

Tribute To Local Industry

April 1-6

Communities throughout the state will have an opportunity to pay special tribute to local industry April 1-6 during Texas Industrial Week.

The special week gives local communities an opportunity to recognize contributions of industrial firms to the local economy. "Special events like Texas Industrial Week go a long way toward making new manufacturers feel welcome and have a significant effect on attracting new industry to the state," Chester, vice president of the Texas Industrial Commission, said.

In recent years, Texas has grown from a predominantly rural society to one with a booming industrial growth record. Last year a new record total of 352 new industrial firms moved to the state, only 56 short of the 1969 total of 41 which made Texas the nation's leader in industrial growth.

"We can look with pride at our achievements, but we cannot rest on our laurels and expect to find a bed of roses," Chester said. "We must continue to develop programs to attract new industry to the state."

It's always easier to make plans than to make them mature.

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\$11 Million Income Taxes In Area

Taxes are again in the spotlight in Colorado County, what with the day of reckoning April 15th, just around the bend.

The big question among local residents is how much of the Uncle Sam bill will be taking this time.

Last April he collected approximately \$10,024,000 in personal income and employment taxes in the area, based upon the previous year's earnings.

This is the estimate of what was turned in locally, as determined by a breakdown of the overall tax receipts throughout the State of Texas.

The statewide total was approximately \$6,354,000,000, according to figures released by the Treasury Department. It is estimated, as a result, that Colorado County residents contributed 0.12 percent of the Federal income taxes collected in the state.

Because employment was at a high level in most parts of the country in the past year, despite relative weakness in the economy in the last quarter, total earnings were greater than in 1972.

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GOV. DESIGNATES APRIL 1-6 TEXAS INDUSTRIAL WEEK

Governor Dolph Briscoe has designated the week of April 1-6 as Texas Industrial Week.

Sponsored by the Texas Manufacturers' Association, the week will be bearing their proportionate share of the increase. Their payments next month will be close to \$11,427,000, it is estimated.

The President's budget for the next fiscal year, projecting income and expense figures through June 30, 1975, calls for individual taxes to be about 9.0 percent greater.

Most families find themselves in a bind because of higher income taxes. In addition to the new taxes, the state's income tax is also being increased by the federal government.

Many of these programs could be the key to solid growth for many communities," Briscoe said. "Texas Industrial Week is an excellent time to set future development goals and begin working toward them."

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Colorado County Firsts In Texas

(The following capsule history of Colorado County was presented to the County Historical Society by James G. Hopkins and is reprinted for information of our readers.)

ONE OF FIRST ANGLO-AMERICAN SETTLEMENTS
Stephen F. Austin, a native of Virginia, had received a college education, and had joined his father, Moses Austin, in Missouri. At the time of his father's death he was in New Orleans studying law.

After his father's death, he came to San Antonio and came to an agreement with Governor Martin relative to the establishment of the colony. This was in August, 1821, and Austin was 28 years old.

He was given permission to settle 300 families. The first settlers were made late in 1821 at Columbus on the Colorado and Washington on the Brazos.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Industry Important To Economy

One week each year, Texas communities take it upon themselves to honor their industries. That week in 1974 is April 1-6, by proclamation of Governor Dolph Briscoe.

We wholeheartedly support such week, Texas Industrial Week. It is a time to recognize the contributions of industry to the state's economy and to the nation's economy.

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Industrial Commission Hearing Needs of Rural Areas

Governor Dolph Briscoe announced that three members of the Texas Industrial Commission will travel across rural Texas during the first two weeks of April conducting 26 hearings to determine the needs of rural Texas and possible programs which can help revitalize the rural areas.

Governor Briscoe said the 26 hearings are the result of the passage of the Texas Rural Development Act during the 53rd Legislature, which authorized special attention to the rural economy and added three more members to the Texas Industrial Commission.

Appointed by Governor Briscoe as the rural representatives on the Commission are James Bond of Navasota, William F. Trelford and James Hunt of Bonora.

These new rural commissioners will hold hearings in separate sections of the state to feel the pulse of the rural residents and gather facts for implementing a program to stimulate the rural economy.

The three commissioners want to hear from everyone in the rural areas. They will meet with civic leaders, business leaders and elected officials to determine the rural areas' needs and to give rural Texas an "economic shot-in-the-arm."

Soil District Report

District coordinator Dan Mottler, Sr., of the Lone Oak area has converted 25 acres of cropland to a coastal bermudagrass pasture.

District coordinator Frank Pokorny of New Braunfels was assisted by Soil Conservationist Willie L. Twitty with the revision of his conservation plan with the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District on his farm in the New Braunfels area.

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