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WE CAN START OVER, I MELDA... WE'LL MOVE TO TEXAS... I'LL RAISE CATTLE, AND YOU CAN HAVE THAT LITTLE SHOE STORE YOU ALWAYS WANTED.

Texas teachers are positioned to make or break Mark White

For a couple of days last week, Texas teachers looked like they were standing alone. Actually, we know now, they are just standing in the middle.

When the state's largest teacher group recently refused to endorse any candidate in the governor's race, they probably committed the one single act that will most influence the outcome of the '86 race.

Basically, they threw the gubernatorial election up for grabs, especially the Democratic primary nomination.

Texas teachers refused to endorse Gov. Mark White, the man they propelled into office four years ago, and it has caused them to take a lot of heat statewide.

But there's no denying that teachers are now positioned to make or break White, to catapult Don Crowder or Andy Briscoe into the Democratic nomination, or to forge a new bond with Texas Republicans Bill Clements, Tom Loefler or Kent Hance.

Uncertainty factor
Certainly not all teachers vote Democratic, but the members of the teacher groups that endorse candidates traditionally support the Democratic ticket.

Although they snubbed White and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, the Texas State Teachers Association did endorse the rest of the Democratic ticket.

And while some politicians concluded that teachers were committing political suicide by biting the hand of their only reasonable choice for governor, the teachers themselves obviously felt the need to flex their political muscle.

With that in mind, they injected "the uncertainty factor" into the governor's race.

Door left open
Make no mistake, teachers left the door open to Mark White, but it's also open to Crowder and

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Briscoe, who are both actively seeking the teachers non-public word-of-mouth endorsement.
And it's also open to Republicans.
White's strategy has been to ignore Crowder and Briscoe, and to deprive them of credibility as viable candidates.
But both of the political newcomers have kept on campaigning and have closed the gap considerably on White, making inroads not only in labor, rural and minority sectors, but also in Austin.
Considering the number of votes the teachers can bring to a primary election, it's reasonable to speculate that they now, or will soon, hold the clout to force White into a primary runoff.

Free from formality
Since they haven't formally endorsed any candidate, they're technically free to side with or oppose White in the runoff election and even the general election, or go fishing.
Practically speaking, reconciliation doesn't seem likely, since White appears bent on making political points with the parents and others who support his education reforms. He's free from formality, too.
Six months ago, it was unthinkable that White would be vulnerable to a challenger in his own party primary.

Many people still do not accept the idea, but the teachers' bold move now makes the unthinkable possible. And what they do in the next two weeks could make it a reality.

Eagle Lake needs industry

(Reprinted from April 5, 1962 issue of The Eagle Lake Headlight.)

Texas, long recognized as an oil and cattle empire, passes this week to salute and honor its new giant, manufacturing, industry has filled the gap in the Texas economy caused by the decline in oil production and agriculture.

Eagle Lake needs the steady income from weekly payrolls that come with industry. We join in saluting our present industries during Texas Industrial Week, April 1-7, and extend a welcome to other industries to investigate the possibilities of locating in this area. We do not know of another community that boasts of more friendly or civic-minded citizens than Eagle Lake. Our natural resources are competitive with others; our churches, schools, and

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recreation areas among the best. Our municipal facilities and utilities are progressive; and our tax structure constantly being improved to provide equal taxation.
Why then has our community been slow in developing industry. For one good reason. We lack a proper industrial attitude. There's not enough individual and business interest shown in programs designed to attract industry. It's hard to believe that there are some who don't want progression for the community.
Industry and agriculture can go

hand in hand. There are numerous manufacturing plants directly associated with the products raised in this community. These can be developed to help, not hinder our income from agriculture.

This week's a good time to take stock of our economic situation. If you believe that we need the creation of more jobs, more markets, more demand for goods, and greater economic health, join your chamber of commerce industrial development committee's effort in inducing industry to locate in our community.

Baker says No to bond issues

To the Editor:
How much tax increase are you willing to pay for the airport and street bonds? A bond means the city is going into debt, and the law says the taxes must be increased to pay for the bonds. The present economy is not good, so is this the time for higher taxes?

Under the present tax rate, a \$100,000 home has a city tax of \$84 per year. With the increase taxes necessary if both bonds pass, this tax could go up to \$120 per year. Add to the tax increase just approved by the city council to meet the budget and your tax on the same home will be \$124.68. An increase from \$84 to \$124.68 is over a 48% tax increase. Now ask yourself, do you want such a big increase to your

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taxes for the next twenty years.

With the economy being what it is, such a tax increase could cause a great hardship on many of our taxpayers. Those who pay rent might see an increase in their rental payments. No one can escape from such a large increase. There are many, many homes for sale within the city. Retail sales have fallen drastically, another downtown business has just closed and rumor has it that one or two may follow. The price of rough rice has been set at \$7.20 per hundred for the 1986 crop. How many farmers can survive

these prices? The Bay City area will have 40% less acres of rice in 1986. Will our area be next?

My intentions are not to give you a doomsday message, but rather to give you information you may not have. Many of you may not be aware of the tax increase that is needed to pay these bonds. Are these proposed bonds for a real NEED or is it just a BIG WANT? There is quite a difference. This is the wrong time to vote for a tax increase on ourselves. Vote NO on both bonds proposals.

Sincerely,
Eugene Baker

Enjoy reading Headlight

To the Editor:
I continue to experience enjoyment from your publication. It is great to read about people I grew up with, etc. Your new format is something that has been needed for a long time. Thank you for coming up with the "right" updated look for the "Headlight." You reporting more stories on Eagle Lake politics and public hearings is appreciated.

I also very much enjoy reading your former English teacher's column: "Prairie Edge Museum Notes" by Elizabeth Boothe. On a recent visit to the museum, I was extremely impressed by the wonderful exhibits. I am going to try to find some memorabilia concerning my grandfather, Frank N. Davidson Sr., who at the time of his death was reported by Walter Conkline, Paul Harvey and others, to be the oldest elected official because he was elected county surveyor for 52 consecutive years. He was quite an interesting fellow. I've also been

considering loaning my Eagle Lake Band mascot costume (I was the band's first "singing mascot," circa 1942). Eagle Lake was quite different then. I really regret the loss of the quaintness of a town square with a pretty gazebo in the center of downtown. I made such a nice park-like focal point.

If you could find a spot for the enclosed news release about Michelle, I would certainly appreciate it. We still have many friends and family members in Eagle

Lake who might enjoy reading it. Being a member of the first pledge class of Epitaph Delta chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority has a special significance. She also wrote the words and music to their chapter song, which they will be entering in a contest very soon.

Thank you for considering my request, and for all the good things you are doing for Eagle Lake. I visit as often as I can, and it is always good to be back!

Sincerely,
Mary Nash Stoddard

Thanks for your coverage

To the Editor:
Thank you for the publicity that you gave us in your newspaper during our Black Heritage celebrations. A special thanks for your coverage and presence at the banquet.

We wish that your paper was more available for us - at news stands in Columbus or subscriptions.
Respectfully yours,
The Human Relations Community Organization
Lucille Chase, president

...Critical issues and the city's future

To the Editor:
"Nothing ever truly stays the same" was the message three years ago, when the beginnings of Revitalize Eagle Lake took shape. Since that time many, many citizens have contributed their time and money to improving the quality of life in Eagle Lake. What was a drab and dying center of our community, "the square", is now a source of pride for every citizen—even those who were naysayers at the time feel a sense of pride. The swimming pool which many said was irreparable and totally worthless, now serves as a source of entertainment for children in the summer. The Prairie Edge Museum, while not appreciated fully by those who have never taken the time to view it, is truly a source of pride for much of the community. It has effectively preserved who and what we are in Eagle Lake. April Fest and the Waterfowl Festival, while totally different in concepts, each serve to provide enjoyment and bring to the community.

What the above proves is that even in the face of adversity, naysayers, and generally pessimistic attitudes, when the people of Eagle Lake decide to do something, it can and will be done.
Revitalization made a beginning, as has the Chamber and the Industrial Foundation. However, we are truly facing adversity in the economic situation now. We are facing the naysayers and the pessimistic attitudes.

It is fact that sales tax revenues continue to drop—last month by almost 45%! How many citizens realize that this revenue has been the major source of running our community. If it is drastically decreased, revenues can only come from an increase on property owners or vital city functions must be cut back. That means the proverbial "pothole" remains unfixed or worse—how about garbage pickup once a week.

It is fact that we continue to lose businesses in Eagle Lake. This does not necessarily mean, as many would like to think, that those who close their doors are doing a poor job. It is just possible that our economy is affected—"a sign of the times"—to such a degree that eventually all of us will be closing our doors.

It is fact that many feel they have paid the price to Eagle Lake and now they just want to sit back and ride out the storm rather than making a commitment which could cost before it pays off. There are still those, however, who want to

continue to make Eagle Lake their home; they want their children to have jobs here if they so desire; they want to live a good life in a community they can feel at home in. These desires are beginning to seem less and less a reality though as farming and business slow down. The only option for many will be to leave Eagle Lake if something isn't done now. AND THAT IS SAD—not only for those who have to move from the community they desired to live in but for those who wanted to sit back and ride out the storm. Those going to provide the services, products and amenities they were used to when times were good? NONE.

It is fact that most towns are feeling a crunch and that each and everyone in their own way is seeking to draw in new industry to spark the economy. Those who are succeeding are the ones that have shown a sincere interest in industry and are making their communities the most attractive. Eagle Lake development is not a new thing and Eagle Lake has some catching up to do but that doesn't mean it can't be done.

It is fact that city government has been realized to play a major role in economic development—like it or not. Those communities which are doing the best have an active, positive government dedicated to encouraging industrial development.

What all this brings us to is April 5! Not only has this become one of the most active council campaigns in years but two other critical issues are being posed to the citizens—that of airport expansion and streets. Revitalize Eagle Lake, realizing the importance of the airport expansion, presented a resolution to council some months back. The Industrial Foundation, Chamber and Revitalization all feel this expansion is critical to the economy of Eagle Lake and have stated so in a letter to all voters. I feel two other aspects should be considered when saying vote for the airport. Yes, it will help industry in their decision to locate here, and yes it will help the hunting businesses. However, it can help in two ways which are even nearer to many hearts. There are people interested in developing hangar space which will be rented to those with planes. Houston space has become limited and very expensive. The expansion will allow business to start here which caters to this need from Houston. Not only can people be employed to serve such a "hanger" business but the tax base for the city can be greatly increased by planes being stored in Eagle

Lake.
Whether you work for or are the owner of a farming, service or retail business or you are living on social security or independently, wealthy this election affects you and your accustomed way of life! The economy must improve soon, either through an option in farming or through the development of industry in Eagle Lake. It's a big circle. Business brings people, people here have jobs, retail business improves and grows, service jobs are needed, the tax base improves preventing tax increases and those who have retired here will have all the amenities they need.

We can have a prosperous Eagle Lake again even in the face of hard times and pessimism. Eagle Lake is a town with heart and will—I've seen what you as citizens can do through Revitalization. Now, it is time to take on the biggest task yet—that of restoring our economic health and vitality—to truly revitalize Eagle Lake. It's time to lay aside the idea of "maintenance" and buckle down to true action. It's time to take control of our own destinies and not live in the past or just ride out the storm. VOTE APRIL 5TH.

This has not been "a paid for political announcement." It has not been the words of my husband as I understand some may feel and it is not written as a statement of Revitalize Eagle Lake. It was written as a person who wants to be able to call Eagle Lake "home," a mother who wants her children to grow happily and be able to live in Eagle Lake as adults if they so desire, and as a business person who understands the relationship between community economic health and business health. However, in Bob's words I will say, "Good luck to us all."

Paulette Klockman

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REAL ESTATE DEEDS
Gift Deed, Beattie Koykendall to Vera Lemons, lot 16, Clay Addition, town of Eagle Lake, 3-1-86.
Deed, Brad Hildebrand, trustee, to Jeff Hildebrand, 1/2 undivided interest in and to 540 acres, W.K. Paulding Survey No. 9, 209, 149 acres, Elia J. Hagan Survey, 6-21-85.
Deed, J.W. Herrington, et al, to Dorothy J. Selph, et al, lot 16, block 11 town of Sheridan, 2-1-86.
Gift Deed, Edgar Koehn, et al, to Anna Marie Koehn, 20 acres, Jesse Burnham Survey, 3-17-86.
Deed, Colorado Service Corporation to Peter Mattem, et al, 10 acres, Peter Piper Survey, 3-17-86.
Deed, Lora M. Verghaus, to Weldon Sopchak, et al, part of block B, Smith and Jones Addition, town of

Columbus, 3-18-86.
Deed, C.E. Flippin, et al, to Evelyn Kleke, lot 5, block 52, town of Sheridan, 3-13-86.
Deed, D.H. Ratta, et al, to James Alan Ratta, et al, 4,138 acres, Benjamin Beason Survey, 8-1-74.
Deed, Sidney G. Ratta, et al, to James Alan Ratta, et al, undivided interest in and to 5 acres, Benjamin Beason Survey, 3-1-86.
Deed, Chemron, Inc. to Billy R. Innes, Section 1, 2-28-86.
Deed, C.E. Flippin, et al, to Evelyn Kleke, lot 6, block 52, town of Sheridan, 3-7-86.
Gift Deed, Elsie Hilmer Bollen to James W. Bollen Jr., undivided 20 acres interest out of 49-24 acres, P.R. Spilane Survey, 3-21-86.

OIL, GAS LEASES
Charles L. Coudjalka, et al, to TXO Production Corp., 1,194.00 acres, James Cummins Survey, 1-13-86.
Mary S. Jones to TXO Production Corp., 20 acres, John E. Hester Survey, 9-23-85.
Venon L. Evans, et al, to TXO Production Corp., 1,940 acres, 1-13-86.
Sargent Lease Royalty Trust to Consolidated Southern Corporation, north 1/2 of the north 1/2 of survey No. 18, certificate No. 3192, 16GNRR Co. Survey, 2-1-86.
Willard M. Wilson to Wallace Co., Inc., et al, 10 acres, Walker Wilson Survey, 1-19-86.
Barbara A. Stark to Wallace Co., Inc., et al, 10 acres, Walker Wilson Survey, 1-13-86.
William Zhorl, et al, to EP Operating Co., 100 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey and 34,262 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey, 2-17-86.
Melvin Fakus, et al, to EP Operating Company, 76,162 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey, 2-26-86.
Al J. Nika, et al, to EP Operating Company, 10 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey, 2-13-86.
Harry Bozke, et al, to EP Operating Company, 153,030 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey, 2-27-86.

Soil Conservation News
Sodbuster, swampbuster farm bill provisions effective in 1985

The sodbuster and swampbuster provisions of the 1985 farm bill went into effect on December 23, 1985, when the President signed the Food Security Act of 1985.

"That date is very significant for any producer who plows out highly erodible land or drains wetlands after the law was signed," said Connie Fair, district conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service at Columbus. "It could mean the producer would have to forfeit USDA program benefits in 1986 if the land is used to produce a crop in 1986."

"The Department has not had time to publish and implement rules and regulations since the legislation was signed," Fair said. "That is why we do not know the specific criteria that will be used to determine which lands will be covered."

He said anyone who plans to plow out or drain land not now in cropland should realize that there is a possibility that such land will be subject to the sodbuster and swampbuster provisions.

"We have been advised by our

Weather Report

Here are the weather observations from the Texas A&M Research Site, Eagle Lake, in cooperation with the National Weather Service and the Texas Water Development Board. Air temperatures listed are sheltered air temperatures.

Date	Air Temp.	4-Inch Soil Temp.	Evap. (Inches)	Rain (Inches)	DD50 Units (Daily)
March	Max-Min	Max-Min			
25	76-50	76-61	.22	.07	19
26	76-54	72-60	.132	.07	15
27	80-52	79-61	.201	—	16
28	81-52	80-61	.204	—	16.5
29	82-50	79-63	.206	—	16
30	80-56	80-63	.188	—	18
31	80-52	79-64	.214	—	20
Total DD50 Units accumulated from 3/15/86:					205.5

national headquarters that the rules and regulations providing detailed information should be published within the next 90 days." Fair concluded.

District cooperators Henry Bekon, of the Weimar area, has completed shaping seven acres of eroded areas which will be established to coastal bermudagrass to control erosion.

Bob Fuenitzsch, of the Shaws Bend area, is planning to construct a pond.

R.W. Doolan, a district cooperator of the New Bielau Oakland area, has completed shaping 2.5 acres of eroded areas which will be established to coastal bermudagrass.

District cooperator David Wanjara, of the Oakland area, is shaping eroded areas to control erosion.

Conservation assistance was provided to Betty Calhoun on soils information for pond construction.

Conservation assistance was provided to Rocky Leopold, of New Elm, to check on soils in a pond for water holding capability.

Brush information and land use information was provided to Fred Leon of Texas A&I University. Fred is doing a follow-up study to compare information today with information gathered in a 1938 study.

Mighty McDaniel Carnival

Opening Wednesday, April 16, On KC grounds, FM 3013, Eagle Lake

Spec. 4 Lidberg takes part in NATO exercise

Army Spec. 4 Timothy G. Lidberg, son of Russell D. Lidberg Sr. of Rock Island, and Daisy M. Lidberg of Brazoria, Texas, was involved in a NATO-sponsored exercise by participating in the Army's return of forces to Germany (REFORGER) and the Air Force's Crested Cap exercises.

The exercises are designed to develop uniformity of doctrine, standardize procedures for rapid response to a crisis and demonstrate solidarity in commitment to NATO goals and objectives.

Lidberg is a cavalry scout with the 13th Infantry in West Germany. His wife, Terri, is the daughter of Faye Bosley of Winter Haven, Florida.

Timothy is a 1977 graduate of Columbia High School, West Columbia, Texas.

Preregistration for St. Mary's school Friday

Preregistration for students entering the first grade and any other new students planning to enter St. Mary's School in Nade during the 1986-87 school year is set for this Friday, April 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school library.

"St. Mary's offers excellent academic, athletic, and moral training to students grades 1-8," said Beatrice Schoellmann, principal.

For information you may call the school at 758-3267 or 758-3488.

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The Easter Bunny really did deliver Easter Baskets last Sunday Morning. At the John Feairing home on Lake St., the bunny gave baskets to Amy, age 5, and Cathy, age 2. Arrangements for the bunny's deliveries were made through Paulette Klockman's store, A Touch of Class.

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