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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Texas Highways Need $s Aid

Texas Highways, the pride of this state, could become an embarrassment. That's because the state just does not have the funds to maintain our excellent roads system properly, much less to finish those dollar committed projects already underway.

To try to meet the dollar crisis, the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation voluntarily has cut its work force over the past few years by thousands of employes.

Yet, billions of dollars are needed to do the job.

Reagan Houston III, a San Antonio banker who chairs the Texas Highway Commission, is realistic about the problem. The Texas Legislature must be handed the problem, and the burden M convincing legislators that something must be done to save our highways must be left to those who use our fine highway system, the taxpayers of Texas.

Gov. Briscoe has announced, under his "no new taxes" theme, his recommendations for a 20-year, $7.1 billion relief plan to avert the highway funding crisis.

The governor has recommended the following:

*That three fourths of the automobile sales taxes, expected to be $203 million in Fiscal 1978, and $45 million a year in car accessories sales taxes be dedicated to the highways.

*That $100 million a year in federal revenue sharing funds be rerouted during the next biennium for safety and improvement work, including repair and-or replacement of unsafe bridges (of the approximate 25,000 bridges in Texas, nearly half are either undersized or carry unsafe load capacity, while Texas still has 120,000 miles of unpaved rural roads).

*That the funding source for the Department of Public Safety, $50 million annually, be transferred from the Highway Fund to the General Fund.

Texas highways are financed by a five-cent gasoline tax, the lowest of any other state in the union. -San Antonio Light.

24 YEARS AGO
Let's Look Back

JULY 3, 1952

The Memorial Fund for an Iron Lung swelled $200.00 to the space of one short week but the goal is not yet reached. More is needed so give generously. . . Final plans for the tremendous Clean Up undertaking scheduled for Eagle Lake next Wednesday were formulated at meetings of representatives of civic organizations, churches and clubs this week and every person taking part in the planning was highly enthusiastic of the success of the program. . . Tuesday, July 15th, has been set as a date for a public hearing on the recent proposal made by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to install dial telephones in Eagle Lake. The city council invites every interested citizen to meet with them at City Hall July 15th at 7:30 to discuss the proposal. . . Eagle Lake Little League Reds defeated East Bernard 7 to 1 and the fathers gave the little league all stars a 3 to 0 whipping. . . Contract for moving two homes and other structures on land east of Eagle Lake belonging to Mrs. Glen Sundermann was awarded Thursday by commissioners. . .Cpl. James Hearn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hearn of Eagle Lake has been wounded in Korea for the second time. . . Ethel Birdwell and Eugene Engbrock are wed here June 24th. . .Charles Causey presided at the first meeting of Rotary year, as the new president, at Colly Memorial Methodist educational building Wednesday at noon . . .New installed officers for Lodge No. 360, were: Edgar Baring, worshipful master; M. R. Zoehike, senior warden; R. L. Muench, junior warden; A. H. Dipple, treasurer; H. E. Tate, secretary; D. Rhea Allison, chaplain; A. L. Barnett, senior deacon; W. L. Bauer, junior deacon; T. E. Austin, senior steward; H. L. Austin, junior steward; and, H. D. Sheridan, tiler.

Let's Look Back
48 YEARS AGO

(June 9, 1928) . . A full moon rising on the horizon as a big ball of fire was reflected in window of the J. F. Carney home and fire alarm was turned in when a passing citizen thought that the house was on fire. . . Nine Mexicans and one negro implicated in theft of sugar from railroad car here. Charged with having broken into a freight car on the Santa Fe yards and stolen twelve 100 pound sacks of cane sugar. . . Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lenhart and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Sinclair are planning to leave soon for an extensive trip through the Eastern states, including a trip to New York City. . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cutler and daughters, Misses Ruth and Mabel, of Crowley, La., are here visiting in the home of their niece and cousin, Mrs. Dave Thomas. . . A. P. Powers and family, Chas. White and family, W. A. McMillan and family left this week for a pleasant stay at Pasadena. . . Vernon "Snowdrogger" Edwards of Houston, formerly of Eagle Lake was a pleasant visitor here Monday. . . American Rice Growers Cooperative Association is seeking better stabilized rice prices and marketing activities, said A. H. Boyt, president. Numerous meetings have been held in Texas and Louisiana in interest of rough rice marketing.

Free Dinner

ROSS OBENHAUS , this is your ticket for a free Fiesta Dinner at the La Fiesta in Eagle Lake where you get the finest in authentic Mexican foods in a pleasant atmosphere. Clip this out and present at La Fiesta not later than Nov. 9, 1976

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U.S. Farm Population Continues Decline

(By P. Johnnie Cooper, County Extension Agent)

The U.S. farm population in 1975 declined 400,000 from 1974 to about 8.9 million people.

The rate of farm population decline since 1970 has averaged 1.8 percent annually, much lower than the annual rate of 4.8 percent experienced from 1960 to 1970.

The number of blacks on farms continued to decline sharply. There were 611,000 blacks living on farms in 1975. The average annual rate of loss for the 1970-75 period was 8.6 percent for blacks and 1.2 percent for whites.

Between 1970 and 1975 the number of farm children declined by one-fourth. Although there was an increase in the proportion of young adults 20 to 34 years old living on farms, the proportion of farm teenagers or of older adults remained about the same.

Agricultural employment among farm residents continue to drop. In 1975, 52 percent of the 4.1 million employed persons living on farms were engaged primarily in agriculture, compared to 55 percent in 1970. Non-agricultural employment was not prevalent among farm women or farm men.

EGYPT NEWS

Mrs. B. H. Tolliver

(Too late for last week)

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Duncan II of Boerne spent several days with the Egypt Duncans last week.

Mesdames Mentor Northington and J. G. O'Quinn were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wilson in Bay City Thursday of the past week.

Sister Martina of Austin visited during the past weekend with her sister, Mrs. Jerald Obenhaus, and her brothers, Pete Krenek of Hungerford and Paul and George Krenek, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Duncan of San Antonio and Miss Genny Duncan, student at the University of Texas, spent the weekend with their father and grandfather, F. B. Duncan.

Mrs. M. W. Mayes of East Bernard was a Friday afternoon visitor with Mrs. B. H. Tolliver. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Tolliver, Jr. of Conroe spent Sunday in the Tolliver home.

Mrs. J. G. O'Quinn was an overnight guest of relatives in Bay City.

Mrs. A. J. Kallas visited in Houston with her children, Mrs. Walter Treybig, Jr., Raymond and Bobbie Kallas, last week.

Canasta Club

The Canasta Club enjoyed a pleasant afternoon last Thursday, when they were guests of Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky. She had three tables of players at her home in Eagle Lake. Scorers were Mesdames H. A. Dromgoole, C. E. Carter and Arlene Williams. Delicious salad and sweet courses were served after the games.

Cousins' Group

The Cousins' Group had a delightful get-together at the home of Mrs. Lorene Ford in El Campo, who was celebrating her birthday. A delectable covered dish luncheon was served. Included for this hospitality were Mesdames H. A. Dromgoole of Bonus; Elder Plaster, Sidell Hansen and Delesie Riley of Glen Flora; Malinda O'tell, Lucille Taylor and Clara Bunge of El Campo; Jerry Bolton and LaVerne Lutringer of Wharton; and Mrs. R. E. Claybrook of Refugio.

Read all of the area school news in the Eagle Lake Headlight - 234-2783

County Hist. Group Awarded Distinguished Service Award

The Colorado County Historical Commission received a Distinguished Service Award at the 1976 Annual Historic Preservation Conference, held in Galveston Oct. 29th and 30th.

Mrs. James (Mary Elizabeth) Hopkins, CCHC Chairman, accepted the DSA during awards ceremonies of the conference, which was co-sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission and Texas Historical Foundation.

The state commission (THC) administers the DSA program, designed to recognize those county historical commissions who have made outstanding local contributions to preservation within the past year.

In presenting the award, THC Chairman Mrs. Wesley B. Blankenship cited the Colorado County group for, among other accomplishments, assisting in the restoration of the Stafford Opera House in Columbus.

Commissions receiving the DSA must meet 16 different requirements. These include presenting at least six programs on local history to other civic groups; sponsoring or helping plan a minimum of three guided historical tours; conducting at least one phase of an oral history program; and completing at least one facet of a significant historic preservation project such as a restoration, a written county history, or the creation of county archives.

WCJC Taking Applications For CETA Program

The CETA Program (Concentrated Employment Training Act) at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton is accepting applications for trainees in welding according to Raymond Vela, coordinator. Welding skills in Oxyacetylene and Arc Welding.

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El Campo Woman Seriously Hurt In Accident

An El Campo woman received severe injuries when her automobile was in collision with another on FM 950 between Garwood and Matthews at 4:05 p.m. last Wed., Oct. 27th.

Mrs. Mary Willeen Vickery was driving a 1972 Ford Pinto east on FM 950 when the vehicle went off the roadway on the right side and then back onto the road and it skidded sideways into a 1974 Chevrolet pickup being driven west on 950 by Clarence William Horndt. The pickup was owned by T Cattle Co.

Mrs. Vickery was brought by Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital for treatment and later was transferred to Ben Taub Hospital in Houston.

Highway Patrolman Randy Baish was the investigating officer and he reported heavy damage to the Pinto which collided broadside near the driver's seat; while damage to the pickup was not heavy. Horndt escaped with minor injuries.

WCJC Homecoming Queen

Eighteen year old Sharon Priesmeyer of El Campo presided over Wharton County Junior College homecoming festivities Saturday at Tiger Stadium. Her escort (left) is Bill Jenkins of Bay City who is president of the Aggie Rodeo Club which sponsored Sharon along with WCJC Future Farmers of America Chapter. Sophomore Class Representative Debbie Jackson of Wharton is shown presenting Sharon with a charm to remember the occasion after SGA Vice President Donald Crump (right) presented the queen's corsage. -WCJC PIO Photo.

Miss Priesmeyer Is Homecoming Queen at WCJC

Eighteen year old Sharon Priesmeyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Priesmeyer of El Campo, captured the homecoming queen honors for the second straight year in a row when she was crowned Wharton County Junior College Homecoming Queen Saturday in Wharton.

The 1975-76 El Campo High School Homecoming Queen is a freshman business major at WCJC and plans to continue her education at Sam Houston State University after earning an associate degree at the junior college.

Sharon was sponsored by the Pioneer Aggie Rodeo Club and Future Farmers of America College Chapter. She is an active member of both organizations.

The Homecoming Queen's Royal Court included Dusty Black of Katy, Susan Kubala of Midfield, Bonnie Parma of El Campo and Suzanne Smith of Egypt.

Phi Beta Lambda, WCJC's business club, captured first place in float competition at a downtown Wharton parade that preceded the WCJC-Kilgore game which the Pioneers won, 13-0.

OBENHAUS GETS PROMOTION

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Obenhaus and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chumchal and Jeffrey of East Bernard were weekend visitors in Orange with the family of their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Obenhaus and Nickie and Stacey.

Gerald Obenhaus has been promoted to personnel manager at the Owens Illinois plant at Valdosta, Georgia and the family plans to move there in the immediate future.

County Hist. Members Attend Preservation Conference

Mrs. James G. Hopkins, chairman of the Colorado County Historical Commission, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Willrodt and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Rau, members of the Colorado County Historical Commission participated in the 1976 Historical Preservation Conference held at the Moody Center in Galveston Oct. 29th and 30th for Texas preservationists and historians.

The Conference is sponsored by the Texas Historical Foundation and the Texas Historical Commission, the state agency for the preservation of the state's cultural resources.

Ambassador Edward A. Clark, member of the board of Regents of the Texas System and former U. S. Ambassador to Australia, addressed the conference on the state of preservation in Texas.

Delegates had an opportunity to hear about Galveston's extensive preservation and restoration program and tour the city's historic districts.

Mrs. Hopkins as chairman of the Colorado County Commission accepted a Distinguished Service Award for the third successive year, presented by the Texas Historical Commission to counties that have done exceptional work in the field of historic preservation.

Mrs. Rau, member of the Texas Historical Foundation, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Foundation.

Eight members of the Stafford Opera House Players of Columbus presented excerpts from the musical "1976" that they so ably presented at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus as a Bicentennial program during the Magnolia Homes Tour in may of 1976. Those participating were Leroy Stein, John Parks, Tony Heines, Dennis Holcomb, Chuck Hall, Tom Gaylor, Sam Echols and Don Minear of Hallettsville. Leah King was the pianist and I. E. Clark of Schulenburg, director, and Anita Heines was assistant director.

Also attending from Columbus were Mrs. Leroy Stein, Mrs. Leroy Burt, Mrs. Roy Burt, Mrs. Chuck Hall, Mrs. John Parks, and Mrs. Tom Gaylor.

Wintermanns Donate Paintings To Study Club Bazaar Nov. 12

Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann have donated two beautiful paintings to the Eagle Lake Study Club for their benefit Bazaar to be held in the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12th.

One piece of work was created by Henry Gadbois, a native of Houston. He received his BFA degree from the University of Houston and his Masters of Letters from the same university.

He has had teaching experience with the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and since 1967 has taught in the Houston Independent School District and in the summers does work with the Hill Country Arts Foundation at Ingram, Texas.

His work is represented by Dubose Gallery of Houston and he has had group exhibitions at the Driscoll Art Gallery in Austin, Herbert Institute of Arts in Augusta, Ga., at the Houston Baptist University and University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The other painting is by Mary Louise O'Sullivan, a native of Asheville, North Carolina.

She studied at Chatham Hall, Virginia; Vassar College, New York; Boston Museum School, Bellas Artes, Madrid; portraiture work with Bona Karolyi and Jerry Farnsworth; silk screen printing with Philip Hicken and lithography with George Lockwood.

She has taught at the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, Mass., Silk Screen Printing in Asheville, N.C. and Madrid. She has exhibited in many prominent galleries in the United States and in Madrid. She maintains her studio-home in Altea, Spain, spending time there each year to work and gather new material.

The paintings donated by the Wintermanns are on display at the First National Bank in Eagle Lake and will be awarded to some visitor to the Bazaar Nov.12th.

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GARWOOD AND NADA COMMUNITY NEWS

MRS. J. F. STRUSKA - 758-3352

Mrs. Emma Hawkins of Houston visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cernoch at Nada this past Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Listvan and daughters of Houston were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Popp.

Misses Bridget and Madeline Popp of Houston spent the past weekend here with their mother, Mrs. John Popp.

Mrs. Madeline (Drapela) Sides of New York is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Drapela. Sunday guests of the Drapelas were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sicinski of Rosenberg and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Drapela of Houston.

Mrs. Lawrence Stallman, Mrs. Lillie Herron of Garwood and Mrs. Ritchie Cunningham of Eagle Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Belcher at Seguin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jelly of Houston were dinner guests of Mrs. W. A. Stallman last Thursday.

Clifton Hefner from the University of Texas in Austin spent the weekend here with his parents and attended the Schoenberg-Smith wedding.

Bridge Club

Mrs. Vera Shoop was hostess to her Bridge Club last week. Invited guests were Mrs. Lee Allen Schoellmann, Mrs. Jerry Zbranek, Mrs. Clarence Martin and Mrs. Oscar Bunge. Mrs. Zbranek won high score. Mrs. Shoop served a dessert course before the games.

Mrs. Heine Beken of Weimar, Mrs. L. V. Cranek, Sr. and Mrs. Louis Cranek were shopping in Houston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brisco visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Krenek, last Sunday and attended church in El Campo.

Alan and Ricky Kristynik spent last weekend in Schulenburg. On Sunday morning they enjoyed having breakfast in the Felix Segura home with the Houston Astros baseball players, Ken Boswell, Rodger Metzger, Ken Forsch and Rob Andrews. They also attended the Cahilispiel celebration at Flatonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kristynik and sons attended the funeral of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Mrs. John Kristynik, at Praha last Saturday morning.

A speedy recovery to Albert Arnold of Garwood who had surgery in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Tuesday morning of last week.

Mrs. Beulah Shoop visited Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Jackson and daughters, Kim and Dawn, in Port Lavaca last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Koenig and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kudelka and son Duane of Ganado were guests of Mrs. Vera Shoop Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Frederickson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parkman and children, Michael, Staci, Kaye and Belle, in Bryan last weekend.

Mrs. Abbie Anderson of Midfield was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bunge last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bunge made a business trip to Houston last week.

Free Car Wash

Mrs. G. I. Jennings this is your ticket for a free car wash at Johnny's Kwik Kar Wash located next to Johnny's 66 Station in Eagle Lake. Clip this out and present at Johnny's for a free car wash effective through Nov. 9, 1976

NEWS FROM HERITAGE HOUSE

By Patricia Foster

Sunday Services

Sunday services were held by the Rev. Geo. Welsch. Bible study was held last Friday by the Rev. I. T. Hewitt and we thank both Rev. Welsch and Rev. Hewitt for coming out to the Heritage House.

Double Treat

Heritage House celebrated Friday night with a double treat. Residents enjoyed a Halloween and Birthday Party. A delightful program was sponsored by Mrs. Lyndia Engstrom and her dancing students from Garwood. They put on a wonderful and enlightening program of dancing and we enjoyed them so much.

After the dancing program, refreshments were sponsored by the Rice High School Home Economics girls. Mrs. Diana Wunderlich and a few of the homemaking young ladies served delicious treats of Halloween cake, birthday cake, an assortment of sandwiches, Halloween sherbet punch, and Halloween candy treats from two lovely tables set up in the dining area. The Home Economics girls also brought out a scary "Ghost Tree" which was the centerpiece for the lobby coffee table.

Mrs. Mattie Bricker played the part of "Witch Hazel"; she flew in on her broomstick and visited the residents and visitors during the party. Everyone enjoyed the party very much.

We want to thank Mrs. V. J. Kana for the lovely ferns she brought out for the Heritage House and Mrs. Koudelka for the delicious greens.

Xi Pi Psi Sorority Has Meet

Xi Pi Psi sorority met on October 26, 1976 at the home of Marilyn Thomas.

Mary Lou Szymanski introduced Eileen Prazak and Betty Brown, guests for the evening. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Frazak presented a program on the Art of Liquid Embroidery. They showed several items which had been painted using this art form of the Modern World. They demonstrated application of the colors and gave tips for beginners. After looking at the baby quilt, calendar, and Christmas items which had been completed, each member was given a small item to paint during the remainder of the program.

During the business meeting Extension Officer Phyllis Thomas read the monthly "Heritage Heartbeat" report from International. This is a project to inform members of the history of Beta Sigma Phi. This month's report contained excerpts from minutes of the first meetings held with the seven charter members in 1931. They told of their first money-earning project which was a dance which raised $19 to cover their chapter expenses.

Rita Sunderman and JoAnn Gertson visited the Heritage House in October. They helped with the weekly bingo party.

The next meeting will be November 9th at Phyllis Thomas' at 7:30 p.m. Ernie Sommerlatte and Jean Williams will present the program.

Last Rites For Mrs. Earl Morgan Wed.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, in Columbus for Mrs. Earl (Betty) Morgan who passed away in the Columbus Hospital Monday, Nov. 1st.

Mrs. Morgan was born June 3, 1911 in Bellville, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Earl V. Morgan of Columbus; a daughter, Mrs. Susan Peikert; two sons, Robert Eugene and Jack; and other relatives and friends.

The last rites were held from the Columbus Funeral Home followed by interment in the Oak Knolle Cemetery in Bellville.

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