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\$5 license fee confused by two opinions

After announcing last week that some Colorado Counties were due \$5 refunds on automobile license plates they purchased in the past couple of months, the position has been reversed, according to Evelyn Thomas, county tax assessor-collector responsible for selling the plates.

The problem arose after the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation said counties should begin collecting the extra \$5 last November. The \$5 is an additional charge the legislature imposed in its 1983 session. However, the legislature's wording was vague.

After counties started collecting the money, the state attorney general's office issued an opinion that the fee should have been collected only on registrations that expire in February. When that word was received in Columbus last week, the tax assessor-collector's office stopped collecting the \$5, and announced that anyone who paid it over the last three months could get a refund if they came to the office in the basement of the courthouse and presented their receipt.

Then on Tuesday, the county received an opinion from the Texas Association of Counties that refunds should not be made, and the fee should still be collected. The association is a lobbying and educational organization that retains legal services.

Mrs. Thomas's office said they have collected 1,900 plate registrations since last November, and that the majority of them are renewals of plates that expire by the end of January. However, without extensive and time-consuming research, there is no way to tell the office just how many refunds are due.

Before the decision not to make the refunds was made, Mrs. Thomas said the only way a refund would be made would be in person. "We are such a small county, with such a small staff," the office would be unable to calculate refunds and mail them out.

But, since refunds — for the time being — will not be made, that no longer is a concern. Until another opinion is issued, the office will again start collecting the money. That means some people already have paid the \$5 extra charge, and may or may not get it back; some who renewed their registration from Wednesday to Tuesday, didn't pay the charge, and those renewing after Tuesday will have to pay.

Tax penalties added on after this Thursday

Colorado County Central Appraisal District would like to remind taxpayers that ad valorem taxes not paid by Friday, February 1 will pay an additional seven percent charge.

The additional penalties and interest charges, notes Billy Youens, chief appraiser at the central appraisal district, escalates to as much as 33 percent by July 1.

All payments received by mail and postmarked January 31 will be accepted without any added charges.

Payments may be mailed to Colorado County C.A.D., P.O. Box 10, Columbus, Texas 78804 or paid in person at the Colorado County Courthouse.

The appraisal district collects for the following seven jurisdictions: Colorado County, Rice Consolidated ISD, Columbus ISD, Weimar ISD, Garwood Water, Gladden Water and City of Eagle Lake.

KEEP AGRICULTURE #1

FFA & VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

FFA project sale Saturday

You can comply with the week are far behind last year. Only about \$1,500 had been collected by Tuesday morning, compared to about \$4,000 available last year. Contributions can be made by contacting Grahmann at the School, 234-3535. If you can't be a contributor, attend any of Saturday's festivities. A trail ride starts at 8 a.m. from Sandy Creek drive inn, ending about 11 a.m. at the Rice campus. Livestock judging is from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and a barbecue is scheduled to begin at noon, as is the trail ride sweetheart contest. The auction begins at 1:30 p.m. The activities are held under the auspices of the Lions Clubs in Garwood, Sheridan and Eagle Lake.

BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

Clinic thanked

Dr. Jose Ugarte's clinic and its staff recently received a certificate of appreciation from the Texas Department of Health, which uses the clinic on the second Thursday of every month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for a free immunization clinic.

"We would like you to know how much we appreciate you letting us use your building. Your continued support in our program and concern over the health of the people in the area shows us that you are truly a sincere person," reads a letter signed by several members of the TDH staff.

Get your rodeo tickets Saturday

Saturday is the day for Colorado Counties to purchase their tickets to the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which is a giant educational fund-raiser for many youngsters.

Also on Saturday, the 1985 Go-Texan queen contest will be held for county entrants, with the winner riding in the rodeo's grand entry on Colorado County night, Tuesday, February 26. The show and rodeo runs from February 20 through March 3.

The livestock show and rodeo ticket trailer will be in Columbus Saturday, so tickets may be purchased locally, according to Henry Potter, the county's Go-Texan ambassador. Tickets will be on sale at the trailer from 9 a.m. to noon at Potter's Western Wear for all performances. Additional information on the rodeo or queen's contest may be obtained from Pam Potter at 732-2705, or Dale Heinach, 732-5538. Entry information for the queen's contest is available at The Headlight in Eagle Lake.

Quiet week reported

Things were relatively quiet for the Eagle Lake Police Dept. this past week, according to a report released. Chief Ben Johnson said one person was arrested for public intoxication, two were arrested for disorderly conduct and there was one violation of the city dog ordinance reported.

Protect our children

Many of us neglect to protect our children from the number one preventable cause of death, according to Eagle Lake police chief Ben Johnson.

This is the children are not protected by child safety seats or seat belts in vehicles, he said. The chief points out that Texas law now requires the use of child safety seats for children younger than two years of age when they are transported.

Children two years of age or older but under four years old must be secured in a safety seat or seat belt. A driver may be fined \$25 to \$50 if convicted of violating the law.

Bendy speaking up for Eagle Lake

Local attorney Don Bendy, now president of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, has hit the ground running. He is speaking out at every opportunity, beating the drums for our city.

This past week many individuals received a letter bearing signatures of Bendy and Bruce Hanks, Chamber membership chairman, encouraging individual citizens who are interested in the future of Eagle Lake to join us in supporting our city through membership in the chamber.

The chamber stages regular monthly meetings in the third Monday of each month. Phone 234-2780 for additional info.

Two indicted by grand jury

Murder charged in baby's death; marijuana possession, sale charged

A murder indictment of a Columbus area man was returned last Wednesday by the September term of the Colorado County grand jury. In the death of three-year-old Ralph Falcon.

The same jury also returned an indictment against an Eagle Lake man for possession and sale of marijuana.

According to records in district clerk Harvey Vornasand's office at the courthouse in Columbus, the murder indictment named Michele Eddie Leon, 24, of Rural Route Box 2096, (Old Alletton Road) outside of Columbus. He was arrested but posted a \$5,000 cash bond and was released, according to Sheriff Jim Brownson. The cash posted was 10 percent of the \$50,000 bond set in the case.

The indictments charged that Leon "intentionally" by act, sagged in conduct that caused serious bodily injury, by hitting him in the stomach with an object that is unknown to the members of the grand jury. No one else was named by the Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt. He was asked for the warrant since JP Mac Jones of Falcon of Eagle Lake, and

Wanda Falcon of Old Alletton Road, died 30 minutes after being taken to the hospital in Columbus on January 11. Photographs of the baby's body apparently gave grand jurors a detailed view of multiple bruises on the corpse.

In the marijuana case, court records said Benito Gonzalez, 40, of 226 Bead St. in the Newtown section of Eagle Lake, was indicted for possession of between four ounces and five pounds of the drug, as well as for its sale. He was arrested last October and released on a personal recognizance bond; after his indictment last week he was placed in the Colorado County Jail under \$3,500 bond, which he has not posted.

Area law enforcement agencies indicated they had been working on this case for more than two years, and used the assistance of an undercover officer to make the purchase. Much of the marijuana was found after officials executed a search warrant issued by Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt. He was asked for the warrant since JP Mac Jones of Falcon of Eagle Lake, and

Eagle Lake was ill at that time.

Jury's last session. The indictments were the last acts of the September term of the county grand jury. It was recalled for the special meeting last Wednesday at 9 a.m., and did not adjourn until about 6 p.m. Because of the time spent on the two indictments, court officials postponed the hearing of several cases scheduled to be presented to that jury by Eagle Lake police chief Ben Johnson.

New jury meets Monday. The February term of the county jury has been called in to session Monday morning. Twenty people have been notified to meet with District Judge B.B. Schriber, who will impanel 12 jurors. Those 12 will be sworn in and begin work on cases to be presented by district attorney Bud Kirkendall of Seguin, and the other eight will be released. The new jurors will meet again in April and June, as well as other times as needed.

Garwood students visit Prairie Edge

Garwood School students took time Friday morning to study a little local history. Principal John Mader brought the 6th, 7th & 8th grade classes to the Prairie Edge Museum in Eagle Lake to view the many items donated by area residents, specifically about this prairie edge area of Texas. One thing they didn't see was as item recently

County commissioners hold brief meeting

It was a rather brief meeting Monday for Colorado County Commissioners. Included among agenda items was notification by Steve Almanza of Eagle Lake that he declined to serve on the county grievance committee. Alternate Larry Uhlig of Oak Spring will be asked to serve.

Commissioners also approved payment of \$2,500 for an insurance premium for ambulance, for a policy written by Doris Thomas of W.M. Thomas Insurance Agency of Eagle Lake. In other business, commissioners: "Learned that Donna Farris, district juvenile probation officer, decided not to attend the meeting as requested. She was going to ask the county for its support payment in one check, rather than quarterly as commissioners voted earlier this month. However, she apparently decided the quarterly payment was sufficient.

"Learned from Mrs. Patty Woolery-Price and Mrs. James Hopkins, that the cost of the county's official history book will be about \$30,000. Eakin Press of Austin will print the book, and the county's historical commission, responsible for payment, is sending the first 25 percent of the cost now. The commission made the payment from funds it raised in advance sales of the book. They did

receive an OK from the court to be final backers of a note for the rest of the book. The note will be signed by private citizens, but should it not be paid, the county will have final responsibility. "Met with Mark Domique of Houston concerning the use of a chemical to spray county road right-of-way, rather than mowing. Domique claimed the spraying would keep weeds under two feet tall, and be 30 percent cheaper than mowing. Commissioners Otto Loenka and Jerome Wicks will meet with Domique for a no-cost demonstration.

Accepted the official bonds of the assistant auditor and auditor, and agreed the bids for a county depository will be opened at their special meeting on February 25, rather than at the regular meeting on February 11. They county also approved the advertising for bids to have the county's books audited as required by the federal revenue sharing act.

Approved the purchase of a new radio for Weimar Hospital, at a cost of about \$3,500, to service the ambulance corps in that area. Commissioners were told the old radio is beyond repair. They also agreed to let the county clerk and district clerk obtain quotes for a new typewriter in each office. Delayed action on a request by William N. Lerher of

Farris 1912 hosts guests

The goose and duck hunting seasons have closed for another year, and the last weekend included international guests at The Farris 1912. Governor and Mrs. Peter T. Coleman of Pogo, Pogo, American Samoa, and Lee Alvaia Jr. of Honolulu, Hawaii were personal guests of Bill and Helen Farris and were accompanied by Mrs. Farris' mother, Mrs. Evia Hobbs and Mrs. Pauline Randall of Houston.

The trip to visit the Eagle Lake area was of great interest to the distinguished visitors from the Pacific. Though Governor and Mrs. Coleman have maintained residences in Washington, D.C., and Hawaii the past 34 years as well as their official home in Samoa, and have traveled extensively in the continental states, this was their first visit to Texas. They were interested in seeing a portion of rural Texas as well as a small town, and the abundance of wildlife in the area.