STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams

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AUSTIN — Legislators are getting nervous over new reform laws which restrict their political fund-raising.

House Speaker Bill Clayton has advised representatives to postpone their efforts to retire campaign debts until after the legislative session in view of warnings by a district attorney.

Travis County District Attorney Robert O. Smith told House leaders direct solicitation of Austin-based lobbyists for contributions to campaign warchests is a violation which he would feel called on to take before a grand jury.

The issue came to Smith's attention when a Texas Civil Liberties Union official, who is a registered lobbyist, complained that he had been solicited for a contribution to a representative's fund-raising reception in Dallas.

A provision of the new penal code makes it an offense for a legislator to solicit any benefit from a person known to have an interest in legislation. There are less strict interpretations than the one by Smith, but the district attorney is the one lawmakers feel they must stay on the right side of.

Serious attention is being given to amending some of the laws passed in 1973 — particularly the penal code provisions which cast a legal cloud on a lawmaker's accepting a "benefit" from a person who has an interest in any matter before the legislature or "contemplated" by the legislature.

LOSS REPORTED

A Texas Education Agency indicates students lost more than 2.4 million in tuition refunds they should have received from 19 proprietary schools.

When a student quits, he is supposed to get back the unused portion of tuition, room and board if prior court orders are not violated.

Woodrow W. Bean of El Paso, State Board of Education member, called on Gov. Dolph Briscoe and Atty. Gen. John Hill for a complete audit of all Texas Education Agency financial transactions during the last four years.

Bean charged refund losses may be as much as $5 million to $8 million. He also claimed (while admitting he could not confirm) that about $105 million in public funds administered by TEA has been "misused, misapplied or otherwise lost somewhere."

SMOKE BAN VOTED

Smoking in public places could bring a stiff fine under a bill just passed by the Texas Senate and sent to the House.

The ban covers elevators, theaters, movie houses, libraries, museums, hospitals, school facilities, intrastate buses, planes or trains — except in specifically designated areas.

EAT MORE RICE

SCHOOLS CRITICIZED

Some public schools and junior colleges have been criticized by House members for allegedly using emergency funds to raise teachers' pay, make investments and pave parking lots.

Rep. Tom Massey of San Angelo, House Education Committee chairman, said a special report is being compiled on the "abuse."

Rep. Fred Head of Troup proposed to repeal an $18 million emergency grant to meet junior college enrollment increases.

AG OPINIONS

Attorney General Hill warned legislators they may be overstepping the law by accepting speech-making honoraria from groups interested in legislation.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

• The open meetings law applies to hospital authorities created by city ordinance.

• Texas Coastal and Marine Council has no authority to supplement the legislatively-determined salary of its executive director.

• Port of Houston Authority may appoint and employ peace officers, and the officers may carry handguns while on duty.

• Proposed annexation of school district territory must be approved by a majority of trustees in the receiving district.

• Kidney Health Care Act benefits may not be denied to aliens.

COURTS SPEAK

The State Supreme Court again upheld constitutionality of a law permitting legislator-lawyers to delay trials in which they represent clients. The Court said the continuance provision "may not be used as a general rule of thumb by all legislators to postpone the trial of their cases or cases in which they represent clients." The Court said the continuance provision "may have the effect of denying the right to a speedy trial in some instances."

The Court of Criminal Appeals reversed a negligent homicide conviction of a Hillsboro man because the jury assessed an improper punishment of two years in jail.

Third Court of Civil Appeals upheld power of the State Finance Commission to prohibit savings and loan associations from offering premiums to lure new accounts.

In an order applauded by the Attorney General as the beginning of a statewide enforcement effort, a Bexar County district judge granted an injunction to prohibit air pollution by a rendering plant.

SHORT SNORT

Texas' traffic death toll for 1974 was 3,046, representing a saving of 646 lives from the record 3,692 highway deaths of 1973.

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42 Super Strutters Go To Contest

The Super Strutters had a very successful day at the Deer Park Pre-State Contest Sat., March 22nd, bringing home a total of ten first places and four second places.

Mrs. Thomas had five dance teams trying for first place ratings. Four of the five teams won first place medals. Those winning first place were: Sherryl Walker, Kay Zunker, Pat Bradshaw, Terry Looney, Jenny Griffith, Judy Janow, DeLeslyn Valenta, Eva Salinas, Allison Keeter, Linda Sosa and Roberta Diaz of Eagle Lake who did a snappy dance to "All in the Family". Also winning first place from Garwood and Eagle Lake were Elizabeth Berger, Carolyn Pavlu, Mary Ann Miller and Luann Brown. They twirled to the music "Old Fashioned Love Song". From Columbus, Jane Cranek, Holly Harrison, Gina Pulido, Karen Bodford, Patti Venghaus and Debbie Kunz won first for their dance twirl to "The Lion Sleeps Tonight". Also from Columbus, Anne Stolle, Julie Ruffeno, Heather and Cimmie Voelkel, Jodie McDonald, Vickie Dungan, Donna Venghaus and Elena Brune won first place for their dance "Honey Come Back".

One dance twirl team won second place ribbons. Performing very well for their first contest were Janet Anderson, Ellen Gay, Susan Kaluza and Laura Lynn Appelt from Eagle Lake and Jill Ruffeno, Kim Kolar, Donna Ilse, DeNita Jordan, Patti Kahlden, Kim Kautz, Jackie Nesvadba and Raenae Poenitsch from Columbus.

Girls who won first place ratings in solo were Luann Brown from Eagle Lake; Elizabeth Berger and Carolyn Pavlu from Garwood; and Patti Venghaus and Jane Cranek from Columbus. Those winning second place ratings for solos were Gina Pulido from Columbus and Mary Ann Miller from Garwood. Jeri Clipson of Eagle Lake won second place for her solo dance to "Teach the World to Sing".

The girls are already looking forward to their next contest in April with hopes of attending the state contest.

Two Charged In Affray Here

Two men who were engaged in an affray in the city on March 13th were charged as a result of some shots that were fired in the incident.

Chief of Police Roy Chisum said that a .38 caliber pistol owned by Roy Lee Shelton was used by Boyce Williams in the incident and three shots were fired. Shelton received a wound in the leg and it was thought that he had been hit by one of the bullets, but examination at the hospital showed that the wound apparently was made from a stick or some other item when Shelton fell in the chase that took place.

Chief Chisum filed a charge of carrying a prohibitive weapon in the corporation court and Judge Jones set a fine of $27.50 against Shelton. Williams was charged in city court with discharging a firearm and also was fined $27.50 but he was also charged with assault with intent to murder and will face action by the September grand jury. He is now out of jail under $1000 bond.

Sheridan 1st And 2nd Graders Entertain PTS

Sheridan Elementary School first and second graders are shown above onstage in their costumes for the play presented to the Sheridan Parents and Teachers Society. Miss Mary Kay Marek was the teacher in charge.

NEWS FROM HERITAGE HOUSE

By Betty Swanner

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday services were held by the Christ Episcopal Church.

There will be an Easter egg hunt at the Heritage House Sat., March 29 at 2 o'clock for the residents' grandchildren and great grandchildren. We will furnish the eggs. Just bring the children.

THANK YOU

To Esther Class of the First Baptist Church for the Easter arrangement;

To the Alpha Delta Phi for coming out and visiting with the residents and serving cupcakes and juice. Everyone enjoyed it and enjoyed their visit. The ladies who came out to serve were Mrs. Glenda Blair, Mrs. Cherry Corman and Mrs. Cindy Cheatham.

BROWNIES SING

Monday afternoon, March 17th, the Brownies and Jung at Heart met in the recreation area for singing. Miss Marguret Wilcox accompanied the group on the piano. The leaders of the troop are Mrs. Ted Reese and Mrs. Gene Jones. They sang a group of Brownie songs.

Emergency Farm Program Passes

(By Cong. J. J. Pickle)

An emergency farm program passed the House last week over Administration opposition by a 259-162 margin. This was a large margin for farm legislation. This vote was a ray of sunshine. Urban members from Northern and Eastern cities coalesced with members from rural areas on this farm bill. The urban dweller and farmer have the same interests in farm legislation. Many of us have been telling our urban friends this for many years. If Northeastern members did not realize this, I am afraid there would be irreparable rights between rural and urban members on other national issues.

I believe this bill is necessary to help prevent food shortages in the near future by protecting family farm operations.

Beginning in 1973 a so-called "target price" program was introduced to replace the old subsidy and acreage control.

Target prices instead place a floor under farm prices which means farmers receive the support price when market prices fall below it.

Without such a program shortages and high farm prices can dampen the enthusiasm of the beginning gardener more quickly than a hard-to-manage soil. Home gardeners have more problems with unfavorable soil conditions than any other single item. So, the first item of business as far as gardening is concerned is to get the soil in shape.

Few home gardeners in Colorado County have ideal soil conditions, but the situation can be improved by adding organic matter. Material such as compost, peat moss, manure, or sawdust can be added in large amounts. Organic matter will make heavy clay soils more mellow and easier to work and improve soil drainage and air movement to allow the soil to warm up earlier in the spring. On light sandy soil, the addition of organic matter helps hold moisture and nutrients in the plant root zone.

Proper soil preparation by incorporation of organic matter also helps vegetable plants to develop a sufficient root system which directly affects yields.

Enough organic matter must be added to physically change the structure of the soil. At least one-third of the final soil mix should be some type of organic matter. To accomplish this spread a layer of organic matter over the soil to a depth of at least two inches and then working it into the soil to a depth of at least six inches.

The best time to add organic matter to the garden is during the early stages of soil preparation.

When adding organic matter, increase the amount of fertilizer added to the garden soil to help break down the additional organic matter. Without additional nitrogen, a deficiency may occur. Nitrogen deficiency generally shows up as a yellowing of younger garden plants. For every 10 cubic feet of organic matter added, apply an additional one-half pound of nitrogen. This means that if you apply 10 cubic feet of sawdust, an additional 5 pounds of a fertilizer such as 10-10-10 should be added (5 x .10 equals .5).

So, spend a little more time getting the garden soil into shape this spring. The result will be increased yields and returns at harvest time.

VISIT MUZNYS

Mr. and Mrs. John Muzny and daughter Laura Anne of Livingston spent the weekend with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Muzny. Sunday they were joined by Mrs. L. B. Muzny of El Campo and Mrs. Sallie Little, a resident of the Heritage House and formerly of Schulenburg.

CALLING ALL HOMEMAKERS

(By Dorothy Schomberg

H.E.)

Soil Conservation News

R. W. Hervey, a district cooperator of the Bernardo area, has planted pine trees. Hervey has also installed pipe lines to carry water for livestock use to various pastures.

District cooperator W. B. Harris of the Zimmerschiedt area is constructing a pond for livestock and wildlife use.

Ernest Burta was assisted with a revision of his conservation plan on his place southwest of Oakland. He intends to enlarge his stock pond.

Joe Tamburello was assisted with a new conservation plan and farm pond which he intends to build this summer. His place is located near New Ulm.

District cooperator Henry Brasher of the Weimar area has repaired gullied areas which were eroding. The repaired areas are being established to Coastal bermudagrass.

The Columbus Field Office provides equal services to all land users regardless of race, creed, or national origin.

Herbert Ulbrich, a district cooperator of the Weimar area, is planning to establish additional Coastal bermuda in his pasture improvement program.

Miles Theuman has completed smoothing 122 acres of riceland in the Eagle Lake area.

The Engstrom Brothers have completed smoothing 129 acres of riceland in the Garwood area.

R. W. Hervey, a district cooperator of the Bernardo area, is in the process of installing pipelines to improve watering of his livestock. He is also planning to construct a pond and plans to establish additional bermudagrass.

George Williams has completed smoothing 43 acres of riceland in the Sheridan area.

The Schneider Brothers have completed smoothing 138 acres of riceland in the Garwood-Rock Island area.

Arlin Miller has completed smoothing 45 acres of riceland in the Altair area.

Albert Pargar, a district cooperator of the Rock Island area, has constructed two ponds for livestock water use.

Clarence Warachak, a district cooperator of the Zimmerschiedt community, has established Coastal bermudagrass to improve his pasture land.

Rally Day at Columbus Sat., Apr. 5

Colorado County's annual Rally Day will be held Saturday, April 5 at Columbus High School, beginning at 1:30 until 5:30 p.m.

Many interesting things are being planned for you. Activities include:

1:30--"Land Heritage Program" featuring the first families that settled in Texas;

2:00--"Sewing Today's Fabrics", by Marlene Odle, Texas Agricultural Extension Service;

2:30--A program by Belding Corticelli;

3:00--Frank Brooks, representing Texas Agriculture Products, will do a beef cutting demonstration and will show the different cuts of meat;

4:00--Sally Cylatt, representing TAP, will prepare less expensive cuts of meat.

There will be many exhibits for everyone to observe and a "Food Fair" will feature different ways to prepare different kinds of food.

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CPL Electro Magic Program

Henry Hooper, the youth programs assistant for Central Power and Light Company, presented a program called "Electro Magic Age" to the sixth grade students at the Garwood School on Tuesday, March 18. The program was on the history, nature, and uses of electricity and Mr. Hooper. This was an enjoyable educational experience. Pictured above are David Kneisek, Mr. Hooper, Manuel Vasquez, and Larry Haynes. Mr. Hooper also presented a similar program to members of the Eagle lake Middle School sixth graders last week. Frank Sherrer, local CPL manager, was present for the presentation.

24 YEARS AGO Let's Look Back

(February 15, 1951)

In observance of the 41st birthday of Boy Scouting, local boy scouts took over the town last Saturday. The amount collected in good sports who intentionally got into trouble to support the Scouts' day, as well as the unsuspecting, was $187.31. Scout officials for the day were: Dick Luna, chief; Wayne Brasher, chief of police; Dick Laughlin, fire marshal; city councilmen: Bobby Duty, Dennis Lopez and Joe Barela; health inspector, Sammy Tise; and jailer, Raymond Brasseaux. Other scouts were traffic policemen . . . Tribute was paid to Emanuel Roos, former mayor of Eagle Lake, who died January 6th, by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas in House Concurrent Resolution No. 19 adopted January 31st. Mr. Roos was a native of Alabama and had been in the ice storm a couple of weeks ago and had been unconscious most of the time since and had developed pneumonia. . . At the Montezuma Club meeting held recently John Carroll was re-elected president; other officers elected were: Harland Bell, vice president; Mrs. Jim Clipson, secretary to the board; and Albert Pustejovsky, treasurer. . . Dick Obenhaus, who was expecting to go back into active Navy duty, got word last week that he has been indefinitely deferred. However, he had already sold his taxi business here to M. H. Lewis, who is employed at the Jones Motor Company. . . This past week Major General Lucas V. Beau, Commander of CAP, issued ratings to five local officers and men. Capt. B. F. Blair, Lt. F. M. Dromgoole, Victor Balusek and Mayor Harold Thomas received Rated Observer status while Lt. Cecil Bayette Command Pilot rating. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Engstrom on the arrival of a baby daughter on February 2nd in the Nightingale Hospital in El Campo. . . Chas. W. Causey, Mrs. E. R. Mooney, Mrs. R. E. Beane, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crutchfield answered the Red Cross appeal for blood donors last Friday night. . . The new Cultmaster in Eagle Lake is Lawrence Tate. Jack Rhoades will be his assistant. A new Den Mother is Mrs. Joe Passant, wife of the police chief. . . Glenn Duve, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Duve, who was one of the first two Eagle Lake men to be inducted after the start of the Korean war has gotten his orders for overseas duty. . . Reine welcomed into the Leon Herzik family of Schulenburg is a baby boy, Allan Louis. This is the eighth grandson for the William Waddell family. . . Jerry Wright, high school senior class president, has been selected winner of this year's D.A.R. Good Citizenship Medal. . . One of the three Colorado County chairmen for the 1951 Heart Fund Campaign is Harry Larson of Eagle Lake. . . A son, Bennie Ray, was born Tuesday in the Sealy hospital to Mr. and Mrs. August Schmidt. . . Mrs. Jacob Zoeller was hostess for a bridal shower in honor of Mrs. Bill Dennis last Friday. Assisting the hostess were Karen Hodde and Charmaine Marx. . .

When buying fresh citrus, select fruits that feel heavy when held in the hand. These will be juicier, say Texas Department of Agriculture home economists.

Let's Look Back 48 YEARS AGO

(February 26, 1927)

Taken as whole, the smallpox situation in the Calhoun and Eldridge sections is held in check by the doctors. Prof. Fritz Englehard, teacher of the Calhoun school, has been one of the victims. . . Burglars, some time during Tuesday night, paid visits to the Sam H. Little grocery store and at the office of Contractor R. H. Reese. . . The city refunding bond issue proposition carried by a vote of 71 for, to 7 against. The election was for the issuance of $81,272.47 to take care of the city's total indebtedness. Little interest was taken in the election. . . Programs at the Rex Theatre, William S. Hart in Tumbleweeds, Sunday and Gloria Swanson in "Fine Manners" Tuesday and Wednesday. . . Lady Wright rice seed, [illegible] per acre after used [illegible] Mrs. S. M. Falen spent Tuesday in Yoakum and Cuero where she was a guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Munford. . . On last Saturday evening the junior class entertained the seniors with a banquet in the dining room of the school. A three course dinner was served by the sophomore girls to Supt. W. C. Reed, Coach Hinton, Prof. Killough, Bruce Oliphant, Marion Carter, Claire Douglass, Wesley Hintz, Clifford Land, Louis Nathan, Robert Putney, Simon Sinclair, Willie Randow, John Rogers, Hugo Bolton, Sam Boothe, Lee Cearnal, O'Farrel Daughtery, Wesley Dyer, Fred Howard, Eldin Kveton, Ernest Lenhart, Earl Morgan, Johnnie Starr, Henry Stuganus, Tiny Wright and Walter Wright. . . Mrs. Ed Tarver and Mrs. Ed Hoffman were hostesses for a bridal shower honoring Miss Ruth Burger, bride-elect of Mr. William Terrell, Edgar Wahrmund, Belle Brown, Ruth Burger, Marie Musee, Mary B. Daughtery, Velma Harris, Edna Mae Hoadley, Kate Adair Hopkins, Fern Hough, Roxie Miles, Alma D. Pinchback, Mary Sue Pinchback, Josie Pinchback, Thelma Thomas, Winnie Walker, Evie Werlla, Billie Williams, Frances Callison, Mary Holman, Walton Holman, Edna Hodde, Betty Harigel, Kathryn McRae, Miss Katherine Nicholson, Mrs. R. T. Westmoreland, Mrs. Victor Englehard and Mrs. H. W. Ahlers.

HOLIDAYS

The following is a list of holidays agreed upon by Eagle Lake merchants

1975

Memorial Day	Monday, May 26
Independence Day	Fri., July 4
Labor Day	Mon., Sept. 1
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs., Nov. 27
Christmas	Thurs., Dec. 25
New Years	Thurs., Jan. 1, 1976

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Rep. John Wilson Reports

Reimbursement Of Right Of Way Costs Discussed

(By Rep. John Wilson)

During the past several weeks, I have attempted to inform readers about pressing problems before the 64th Legislature such as public school finance and utility regulation. In this article I would like to discuss H.B. 622, which I am sponsoring. This bill provides for 100% reimbursement by the Texas Highway Commission to cities and counties for their state highway construction right-of-way acquisition costs.

This bill was passed on second reading by the House on March 17 by a 75-59 vote; however, the next day after a concentrated lobbying effort by members of the Texas Goods Roads/Transportation, the House reversed itself and voted against the bill by a 66-49 count. This powerful lobby, composed mostly of highway construction companies, opposed the bill fearful that any expenditure from the State Highway Trust would reduce the funds available for highway construction.

Article 8, Section 7a of the Texas Constitution requires 3/4 of all taxes on motor fuel and lubricants and motor vehicle registration fees to be used only for acquiring rights-of-way and construction, maintenance, and policing of public highways. This constitutionally dedicated fund is only subject to change by a constitutional amendment, the Legislature cannot change it themselves.

Presently, the cities and counties must pay 50% of the acquisition costs of right-of-way and the costs of moving utility lines, private fences, etc. near the highway. Due to rapid appreciation in land prices and tremendous inconvenience, these badly needed highway improvements are being delayed for many years or the state, such as highways 71, 77, and 290 has been prevented. This bill requires the Highway Trust Fund which is funded by the Highway User Tax to bear the entire cost of the acquisition. Annual costs of such acquisitions would total only $12,000,000 which is less than 2% of the $816,000,000 annual expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund.

Actually, this expenditure is small in comparison to the total budget of the Texas Highway Department, and it does not seem unreasonable to seek these funds from the Highway Trust Fund. I and many of my colleagues have long been staunch protectors of the Highway Trust Fund. The opposition by the Texas Good Roads/Transportation Association to H.B. 622 was motivated simply by their jealous over-protection of the Highway Trust Fund. I believe that this decision was ill-advised, and it points out one of the major problems in Texas government today.

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Second Grade: Pecos Coble, Rebecca Kutzer, Mike Sonntag;

Fourth Grade Kim Wunderlich.

EL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade 4: Ronny Cook, Alliston Keeter, Anna Wegenhoft, Sharlyn Lockett, Melissa Hoffman, Becky Benge, Belinda Cavazos;

Grade 5: Lynette Carley, Sheri Caudell, Robert Kiekar, Jimmy Moss, Elida Munoz, Keith Ostrom, Kevin Pallerin, Margie Rodriguez, Elva Ann Romo, John Wagenhoft, Ierma Yanez, Kay Zunker, Alicia Gonzales, Susie Gonzales, Edna Spears;

Grade 6: Janie Clipson, Carol Crabb, Suzanne Frybert, Ed Gay, Dora Jaramillo, Patty Morton, Mark Ostrom, Claudette Parker, Della Rodriguez, Michele Sibley, David Sommer, John Stephens, DeLeslyn Valenta, Mary Jane Yanez;

Grade 7: Becky Anderson, Darrel Appell, Clifton Bradshaw, Luann Brown, Julie Clipson, Donald Dierschke, Rich Farris, Lisa Frazar, Pam Hackathorn, Madonna Hamilton, Joe Hernandez, Russell Johnson, Philip Leopold, Lana Mahaffey, Lori Mahaffey, Lupe Morales, Robert Moss, Brenda Rucks, Gaye Lynn Thomas, Dianne Van Nort, Mike Walker, Mary K. Young;

Grade 8: Monica Barela, Cheryl Crabb, Kathy Frazar, Barbara Frybert, Kathy Hodde, Peggy Leopold, Sharon Sims, Stephen Spanihel, Roberta Tomchesson.

GARWOOD

First Grade: Karen Bluntson, Tina Fitzgerald, Mechesliinda Perdue, Colette Williams;

Second Grade: Rachelle Hunt, Michael Smidovec;

Third Grade: Sheila Fisher, Heather Lewis, Matthew Rothwell;

Fourth Grade: Jeffrey Berger, Mablean Bluntson, Larry Pavlu, Sue Perdue, Rodney Sanford, Sherryl Smidovec;

Fifth Grade: Michelianne Hefner, Renee Hunt, Paula Rohwer, Richard Miller;

Sixth Grade: Connie Berry, Judy Bunge, Kelly Mackey, Patrick Pavlu, Craig Rohwer;

Seventh Grade: Carolyn Pavlu, Arnold Rodriguez;

Eighth Grade: Theresa Becak, Celes Binkley, Jackie Kallina, Barbara Lowe, Ismeal Perez, Madison Smith.

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St. Mary's PTC Plans For Projects

The Naga Parents-Teachers Club met in the St. Mary's School library on Wed., March 19 at 4:30 p.m. with the vice-president, Ernestine Schneider, presiding. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Father Rolf and the pledge to the flag was recited. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and bills were presented and paid.

Roll was called by grades with first prize going to grade four having the most parents present and second prize to grade five. The various committees were called on to give their reports.

The First Communion for the first graders of St. Mary's School was discussed. The second grade room mothers will take care of the breakfast for those receiving their First Communion.

The children of grades one through four will have an Easter egg hunt on Holy Thursday. School will dismiss at noon on that day for the Easter holidays and will resume on Tuesday, April 1st.

Sister Alfreda spoke on the track meet held recently at Weimar. Nada brought home the third place trophy and a number of ribbons were also received.

The Science Fair that was held at St. Mary's was very well attended and there were some very good exhibits. Some of these were entered in the El Campo Regional Science Fair.

The Civics Club sponsored a bake sale on Sat., March 22nd at the Nada and Garwood grocery stores.

Mary Ann Gold gave a very interesting report on the Right to Life and The Equal Rights Amendment.

Sister Alfreda stated that group pictures of the children will be taken at school on Thursday, March 27th.

It was reported that all schools participating. Everyone is invited to come out and watch some good ball games. Various refreshments will be sold throughout the day.

The meeting was closed with a prayer. The next meeting will be held on April 16th at 3:30 p.m.

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Joel Cash On Jr. College One-Act All-Stars

An "Excellent" rating has been awarded Wharton County Junior College's entry in the recent Texas Junior College One-Act Play Festival at Freeport.

Dr. Curtis L. Pope of East Texas State University critiqued "The American Dame" production by WCJC as "very imaginative". He praised the ensemble acting, technical work and overall entertainment effect.

Named to the festival's All Star Cast was Joel Cash of Eagle Lake, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cash.

An authorization to purchase $29,928,000 worth of rice under Public Law 480 has been issued to Bangladesh, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said recently.

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