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1987 brought 1 1/8 cents more in sales tax

New Year's at the Capitol rang out in the collection of new taxes passed just weeks ago to replenish the dwindling state treasury.

Beginning New Year's Day, retail shoppers pay an additional 1 1/8 cents in sales tax and motorists pay an extra nickel per gallon of gasoline.

While Capitol halls fell silent over the holidays, the lawmakers themselves were busy back home preparing for what many predict may be the toughest session of the century.

And supporters of governor-elect Bill Clements busily prepared for his Jan. 20 inauguration.

Right after New Year's Day, inaugurations were held for the department state officials; attorney general

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams

Jim Mattox, land commissioner and agriculture commissioner Jim Hightower.

One of the last of the 150th-year tributes was the planting of an official Texas sequoientennial flag at the South Pole.

Texas scientists there braved a 60-degree below zero wind chill factor to do the icy deed.

In Austin, the sequoientennial commission continued winding down amid reports the economic slump somewhat hampered financial expectations of the celebration.

Post-vote analysis
Post-election campaign reports show the governor's race alone cost the two candidates over \$25 million. Clements spent about \$6 per vote. State senator Oscar Mauzy cost \$1.6 million, or nearly the one-year budget for the entire county.

One of the largest contributors to the White campaign was Texas Commerce Banc-shares with \$28,600. White backed the new interstate banking legislation and Texas Commerce was the first to benefit from the law when it merged recently with Chemical New York Corp.

Utility industry figures gave over \$40,000 to Clements, who wants White's appointees to resign from the Public Utilities Commission. Also targeted for political extinction is the PUC counsel, Austin attorney Jim Boyle, one of the bright spots of competence in the past administration.

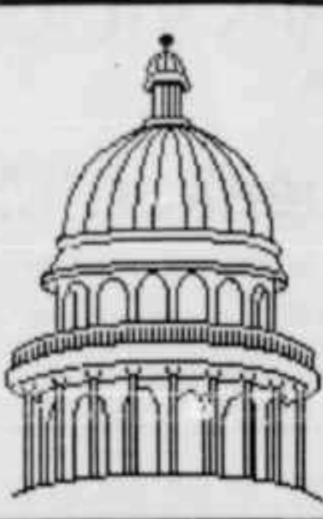
Mattox, Heard, News
Last week, attorney general Jim Mattox asked state district judge to hand over the circulation figures. A rival newspaper has already supplied similar information.

Mattox is investigating possible deceptive trade practices by *The News* and its cross-town rival, the *Dallas Times-Herald*. The *Herald* originally filed a complaint on *The News*, which filed a counterclaim. Then the *Herald* sued *The News*.

In the meantime, Mattox has to deal with charges by *The News* that his actions are politically motivated. The *Herald* endorsed Mattox for re-election, and *The News* endorsed his opponent.

Other highlights
Department of Public Safety officials said the state's seat belt law saved at least 200 accident victims in 1986. Some 60 percent of Texas motorists wear seat belts regularly, they observed, compared to the 10-15 percent before the law.

A census report says Texas growth is slowing, but it's still the third most populous state after California and New York. We've got 16.68 million Texas now.



The burning bale

Eagle Lake firemen report fires during the holidays

It is not often reported that a fire is delivered to the fire station to be extinguished, but through the courtesy of Powers Farms one was so delivered last Friday.

January 2, Jesus Montoya, an employee of Powers Farms, was hauling a bale of hay when he noticed the bale burning on the back of the truck. Mr. Montoya thought the fire was caused from the battery that is hooked up to the hydraulic pump that lifts equipment. He disconnected the electrical power and came back to town to the fire station.

J. J. Smith, Thurston Webb and Harold Raabe, members of the fire department, saw him coming into town and rushed to the station. Monroe Briscoe, who retired from the fire department on January 1, was on duty at Metzner's Phillip 66. With the immediate response of these observant firemen, the fire was extinguished with no damage to the truck, but there was damage to the hydraulic hoses and electrical cable that runs the pump.

Apparently, while loading the hay onto the back of the truck, the cable rubbed the insulation of the electrical wire causing the hay to ignite. The Powers repaired the hoses and were back in operation later that afternoon.

Other fires during holiday
Firemen were called out at 2 a.m. Saturday to a house fire at 709 East State Street, the home of M. Vanderstady. When firemen arrived, part of the house was engulfed in flames.

It is suspected that a gas heater left on in a storage room built up heat and ignited stored products in the room. T. J. Smith said the family was very lucky they woke up because the smoke was so thick from the overheated gas heater.

On Sunday afternoon, firemen were called to the Lee Miller home in Altair. Mr. Miller reported smoke and a strange odor. When the firemen arrived, smoke was coming from the venting system of the central heater. Apparently, when the venting system was under repair, an object was left in it. When Mrs. Miller turned the heater on, the object started smoking. The firemen ventilated the house and inspected it to make sure that was, in fact, the cause before returning to the fire station. Mrs. Miller was instructed to contact her repairman to have the system checked for the exact cause.



The burning bale of hay is being put out at the fire station after the driver of the pickup noticed it was on fire and drove to the station.

The fire burned through the attic and left a large, gaping hole in the roof before firemen were able to contain and extinguish it. However, firemen were able to maintain the structure and prevent further damage to the rest of the home.

Mr. Vanderstady had many trains and musical equipment that received heavy water damage and the home sustained heavy damages from the fire.

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Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer

Guests visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hadad during the holidays were her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Vasek of Schulerburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Klein, Tracy, Kori and Kaci spent Christmas Eve in Bernardo with Mr. and Mrs. Scott Klein and their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Schirmer enjoyed spending the Christmas week in San Antonio with their children and grandchildren. Visiting with the Kutzer family last week were Scott and Becky Placke of Austin. The couple had just returned from four days in Dallas where they celebrated their first anniversary. While there they enjoyed sightseeing and visiting relatives. They were guests of Thomas Sanders for the Bears and Cowboys game. Sanders, No. 20 on the Bears team, introduced Scott and Becky to his roommates Walter Payton, Neal Anderson, Jim McMahon and the "Fridge". Scott and Thomas both are graduates of Giddings High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jordan, DeWight and DeWayne Dopplaf visited Grandpa Dopplaf in Freer during the weekend of Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pence, Vance, Laraina and Chancey visited with their mother, Mrs. Renfro, in Houston Sunday. Get well wishes are extended to Roy Heitold who is a patient in the Eagle Lake hospital. Also to B.J. Burris who recently underwent tests and therapy in a Houston hospital. B.J. is a former resident of Sheridan and now lives in Columbus.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clark Peterson on the birth of a baby girl born December 21 at 7:45 in Bellville. Rachael Renee weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 inches long. She was welcomed by a big sister, Crystal and baby brother, Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. George Otto Jr. and daughters spent their Christmas holidays visiting her parents in South Carolina. Guests who spent Christmas day with Mrs. Sarah Briscoe were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Briscoe and family of Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Briscoe of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allen of Hallettsville, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Layton and family of Sheridan. Also visiting during the afternoon were Dorothy Wilson and her family.

Hubba Layton, son of Robert and Betty Layton, is spending a three week leave in Sheridan with his parents. He is enlisted in the Navy and is stationed at Concord, California.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Camron Lee Newton

Miss Brenda Kay Newton, of Eagle Lake, announces the birth of her second child, a son, born on December 17 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The baby was named Camron Lee Newton and weighed seven pounds six ounces and measured 18 inches long.

The baby is welcomed home by a brother, Terry Wayne Nanouin Newton, 16 months old, and godmother, Mrs. Linda Howard.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hernandez of Eagle Lake and Ken Newton of Hickory, North Carolina. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Hale of Wharton and Mrs. Guy P. Newton of Jonesboro, Louisiana.

John Everett chapter

DAR to meet Jan. 12

December's meeting of the John Everett chapter NSDAR honored the five DAR Good Citizens seniors in the surrounding high schools. The seniors selected were Cater Ann Sanders of Weimar, Phyllis Braden of Columbus, Lesley Anne Matthews of Rice High School, Laton Carr of Hallettsville and Greg Shimick of Sacred Heart in Hallettsville.

The Christmas tea was held at the Raunonda with Mrs. Raymond Rau and Mrs. Laura Ann Rau as hostesses.

James Dick, director of the Festival-Institute at Round Top, was the speaker and he gave an interesting program.

The next meeting will be held January 12 in Weimar at the home of Mrs. Jack Brasher. After the meeting a brief memorial service will be held at the graves of Laura Everett Brasher and Janice Walker Shatto and the DAR markers will be placed.

Defensive driving course Jan. 14, 15
A defensive driving course will be held January 14 and 15 at the Colorado County Farm Bureau office, 1117 Travis Street in Columbus at 6:30 p.m. each night. Cost for Farm Bureau members is \$5 each. For more information call 732-2383.

Attend the Church of Your Choice...
TEMPLE BERRA: 621 Maple Street, Eagle Lake, Texas. Pastor, Rev. Romero.
BETHLEEM DE JUDEA ASSEMBLY OF GODS: 1000 East E. Street, Eagle Lake, Texas. Pastor, Manuel Garcia.
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: Rev. Neil Mills, Pastor.
SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 1140 Meyer, Warren Richardson, Pastor.
BONUS BAPTIST CHURCH: Highway 102, Bonon, 409-234-2205. Pastor, Stanley Pincant.
EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. Auzy Conn, Pastor.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: N. Lake at E. Prairie, Eagle Lake. Rev. J. Melburn Sibley, Jr.
GETTISBURGH BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. R. Kiser, Pastor. 705 N. Lake, 234-3545.
GREATER MI. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. R. Kiser, Pastor. 705 N. Lake, 234-3545.
ROCK ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH: Janet Dupre, Lay Pastor.
SHERIDAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. Sheridan.
WALLIS BIBLE CHURCH: Charismatic 478-7534, 478-6512, Jerry C. McKinley, Pastor.
HOLY CROSS CHURCH: East Bernard.
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Jesse Estess, Goodall Terrace Addition.
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Jesse Estess, 310 N. Stevenson.
ST. MARY'S CHURCH: Box 97, Nevada, 758-3218. Rev. Myer Victor G. Schmidtzinsky, Pastor; Most Rev. Hugo M. Gerberman, M.M. (Retired).
CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milan, Columbus. Rev. V. Palmer, Minister.
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH: 1207 E. State, Eagle Lake. Rev. Coby Shoner, 234-3736.
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH: 306 E. Stockbridge, Rev. George T. Welch.
EAGLE LAKE GOSPEL MISSION: Rev. Emil Burger.
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH: Al Flatman, Pastor, 408 N. Stevenson.
LEHER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Garwood, Rev. Tom Randles.
LISSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Lasse, Rev. Earl Lock, Pastor.
ROCK ISLAND METHODIST CHURCH: Janet Dupre, Lay Pastor.
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Rev. Charles E. Rank, Pastor, 300 W. Prairie.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 106 E. State St. Rev. Charles C. Miller, Jr., Pastor.
VINE OF THE LORD: Paul Agudo, Pastor.
FRIENDSHIP A.G.: 501 Wallace, East Bernard. Fred Chambers, Pastor.
NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Hwy 90A, Sheridan, Pastor Robert Heusing, 234-3922.
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: Lemmon Road, Main St., Sealy. H.D. Geigley, Branch Pres.
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH: 405 S. Lake, Rev. R.J. Williams, 234-5795.

Colorado County Courthouse Report

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Scott Siewert, 19, and Melody McKinley Mackley, 18.
Betsy Jay Coffing, 25, and Megan Deann Rhodes, 21.
Glenn Dale Wicks, 33, and Doris Ann Scott, 28.
John Christopher Gertson, 21, and Amalia Anna Wegenhoff, 21.
Richard Powe Sr. 46, and Deborah Lynn Thompson, 27.

DIVORCES FILED

Patricia Salinas Posada and Ignacio Posada.

REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Gift Deed, Joyce Wenger to Carol Jean Hasteck Kennedy, et al, 65 acres, H.J. Dabney League, 9-17-86.
Deed, Johnnie Casarez to Paul L. Pakulski, et al, lots 6, 7, 8, mock 35, town of Garwood, 12-22-86.
Deed, James Edward Fowler, et al, to Blanche Catherine Fowler, undivided 1/2 interest in and to lot 15, block 139, city of Columbus, 12-23-86.
Deed, Terry J. Smith to Elita J. Winkler, et al, 5 acres, Alfred Ketas Log, 8-17-86.
Deed, J. J. Smith H. Garrett, independent executor of the estate of Glenn E. Garrett, deceased, to Robert E. Keen, et al, 93.22 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant, 12-19-86.
Deed, Fred G. Vornand, et al, to Walter R. Vornand, tract of land, H. Austin Five League and R.M. Johnson Survey, 10-21-86.
Deed, Albert F. Werland, et al, to Raymond Gene Kuhlback, 1.49 acres, B.M. Dougherty Survey, 12-23-86.
Deed, Keith L. Stone, et al, to Jake R. Fitzsch, et al, tract of land, Elizabeth Turilsson League, 12-19-86.
Deed, Larry Seydler to Veterans Land Dept., 7.4 acres, Phillip Bugler Survey, 12-1-86.
Deed, W.B. Dickey to Guy Bennett, et al, lots 9, 10, block 23, town of Shedd, 12-23-86.
Deed, Thomas H. Moore to Doris L. Moore, lots 2, 3, block 73, town of Columbus, 12-23-86.
Deed, Oscar Miller, et al, to Janelle Maschke, et al, vir, 3.31 acres, P. Reich Survey, 12-19-86.
Deed, James Wilson, et al, to Susan Banks Jackson, et al, 88 acres, J. Cummings League, 12-9-86.
Deed, Cherron Inc. to D.B. Branan, Reserve A of 1.851 acres, Metzwood, William David Survey, 12-10-86.
Deed, Gloria Wintermann Symington Trust to Willard Warren Shuart to Willard Warren Shuart, undivided 1/8th interest in and to property, city of Eagle Lake, P. Reich Survey, 12-18-86.
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Deed, E.F. Hodge, et al, to Samuel E. Hodge, et al, 32 acres, J.W. Bunton Survey, 7 acres, J.W. Bunton Survey, 12-3-86.
Deed, Leo J. Jasek, et al, to Woodrow W. Jasek, 4 tracts of land comprising 154 acres, A. Thompson League, et al, 12-16-86.
Deed, Lajuan Fife Braden to David A. Braden, undivided interest in and to 480 acres, SAAMGRG Co. Survey, 12-4-86.
Deed, J.M. Renta, substitute trustee, to Earl M. Connor Sr., lots 13 and 14, Garden Oaks Subdivision, 12-24-86.
Deed, James E. Briggs, et al, to Milton A. German, et al, lot 7, block 24, town of Weimar, 12-5-86.
Deed, Jack F. Leyendecker, et al, to Jose Israel Ruiz, et al, 2 acres, John Hadden League, 11-18-86.
Deed, Crockett D. Leyendecker to Ronald D. Walls, 2 acres, John Davy Survey, 12-4-86.
Deed, Doug Ashbire to Lee County Investments Inc., lot 3, block 9, The Falls Subdivision, Section 1, 12-16-86.
Deed, Betty Faye Emmie to Sheila Lynn Webb, undivided 1/20th interest in and to 237 acres, Moses Lapham Survey, 12-15-86.
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OIL & GAS LEASES

Ennie Bitter to Mallard Drilling Corporation, 78 acres, P. Baglar Survey, 12-3-86.
Estate of Janice Walker Shatto, deceased, to Mallard Drilling Corporation, 100 acres, Lewin R. Chaney Survey, 12-4-86.
Hugo C. Helmskamp to Mallard Drilling Corporation, 134.2 acres and 123.3 acres, Lewis R. Chaney Survey, 12-4-86.
Victor Blackburn, et al, to Mallard Drilling Corporation, 78 acres, P. Baglar Survey, 12-3-86.
Okey W. Penn, et al, to Consolidated Southern Corporation, 7 acres, A.B. Kerr Survey, 11-19-86.
Lowe Mitchell Hoses to TXO

County 4-H food show

January 10

By Peggy Braden,
County Extension Agent

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The public is invited to a program at 10:30 a.m. on ways to garnish foods and pastries, given by Ricky Paige, of the County Health. Ricky has had chef training and has worked in several restaurants. The awards program will begin at 11:30, to be followed by a tasting luncheon.

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American Farm Bureau Federation meeting scheduled January 11-15

The Texas Farm Bureau, the largest state Farm Bureau in the nation with 323,799 member families, will send 23 voting delegates to the 60th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Anaheim, California January 11-15.

Voting delegates from 49 states and Puerto Rico will consider several major issues, including farm program changes, farm credit and tax reform corrections.

Resolutions adopted here will become policy for AFBF's 3.5 million member families to follow during 1987.

AFBF's voting delegates are composed of the TFB board of directors, several state directors and other TFB leaders.

Bob Stallman, of Columbus, will be one of the voting delegates at this annual meeting.

AFBF president Dean Kleckner of Iowa will present his annual address on January 12, as will Richard Lyng, secretary of agriculture, and Paul Harvey, radio commentator. Alvin

Gaynor will be the featured entertainer at the AFBF awards program the night of January 13.

New bridge over Piney Creek

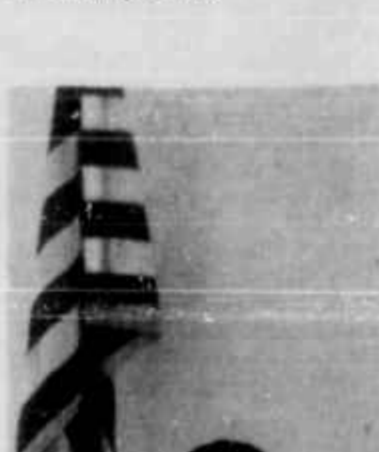
A narrow bridge over Piney Creek in Colorado County will be replaced with a new structure next year. The State Highway and Public Transportation Commission in December awarded a \$120,540 contract to Pelletier Brothers Construction, Inc. of Houston for the project on Reese Lane (County Road 212).

The existing narrow bridge, with a load restriction of five tons, will be replaced with three, 30-foot concrete slabs. The new 28-foot-wide structure will be approximately 150 feet upstream of the old bridge and provide improved alignment with the roadway approaches. It will be designed to carry the current legal load limit of 40 tons.

Bruce Bayless, the department's resident engineer in Columbus, is in charge of the project. The work is expected to take about five months.

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Eagle Lake mayor Larry Powers is signing the proclamation declaring January volunteer blood donor month in Eagle Lake. Standing is city manager Robert Kluckman.

City manager designated as

volunteer blood donor month

January has been designated as volunteer blood donor month by U.S. President Ronald Reagan. In his proclamation, President Reagan salutes the quiet heroism of those persons who regularly give the "Gift of Life." He states, "The American volunteer blood donor provides the means for modern medicine to work its miracles and to carry out its lifesaving work."

First United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Eunice Frnka at 234-2065 to make an appointment to donate.

Just who gets your voluntarily donated pint of blood? It is likely that you'll never know. The platelets from your unit of blood may go to help a cancer patient, whose treatments interfere with his own blood's clotting process. Your

plasma may go to a child burned in a home fire; and your red cells may go to a patient recovering from heart surgery. Rest assured, if you donate today, your unit of blood will probably be transfused to needy patients within a very short time.

January has traditionally been a month when the need for blood donors becomes especially important. The combined Christmas and New Year's holiday season puts extra demands on the blood supply. There is a tendency for blood usage to increase due to automobile accidents and a rise in the number of elective sury-ies scheduled. Along with this increased blood usage comes the onset of cold and flu season, which may temporarily defer faithful, regular donors.

Donate blood in January to celebrate being a volunteer blood donor. President Reagan reminds Americans that the "...reward is an inner satisfaction that comes to those who give of themselves to benefit others in need."

Call The Blood Center at (713) 790-1200 to find out the most convenient donation facility for you, or for more information about our region's blood program.

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