

On The Firing Line



This is one section of the group of sixteen officers who participated in the FBI sponsored combat pistol firing course held here last Thursday and Friday by the Colorado County Peace Officers Association.

16 Take FBI Combat Firearm Training Here

Sixteen officers from this area participated in the FBI Combat Pistol Firing Course held here under the sponsorship of the Colorado County Peace Officers Association last Thursday and Friday.

The officers attended a short lecture period each of the days in the morning of the local fire station and then proceeded to the Eagle Lake airport to the firing range on the northeast end of the runway.

The course included firing of pistols under simulated combat conditions, from a

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Observations from Texas A&M Research
Eagle Lake 1/

	4 Inch	Temp	2/	Soil Temp	Rain	Evap.
Oct	Max	Min	Max	Min	(ins)	(ins)
19	73	54	67	57	0.63	.085
20	61	36	61	52	0	.140
21	65	37	64	50	0	.094
22	73	48	63	54	0	.037
23	81	62	70	56	0	.042
24	66	61	66	63	1.56	.040
25	64	55	65	63	0	.146

- 1/ In cooperation with National Weather Service & Texas Water Development Board.
- 2/ Sheltered air temperatures.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1976 11:45 A.M.

FAIRM WEATHER OUTLOOK THROUGH SATURDAY: Partly cloudy skies and cool temperatures today will give way to increasing cloudiness, rain and showers Wednesday in the Texas Rice Belt. Rainfall amounts should be less than 1/2 inch. Clear to partly cloudy skies are forecast for Thursday and Friday, becoming mostly cloudy by Saturday with a chance once again for showers. A slight warming trend is expected this week. Maximum temperatures should be in the mid 60's today through Thursday and lower 70's on Friday and Saturday. Minimum temperatures will be in the upper 40's tonight and in the 50's and 60's during the remainder of the week. Easterly winds today should reach moderate levels near the coast but should remain light elsewhere.

PAST WEATHER: A cold front brought cooler air and general rains through the Rice Belt during the past weekend. Rainfall over an inch covered all areas of the Rice Belt except the coastal areas where less than 1/2 inch fell. The heaviest rainfall was around 2 inches in Waller and Harris counties. High temperatures were in the upper 60's and low 70's over the weekend. Morning lows were mostly in the 40's until this morning when upper 40's to mid 50's were recorded. Eagle Lake reported 50 degrees this morning.

FAIRM AND RANCH MANAGEMENT: Wet fields will slow rice and soybean harvest over most of the Rice Belt early this week. Work will be at a standstill most of the week in areas west of Houston where 2 inch rains soaked fields. The best drying day this week will be today, Thursday and Friday. If harvest is possible today, farmers should take advantage of the opportunity since rain is likely on Wednesday.

Holland. The City of Eagle Lake and Colorado County joined in sponsorship of the eight-hour shooting course.

Leading scorers in the pistol shooting course were: Sam Center, first, with a 98.5 score out of a possible 100; Bufford Ashley was second with a score of 97.6. Ray Scholton scored 96.6. Roy Targac 96.2, and Rodney Green 95.9.

Generally scores by the participants were considered to be excellent.

Refreshments Donated For November 7th CROP Walkers

The Dairy Queen has offered refreshments to the group who will walk for the hungry of the world on November 7th. This CROP drive will provide emergency feeding and resources for self-help.

CROP walkers are seeking sponsors to pay any amount per mile walked. The walkers will meet at the Eagle Lake Middle School stadium at 2:00 p.m.

There are three basic reasons for hunger today. The first is the population explosion. It took from the beginning of man until A.D. 1830 for one billion people to inhabit the earth. The second billion was reached 100 years later. The third billion is expected by the year 1990. Every day the world's population jumps 200,000 persons. By 2000 it could total 7 billion.

The second reason is the shortage of money. Eighty percent of the world's population lives on less than \$1.00 a day.

The CROP effort is a small way the people of the Eagle Lake area can help those in need said Melburn Sibley, CROP Publicity Director.

Signs of Erosion Mean 14 Tons of Soil Per Acre Lost

(By Connie M. Fair, District Conservationist)

If you see signs of erosion on cultivated land, you are probably losing soil at the rate of more than 14 tons per acre per year.

A loss this high shows that the land is inadequately protected according to Connie Fair, District Conservationist for the Columbus Field Office of the Soil Conservation Service. Generally, losses much higher than this occur when rain or wind can strike bare cropland. Very steep unprotected land can lose more than 300 tons of soil per acre per year.

It is not particularly important that the farmer or gardener is able to tell how many tons of soil is lost. SCS conservationists can figure out for those who want a good estimate. The important thing is that if the farmer and gardener can see erosion—something needs to be done fast.

A common misconception is to blame all visible water erosion on running water. For the farmer, reduction of erosion starts with wise land use planning. A conservation plan utilizing up-to-date conservation methods is the farmer's best bet for full production and income over the long term with the smallest loss of his basic soil resource.

Conservation planning assistance is available to you through your local Soil Conservation Service office. The office is located in the new city hall building in Columbus. The services of the SCS are offered to the public at no charge. The public is encouraged to call on them anytime they can be of assistance.

GIRL SCOUTS

This week the Girl Scouts had their Halloween party. We danced for apples and a beautiful cake was brought by Connie Prazak. We had a fun time. Reporter, Melissa Hoffman.

Exercise your right to vote Next Tuesday

Small farms were exempted by Congress from complying with OSHA regulations during funding year 1977 in an overall Labor-HEW appropriations measure passed September 30. The law prohibits funds for inspecting and citing farms employing 10 or fewer employees (excluding members of the immediate family) except when fatalities or multiple injury accidents are involved. By OSHA estimates, 87.5 percent of all farms in the U.S. will be included under this exemption.

Joe Smetana, Vice President of the Farm and Ranch Section of the Texas Safety Association, applauded this move by the legislature to relieve small farmers from the economic and record-keeping burdens of complying with the OSHA Act.

"However," noted Smetana, "this does not exempt small farmers from the responsibility of insuring their employees and farm family members a safe and healthful place in which to work. Voluntary compliance with OSHA standards for proper machine guarding, employee training, and using roll over protective devices is still in order."

To the Voters of Garwood, Nada, Rock Island and Sheridan

I was honored to be your choice in the primary as your Candidate for Constable of Precinct 2. Your continued support will certainly be appreciated in the General Election on Nov. 2nd.

It is very important that an X be placed in the box by my name in order for your ballot to be counted.

I wish to reemphasize that I am a native of Colorado County and have lived in this precinct for 15 years with my wife, Mary Catherine, and children.

Again, thanking you for your support, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Lawrence Berger

Pol. ad. paid by Lawrence Berger, Garwood, Texas 77442

NEWS FROM HERITAGE HOUSE

By Patricia Foster

Services

Sunday services were held at 3:00 p.m. by the Rev. George Welch of the Episcopal Church.

Arts and Crafts

Monday afternoon was a busy and fun-filled afternoon for the Arts and Crafts Shop. Mrs. Henry Ball and Mrs. Ethel Niewander of Rock Island came to the Heritage House to help make "Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus" dolls. We want to thank them both for making more of these dolls for Heritage House to sell.

Parties

Heritage House residents enjoyed the October Wine and Cheese Party last Wednesday. Residents enjoyed refreshments of assorted crackers, cheese

spread, cheese bits, olives, onion dip, and Country Mountains wine punch. Everyone reported having a great time.

Friday afternoon, a Men's Get-Together was given at Heritage House. Residents gathered together in the dining area to chat about the past week's events and to enjoy refreshments of assorted kolaches, cinnamon rolls, coffee and punch.

Thanks

We would like to thank the Xi Psi Psi sorority ladies for the bingo numbers they donated to Heritage House.

Also, we thank Rev. Paul Wallace for having Bible Study last Friday.

8,000 Coyotes Killed

More than 8,000 Texas coyotes have been killed by gunfire from aircraft since the legislature authorized an aerial hunting program three years ago to protect livestock.

Primary School Volunteers

Mrs. Patti Stephens and Mrs. Sandra Smith are pictured in the Kindergarten building assisting Trace Sanders and Frederick Foster with their art work. These ladies play a major role in the Kindergarten assistance program.

Primary Reading Circle

Edna Spears of Mrs. Carmen Wisse's seventh grade class is pictured reading to several first grade pupils of Eagle Lake Primary School. Enjoying the story are Sally Strube, Kenny Hollis, Stacey Uzzell and Leslie Sunderman. These informal reading circles will be carried out throughout the year as both groups of pupils, first grade and seventh grade, are motivated through this activity.

Martha S.S. Class Meets

The Martha Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Charles Lee Spangler the evening of October 21, 1976.

After prayer requests had been made known, Mrs. Melburn Sibley led the group in prayer. Following a brief business session was the inspirational devotion given by Mrs. Bertha Davidson. The group then went into

the dining room and sat at a table attractively decorated with the Halloween motif. At each table was a scripture reference, and the text of each was later read. The hosts served delicious refreshments of cake, sandwiches, macadamia nuts and toasted coconut chips brought from Hawaii, and tea, coffee or Coke.

The next meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. W. T. York the evening of November 11, 1976.

Grandchildren Visit

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Behrens were their grandchildren, Johnny and Lisa Nash, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Nash of Bay City. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Behrens took the children to their home in Bay City and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Nash.

Serve rice 'n' save

The N.C.C.W. meeting was held in Bellville Tuesday, Oct. 19th. Attending from Eagle Lake were Mrs. Adolf Hollis, Mrs. Bill Emmel, Mrs. Mary Theuman, Mrs. Nolan Grasshoff, Mrs. John Beneda, Mrs. Carolyn Rosprinn, Mrs. Tom Hilbert, Mrs. Albert Pasterjovsky and Father Edward Geiser. There were 80 ladies and five priests present.

After the business meeting plans were made for the convention which will be held in College Station April 18-19, 1977 at the Aggeland Inn.

The meeting closed with benediction, after which a delicious meal of turkey and dressing was served. The next meeting will be held Jan. 18, 1976 in Brenham.

WCJC Choir Concert

A free fall concert by the sixty voice Pioneer Madrigals and Choir will be presented Thursday, Oct. 28 at 8:30 p.m. in the Dusen-Hansen Fine Arts Theatre at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

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(Pol. ad. paid by Colorado County Republican Women, Mrs. Evelyn Virmas, chairwoman, Eagle Lake, Texas)

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Primary School

El Campo
PCA To
Meet Sat.

Election of two directors highlights El Campo Production Credit Association's annual meeting of stockholders, Saturday, Oct. 30 in El Campo school auditorium.

Nominees for Position 1 are S. B. Allen, incumbent from Edna, and Erwin Skalkicky of Ganado. Johnnie L. Hahn of Bay City and incumbent Ben H. Wheeler of Blessing are candidates for Position 2.

According to Kermit Simank, PCA president, the meeting begins with registration at 9 a.m. The business session and meal follow, beginning at 10 a.m.

Guest speaker is Dr. W. C. Newberry, Gonzales native and professor of education at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Newberry, who has delivered more than 900 speeches across the United States, has won the reputation of being the "Sage of Southwest Texas."

Other meeting highlights include the directors' report by Frank Higgins of Eagle Lake, the association's financial report by Simank; report of the nominating committee by Mark Anderson, chairman of Eagle Lake; and comments from Jack H. Barton, recently elected president of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston, principle source of most PCA loan funds. Harry Shannon, PCA member from Bay City, will preside.

More than 400 farmer and ranch members and guests from Calhoun, Colorado, Jackson, Matagorda, Refugio, Victoria and Wharton counties are expected to attend.

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Register all hand-guns?

Carter says yes.

Ford says no.

What do you say?

Say it on Nov. 2nd.

Vote for President Ford.

More Wheels Rolling in County

Residents of Colorado County have been purchasing new cars at a faster clip in the last two years or so, a national survey shows.

The evidence is to be seen in the number of shiny, late models in the area and in the mounting registration figures.

The car-buying surge, attributed to rising incomes and to the general improvement in the economy, has brought the local automobile population to a high level. 7,800. It has also increased the number of families sporting two or more cars in their driveways. Conversely, the number of families without cars is smaller than ever.

The facts and figures on car ownership and distribution throughout the United States are contained in statistics from the Department of Commerce, the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association and others.

They show that car ownership in Colorado County, as of the beginning of this year, reached the level of 134 cars per 100 local families.

It was a bigger ratio than was recorded in many sections of the country.

Taken into account in assessing the gain was the change in the number of families in the area as well as the number of cars in use and the number that were discarded.

A close relationship is shown between the increase in family income and the increase in car ownership. When there is more money coming in, as has been the case in the local area recently, people tend to add to their living comforts, particularly with respect to the family car.

Also, it is noted, the car has become more of a necessity than ever before. This is due, in part, to the fact that a rising proportion of the population now lives in suburban areas, where the automobile is the chief means of transportation.

In addition, with more women going to work these days, many families have to have second cars.

The impact on the area's economy has been considerable. The amount spent by car owners in Colorado County's service stations alone in the past year came to \$6,465,000, compared with the total, five years ago, of \$4,213,000.

Special guests for the occasion were Mrs. Walter Henderson, Jr., grandmother of the bride, and the bridesmaids for the wedding. Mrs. Robert Parvin of Houston, sister of the bride, who assisted in opening the gifts and placing the bows in a heart-shaped net bow holder, a handmade gift from one of the guests; Mrs. Ralph Belmont, Jr., who registered the gifts as they were opened; Mrs. Floyd Toliver and Miss Elisa Keister of Eagle Lake.

Honorary toast for the pretty social were Mesdames Jerry Crane, George Reed, Oscar Herman, Tommy Guthman, Lee Roy Guthman, Howard Witzel, William Arlt and Wilbur Swenson.

South Texas Hereford Assn. Sale Oct. 30

The 40th annual fall bull sale will be conducted by the South Texas Hereford Association on Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Bee County Livestock Market in Beeville. One hundred seventy-five registered Hereford bulls, which are brucellosis tested and examined for fertility will be offered along with over 250 F1 Hereford crossbred females.

Association activities include cattle being on exhibit Thursday, Oct. 28, Hereford and F1 pen cattle judging on Friday, Oct. 29, the reception for buyers, members and consignors on Friday night at the city assembly building. The sale of F1 females begins at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 followed by the registered Hereford bull sale at 12:00 noon.

Letters to Editor

Dog Ordinance No Good Unless It Is Enforced!

Oct. 25, 1976

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my opinion on the dog ordinance. The Council and Mayor are wasting time on something that will never be carried out. For six weeks our neighbors

hood has had a large red dog (belonging to no one) sleeping under houses and laying in the road. For five weeks I have called the City five times, the Mayor once and the Police twice. Three other neighbors have called also and given their permission to

go on their property to catch the dog. Mr. Smith tried one afternoon to catch the dog but he got away. I have never seen the dog catcher. On Sunday, Oct. 17, I called the police to come pick him up and when the officer came the dog was laying in the roadway and the officer verified my name and had to have my license for his report before he notified the dog catcher. The dog continued to lay there. One week later is still here. I wish the Council would get our drainage in our road and forget the dogs.

Thank you,
Ramona Dreischer

Priemeyer Named To Texas Retailers Board

Frederick B. Priemeyer of Garwood has been elected to a one-year term on the board of directors of Texas Retail Federation.

Texas Retail Federation is the legislative voice of retail department, dry goods, specialty and jewelry stores in Texas. Its directors are chosen from the owners and managers of over 1300 retail outlets in the state.

To Order Rubber Stamps

Call 234-2783

McClure Report: Did You Know?

that Jake Pickle voted to:

• FIRE 'EM & HIRE 'EM!

Jake Pickle voted for the \$6 billion jobs bill. This "make-work" legislation encouraged state and local governments to lay off people from their payrolls only to rehire them with federal money. Earlier the same day he had voted to add 280,000 more taxpayer-supported slots to the 300,000 already in the program. (HR 11453, February 10, 1976)

• TIE STRINGS TO THE \$!

Jake Pickle voted to keep federal strings tied to revenue sharing funds. One of these strings required cities and states to submit "master plans" and "timetables," forcing them to reorganize in line with the ideas of federal planners. Another extended the mandatory union wage scale to all projects funded in any way by revenue sharing, thus driving up construction costs by at least 15 per cent. Still another string gives the Justice Department power to cut off all revenue-sharing funds after it files a civil suit, even though guilt is not yet proven, and even though the alleged violation is not in a project financed by revenue sharing. (Amendments to HR 13367, June 16, 1976)

• SEND 'EM TO LONDON!

Jake Pickle voted to send 25 members of Congress, plus their wives and staff personnel, to London to pick up a copy of the Magna Carta. He voted the U.S. Earlier the same day, he had voted against limiting travel expenses to \$10,000 per member and reducing the delegation from 25 members to 5. (H. Cong. Res. 580, March 17, 1976)

• LET HEW RAISE THE KIDS!

In 1971, Jake Pickle voted for a child development bill which would have given the federal government exclusive control over the raising of children. He has defended the current version of this bill (Child and Family Services Act of 1975), which gives the Secretary of HEW unlimited control over federal child development activity and explicitly provides free federally-controlled day care regardless of how affluent the recipient may be. (HR 10351, September 30, 1971)

• LET THE COURTS BUS 'EM!

Jake Pickle has refused to sign a discharge petition to bring Rep. McDonald's firm anti-busing bill up for a vote. This legislation invokes a check on the power of the courts provided by the Founding Fathers in Article III, Sections 1 and 2, of the U.S. Constitution. The Supreme Court has checked on the power of the courts provided by the Founding Fathers in Article III, Sections 1 and 2, of the U.S. Constitution. The bill would stop federal bus forced busing immediately, thereby prohibiting any court order "which would have the effect of requiring any individual to attend any particular school." (HR 12286, now locked up in the House Judiciary Committee)

• CHARGE YOU MORE FOR HIS "FINE RECORD"!

Jake Pickle voted for Congress and executive level pay increase. This bill tied his salary to an automatic cost-of-living escalator, making him immune from the harsh reality of inflation. (HR 2589, July 30, 1975)

You wouldn't vote this way.

Why vote for a Congressman who did?

I need your help to put common sense back in Congress.

YES! I'll help elect Paul our congressman

Financial contribution \$

Work at home