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**EDITORIALLY  
SPEAKING**

**SALUTE TO INDUSTRY APRIL 1-7**

Gov. Dolph Briscoe has once again proclaimed April 1-7 Texas Manufacturing Week, an annual occurrence designed to make us all take a second look at our industry and honor it with special banquets, tours and the like.

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**FB Pres. Asks  
Increase In  
Estate Exempt.**

Johns Schmidt, Jr., of Eagle Lake, president of the Colorado County Farm Bureau, has requested Congressmen Hale Pickle to in-

**How to benefit  
from current  
high yields -  
TAX DEFERRED  
-and still keep  
the freedom  
to change  
investments.**

Inquire about the Personal Investment Annuity Policy (PIAP), issued by First Investment Annuity Company of America - an annuity program that puts a whole new perspective into planning your financial future. PIAP allows you to benefit from all the tax advantages of an annuity and still direct the investments yourself. In addition, you can receive your investment as a lump sum benefit or spread over several years as income guaranteed for life.

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Thus, you can make existing savings accumulate faster by deferring taxes. Or you can start to benefit from high yield investments which were not previously attractive because of current income tax charges you paid on their dividends or interest.

Our staff will be happy to answer your inquiries. Phone 713 228-0431 for an appointment or stop by our offices.

**WCJC Starlettes  
Follies Set  
Tues. and Wed.**

The annual Starlette Follies will once again be staged at the Daison-Hansen Fine Arts Theatre on the campus of Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

Three performances are scheduled this year with the first being on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. The tickets are \$1.50 and may be purchased in advance from any Starlette or may be bought at the door the night of the performance.

An alert was sent out on

**River Projects  
Hearing Due Soon**

Whether or not there should be dams and other water resource projects developed on the tributaries and the main channel of the Colorado River between Austin and the Gulf of Mexico will be the subject of a series of public meetings in mid-April.

The meetings will be conducted by the Bureau of Reclamation of the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Lower Colorado River Authority in 1974 requested the Bureau to study the Colorado River to find a water plan for managing the water resources of the area below the Highland Lakes for all beneficial purposes.

With the sponsorship of Congressmen J. J. "Lake" Pickle and John Young and Senators Lloyd Bentsen and John Culver, the U.S. Congress authorized the Bureau to conduct the three-year study and to make plans for feasible projects and provided the necessary funds.

Entitled the "Colorado Coastal Plains Study", it will involve consideration of the

**Mr. And Mrs. H. C. Fowler To  
Observe 50th Anniversary April 13**

needs for flood control and water supplies for municipal, irrigation, industrial and recreational purposes, as well as fish and wildlife conservation, siltation control and other environmental concerns.

The meetings will be conducted by the Bureau in Bastrop, Fayette, Wharton and Matagorda Counties. Interested local citizens will be given an opportunity to present their ideas as to the use of the area and suggested solutions, as well as a continuing opportunity to be a part of the study and planning process. Next week the Headlight will publish a copy of a questionnaire relating to the study and citizens are urged to answer the questions and mail them to the Bureau of Reclamation prior to the hearing date.

The dates, places and times of these meetings will be announced by Norman G. Blaige, Bureau Planning Officer, Austin, and will be announced in future issues of this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fowler will have their wedding anniversary on their fiftieth anniversary Sunday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbus. Open House will follow the service till 6:00 p.m. Hosts will be the children: Mr. and Mrs. Ned Wm. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Burke and the Rev. and Mrs. Earl J. Sheffield III. Invitation through the press only. No gifts, please.

**Hospital Auxil.  
To Meet 2 P.M.**

Wed., April 9

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, the Pink Ladies, are reminded of the meeting.

It will be held at 2 p.m. next Wed., April 9 in the new hospital.

The radio in the sheriff's department and at 7:30 p.m. at the sheriff's office in Columbus had been stopped and the driver was in custody.

Sheriff Doc Mueller sent a deputy to Gonzales to bring the man to the county jail under his own power.

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**TOPS 697 Plans  
Installation**

Spring is springing, in between cold fronts, and TOPS 697 attendance looks up this week. At least more of the members are showing up to the meetings, and believe me, girls, that's it's all.

Absentees missed a fascinating report by Laura Finney on a loss of weight attained by a man (on doctor's orders) who was eating normally.

Things aren't the greatest at the moment, but, let's join Gov. Briscoe in honoring our industry with perhaps a little more meaning this year.

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**5 Fined \$935 In  
County Court**

Five persons plead guilty to misdemeanor charges in county court Mar. 19 and were assessed a total of \$935 in fines.

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