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Gasoline Truck Rolls Over, Driver Hurt

An Exxon gasoline truck, loaded with 1800 gallons of gasoline rolled over in an accident 1.4 miles west of Sheridan on Highway 90A at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday resulting in the driver of the truck being hospitalized but fortunately there was no fire and damage was minimal.

Highway Patrolman Gary Eden of Columbus investigated the accident. He said that the gasoline truck from the Columbus bulk plant was driven westbound by David William Braden, 27, of Columbus and was trailing a pickup truck driven by Lam Brisco of Sheridan, also westbound.

The officer said that apparently Mr. Brisco's truck went off on the right shoulder and Braden began to pass when the pickup pulled back onto the highway and the gasoline truck headed for the ditch of the left side of the road and rolled over.

Braden managed to maneuver the gasoline truck and miss the pickup. He was brought to Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the Eagle Lake Ambulance Service with shoulder injuries and possibly others.

The officer said that less than ten gallons of the gasoline spilled from the overturned truck and the Sheridan fire department was called to the scene to wash away the volatile fuel and to stand by while the vehicle was righted.

The accident occurred about a tenth of a mile inside the Lavaca County line.

Talent Entries Needed

Anyone interested in participating in the Talent Show portion of the Garwood Lions Club Community Fair to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 16th is asked to contact John Engstrom, 758-3817, or Bobby Hunt, 758-3311, by Sunday, Oct. 10th.

Lt. Gov. Hobby at WCJC Anniv.



Lieutenant Governor William P. "Bill" Hobby visits with Miss Sybil Goldsmith of Wharton and Dr. Victor Driscoll, chairman of the board of trustees at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton, prior to the 30th anniversary program Friday. Hobby was the speaker; and Miss Goldsmith was an English teacher at the college when it opened its doors in 1946 to 200 students. Enrollment is now 2200.

NO PLANTING RESTRICTIONS ON COTTON, GRAIN IN '77

USDA Indicates
Supports May
Be Increased

The government's grain and cotton support programs will continue to operate without planting restrictions next year despite a continuing build-up in wheat supplies, Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz announced in Washington last week.

"Secretary Butz said the decision for continued unrestricted production is based on the continuing strong export demand for grain, particularly for livestock feeding, soybeans and cotton," the Agriculture Department said.

Other officials earlier had indicated they were reviewing possible increases in price support levels for 1977 crops and also were considering requests to raise supports for 1976. There was no word in last week's announcement, however, of any decision on the support issue.

A spokesman said the support announcement would be made later. Farm experts

noted that a 1973 law which prescribed farm program terms through 1977 crops contains a formula tied to production costs and is likely to dictate some increase in price support "target" prices for 1977.

Agriculture officials in Washington said members of their grain and cotton advisory committees, which had met earlier, indicated that many wheat farmers currently are considering switching to other crops next year because reserves of the bread grain are expected to rise substantially next year due to a record 1976 crop.

That would mean they would be turning to grain sorghum and corn which might result in surpluses in these two crop items.

Officials noted that 1977 will be the fourth straight year in which farmers have not been required to idle any feed grain or wheat acreage in order to qualify for government supports, and the fifth in a row for uncontrolled planting on cotton. About 40 million acres of formerly idle cropland have been brought back into production since 1972.

County's Farm Income \$31 Million

From the standpoint of gross income, Colorado County farms have been producing more for their operators during the past two years than have farms and ranches in many parts of the country.

On the basis of survey figures recently released, their yield from the sale of crops, livestock and other farm products rose considerably in the period.

The income gain is attributed to greatly increased output, the result of more acres being farmed, rather than to any marked increase in prices.

The facts and figures, showing how local farmers have been making out, are contained in a report on their annual income, issued by the Standard Rate and Data Service.

It lists the total receipts from farm operations in Colorado County in the past year at \$31,474,000.

That was the gross return, before taking into account the cost of labor, seed, fertilizer, fuel, taxes and the various other operational expenses. It represents the overall receipts from the sale of farm products, together with Government payments and the value of homegrown foods consumed on the farm.

Of the total received locally from the marketing of farm products, approximately 54 percent was from crops and 46 percent from the sale of livestock, poultry and dairy items, according to the latest estimates by the Department of Agriculture.

It finds, also, that a change is taking place on the farm—that it is attracting a growing proportion of young people.

Back in 1910, it notes, the average age of farm operators was 43.5 years. It rose to 51.3 years by 1965 and reached a peak of 53.1 in 1970.

In the same span, the proportion of farmers under 35 dropped from 29 percent to 11 percent.

In the last five years, however, there has been a sharp rise in the number of farm workers under 35.

It attributes the change to better profits from farming, to the improved attitude of farm youth toward agricul-

ture and the rural life and to the entry of urban-reared young adults into farming.

Train Hits Truck; 7 Cars, Engine Derail

Three persons were injured when an eastbound freight train collided with a large truck loaded with old railroad ties at a private drive crossing three miles east of the city at 9:25 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23rd.

Highway Patrolman Randy Baish, investigating officer, reported that the eastbound Southern Pacific train struck the back side, near the rear wheels, of a 1975 White freight lines truck loaded with railroad ties. The truck was driven by Richard Ybarra and owned by Wayne Hammons Trucking of Jacksonville, Texas which has a contract with Southern Pacific to pick up old railroad ties that are being replaced under a construction program underway at this time along the main line of the railroad system through Eagle Lake.

The driver apparently did not see the oncoming freight train and when he did he was unable to clear the crossing, almost but not quite.

Following the impact, ties were strewn about the area and the engine and seven railroad cars were derailed and a large section of the rails of the railroad were ripped up.

Conductor on the short freight, Jerry O. Davis, and engineer J. E. Punch and one of two brakemen, R. W. Brenner and R. C. Taylor, were sent to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital for X-rays and treatment of injuries. The driver of the truck escaped with minor injuries.

Traffic on the main line of the railroad system was interrupted some time while derailed engine and cars were uprighted and damage to the track was repaired.

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