County 4-H Club News

4-H Leaders' Planning Meet

(By Nora Galley, County Extension Agent)

The meeting of the Colorado County Adult and Junior Leaders was called to order by Patricia Woodard, president of the Junior Leaders' Association, at 7:30 p.m., September 8th at the Agricultural Building in Columbus.

The leaders present were: Patricia Woodard, Junior Leader, Eagle Lake; Kathy Neuendorff, Junior Leader, Columbus; Karen Terrell, Junior Leader, Weimar; Beryl Shorter, Junior Leader, Eagle Lake; Denise Zimmermann, Junior Leader, Columbus; Mrs. Dorothy Woodard, Mrs. Coby Shorter, Jr. and Mrs. James Lockett, Sr., Adult Leaders from Eagle Lake; and Melinda Rush, Adult Leader, Weimar.

The guests present were Mrs. C. L. Zimmermann from Columbus and Mr. Sherlyn Lesher from [illegible].

The meeting opened with the 4-H Motto, Pledge, and Prayer led by Patricia. Following the opening was a "Get Acquainted" game. A report on the District Adult Leaders' Association Meeting which was held on September 6 was given by Mr. Cooper. Denise Zimmermann reported on the District II 4-H Council meeting which was held the same day.

County Activities discussed and planned were: the County 4-H Fair; County Bicentennial Project; and the Gold Star and Achievement Program. All three activities will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 11, 1975.

The 4-H Fair and Bicentennial Activity will be one big project. This activity will be held beginning at 11:30 a.m. We will break at 4:00 p.m. to allow time for participants in the Gold Star and Achievement Program to get prepared for the awards program which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The 4-H Fair and Bicentennial Activity will be held at the FHA arena in Columbus and the Gold Star and Achievement Program will be held at the Columbus High School Cafeteria.

Preparations are underway for the 4-H Fair and Bicentennial Activity. The Eagle Lake 4-H Club is making a quilt with the bicentennial flag and the Weimar 4-H Club is making a rug with the same design. Also, the Weimar 4-H Club is making puppets and the Columbus 4-H'ers are making stuffed animals. Eagle Lake and Columbus are in charge of making pillows in the bicentennial theme and Live Oak 4-H Club is in charge of making ice cream.

The responsibilities for the Gold Star and Achievement Program are as follows: Decorations, 4-H Horse Club; Registration, 4-H Junior Leaders; Program, Columbus 4-H'ers; Refreshments of cake, Eagle Lake 4-H Club, and punch, 4-H Horse Club.

It was suggested that Adult and Junior Leaders wear bicentennial costumes if they desire to do so. All Junior Leaders assisting with registration should pay $2 and the Bullarick sewing pattern no. 4335 with hat, apron and scarf being white; dress and color suited for individual.

Other items discussed were: barbecue lunches to be sold at the fair beginning at 11:30 a.m.; bumper stickers, decals, buttons, etc. with the 4-H Bicentennial - Clover which were ordered by agents to be used at the 4-H fair.

To make final plans for the three activities, which are a one-day affair, a meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Agricultural Building in Columbus.

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Rep. John Wilson Reports

Education Act Of New Constitution Is Discussed

(By Rep. John Wilson)

On November 4th, the citizens of Texas will vote on the proposed new Texas Constitution. The voters will be faced with eight separate proposals so that they can accept none, any, or all of the eight proposals. Weekly articles from now to November 4 will attempt to explain the eight articles. Last week, the Voter Qualifications and Elections proposal was explained. This week, the Education Article will be discussed.

As in the present Constitution, a system of free public schools below the college level is required in the proposed constitution. However, the proposed Education Article will specifically require "an equal educational opportunity in all public schools." Additionally, it mandates "local enrichment programs which communities have today are expressly allowed in the proposed constitution. Finally, the State Board of Education which supervises the operation of the state educational system is to continue to operate. Members of the State Board of Education are to be elected from various sections of the state.

In the area of school finance, the methods of financing the schools are the same as the present methods. Of course, the ad valorem tax will continue to be utilized. However, proposed changes in the method of appraisal and valuation of property will be different, but these items will be further discussed in the Finance Article discussion in later weeks.

The proposed constitution continues to recognize the Permanent School Fund, the Available School Fund, and the County Public School Fund. However, the expenditure of the available and county school funds is different in the proposed Education Article. From the Available School Fund, sufficient funds to provide free textbooks (as is now the case) and other instructional material will be deducted; the remainder is then distributed to each county according to its student enrollment. County public school funds can only be spent on permanent improvements, but the income from the County Fund can be spent on operating expenses.

The present Permanent and Available University Fund for Texas A&M and University of Texas will continue. The revenue from those lands set aside for the two university systems, the Permanent University Fund, cannot be spent, but the income from investment of that revenue goes in the Available University Fund which is allocated one-third to Texas A&M and two thirds to UT at Austin. Bonds may be sold relying on the Permanent University Fund to finance construction of permanent improvements -- buildings, library books, etc. Bonds may be pledged only to 30% of the Permanent University Fund.

One section in the Education Article is totally new from the present constitution. For those public senior colleges and universities not in either the A&M or UT system, a Higher Education Fund has been established. A state ad valorem tax not to exceed 10¢ per $100 valuation will be utilized to finance this new fund. On a complex formula, the proceeds of this fund are to be allocated to the 17 colleges and universities to finance construction projects at those schools.

Thus, the Education Article or proposition number four on the ballot is very similar to the Education Article in the present constitution. Again, the voter [illegible] before the creation of this new fund for [illegible] colleges and universities not within the Texas A&M or UT system.

MARKET REPORT

COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK CO.

The market was very active to fully steady and stronger on most classes of cattle at the sale at Columbus Livestock Commission Co. last Thursday. Owners say that the market continues very strong with a high market and lots of buyers last week.

The firm handled 1462 head of cattle. Good to choice butcher calves sold 28 to 35; heifer4t packer cows went 22 to 24; commercial packer bulls sold 24 to 26; heavy Hereford and Angus sheer calves sold 28 to 35 and heifers 24 to 28 while crossbred steer calves went 28 to 35 and heifers 24 to 28. Good stocker cows and heifers sold $140 to $360 per head.

R.Is. Mission Church Revival Begins Tues.

The Reverends Selma and Emil Burger and Gospel Workers will be in charge of a Revival Meeting which will begin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at the Full Gospel Church in Rock Island. Many vital and important Bible truths will be topics discussed, says the Rev. Mrs. Burger.

Anxious Humans!!

Said the robin to the sparrow, "I should like to know why these anxious humans rush and hurry so." Said the sparrow to the robin, "Friend, I think that it must be that they have no heavenly Father such as cares for you and me." This poem by Elizabeth Cheney inspires us to "Just SHOW" the robin and the sparrow! Read "Waiting on God" by Andrew Murray. $2.25 cloth bound at - -

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Last Rites Held For Mrs. Skelton

Funeral services for Mrs. Maude Skelton, a longtime resident of this community, were held from the chapel of Mill-Bauer Funeral Home at three o'clock Friday afternoon, September the twelfth. The Rev. Thomas Hogan, pastor of the Garwood Methodist Church, officiated. Mrs. Skelton expired early Thursday morning, September the eleventh in the Oak Manor Nursing Home in El Campo where she had lived for the last six years.

Mary Ellen (Maude) Walker was born to James Osborne and Martha Ann Walker on June 4th, 1885 in Green Vine, Washington County. At a very early age, the family moved back to Columbus where they lived until 1911, when they moved to Eagle Lake.

Her husband, G. B. Skelton, preceded her in death in 1935, and her daughter, Mrs. T. L. (Billie) Tate died in 1946.

Mrs. Skelton was a lifelong member of the Methodist church, and she was a member of the Garwood Methodist church.

Survivors include her son, John W. Folck of Junction City, Kansas; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

She was laid to rest in the Lakside Cemetery with her loved ones by John H. Walker, Ellsworth Machlan, George M. Cason, Jr., Harry Larson, Mrs. T. L. Tate, Glen M. Cason.

Out-of-town relatives attending the funeral services for Mrs. Maude Skelton were: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner of Falburrias; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Machlan and Mrs. Kathleen Thorsgaard and sons of El Campo; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Larson of Longview; John H. Walker of Pasadena; Mary Walker of Dallas; Billie J. Walker Robinson of Irving; Harry Larson of Alvin; Mrs. Henry Hair of Houston; Mrs. Grace Wink of Columbus; and Mr. and Mrs. George M. Cason, Jr. and Glen of League City.

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Xi Pi Psi Sorority Has First Meeting

The first meeting of Xi Pi Psi was held on Tuesday, Sept. 9th in the home of Phyllis Thomas.

Jo Ann Gertson, president, called the meeting to order with 16 members present. She then asked for a report by each committee chairman. Mary [illegible], Social Chairman, presented each member with a year book containing plans for all of the activities to be carried out through the year by sorority members.

Social Chairman Pat Cook reported on the hay ride which will be held Sunday, Sept. 21st with the Alpha Delta Phi chapter.

Service Chairman Cherry Corman reported that service projects will be to serve refreshments to the children of the Opportunity Center and to residents of the Heritage House.

Ways and Means Co-chairmen Dorothy Baker and Jo Ann Mahalitc reported that the recent community birthday calendar campaign had been successful and all of the necessary data was being readied to send in for publication.

Program Chairman Jean Williams reported that she had engaged Jane Kell as the guest speaker for the cultural program at the next bi-monthly meeting.

The floor was then given to Lynda Appelt and Jane Clipson for their presentation of the program, "What Women are Heir To."

Lynda brought out the differences of men and women which have been the cause of many problems through the advancement of our civilization.

She then introduced a "lady" from early pioneer days, Jane Clipson portrayed the "lady" and after an invitation to join Lynda for a cup of coffee, accepted only after asking permission from Mr. Clipson.

The two women then compared their lives as women [illegible] The [illegible] as told by Lynda was the way her housework could be quickly and easily accomplished with the aid of motor driven appliances. There was of course her work outside the home. She cared for her family, but scheduled her time so that she could be with them but also have time for herself and the things she wanted to do.

Mrs. Clipson was appalled to think a "lady" worked outside of the home at a profession. Why in those days, a lady stayed home with her family and spun thread to weave fabric, and baked her own bread along with numerous other tasks which all were done by hand. A husband in the pioneer days gave his approval before there was any deviation from the normal routine.

The pair then handed out a sheet to each member asking them to test their knowledge of some of history's great women. The names of the women were listed in one column with their occupations listed opposite. As members tried to match name with occupation, they realized how little they knew about women of accomplishment.

It is probably true that as a group, women have been denied their deserved identity, but as Lynda reminded members on closing the program, "You've come a long way baby."

After reciting the Closing Ritual, everyone enjoyed an informal social hour with refreshments served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 23 in the home of Jean Williams. —Reporter.

Anniversary Services Begin Fri. At Mt. Olive

A pre-anniversary service will be held Friday night at Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Eagle Lake.

Anniversary services honoring the pastor, the Rev. Tom Collins, will begin Friday and will end Sunday afternoon.

Many guest ministers and churches will participate in the services. The guest speaker will be the Rev. A. D. Harris, pastor of the Greater Union Baptist Church of Houston.

The public is invited to attend.

$5000 Damaaes Asked In Auto, Cycle Accident

A total of $5000 in damages is asked by David Labay who was riding a motorcycle on Highway 71 in the Columbus city limits Aug. 5, 1975 at 7 p.m. when his cycle, a 1973 [illegible] was in collision with a 1971 Pontiac driven by Arron Brawley. The petition says both vehicles were traveling north and Labay contends the accident was caused by Brawley. He says that medication and emergency treatment cost about $500, the cycle was damaged $300, and he lost $400 due to the fact that he was unable to work so he asks for a total of $5000 in damages.

Open Weekends

Six Flags Over Texas announced that it has completed its most successful summer season. The park's total attendance through Labor Day exceeded 2,023,000. Six Flags is now on a weekend-only schedule through November.

Rice Bidding Continues Light, $10.21 Tops Wed.

The rice market continued [illegible] Lake office of the American Rice Growers Coop Association on Wednesday of last week, with a number of mills passing up the bidding.

Top bid of the day was $10.21 per cwt. or $16.54 per barrel offered by Elco Mill for LaBelle rice grown by Frank Smaistria.

Only one of the eleven lots offered was sold on the lots offered, said Donald Orenhaus, manager. The sale just about completed the sale of first crop rice with the exception of a few lots in privately owned rice dryers.

THIS DAY

September 19, 1777 - On this day. . .one hundred and ninety-eight years ago. . .the Battle of Freeman's Farm in New York was fought during the Revolutionary War. British General Burgoyne advanced against patriot forces led by Generals Gates and Arnold. It was a bloody battle. The British were severely defeated, losing twice as many men as the Americans.

Wintermann Library NOTES

Contemporary Tex. Artists' Display In Library

Exhibited in the Wintermann Library for a limited time are the work of eight Texas artists: some native Texans; some who have moved here and gained widespread recognition. Information pertaining to their formal education, awards and exhibits is on the wall beside their paintings.

The range in age of these men spans approximately thirty years, the early thirties into the fifties. All of them are acquainted with each other's art, many having taught together in Texas universities, museums and the hill country at Ingram.

However, this is not to say that their styles are similar. [illegible] any more than the most part they can be classified as genre painters; occasionally their depictions of everyday life become touched with imagination, even romanticism. Some seem to specialize in a particular subject matter, others venture into various media forms, always striving for the one which will capture the special feel of the object chosen, employing delicate to light to heavy brush strokes in what could be termed 'mood painting'.

The artists represented are:

• William Anzalone with three strikingly different methods to illustrate his versatility: one an impressionistic oil of a hunter with dog shows subtlety and beautifully muted shading; one a tiny oil of a pond at Katy, Texas, painted in the fall of the year; and the third is a rather stark watercolor of a girl descending a staircase, deft and graceful in execution. Mr. Anzalone is at present assistant professor in the University of Houston's art department.

• Michael Frary is represented by one large watercolor of an egret. This work was done in the Big Thicket area [illegible] extensive research for his wildlife paintings included in the book, also on exhibit, entitled "Impressions of the Big Thicket." Mr. Frary was a distinguished background and in 1970 he was named professor of art at the University of Texas.

• Kelly Fearing, an artist also at present teaching at the University of Texas, is known for his realistic paintings of 'feathered friends' in their habitats, native close-ups of young fledglings such as the one small oil on exhibit of a baby snow owl.

• Henri Godbois is a native Houstonian who has taught at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and the Hill Country Arts Foundation in Ingram. His studio is in Houston where he also teaches. As a 'grant painter' he has gained valuable background study. His two oils on display are completely different, one a small antique china sugar bowl, the other a dark, gloomy stormy sea piece.

• Woody Gwyn who has been shown in many museums and won many prizes likes to paint idyllic scenes, very calming to the eye. His oil on loan is of his own little girl gazing into the depths of a shady pool of water.

• Bill Hoey, formerly Dean of the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, at present maintains his studio in Austin. He is highly creative: conservative in his still life of flowers, dramatic in his sea scape, both small but expressive oils.

• Sonny Timme, the least well-known among these artists, has his studio in Victoria. There he became instrumental in promoting an annual Victoria Art Show which has grown rapidly into an outstanding state exhibit, attracting many artists from other cities in the state. Mr. Timme is a 'trompe d' oeil' artist, as you can readily see by the small wren oil on wood panel which is being shown at the library.

• Dan Wingren, the last of the eight artists shown, has had an illustrious career also. From 1950 to 1958 he taught at the University of Texas. Since 1965 he has been Professor of Art Design and History at S.M.U. His two oils demonstrate extreme poles of talent: one is a mournful, somber landscape executed entirely in lavender, purple and black tones, melancholy in mood; the other is a happy canvas called "Planting-time" showing seedlings, a watering can, trowel -- all indicating the eternal joys nature has in store for gardeners.

Come to the library and [illegible] these works, are there for your enjoyment and criticism for all art, like books, remains subject to each individual's taste.

Local Retirement Income Larger

The amount of money that is entering Colorado County each month via the social security route is large and is growing larger. It has become an important element in the local economy.

Its growth is due to changes made in the social security law in the last few years, affecting the number of beneficiaries and the size of their checks.

According to the official figures covering the past year, retirement and disability payments are now going to 3,440 persons in the area, as compared with 3,157 three years ago.

The majority of them are retired workers. Most of the others are disabled workers, widows or dependent children.

The facts and figures, with a breakdown for each county in the United States, are contained in the annual report of the Social Security Administration.

It shows that more than $60 billion was paid out in the past year to the nearly 31 million persons who were eligible to receive benefits.

In Colorado County, payments for the year averaged $1,557 per recipient, considerably more than the $1,052 paid them three years ago.

The amount of cash flowing into the local area was increased primarily during the past year by the 11 percent boost in benefits that went into effect.

That is expected to be the final adjustment of the kind. Hereafter any escalations are to be related to increases in the cost of living, as determined by the Consumer Price Index. The first application of it came in July, when higher prices resulted in an automatic hike of 8 percent.

The government report shows that overall payments to Colorado County residents during 1974 totaled $5,424,000, a marked increase over the $3,324,000 that went to them three years ago.

As for contributions to the pension fund, the payroll tax continues at 5.85 percent for workers and for employers. It is being applied, however, on earnings up to $14,100, rather than on $13,200, as was the case last year.

Europeans brought the first dogs to the Andaman Islands, lying in the Bay of Bengal between India and Burma, around the turn of the century. Today dogs are among the islanders' most prized possessions, National Geographic says, especially for hunting wild pig.

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HOSPITAL NEWS NOTES

Patient this week (Sept. 8) [illegible]

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John Tallas, city
Mrs. Joyce Banks, city
Mrs. Marcella Foster, city
Miss Deanne Van Nort, city
Mrs. Mary Black, Rock Island
Donnie Stern, Alleyton

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Randy Soto, city
Mrs. Lula Boone, city
Mrs. Mildred Booth, city
Mrs. Verna Richardson, city
Mrs. Christine Hyatt, city
Mrs. Edna Nohavitz, city
Virgil Crysel, city
Mrs. Dora Larsen, city
Julian Flores, Jr., city
Mrs. Gloria Hemphill and baby boy, city
Mrs. Mary Ann Blanton, city
Mrs. Virginia Snelling, city
Mrs. Jan Speck, city
Michael Johnson, city
Sharon Alexander and baby boy, city
Miss Patrice Austin, city
Mrs. Mamie Mitchell, Rock Island
Antone Kula, Rock Island
Mrs. Cheryl Reese and baby girl, Rock Island
David White, Rock Island
David Baird, La Porte
Mrs. Olga Hefner, Garwood
Mrs. Cordelia Hollis, Garwood
Mrs. Grace Goebel, Cat Spring
Frank Mozola, Jr., Simonton

Daughter For Roland Wicks'

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Wicks, Jr. of Tyler are the pleased parents of a baby girl, Jennifer Renee. The young lady was born Thursday, Sept. 4th at 3:19 p.m. in Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. She weighed seven pounds and three ounces and measured 20 1/3 inches in length at birth.

Maternal grandfather is Herbert Marquart of Eagle Lake; and paternal grandmother is Mrs. Rachel Wicks of Leesville, Louisiana.

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