went to check on the victim. Finding the front door locked, she went around to the back and discovered the door there had been violently kicked in, and wood splintered into the house.

So far the investigation leads police to believe the crime occurred between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday night. Friends who know Mrs. Englehard's habits said she usually lit a heating stove about 8:30 p.m. but there was none lit Monday afternoon. Also, a light was seen in the house at 8 p.m., but not at 9 p.m.

Easter said blood was smeared in several areas of the home, and on the telephone handset. A small and large chest had been ransacked but the house was not thoroughly burglarized. A small black purse and a half-carat diamond pendant set in white gold were the only items reported missing.

As of Tuesday morning, Chief Steen had filed the case as an assault and

burglary. But by late afternoon, after talking with some of the half-dozen doctors attending to her, Steen and Easter said they felt Mrs. Englehard's condition might not improve, and they then would be investigating a capital murder case. There is a possibility the Texas Rangers may be called in to assist the local police investigation.

To help police, the reward fund account was established at the bank in the name of "Eagle Lake Concerned Citizens," because some felt the offer of money might be the only way information would be uncovered to lead to the attacker. The large number of calls to the chamber and others, offering money and assistance, was another

reason the account was opened.

Chamber president Jo Ann Mahalite and secretary Fred Frnka said the would be glad to handle the fund, and receive money and pledges could be designated just for this case or for future reward use.

They mentioned the future use because in the past several months, a group of citizens has formed an organization to handle just such funds, but the head of the group T Lang of Eagle Tractor was out of town Monday and could not be reached. The group has not announced its formal organization.

At 5 p.m. Tuesday, the hospital in Houston listed Mrs. Englehard in "surgical intensive care." At the time

she was found, she had severe bruises on her head, arms and upper body, and doctors were concerned about internal hemorrhaging causing pressure on her brain. They also were concerned about whether she would lose sight in one eye.

Steen said that Mrs. Englehard, who was born July 26, 1892, had called police several times recently to report suspicious noises or prowlers in her neighborhood. He urged the public to report such incidents.

She is the widow of Fritz Englehard, who for several years was a state representative from this area and was instrumental in establishment of the dams above Austin as Colorado River flood control projects.

NOTICE

A Railroad Commission Hearing on
The Greyhound Bus Line's
request to discontinue Service to
Eagle Lake will be held
Tuesday, March 8
10:00 A.M.
Eagle Lake Municipal Building
City Council Room

All interested parties are invited and urged to attend and present testimony urging that freight and passenger bus service be continued in the Eagle Lake Community.

Your Support Needed!!!
Public urged to tell RRC
how it uses bus service

These posters were distributed around town this week in an effort to urge public attendance and testimony next Wednesday at the Texas Railroad Commission hearing on the request by Greyhound to discontinue all service to Eagle Lake.

According to information from the commission, Greyhound will first present its case, then those opposed will be heard. However, the commission indicated the order of procedure can be modified to accommodate persons who, due to schedule conflicts or work commitments, would otherwise be unable to offer testimony.

The commission said it will expect Greyhound to provide ridership, expense, and revenue figures for its stop in Eagle Lake which the commission said

Greyhound "purported" to do at the first hearing in Austin on February 10.

"The commission is particularly concerned with the extent to which Greyhound's service... whether it be passenger service or express package service, is or is not needed and used by the public," reads a paraphrase of the transcript from that February hearing attended by several city representatives.

Many area officials feel that if the community is to retain service, it will be through public outcry and proof of the need for service, which will come only from testimony area residents can give at the hearing next week.

The following day, March 9, the commission hearing will be held in Weimar, and on March 10, a hearing will be held in Flatonia.

Police to show film on safe use of guns at home

Even before Monday's tragic discovery of a brutal beating in Eagle Lake, the police department here had scheduled a free seminar for area residents on gun safety at home.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, Chief Gil Steen and other policemen will present a film, "Fire arm safety at home," in the Eagle Lake

Volunteer Fire Department building on Post Office street adjacent to Meitzen's Service Station.

Steen said he has attempted to show other films for public safety education but there has been no attendance. Saturday's film showing is free and open to anyone.

Cubs celebrate Blue-Gold

Last Friday evening was a very special occasion for Eagle Lake Cub Scouts and their parents as they celebrated the annual Blue and Gold Banquet held in the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria.

The evening began with everyone forming a "living circle" and reciting the Cub

Scout Promise. At the conclusion of the promise Noble Anderson gave the blessing and everyone joined in the fellowship of a covered dish meal.

The program consisted of skits presented by the scouts and a very interesting talk on George Washington given by Mayor Elmer Struss.

Mayor Struss said that even though there was no scouting program during Washington's time, George Washington certainly lived by the principles of scouting.

Another definite highlight of the evening was the induction of several

people into the newly formed "78'er Club." The club was formed this year to recognize those individuals who have helped the scouting program through the past year. Each person selected was given a hat with "78'er" printed on the front.

All cub scouts are asked to wear a newly earned badge upside down until they have done a good deed, the newly inducted members of the "78'er" Club were asked to wear their hats backward until such time that they had done a good deed. Larry Dulany said a flurry of good deeds were done as new

members attempted to fulfill the requirements to turn their hats around.

Newly inducted members of the "78'er Club" are Mayor Elmer Struss, Jim Woods, Don Bendy, Mark Anderson, Willie Jackson, George and Roger Birdwell, Gene Brown, Dr. Ray Thomas, Benny and Oscar Miller, Abel Gonzales, Randolph Buffington and Johnny Meitzen.

Also, during the evening Gene Brown was recognized for his five years of service as scout treasurer.

An evening of fun, good food and fellowship was reported.

SEA chili supper successful

The Sheridan Emergency Aid reports a "very successful" ambulance benefit chili supper that was held Saturday night. Many local and neighboring townsfolk came out to help support this event, for which the proceeds go toward the purchase of an ambulance and necessary equipment

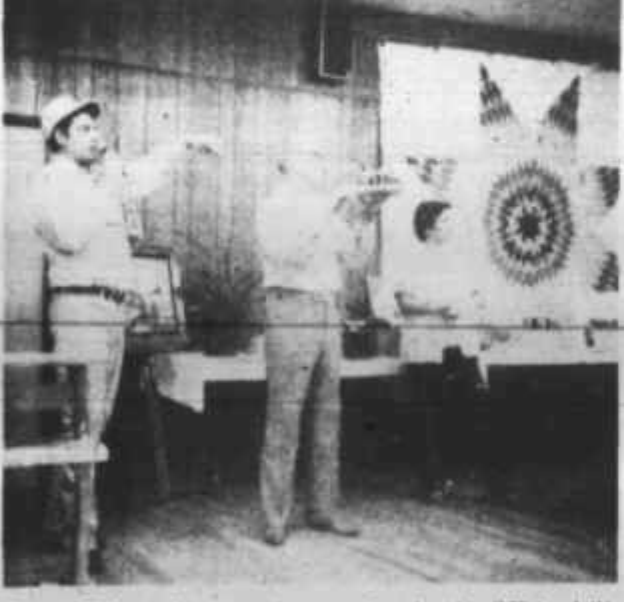
for the Sheridan area. The benefit proved a great success with a total of \$5,069 brought in.

All members wish to thank everyone who bought and sold tickets for the quilt which was donated as a fund-raiser. The winner of this lovely item was Mrs. Vernon (Bobbie) Haines.

Each item donated for the auction, by many generous people, brought very nice prices which helped add up to the final figure. We really appreciate Harry Brisco, Jr., our auctioneer, who made it all possible.

We greatly appreciate the many cakes and pies that were baked by our many faithful friends in this community.

Every time an event is brought forth as a fund-raising event, our community and our many friends of surrounding towns come out strongly and show us favorable results, which we are very grateful and appreciative for. This support pushes us closer and closer toward our final goal.



Harry Brisco, Jr., auctioneer, leads the SEA chili supper auction and helps with the fund-raising event. Also pictured is Jean Walker and Rocky Jahn, SEA members. Photo-submitted

The Eagle Lake Dairy Delite was burglarized sometime before 6 a.m. Saturday morning, but about \$25 worth of candy and food was all that was reported missing.

Police also are investigating the theft of a lawn mower from a garage, and the several thefts of tires in various incidents.

Dairy Delite burglarized



Looking the field over
Johnny Prazak, left, and Benny Miller look over the condition of the Eagle Lake Little League field near the middle school. Prazak spent Monday morning tilling the base paths, to prepare them for another season. Both men and others kept the field in shape this winter so there would be less work to do this spring. Although registration for Little League was last weekend, there will be no tryouts this weekend, according to league officials.

Cable TV company makes channel changes

If you have been anticipating the changes in the stations you receive on your cable television service, and noticed over the weekend on the local cable channel 6 that it was 60 degrees in Placios without changing, you got visual relief about lunchtime Tuesday.

About that time the new Houston station began casting on channel 20 began beaming into your home on cable channel 6, and CBN, the family entertainment network, replaced Austin channel 24 on cable channel 10.

Those changes were made by the cable company to improve service. The company is asking Eagle Lake city council to approve rate changes, and council is scheduled to vote next Tuesday on the third reading of an ordinance approving those changes.

CosmiKids

MONKEY BUSINESS

Find Your Way

Find-M-All

Crossword

Key the News

New classified, children's features added; availability time to change

Two new features have been added to The Headlight this week, and next week, due to a press scheduling change, the newspaper will be available after 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons, 90 minutes later than the current schedule.

The delivery time change, altering the Wednesday delivery schedule, will give the Headlight staff additional hours to produce the newspaper on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, rather than working through the night to make sure it is printed on time.

The new Classified

Advertising feature on Page 11 of this issue is called "The Black & White page directory," to emphasize businesses and services available here.

It is being added to give advertisers a better opportunity to reach the public it does business with. As an example, the company that sells Yellow Page advertising in the telephone book has been canvassing the area. However, an ad you place in that directory now won't be printed until August, then you will not be able to change it for another year after that.

The Black & White Page directory in The Headlight allows you to change copy monthly, as well as have

your advertising message printed on some of the best read pages in the newspaper. While classified advertising is priced higher than advertising in other parts of the newspaper, a contract to print the ad for one, two or three months, with one copy change monthly, earns the advertiser a discount below the normal classified rate.

And during the March introductory period, an additional 15 percent discount is available for new advertisements scheduled for 13 consecutive weeks.

CosmiKids is the new children's feature on Page 8 of this issue. It includes games, puzzles and educational material to in-

Black & White Page Directory
BUSINESSES and SERVICES

YOUR WEEKLY QUICK REFERENCE PAGE FOR MERCHANDISE AND SERVICES YOU CAN USE

ADVERTISERS: Place a new ad in this space and save 15 percent! Call 234-5521 through March 28, 1983 for rates and details.

interest children in the newspaper. It also draws attention to area merchants and businesses that have items of interest to families.

The delivery time change will not affect delivery of the newspaper through the mail, except for those who pick up their newspapers at Post Office Boxes in Eagle Lake.

For the past nine months, the newspapers for the city post office boxes have been delivered to the post office about 2 p.m. Starting next Wednesday, they will be delivered to the Post Office about 3:30 p.m. then will have to be handled by the crew there before they are delivered to the post office.

The time change will enable the newspaper to continue reporting the Tuesday night city council meetings in that week's newspaper. It also will allow the staff to observe fairly normal working hours on Tuesdays.