

### Jon Loessin's Conservation Essay Wins District and Area Honors

Following is a copy of the essay by Jon Keith Loessin of Columbus Senior High School which was the first place winner in the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District's annual conservation essay contest. This essay was chosen as the top essay in Area III of the Texas Conservation Awards Program. This is the second year in a row that an essay written by a Colorado county student has been the top essay in Area III.

Jon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto H. Loessin of Columbus and former residents of Eagle Lake. His essay follows:

**CONSERVING OUR LAND AFTER 200 YEARS**

America--my land and your land! Two hundred years old and yet so young compared to Time that has passed and Time that is to come! America--founded by people that had no fears of towering mountains, no fears of unknown places, no doubts about their uncertain destinies. They were full of courage, enthusiasm, and determination. Certainly, it was the people that made America what she is, but without the land, it could never have been done.

This land became their land, and cultivation became the most important labor to man. Other arts followed, and America emerged beautiful in her natural resources, industries, and a high standard of living. The whole world looked upon this country as a protector and a provider.

Now this land has become our land. Deep scars are embedded where we have leveled the land by cutting her forests, stripping her veins of minerals, and ravaging the productive lands--and we're

## \$14.5 Million Cost To Run Local Cars

More than the usual number of Colorado County families will be taking vacation trips by car this summer, visiting sections of the country where Bicentennial events will be the attraction.

Expectations for these historic areas are for a huge influx of people from all over the country. Elaborate plans are being made to receive them.

One thing local travelers will discover this year, according to preliminary surveys, is that they will have fewer pocketbooks than before.

Based on reports from the American Automobile Association, a Colorado County couple, traveling modestly, will be spending approximately \$69 a day, on about \$12 more than was required two years ago.

That amount will take care of the necessities, but such extras as amusements, souvenirs and other purchases.

Thus, a two-week trip will cost a local couple a minimum of \$968. It assumes that they will get 13 miles to the gallon and will cover an average of 300 miles a day.

In connection with its report on vacation costs, the A.A.A. has also issued figures on the annual expenses involved in owning and operating a car, which often takes more out of a family budget than anything except housing and food.

Its findings are that the average owner with a medium-price, standard-size car has an annual bill of \$1,831, or 18.3 cents a mile when driven 10,000 miles. That is an increase of about 3 cents a mile since 1973.

This takes into account the fixed costs--for depreciation, insurance, license fees and such--of \$1,186. The largest single item is depreciation, listed at \$774.

The running costs, covering gas, oil, tires and maintenance, come to \$645 for 10,000 mile operation, or 6.45 cents a mile.

On this average basis, it is estimated, Colorado County residents are spending some \$14,500,000 a year to own and operate the 7,920 cars in use locally.

**HERE FOR HOLIDAYS**

Easter and birthday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson, Bruce Jr. and Miss Lisa Johnson of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Allen and Tim Chenevert of Baton Rouge, La., Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Thomas and family of this city. Also visiting in the Johnson home on Saturday, Mrs. Johnson's birthday anniversary, were Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Sommerhals, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dannelis, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cooper.

The Johnsons' daughter, Mrs. Troy Jarvis of Big Spring, called to wish her mother a happy birthday. She was in Chicago, Ill. attending a Church Ecumenical Academy Institute.

### THE WORLD'S GREATEST QUESTION

1. MEN AND BRETHREN, WHAT SHALL WE DO? (Acts 2:37)

1. The Pentecostans had heard the gospel preached by Peter. (Acts 2:14-36)

2. They were pricked in their hearts; they believed. (Acts 2:37)

3. They were told in answer to this great question: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38)

4. They that gladly received his word were baptized. (Acts 2:41)

5. The same day they were added unto them about three thousand souls. (Acts 2:41)

6. The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. (Acts 2:47)

II. WHAT DOETH HINDER ME TO BE BAPTIZED? (Acts 8:36)

1. Philip preached Jesus unto the eunuch. (Acts 8:35)

2. The eunuch said: "See here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" (Acts 8:36)

3. Philip answered the above question: "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." (Acts 8:37)

4. The eunuch said: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." (Acts 8:37)

5. "They went down both into the water, and Philip baptized him, and he was baptized." (Acts 8:38)

6. "And when they were come up out of the water the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, and he went on his way rejoicing." (Acts 8:39)

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### Alpha Delta Phi Meets With Kay Clifton

The Alpha Delta Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Kay Clifton on April 7th, 1976. Diana Brunner, vice president, called the meeting to order with 13 members present.

Martha Waddell announced that the next meeting will be held in the home of Gladys Gail Guthman, Rosebud Ort, announced the dates of Birthdays and anniversaries of some of the members at that time. Thank you were said by some of the members.

### Robert Dick Wells Dies In San Antonio

Robert Edward (Dick) Wells, a former resident of Eagle Lake, husband of Jennie Bruce Wells, died in San Antonio, Texas at Brooke Army Medical Center after a lengthy illness on April 19th.

Dick, as he was better known, went into the U.S. Army in 1941, retired in 1972 and made San Antonio his home after 31 years of service. He leaves a devoted wife, a daughter, Billie Agnes; one sister, Cecil Evans of Seattle, Wash.; a brother, Herman Wells of Houston; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his death.

Interment will be at Ft. Sam. National Cemetery Monday, April 26th, 1976.

**VISIT IN LA PORTE**

Mrs. W. A. Barnett spent the Easter holiday weekend in La Porte with the families of her children, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Barnett and family and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Witte.

She attended a very impressive Easter sunrise service at 9:30 a.m. at the service Beach Pavilion with the Whites and the service at the La Porte Methodist Church with the Barnetts, at 11 a.m.

**EAT MORE RICE.**

### Columbus Council Looks At Water Rate Hike

Assistant-city manager Donald Hayes reported that the city's cost of providing each 1000 gallons of water exceeded revenue. Water rates in Columbus were increased in July of 1972 with a minimum charge of \$2 for the first 3000 gallons.

### MY SINCERE THANKS

to the voters of the Fifth Senatorial District for their vote for me to continue serving as your State Senator in the coming Democratic Primary Election on May 1st, in which I am unopposed. Your confidence in me is appreciated more than can be expressed in words.

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### Miss Judith Marie Meitzen, John Seydler Exchange Vows



MR. AND MRS. JOHN YATES SEYDLER

In a double ring candlelight wedding ceremony in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake, the evening of February 21st, Miss Judith Marie Meitzen and John Yates Seydler pledged marriage vows. The Rev. Edward Geiser performed the service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Meitzen Sr. of Eagle Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Seydler of Rosenberg. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Yates Seydler of Rosenberg. The bride's bridesmaids were Karen Evers and Marilyn Sunderman of Bryan. They were identically gowned in Vogue designs of mint green lutescent with emerald green velvet capelets. They wore clusters of stephanotis and baby's breath in their hair and carried single long-stemmed yellow roses with emerald velvet streamers.

Seydler of Rosenberg are parents of the bridegroom. The church was impressive with an array of candlelight. The family pews were distinguished by a single candelabra entwined with plumosa fern. On each side of the altar was a pair of braced candelabra forming a tree and including an arrangement of white gladioli with camellia foliage. Accepting the altar were matching arrangements.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of ivory tulle organza over ivory tulle polyester. The empire line bodice featured a sheer yoke and long sheer sleeves accented with Venice embroidery. Venice lace encircled the deep hemline that swept to an attached chapel train. The double fingertip veil of silk illusion and Chantilly lace was caught to a cap of matching lace and seed pearls. She carried a cascade of white roses, stephanotis, gypsophila and camellia foliage.

Mrs. Draper Stephens played favorite selections of the couple and the traditional wedding music. Attending the bride as maid of honor was Sherry Sanders of Eagle Lake. Bridesmaids were Karen Evers and Marilyn Sunderman of Bryan. They were identically gowned in Vogue designs of mint green lutescent with emerald green velvet capelets. They wore clusters of stephanotis and baby's breath in their hair and carried single long-stemmed yellow roses with emerald velvet streamers.

Little Miss Laura Seydler, niece of the groom, was flower girl and carried a basket of yellow pixie carnations and yellow roses. Chris Spinnak, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. Serving the group as best man was Don Hacker of Houston. Groomsmen were Van Baller of La Porte and Bill Meitzen of Hustville. Candelighters were Sgt. Mike Meitzen of Panama City and Leon Simank of LaPorte.

### Texas Aggie Muster At Marvins' Wed.

Former students of Texas A.M. University will assemble in Colorado County this Wed. for the annual Texas Aggie Muster, announced chairman Dr. Jim Stansel. The muster activities will begin with a social hour at 7 p.m. and the Texas Aggie Muster will begin at 8 p.m. at Marvins in Alakai.

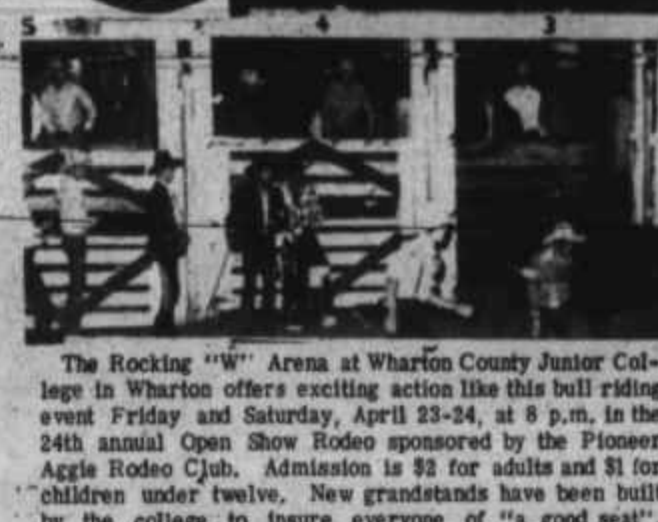
**VISIT MOTHER**

Spending Easter here with their mother, Mrs. W. C. Elkins, were her children, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Tate of El Campo, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Paul of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Orr of Bellville and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cox of Houston.

**HOLIDAY VISITORS**

Guests Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Beseda were Mr. and Mrs. John Beseda, Jr. and children of Killbuck, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Huffman and sons of Stafford, and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Piveter and Mike of Houston.

### Daughter Born For Bill Stiles' Rodeo At WCJC Arena at 8 PM This Friday and Saturday



The Rocking "W" Arena at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton offers exciting action like this bull riding event Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, at 8 p.m. in the 24th annual Open Show Rodeo sponsored by the Pioneer Aggie Rodeo Club. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under twelve. New grandstands have been built by the college to insure everyone of "a good seat".

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### BE REPRESENTED BY A COMMISSIONER WHO WILL ALWAYS REMAIN FREE AND INDEPENDENT OF BIG POLITICS AND POWERFUL POLITICAL CLIQUES.

This candidate will always represent all the citizens of Precinct 1 and will never allow any politician to dominate the commissioner's post or run the affairs of that job for him. No special interest or special interest group will be favored, but the best interests of all the people will be served impartially, honestly, and according to what is right and just. This is what this candidate believes in and this is what he will firmly stand for.

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- TO PROVIDE IMPROVED COUNTY STREETS AND ROADS AND BETTER MAINTENANCE IN ALL AREAS OF PRECINCT 1. Our county roads and streets need to be better maintained at all times. Presently, there are at least two expert road maintenance operators working for the county in Precinct 1 who are being used too much of the time on other jobs where their special skill is not being realized.
- TO SUPPORT AN EFFECTIVE 24 HOUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. The Commissioner's Court provides for the needs of the Sheriff's Department of Colorado County. Necessary and modern equipment and other necessary details essential to the safety and protection of the people and their property must be provided.
- TO PROVIDE CO-ORDINATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PRECINCT 1 LABOR FORCES. This candidate lives in the middle of Precinct 1 and only 3 miles from the County Barn at Rock Island, and will provide excellent management and co-ordination of the activities of the County in Precinct 1. A well qualified Road Foreman will be hired who has experience in road building and maintenance, bridge construction, and general operations of the precinct.

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