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Appelt Hearing

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display a cooperative attitude toward his supervisors, and are the ground relied upon by the administration for recommending non-renewal.

Board member Dale Hunt discussed the action taken by the board at the time of placing Coach Appelt on a one year probationary contract at the beginning of the 1973-74 year. He discussed the considerations taken by the board in reaching its final decision to accept the superintendent's recommendation on the matter.

Assistant Supt. DeShazo and Principal Graham cited instances of the "non-cooperative attitude" alleged to have been shown by Mr. Appelt. At the conclusion of the presentations, board member Higgins questioned Mr. Graham about several conversations which he and the principal had relative to responsibilities for administering the athletic program.

After the closed session, Mr. Hunt proposed the motion to deny an extension of the hearing stating that Mr. Appelt has had access to information relative to non-renewal of his contract and has had ample time to prepare a rebuttal. Hunt added that the "board has no intention of reconsidering his contract, therefore a further extension would not be necessary."

Board member José Garcia who has come on the board since the original action was taken in March, seconded the

motion and it passed unanimously with all board members and the board president voting for the motion to deny. At that time Mr. Appelt spoke very briefly to state only that on advice of his attorney he had no comment to make at this time.

Mr. Stansbury presented two questions to the board. First, he asked if the board had advised Mr. Appelt in writing of the reasons for non-renewal of his contract, to which Dr. Thomas responded for the board in the negative; and second, the attorney asked if the statement of Board Policies, the current revised edition, was in full force at this time, and Dr. Thomas responded for the board in the affirmative.

Just prior to adjournment Dr. Thomas read the following statement: "The board of trustees did not and does not consider the reason for non-renewal of Mr. Appelt's contract as damaging to Mr. Appelt's credentials or community standing, and that this meeting or hearing should be in no way construed as such a feeling on the part of this board."

Sitting with the board and Supt. Krivacka was the school district's attorney, M. L. Null of Victoria.

Among the interested spectators at the hearing were: Charles Burns, legal counsel for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association; Austin; Mrs. Fred A. Havel, Jr., of Gonzales and Arnold Guerra of Wharton, members of the TCTA Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee.

The outcome of the meeting leaves some speculation on what happens next. According to information which the Headlight has been able to get, the next recourse for Mr. Appelt would be to go to the courts in an effort to get his contract renewed. It is not believed that the State Board of Education would accept responsibility for resolving the matter on legal grounds.

Meanwhile Supt. Krivacka has been given the authority to begin the search for a new athletic director and has been authorized to make a final recommendation of the one applicant that he feels will best serve the district in the position of athletic director for final action by the board.

City Council

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Smith, the council approved the purchase of a Wayne made street sweeper from the Plains Machinery Co. on a bid of \$16,627.50 after trade in of a used Wayne sweeper.

The committee made an inspection trip to Houston to look at both Wayne and Elgin street sweepers and recommended the Wayne machine despite the fact that the bid on the Elgin machine was the lowest bid at \$15,447 net.

The committee reported the Elgin sweeper did not meet specifications called for in the notice to bidders and the warranty on the Wayne sweeper was considered superior to that on the Elgin machine. Delivery date of the Wayne machine was also 6 to 8 weeks sooner.

Mayor Struss appointed Roy D. Van Nort and Glen Lockyer and the city manager to a committee to consider the request of the chamber of commerce for use of the room adjoining the council room for a part-time office. Travis Wegenhoff of the C. of C. met with the council to make the request and is expected to get together with the committee to come up with some cost for such rental and a recommendation is due to be brought at the next meeting May 14th.

The city manager reported on the process of purchase of three lots in the Highland Park area, for the airport complex at \$100 per lot; discussed the effect of the new minimum wage requirements to become effective May 1st.

Conventions

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Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan building. The county chairman and all precinct chairmen urge voters to bring their registration slips to the polls on May 4th in order to speed up voting procedures. Those who have lost their registration slip will be required to sign an affidavit prior to voting.

Last Rites For Buddy Hough Mon.

Friends were saddened to learn that Lorraine Vernon (Buddy) Hough passed away suddenly sometime in the early hours of Saturday morning, April 20 at his home. He had been in ill health but not seriously until time of his death.

Funeral services were held from the Chapel of the Mill Baser Funeral Home, Monday, April 22 at 10 a.m. Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery. The Rev. Charles Meyer and Clifford E. Wiese officiated at the services.

Pallbearers were Edward Causey, Jr. of Houston, Charles E. Hough and Mark A. Hough of East Bernard, Edward F. Hough of West Columbia, Jack W. Hough of Lissie and George Causey of Eagle Lake.

Buddy, as he was fondly known to his friends, was born February 28, 1919 in Lissie. His parents were Frank and Maude Garrett Hough. He resided in Lissie and Eagle Lake all of his life, attending grade school in Lissie and high school in Eagle Lake. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Ed Causey and Mrs. J. R. Reel (a twin of the deceased) of Eagle Lake and Mrs. John Kelly of Groves; four brothers, Curtis Hough Killeen, Jack Hough of Wallis, Virginia and Frank Hough of East Bernard; and other relatives and friends.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of this loved one.

Workman's Comp Case Settled, Jury Dismissed

A list of prospective jurors ordered to report in District Court in Columbus Tuesday morning; to hear a workman's compensation suit, was dismissed shortly after reporting to Judge B. B. Schraub.

Attorneys advised Judge Schraub that the case had been settled out of court.

The suit was styled Billy Frank Webb against the Texas Employers Insurance Association.

The settlement in the agreed judgment was not announced.

4 DWI Charges Filed; One Tried

Four charges of driving while intoxicated were filed in county court during the past week.

In one of the charges, James Wylie Fields entered a plea of guilty and Judge Lester Cranek set his punishment at a \$200 fine and costs and 30 days in the county jail and driver's license was suspended for one year. The judge granted probation on the jail sentence and license suspension after Fields stated that he needed the driver's license to continue working.

Charged with DWI but not yet tried were Frankie James Cmakal, Woody Bailey Dennis and Lee Ray Trent.

Bridal Shower Compliments Sheila Schneider

A miscellaneous bridal shower honored Miss Sheila Schneider, bride-elect of Michael Bubela, on Tuesday, April 16th at 8 p.m. at the Nada parish hall.

The hall was beautifully decorated in the bride's chosen colors of pink and green. Pink net cloths covered the bride's table and the refreshment table.

Guests were registered by Renee Schneider and Laurie Bubela at a table covered in pink. A toast to the bride was read by Jennifer Schneider. Other bridesmaids helped open the gifts.

Seated at the bride's table were the bride's mother, Mrs. N. J. Schneider; the groom-elect's mother, Mrs. Frank H. Bubela; and grandmothers, Mrs. Charles Schneider, Sr. and Mrs. Hubert Swoboda.

Refreshments of ribbon sandwiches, chips, pickles, cake squares, mints and tea were served to approximately 135 guests from a table beautifully decorated with a pink

Fussell Loses Truck In Fire



The large Diamond Reo truck tractor shown above, owned by B. D. Fussell, was completely destroyed by fire last week when the vehicle ignited from a nearby rubbish fire. The heat from the blaze virtually melted the metal in the truck before volunteers from the Eagle Lake Fire Department could get to the scene to render aid. The fire occurred at the Fussell Ranch west of the city on Farm to Market Road 102.

Former Resident Chester Amthor Dies in Wharton

Chester G. Amthor of Sealy and a former resident of Eagle Lake, died Sunday, April 21, 1974, at 1:05 p.m. in a Wharton Hospital at 105 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 at the age of 87 years. He had been in failing health since November 1973.

Funeral services were held at St. John Lutheran Church in Cat Spring at 2 p.m. on April 15, with interment in Kollatschny cemetery. The Rev. William Feller officiated.

Mr. Amthor was born in Sealy November 2, 1906 and attended Sealy Public School. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Amthor. On November 16, 1925 he was married to Miss Una Kveton. For 28 years he was employed by the Central Power and Light Company, serving as manager the last 12 years of his employment, in Nixon.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Una Amthor of Sealy; one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Niver of Prior Lake, Minnesota; two sons, Vern L. Amthor of Beeville, and Kirby G. Amthor of Winnemucca, Nevada; sister, Mrs. Jack Norcross of Sealy; brother, Felix Amthor of Arlington; 10 grandchildren.

Trail Ride To Open WCJC Western Week

A 15 mile trail ride from Egypt, Texas, arriving in Wharton at 4 p.m. Friday, April 26 kicks off "Western Week" at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

It will come to an exciting climax with the 22nd annual Pioneer Spring Rodeo to be held Friday and Saturday, April 26-27, at 8 p.m. in the campus "Rocking-W Arena."

A rodeo queen's contest is set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24 in the arena as campus cowgirls compete for top honors.

The event's sponsors, the Pioneer Aggie Rodeo Club, have asked all WCJC instructors to participate in the activities by entering a contest for "Best Dressed (Western) Male and Female Teachers" to be held during a Western Assembly planned Thursday, April 25 at 9:15 a.m. in the arena.

The WCJC Rodeo is an open show and bookings will be opened Thursday, April 25 from 2-6 p.m. at the rodeo arena. Entrants may call the arena at 532-2850. Only the first thirty entries are to be accepted in bullriding, bareback, and calf roping.

Rodeo tickets will be on sale at the gate before each performance and are priced at \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12.

FLEES OFFICERS

A charge of fleeing peace officers in pursuit was filed in county court April 17th against Curtis Wade Tate. The case is pending trial.

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satin cloth overlaid with net. A candelabra entwined with pink flowers and greenery centered the table.

The hostesses presented the bride-elect with a card table and chairs and a utility table.

Many out-of-town guests were present from Houston, Yoakum, Port Lavaca, Wharton, New Gulf, El Campo, Columbus, Guadalupe, Louise and Tivoli.

Local Youth Assist In UH Energy Research

Local youth from Colorado County's three high schools will assist a research team from the University of Houston in a study of energy use. The study, designed to explore how energy is utilized by Texans in their homes and daily lives, is being conducted by the Energy Institute at the University for the Governor's Energy Advisory Council. The high school student workers will contact over one hundred Colorado County residents representing all areas of the county during April and May.

The Field Director of the study, Dr. Marc Matre, has received advice and assistance from both county and school officials in involving Colorado County citizens in the conduct of the study. The Governor's Advisory Council, chaired by Lt. Governor Hobby, has commissioned the study to learn about the ideas, needs, and practices of people in using energy. The Council includes state officials, academic, industry and citizen members.

Students from Colorado County are participating in the study. Barbara Coleman, Robin Heftrung, Mary Peters and Mary Sebesta from Columbus High School; Kenneth Oeltjendiers and Freddy Schwegmann from Weimar High; and Sandy Grammer, Virginia Montemayor, and Janice Popp from Rice Consolidated High School.

ATTEND PARENTS' DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higgins, Jerol and Allan spent Saturday at College Station where they attended Parents' Day and a reception for the parents of the Ross Volunteers. Their son and brother, Rick, is an Aggie and a Ross Volunteer.

Allan spent the night and was accompanied home Sunday by his parents following the Muster service at Kyle Field.

Kirby Gull To Speak At Colly Ch. Sun.

Kirby Gull, M.S.W., currently Assistant Professor in Sociology and Social Work at Houston Baptist University will deliver the sermon on Sunday morning, April 29 in Colly Memorial United Methodist Church, while the Rev. David Edgar and family are vacationing in Georgia with Mrs. Edgar's parents.

R. P. Wilcox, Lay Leader of Colly Church, invites all members and friends of the church to hear Rev. Gull at the 10:55 a.m. worship service this coming Sunday morning.

\$150 Fine Assessed For Killing Calf

Jerry Chipman entered a plea of guilty in county court before Judge Lester Cranek to a charge of malicious mischief and he was assessed a fine of \$150 and costs and ordered to make restitution of an equal amount.

Chipman was charged with shooting a calf owned by L. W. Neff, valued at \$150.

Local Man Charged In Theft of Coat

A charge of theft was filed in county court April 19th against Lloyd White and the case is pending trial.

In the charge White is accused of taking a coat owned by Joe Reed and left at the Royal Cleaners, estimated to cost \$90. The coat was later brought in with some other clothing and local officers solved the theft after owner of the Cleaners, Gerald Bradshaw, remembered seeing White in the shop at about the time the coat turned up missing.

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