

ELMS Students Write President About Inflation



Pictured above are Dora Smith, left, with three members of his Social Studies class at the Eagle Lake Middle School. These young ladies are, left to right, Kathy Frazier, Sharon Sims, and Christine Tamm. They are shown mailing letters which their classes wrote to President Ford expressing their concern over the nation's economy.

Cost of Local Gov't, \$281 Capita

A new study by the Department of Commerce reveals just how much is spent, per capita, to keep the wheels of government turning in Colorado County.

It shows, also, how the local spending pattern compares with that of other communities across the country.

The figures are contained in a 226-page report called Compendium of Government Finances. Periodic studies of this type are made every five years. This is the first one since 1967.

In it are detailed, for every section of the United States, the revenues, the expenditures and the amount of debt incurred in connection with local government operations.

Just how much is spent, per resident, for roads, police and fire protection, health housing, welfare, sanitation, education, administration and the many other functions performed.

In Colorado County, the figures show, the cost of such local services amounted to \$281 in the year for every man, woman and child in the area.

The comparable cost, in other parts of the country, was \$311 per capita and, in the State of Texas, \$406.

Nationally, the outlay for local operations came to \$106.5 billion, a sharp increase over the 1967 total of \$95.5 billion.

Because public payroll, the price of equipment, the demand for services and the cost of borrowing are all at a high level, the cost of government has gone up proportionately. It has become a problem in almost every locality.

In an effort to meet these rising expenses, most communities have had to turn to special fees and taxes and a variety of miscellaneous government operations.

General revenue collected in Colorado County came to \$111 per capita, the report shows, as compared with \$281 for expenditures. Of the total collected, \$212 was from taxes and other local charges and the balance from federal and state sources.

As for the general debt outstanding locally, it is listed as \$290 per capita. Elsewhere in the nation, local debt amounts to \$500 per capita and, in the state, to \$528.

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Congratulations to our Raiders!!!

Public Hearing On HUD Application Mon

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Mayor Struss thanked the citizens on the committee for rendering a service to the community. He discussed the HUD program and urged the committee to move quickly in selection of projects and in calling a public meeting in order that the city's application may be among the early ones filed with HUD and improve the possibility of obtaining funds through the federal grant program.

He stressed that under the new program, funds obtained will be a full-cost grant and the city will not be obligated to match a portion of the funds as under previous HUD programs.

Mayor Struss said that the council recommends that the project of extending sewer facilities to the only area of the city not now serviced - the Hubbard-Ferry to West Main Street area - be given priority. He said that engineering work has been done and costs estimated from \$85,000 to \$100,000.

Under law, the citizens advisory committee and the city council must agree on a project designation before application can be filed.

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Participants in Rice Committee Conference

Tommy Klemeke, Texas Farm Bureau Commodities Director; B. J. Jones, TFB Rice Advisory Committee Chairman and County President of Waller County; A. C. Machemehl, Jr., Area Field Representative for this district; John Williams, Rice Committee Chairman from Jefferson County; Sidney Hill, Liberty County Farm Bureau President; Roy Stallman, Rice Committee Chairman from Colorado County; Warren Newberry, TFB Executive Director; Johnnie Schmidt, Jr., Colorado County Farm Bureau President; Carroll G. Chiles, Texas Farm Bureau President; Lloyd

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By P. JOHNNIE COOPER

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MAYC Has Membership Meet; Elects 1975 Officers

The Mexican-American Youth Council (MAYC) held its Fourth Annual Membership Meeting Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Andrew Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Julian V. Castillo. After the Pledge of Allegiance the invocation was given by the Rev. Edward Geiser. The minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given, after which a review of the activities of MAYC for 1974 was conducted. Reports were given on the scholarship awards, the various fund raising projects, the baseball and softball games, the beauty pageant and float, the tennis court and library projects. These reports were given by the directors-in-charge of the various projects.

The 1975 Board of Directors was elected and installed. The newly elected board members are: Jay Anderson, Chairman of the Board; Joe Barrels, President; Julian V. Castillo, Vice-President; Mary Castillo, Second Vice-President in Charge of Public Relations; Mary Saucedo, Secretary; Erlinda Salinas, Treasurer; Marcy Salinas, Spiritual Director; Mike Duarte, Educational Director.

The program for the day was presented by Dr. Raymond R. Thomas. He gave a touching speech on the miracle of birth and the tremendous potential of each human being. He spoke of the responsibility we have toward our children and toward other people on a person-to-person basis.

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Joe Frybert Writer In WCJC "Try"

"Try" magazine has made its annual appearance at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton, reports Mrs. Norma Brady, deputy advisor for the Writers Club publication.

All Try Club members have copies for sale at fifty cents each and additional donations are also accepted to defray cost of printing.

The edition is dedicated to Mrs. Clarissa R. Northington of Egypt, Texas, long-time patroness of the Writers Club.

Contributing WCJC student authors listed in the table of contents include JoAnn Totias of Columbus; Joe Frybert of Columbus; Jimmie Jochee and Joyce Mink of East Bend.

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Easter Seal Mail Appeal Underway

Easter Seal Appeal letters are being delivered this week according to W. H. Miskow, the Colorado County Easter Seal Representative of the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Texas.

He serves as a backdrop for another person's need for Easter Seal rehabilitation services and also serves as Treasurer of the Easter Seal Appeal in the County.

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County 4-H Club News
(By Nora M. Galley, Asst. County Ext. Agent)
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Attending the monthly meeting of the Weimar 4-H Club were Dorey Cowling, Romeo Henderson, Sheronda Blanks, Brendy Scott, Cheryl Henry, Marilyn Scott, Patricia Estrada, Susan Martinez and Debra Ann Williams; Also Aurelia Liverio, Mary Ann Ramirez, Betty Joyce Woodson, June Blanks, Judy Rhodes, Sheila Austin, Joyce Kirby, Wanda Elaine Adams and Diane Woodson.
The meeting was called to order by the president, Diane Woodson. The 4-H pledge and motto were repeated by all 4-H members present. During the business meeting the group discussed records and appointed a financial committee and a community Easter egg hunt committee.

THE SWISH-ERR Ride King
Blanche Du Bois, the trail and confused Southern belle, will make her famous metaphorical carousel ride next week as Alley Theatre opens its major revival of Tennessee Williams' quarter century old masterpiece "A Streetcar Named Desire". The play, one of the most celebrated of all-time, will have its Galathea Springs production, Thursday, February 21, at 8:00 p.m. The opening will be preceded by three preview performances: Sunday, February 23; Tuesday, February 25; Wednesday, February 26, all at 8:00 p.m.

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