



### Eagle Lake of 1911

Believe it or not, this photograph of Eagle Lake was recently found in a trash dump near Allevton. Bill Harrison Sr. rescued it for the History of Eagle Lake book that is now being put together. The city will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. Although there was no

date on the picture, it was taken in 1911 because that was the year the old high school was built. The school can be seen about two inches from the left edge of the picture. To help date it, the Farris 1912 hotel, built in 1912, is not yet under construction. The home in the lower left now is owned by Joe Herbert McCreary. The street in

front of that house is Post Office St. and Main St. is visible on the right. Harrison asks that if anyone has any other old pictures of the community or its people, contact him about allowing the book producers to use them.

## Know your Merchants and Businesses

A weekly news and advertising feature to help our readers become more familiar with area businesses

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My advertising doesn't work, is an often heard remark, whether it is here in Eagle Lake for the Headlight, or in Houston for the Post or Chronicle.

That's not true all of the time or no one would buy advertising; and you would see no newspapers or television/radio programming.

Sometimes, some types of ads or their content just don't attract attention. More importantly, if no one wants to buy what is being advertised, the cash register won't ring.

So, the Headlight is creating this page of advertising news, to help local businesses tell potential customers in-depth detail about their merchandise and services.

This space, where this story appears, will be devoted to those advertisers who purchase the space below. That way,

a business has a weekly reminder for our readers of who and where they are. Then once during a three month period, we will write a story about one of the businesses advertising below, take a picture or two, and be better able to explain the type of merchandise, the sales people and owners, and the business or service available.

Lamenting the fact that the economy has gone sour won't help a business. It makes all of us work smarter so we can be here tomorrow when business does turn around — as it surely will (the question is when, of course).

The reason a store or business advertises is to let potential customers know what they have to sell. Sure, "everyone" knows about the stores in the Eagle Lake area! But, when a person is ready to buy

something, is their memory strong enough that they will shop Eagle Lake first?

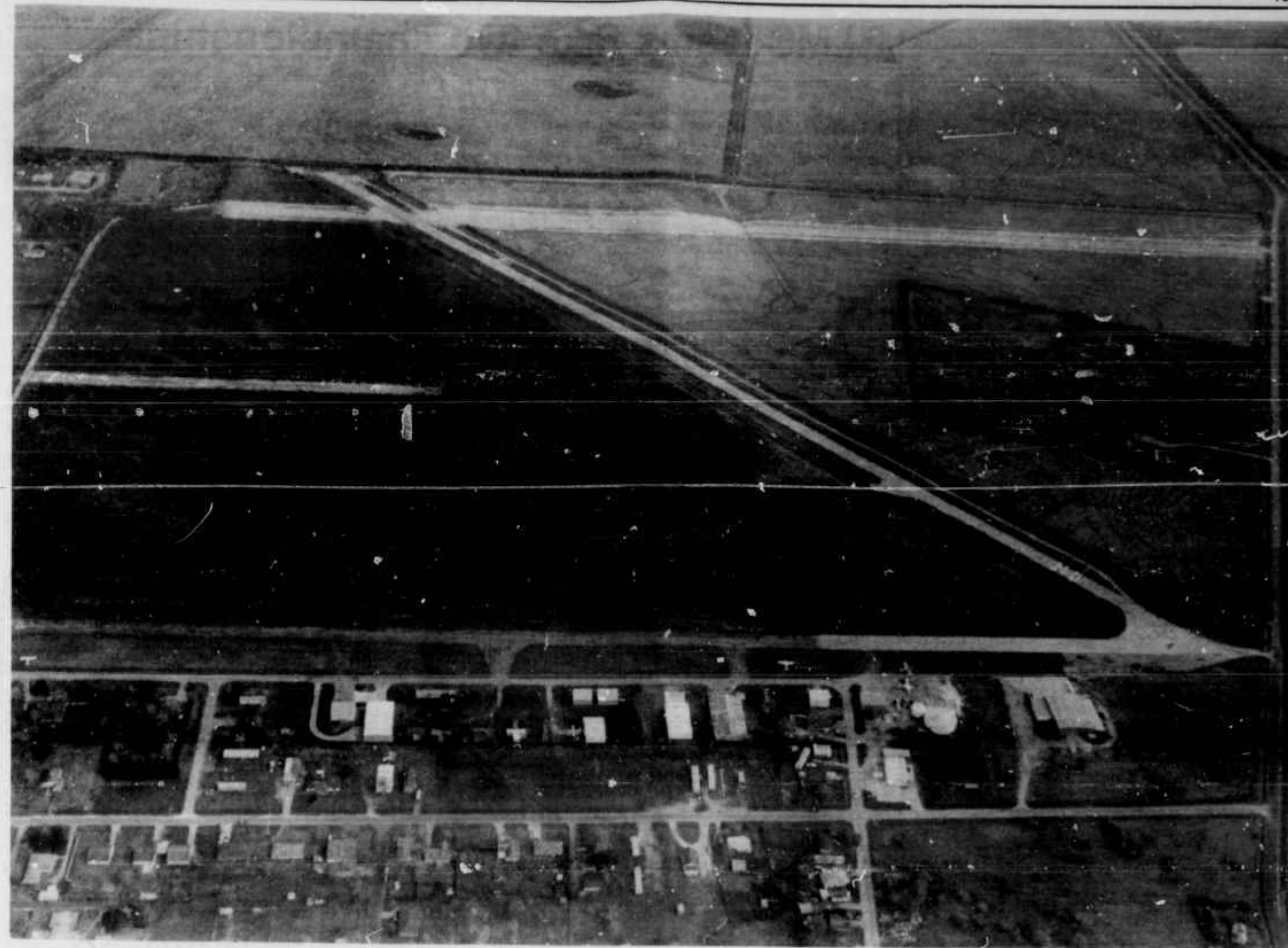
Target and Wal-Mart certainly are big stores; You can't miss their signs when you drive by. Still, they remind potential customers by advertising several days a week. They want their business.

Eagle Lake and the surrounding community have an excellent corps of stores and service business needed by local residents.

Let the Eagle Lake Headlight help them keep you in mind when it comes time to shop or when they are in need of a plumber, electrician or other service business.

Call John Fearing at the Headlight, 234-5521. We'll come see you and write a story about your business, too.

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### The Eagle Lake Municipal Airport

This photograph of the Eagle Lake Municipal Airport was taken the last week of December, 1986, by The Headlight to show the current status of the facility. North is at the top of the picture. The work done on the field by former precinct four commissioner Bill Stiles is easily seen. The strip across the top is the new east-west runway stretching from Connors St. on the right (east) nearly to the street in front of Bob Cook's barn. Just to the right of that barn is a pond created when Stiles removed dirt from property and sold it to the city

to create the "retaining dam" around the Eagle Lake sewer plant when the plant was re-constructed several years ago. Stiles said the runway was offset to the south slightly so the runway possibly could be lengthened westward toward Cat Spring road in front of the Cook barn. Although it is not clear in this picture, Stiles also created a small road along the fence line north of the new runway. Another small road was created from the western end of that runway, curving south along that fence line. The larger road from the left edge of the

photograph also was created by Stiles' effort.

To show how much the airport is used, there were 14 airplanes around the field when this picture was taken, including the one photographer John Fearing was in. Five airplanes can be seen on the ground. Several more are in hangars at the airport, and two others were circling the field. Our thanks to Jim Miller for donating his time as a pilot and for the use of his airplane for this picture.

## New airport runway needs rebuilding

The new East-West runway at the Eagle Lake Municipal Airport is little more than dirt scraped into place and shaped to look like a runway, topped with a little gravel on either end. Mayor Lanny Powers agreed with that statement Tuesday night when city council met for its first meeting of the new year.

"The (new) east-west runway needs to be rebuilt," the mayor told council. The land work at the airport was done late last year — with some work done Dec. 31 — by former precinct four county commissioner Bill Stiles. Stiles had presented his runway plan to the city's airport board, and was told by council to proceed.

Mayor Powers reported on a meeting last week in Columbus which he and city manager Robert Klockman scheduled with newly elected commissioner Sonny Spanabel and county judge Lester Crane.

They were discussing the future of the airport and possible future work on the runway path created.

There are several problems, Powers said. One is that there was no paperwork filed for the runway right of way. He said the strip, approximately 120 feet wide, is about 60 feet onto private property. The city will pursue the proper filing of rights of way in future airport work.

He also said that the county and city need to create a jointly appointed airport zoning board and charge that board with the responsibility to adopt an airport zoning ordinance. That would protect the future of the airport, and prevent someone from building in the path of airplanes leaving or approaching a landing strip.

Also, Powers said Spanabel agreed that the county could furnish men and equipment for continued construction work at the airport, but it would not be able to pay for materials; the city would have to pay for materials.

Council also discussed other land-work done by Stiles at the airport. As shown in the aerial photo of the

### City Council Report:

Action also taken on speed limits near ELPS; Approval given for no parking ordinance

airport taken by the Headlight just after Christmas, a small roadway was created parallel to the new runway, another starts at the western end of that runway and rounds the corner southward along the western fence line, and a larger one was graded into the middle of the airport property.

There also was discussion at the meeting about the roadways, and their relationship to property owner.

In other business, council learned that the city paving program will continue here next week. Austin, Clark, Clifton, Campbell and most of the remainder of Third St. have been paved. After the overlay work is finished, the contractor will need to rebuild several other streets in the program.

Council also approved the third reading of the no parking ordinance for West A St., from S. McCarty to the low water crossing, and for Hubbardferry Road from the low water bridge to Hanley. The ordinance will be effective after publication of a legal notice in The Headlight.

Council approved the first reading of two ordinances concerning slower speed limits in the Primary School area. One creates a 15 mile-per-hour school zone speed limit from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school days on portions of Third, E. and Fourth streets. A 20 mile-per-hour speed limit will be created by the other ordinance for portions of Third, Fourth, Sixth,

Eighth, Allen, B. C. E. and Raezer streets.

The ordinances must be read two more times before they become effective. If there is no posted speed limit, state law says the limit then is 35 MPH. Councilman Vic Corman asked whether that would apply to the 15-MPH zones outside the 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. hours. Klockman will find out.

Council also continued the policy of levying tax on personal vehicles, and continued the payment to councilmen and the mayor the same as last year. Councilmen will receive \$15 per regularly scheduled meeting, and \$22.50 for the mayor.

In his report to council, Klockman said the city sewerage collection system still has a lot of rain-water infiltration which can overload the sewer plant. Also, Klockman said the city's electrical ordinance should be in full force by March 1. He said he will have the report on dangerous buildings ready this week.

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