

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING HOUSE BILL 82 TAXATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The City of Eagle Lake will hold a Public Hearing on a proposal to continue taxing all personal property and to retain all personal property on the tax roll in 1990. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 1990, at 7:30 P.M. at the Eagle Lake Council Chambers during the regularly scheduled council meeting.

A motion to continue taxing all personal property was made by Councilman Duncan and seconded by Councilman Dulany. The motion carried with the following votes cast:

FOR: Mike Duarte  
Victor Corman, Jr.  
Joe Duncan  
Larry Dulany  
Lonnie Sommerlatte

AGAINST: None

PRESENT AND NOT VOTING:

Mayor Roy D. Van Nort

ABSENT: None

The following information was provided by Mr. Billy Youens, Chief Appraiser, Colorado County Central Appraisal District, as an illustration of how House Bill 82 affects the City of Eagle Lake:

- 1) Estimated Valuation Loss: \$3,780,000
- 2) Estimated Dollar Loss assuming a Tax Rate of \$0.42793 = \$16,175.00
- 3) Percent of Tax Loss: 6.2%
- 4) Tax Rate that must be adopted to offset Estimated Tax Loss: \$0.45446

5) Effect on a Typical Homeowner (Residence Taxable Value = \$40,000) with two automobiles with a Taxable Value of \$8,000:

\$40,000 + \$8,000 = \$48,000 x \$.0042793 = \$205.41 Taxes.  
\$40,000 x \$.0045446 = \$181.78 Taxes

This Homeowner would save \$23.63 by exempting personal property, i.e., the two automobiles.

6) Effect on City's largest Taxpayer, Eagle Lake Rice Dryer, Inc.:

\$2,066,000 x \$.0042793 = \$8,841  
\$2,066,000 x \$.0045446 = \$9,389  
This is an increase of \$548.

While the effects may not be as dramatic in all cases, homeowners would generally pay more taxes on real property and none on personal property resulting in a decrease in actual taxes paid. Small businesses and commercial establishments would pay more taxes on their real property and personal property of the business.

## OBITUARIES

### Gilbert A. Baker

June 30, 1893 - December 23, 1989

Funeral services for Gilbert A. Baker, 96, were held in Cashner Colonial Chapel at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 27, 1989. Graveside services and interment were at Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island at 2:30 p.m. with Cashner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Mr. Baker was born in Wood County, West Virginia on June 30, 1893, and passed away in a Conroe hospital on December 23, 1989. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Elmer F. Baker of Spring; three sons, Elmer F. Baker of Spring, James W. Baker of Huntsville and George C. Baker of Spring; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ed and Della Baker of Houston, Clarence and Mervie Baker of Houston, Gene and Mildred Baker of Brenham; 14 grandchildren.

### Leonard John Braden

October 15, 1915 - December 26, 1989

Leonard John Braden, 74, of Alton died on December 26, 1989 at the Columbus Community Hospital. He was born on October 15, 1915 in Mentz, a son of Rochus George and Barbara Louise Wendel Braden. He was a ranch manager for Stba Estate Ranch. A lifetime resident of Mentz, he was affiliated with St. Roch's Catholic Church in Mentz, was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and had served in the Air Force. Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m.

Survivors include two sisters, Mary Elaine Braden of Victoria and Mary Louise Hacker of Rosenberg; three brothers, Msgr. Leroy Braden

### Adolphus Milton Dornon

November 2, 1907 - January 1, 1990

Adolphus Milton Dornon, 82, of Eagle Lake, passed away Monday, January 1, 1990 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was born on November 2, 1907 in Neosho Falls, Kansas, the youngest child of Mary Ellen Gentry and James Dornon. He moved to the Rock Island area in 1909 with his family and lived there his entire life.

Survivors include a niece, Mrs. Hope Causey and her husband Ed Causey Jr., of Houston; numerous

### Charles D. Stephens Sr.

Charles D. Stephens Sr., 87, of Eagle Lake, passed away at approximately 1:25 a.m., Monday, January 1, 1990 at his residence. He was a prominent business and civic leader in the Eagle Lake community for many years and a member of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church of Eagle Lake and the Knights of Columbus Council #4843. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Charlene and L.J. "Sonny" Spaniel of Eagle Lake; a

son and daughter-in-law, Charles D. Jr. and Patty Stephens of Eagle Lake; a sister, Ethel Anderson and a brother Harry Stephens, both of Tennessee; 10 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives and a host of loved ones.

At press time, services were scheduled for 11 a.m., Wednesday, from the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. A Parish Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by a KC Rosary at 7:15 p.m. were to be held on Tuesday,

January 2 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's issue of *The Headlight*.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Knights of Columbus Council #4843 Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 725, Eagle Lake, Tx. 77434.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

### Thomas Trevino

Thomas Trevino, 96, of Eagle Lake, passed away Sunday, December 31, 1989 at the Heritage House Nursing Home in Eagle Lake. He was born in Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Trevino, had been an Eagle Lake resident for the past 20 years and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eagle Lake.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Mary Gonzales of Austin; three

granddaughters, Guadalupe Gutierrez of Austin, Mary G. Rangel of Stafford and Eva G. Cortez of Eagle Lake; nine great grandchildren and 11 great, great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m., Monday, January 1, 1990 from the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Reverend Fr. Jesse

Euresi officiating. Interment followed at the Lakeside Latin Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Pallbearers were Joe Richard Cortez, Joseph Daniel Gonzales, Alex Ramirez Jr., Rene Torres, Martin Trevino and Refugio Cardenas Jr. Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

### Louis Woods

February 20, 1920 - December 27, 1989

Bro. Louis Woods, 69, was born February 20, 1920 to John and Mary Woods. He joined the Lake Live Oak Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. N. Bolden now the merged Providence Baptist Church under the present pastor Rev. Coby Shorter Jr.

He married Mrs. Loraine Bolden in 1940 and to this union one child was

born, Yvonne Woods.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter; brother Eugene Woods; and a sister, Matlene Mathis.

Bro. Louis passed from this life December 27, 1989 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. He leaves to cherish his memory, his widow, Loraine Bolden Woods of Houston; five sisters, Lucille McClain; Emma

Woods Israel, Rosie L. Pettus, Ivory D. Perkins and Dorothy Woodard, all of Eagle Lake; two brothers, Willie McGrew and L.V. Powell, both of Eagle Lake; one aunt, Louise Hurd of Los Angeles, California; one uncle, John B. McGrew of Rosenberg; nieces, nephews; other loved ones.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

### John Paul Vasut

July 6, 1919 - December 28, 1989

John Paul Vasut, 70, a longtime resident of the Eagle Lake area, passed away at his home early Thursday morning, December 28, 1989 after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 30 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Don A. Storey officiating. Mrs. Alice Schmidt provided the organ accompaniment.

Pallbearers were George Cason, Heyne Dromgoole, Jack Dromgoole, Frank Klement, Johnnie Schmidt Jr. and Bill Wilson. Graveside services, military honors and interment at Lakeside Cemetery were under the auspices of VFW Post #783.

He was born to Paul and Rosie Vasut near Rosenberg on July 6, 1919. He was a longtime resident of the Eldridge community where he farmed and raised cattle in partnership with his brothers, Charlie Vasut and Emil Vasut Sr. He served in the U. S. Army Quartermasters during World War II, transporting equipment and materials over the "Stillwell Road" from Loda, India to its intersection with the "Burma Road" in Burma and from there into China. He was honorably discharged from the military in 1945.

He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his two brothers; two sisters: Mrs. Johnnie Schmidt Sr. of Cat Spring and Mrs. Annie Klement of Ulysses, Nebraska, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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### Hemphill, Davis to exchange vows

Sheryl Ann Hemphill, daughter of Jennie B. Hemphill, of Eagle Lake and Leroy Davis, son of Doris Jane Davis, of Richmond, will exchange vows on January 6, 1990 at 6 p.m. in the home of Jennie B. Hemphill.

Sheryl is a graduate of Rice High School and Leroy graduated at Lamar High School.



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about town...

Jerrold and Tammy Higgins became the proud parents of their first child; a baby girl, born on December 30, 1989. She was named Brittany Maree and weighed six pounds, seven ounces and measured 19 inches long. Brittany is the first girl born in three generations of the Higgins family.

"Don't forget to get your fish fry tickets planned January 19 by the VFW Post #783 at the new KC Hall in Eagle Lake. Tickets are \$4.50 each and may be purchased from any VFW member or at the Headlight.

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