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Historical Commission members to hear history of Eagle Lake grocery stores

The Colorado County Historical Commission held its July 16 meeting in the Trinity Lutheran Church parish hall in Freisburg. The duties of hosting were well taken care of by Teddy and Mildred Schultz, Lelia Wehnert, Anne Cain, Larry Uhlig and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ruhmann.

The hall was spacious enough to take care of the 48 members and guests in comfort, and small enough to be conducive to fellowship. Our thanks to the hosts and to Trinity Lutheran Church.

The invocation was given by Rev. Joseph Spiller of Saint John's Episcopal Church of Columbus followed by a feast of covered dish treats.

Chairman Edward Woolery-Price presided over a short business meeting. Joyce Loessin called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read.

It was reported that the Comm. Court decided to pay off the bank note of \$16,000 to save on interest, so our obligation now is to the Commission.

ers' Court rather than the bank.

Larry Uhlig reported on ways of getting markers at the sites of old schools which are not now in use. Former students of the abandoned schools may finance the markers for \$65 or \$75 and order them through the Commissioners' Court. This is a proposal to be looked into further.

Henry Potter accepted the offer of William H. Harrison to have the next meeting in Eagle Lake with Robert Wilcox giving the history of grocery stores in Eagle Lake.

Lue Ruhmann showed her excel-

lent paintings of the historic buildings of Trinity Church and the Freisburg community.

Mildred Schultz explained the display including an 1890 attendance card, commemorative plates, books, etc. and covered the history of the church from its charter of May 25, 1855 to the present time. It is the oldest Lutheran church in the state. It was organized under the leadership of Rev. J.C. Roehm June 5, 1855, built in 1860, enlarged with a steeple and bell in 1869, destroyed by a tornado and rebuilt in 1924, and a parish hall added in 1936. It is a beautiful, well-kept facility — rich in history and every-one enjoyed their visit.

Frank N. Davidson, publicity chairman

The Scientists Tell Me...

New tax laws tell farmers to get big or get out

by Marilyn Brown, TAES Science Writer

Changes in federal tax laws over the past 10 years generally have been favorable to agricultural enterprises, but the Tax Reform Act of 1986 has given a new signal to commercial crop farmers: get big or get out.

Farmers who normally have taxable incomes over \$40,000 will have reduced taxes under the new bill, while those who earn less will have greater tax liabilities, according to Clair J. Nixon and James W. Richardson, agricultural economists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The 1986 tax law is the most radical change in federal income tax law in recent history, according to Nixon and Richardson, who recently studied how changes in the law will affect agriculture.

Using a computer model to simulate different sizes of farms of different regions of the country, the economists analyzed the tax outlooks under the new tax law.

One of the most sweeping changes under the bill results from the new passive loss rules, which prohibit

deduction of losses in excess of farm income for nonfarmer investors. This could lure investors, who play an important role in money-losing enterprises (such as beef production), away from agriculture toward more profitable investments, Nixon and Richardson say.

If that happens, consumers can expect to pay more for some agricultural products.

In the past, investors of agricultural enterprises have been able to deduct farm losses against other sources of income. The agriculture tax shelter activity has been especially attractive to high tax bracket individuals, who, before 1987, were able to take advantage of the many favorable tax benefits available to agricultural investments," the researchers say.

The passive law changes, in addition to the repeal of the capital gains deduction, will hit hardest in cattle feeding and orchard development, the researchers say.

The repeal of the long-term capital gains deduction also hurts individuals who sold their farmland on an installment basis, hoping to receive capital gains treatment throughout the term.

Income averaging also has been repealed under the new bill, which will most directly affect those farm operators who have highly variable incomes from year to year, the researchers say.

The new tax law also does not bode well for some conservation efforts.

"The modification of soil and water conservation expenditure deduction will discourage some farm operators from future investment in conservation activities," the researchers say.

After 1986, expenditures for soil and water conservation activities are limited to expenses consistent with a conservation plan approved by the Soil Conservation Service or a comparable state agency.

Expenses such as cleaning or filling wetlands, land preparation for the installation or operation of center pivot irrigation systems, or clearing and are no longer deducted, and must be added to the taxpayer's basis in the land, the economists say.

Some of the provisions of the bill are favorable for at least some segments of agriculture.

Farmers who debts to nonrelatives are forgiven after April 9, 1986 will not have to report that as income. This will greatly reduce the income tax liabilities for solvent farmers who receive debt forgiveness from a lender, the researchers say.

In addition, any gain dairy farmers realize from the sale of dairy cattle under the U.S. Department of Agriculture dairy herd buyout program will be treated as capital gain taxable until September 1, 1987.

While the average annual taxable farm income for the crop farms studied declined as a result of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the lower tax rate set forth in the bill is often offset by its other provisions.

Crop farmers with taxable incomes greater than \$40,000 benefited more from the reduction in the income tax rates than they lost from the elimination of the investment tax credit and depreciation rule changes.

The same is not true for crop farmers who earn less than \$40,000. Because small-scale crop farmers have a relatively greater investment in machinery and generate less profit, the loss of the investment tax credit makes them relatively worse off.

(Editor's Note: Any question regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Department of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.)

Soil conservation demonstration Aug. 21-22

Farmers and ranchers will have the opportunity to observe construction of soil and water conservation projects during two days of demonstrations at the Fayette Power Plant (FPP) near La Grange Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22.

The Lower Colorado River Authority has initiated an extensive conservation program at FPP to reduce severe soil erosion and increase water retention.

Specialists with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) designed the conservation practices for the site. SCS technicians will measure the soil loss before and after completion of the work.

Members of the Texas chapter of Land Improvement Contractors of America (LICA) will provide the necessary heavy equipment and operators to perform the construction.

LICA dealers will also have displays of other equipment used in conservation construction and are arranging for food concessions.

Tours will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At each stop SCS representatives will explain the operation and answer questions. If visitors want to know more about one operation, they may return to the site after the initial tour ends.

The entrance to the Fayette construction site is off of County Road 196, which intersects State Highway 159 east of La Grange. In case of rain, the field days will be Friday and Saturday, August 28 and 29.

"LCRA has renewed its emphasis on soil and water conservation in the Colorado River watershed because of the benefits to the supply and quality of water for Central Texas," said Ed Whitmore, LCRA supervisor of land operation and maintenance.

"The demonstrations will be especially helpful to farmers and ranchers who have not engaged in conservation work on their land," Whitmore said.

The new Federal farm program requires producers to submit and institute conservation plans in order to participate in the reserve or emergency relief programs.

"Most conservation field days demonstrate the results of conservation programs. This one will take place during construction so that agricultural producers and others responsible for large tracts of land can observe the work in progress."

The Fayette Soil and Water Conservation District is recruiting volunteers to drive tractors and trailers of bales of hay to carry visitors on tours of the construction site. Volunteers may call (409) 968-5458.

Lets Look Back... 24 Years Ago

(August 1, 1963)

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cherry, owners of Cherry's Cafe on Highway 90A west of Eagle Lake, will hold a special celebration Saturday on their first anniversary with the cafe...

Charles Stephens was installed grand knight of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council No. 4843, Knights of Columbus...

Diane Dowdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Dowdy, was initiated into Alpha Delta Pi, a sorority on the campus of SMU...

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Miller, and Martin Herman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Herman of Eagle Lake, are planning a September 7 wedding...

Tim Strunk of Weimar was the guest of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. V.J. Kana, Betty and Phil for several days...

Mrs. W.M. Thomas was in Fort Worth last weekend to attend a honoring her namesake, Miss Donny Ledbetter, who will be married soon...

Judy Clippson, Todd Luke Reese and Mary Ann Uzzell, all of Eagle Lake, Jane Schoellmann of Garwood, Frank James Tyndik of Rock Island and Jesse Vavter of Sherman are attending Sam Houston State Teachers College for the second six weeks summer session...

Mrs. Bernice Sens of Sealy, mother of Elmo Sens, passed away July 24.

Lets Look Back... 48 Years Ago

(August 4, 1939)

Sunday services will be held for the first time in the new Methodist Church building... After a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Ney, and his father, L.S. Lawrence in Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Lawrence left Monday for Baton Rouge, Louisiana...

Seima Faden was in College on Sunday to attend the funeral services held in that city for Mrs. Darthula Gunn, who died Saturday in San Antonio...

The local troop of boy scouts is planning for a day and night camp here in the near future... Mr. and Mrs. Russell Reese announce the engagement of their daughter, Eleanor Louise, to Joe Lee McCarty. The wedding will take place September 11 at Christ Episcopal Church...

Mrs. George E. Roemer and son, Robert, are spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jochetz, while Mr. Roemer is attending the World's Poultry Congress in Cleveland, Ohio...

J.B. Ney of D'Harris came in last Friday and is visiting at the home of his son, Agent N.C. Ney of the Southern Pacific... Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Stephens, Mrs. Frank Stephens, Mrs. D.S. Taylor, and their guest, Mrs. W.A. Harold of Greenville, Tennessee, left Monday morning for a few days' visit to Monterey, Mexico...

The A.L. Marx Gulf Station at the Walnut intersection on Highway 3, is being completely remodeled and rebuilt. When the work is completed, Mr. Marx says the station will be absolutely the last word in filling station improvement.

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20X20	37.31

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Edward Elton Pavlick, 21, and Tana D. Sneed, 18.
Bobby Molano, 27, and Melinda Coronado, 14.
Edward Woolery-Price Jr., 22, and Crystal Rochelle Steinhauer, 21.
Johnny Lee Lleverino, 19, and Michelle Longoria, 14.
Ignacio Gomez, 18, and Barbara Renee Yeverino, 15.

DIVORCES FILED
Glenda Faye Schroeder Dahse vs. William Howard Dahse; filed 8-10-87.
Patricia Ann Batla vs. John Dudley Batla; filed 8-7-87.
Eduardo Hernandez vs. Carol Lee Hernandez; filed 8-5-87.
Michael Edmund Merten vs. Malivan Merten; filed 8-5-87.
Debbie Louise Thumman vs. James Wayne Billeck; filed 7-30-87.
Dennis B. Young vs. Dianna L. Young; filed 7-30-87.

DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED
A. Scott Witter vs. Walter M. Willis, damage suit; filed 7-30-87.
Hunt Oilfield Supply Inc. vs. William W. Hunt Inc.; Jim Runa, individually and as agent for Auburn Enterprises Inc. and Auburn Enterprises, suit on account; filed 7-29-87.
Richard E. Bricker, individually and as next friend of Robert Bricker, minor, vs. Larry Dulany, individually and doing business as Dulany Funeral Home and Dulany Funeral Home, personal injuries; 7-27-87.

REAL ESTATE DEEDS



Receive certificates of commendation

Airman Cedric Brown, pictured in center front row, was among Air Force Servicemen at Fairchild AFB in Spokane, Washington who scored 90 percent or better on their CDC exam. Brown scored a 96 and will receive a certificate of commendation. Starting this fall, Brown will enroll in the Air Force ROTC classes, a two-year program to complete as an officer. Brown, an electrical aircraft specialist, is the son of Linda Brown of Eagle Lake and grandson of Mrs. Frances Brown of Eagle Lake and the late Ernest (Buster) Brown.

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Citizens' Input Workshop

To Start Planning for Eagle Lake's Future...

Thursday, August 27, 1987

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