Wolf Problem In County Is Serious

Wolves Running In Packs In Garwood Area

The problem of wolves which are reported to be running in packs in this county and doing heavy damage to livestock and wildlife, especially to deer, was brought before the Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday and the court authorized County Judge Lester J. Cranek to investigate the possibility of hiring a full-time trapper to operate in this county to alleviate the problem.

Billy Ray Krenek, foreman of the L-7 Ranch in Garwood, Edwin Balusek, Boyd Rees and Jimmy Rees, also Garwood residents familiar with the mounting wolf problem, met with the court and urged some action to halt the great increase of the predators in this county.

Krenek said that he had been in contact with most landowners in the southern part of the county and all agreed that something should be done as soon as possible. He noted that on the Lehrer ranch he had noted fourteen calves, all near accessible roads, that had apparently been killed by wolves and carcasses stripped clean. "There's no telling how many more there are in areas where we are unable to travel due to wet conditions," added Krenek. He said that it is not unusual to see wolves running in packs now and since they are a cross with the coyote they are becoming more vicious and more active.

Deer Disappearing

Balusek told the court that he lives in an area where deer used to be plentiful in numbers, but now there are very few deer and he expressed the opinion that the wolves are rapidly depleting the deer population as they attack the fawns. He said that he has on a number of occasions investigated dens of the wolves and found carcasses indicating that the wolves are using the deer for food for their young.

Balusek said that he had been in contact with biologists who had tagged fawns in his area and that fifty percent of the fawns were lost within 30 days after being banded. He added that the wolves often come to within a few yards of his home and said the problem is getting serious.

Both Krenek and Balusek agreed that the problem could not be solved by a short-time trapper since he would only remove wolves from a particular area and it wouldn't be long before others moved into the area. They advocated that a full-time trapper be hired and clean out the wolves and then keep them out. They pointed out that the county stands to lose a lot of revenue from hunting rights if the wolves continue to reduce the deer population as they have done in the past few years.

Mr. Rees pointed out that "there just are a lot more wolves and we need some kind of trapping program immediately."

It was noted by the delegation and members of the court that this is the mating season and probably the best time of the year to begin the trapping program. Judge Cranek was authorized to investigate a program of wolf trapping offered by the Texas A&M Extension Service and also the possibility of getting a local trapper to take on the task of ridding the county of wolves. It was also agreed by all involved in the discussion that consideration should be given to hiring a competent trapper and not delegate the job to someone without experience or without capabilities of carrying out the program successfully.

During the discussion Judge Cranek said that he was well aware of the problem since he resided in the area and he pointed out that the county had paid bounties on 255 scalps or a total of $1260 for wolves killed in the county during 1976. The bounty program was said to be "inadequate" since most of the wolves killed were by deer hunters and they did not reach areas where real problems exist. It was also noted that the practice of shooting wolves from the roadway or across the roadway is a dangerous practice.

Alpha Delta Phi Meeting

Alpha Delta Phi met Thursday, Feb. 10th in the home of Dianne Canney.

President Diana Brunner read a letter from Jean Lee in which she thanked members for inviting her to be a member of Beta Sigma Phi, and she said she regretted she would be moving and must transfer out of Alpha Delta Phi chapter. Rush chairman Charlotte Reed announced that Jean did get to finish her pledge training and received her Ritual of Jewels before leaving. Charlotte also announced that Linda Wiese and Jean Wiese completed their pledge training and would receive the Ritual of Jewels soon.

The Lady of the Year for Eagle Lake for 1977 was selected. Her name will soon be announced with a picture and an article about her.

Frances Dromgoole presented the program on popular music. She played a selection of popular songs from the 50's and 60's and members guessed the names of the songs and the singers. Frances then played a tape of five popular songs from the 70's and members decided on their favorite. It was an enjoyable program.

Refreshments were then served by the hostess.

Miss Elizabeth Peacock, Carl W. Seaholm, III Plan April Nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Joe V. Peacock of Midland announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Carl W. Seaholm, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seaholm, Jr. of Eagle Lake, with a party at their home in Midland, A Valentine's motif was used for the announcement party held February 11th. During the evening many friends called to meet Carl and his parents. Carl and Elizabeth plan to be married April 30th in Austin.

Auto Registration Now Underway

Motor vehicle registration for 1977 got underway on Tuesday, Feb. 1st, and new, bright red stickers must be affixed not later than midnight April 1.

The 1977 validation stickers will be of a "universal" type, and will no longer be dedicated for issuance to a particular classification of registration. Last year, the first that stickers were used, they were blue for all categories but were imprinted with "passenger", "truck" and so forth to designate the particular type of vehicle.

The new plan, said Tax Assessor-Collector Henry J. Hajovsky, will reduce the number of validation sticker books in registering the different classifications from 14 to one - thus enabling a deputy to accomplish the registration of all 14 multi-year classifications using only one validation sticker book.

Issuance of multi-year license plates in Texas, adopted by the Legislature in 1973, became effective in 1975. The law authorized the issuance of one set of plates for each vehicle during any five-year period starting with the 1975 registration year, and plates are validated each year by placing validation stickers on the rear license.

In 1976 the sticker was placed in the upper left corner of the rear plate and this year the sticker will go in the upper right corner of the rear plate.

The various categories, 14 in number, that fall into the multi-year classification are passenger, truck, farm truck, farm truck tractor, motor cycle, tractor, trailer, token trailer, travel trailer, farm trailer, city bus, motor bus, private bus and machinery.

To register a motor vehicle, the assessor-collector said, a person should bring the three-part form received from Austin. If he or she does not have the three-part form, the title certificate and last year's license receipt should be brought.

County 4-H Club News

(By Shirley Rollins Brown, Asst. County Ext. Agent)

Live Oak 4-H Club

The Live Oak 4-H Club began their Food and Nutrition projects Thursday, Feb. 3rd. Members of the club met in the conference room of the Municipal Building located at 603 Spring St. in Columbus to make plans for the 1977 Food and Nutrition program. The members received guides and guidelines for the 1977 food show.

The Live Oak 4-H Club members participating in the Food and Nutrition projects are: Level I, Kiane Carter, Nina Denley, Lisa Elliott and Roxanne Neuendorff; Level II, Libby Divin, Karen Sue Hoelscher, Leanne Marie Kubirek and Lori Olivarez.

The Live Oak 4-H food meetings are held every Thursday.

Other Clubs

The Colorado County 4-H Clubs participating in the Food and Nutrition projects are Alleyton, Boggy Branch, Eagle Lake, Garwood, Vox Populi and Weimar.

The Colorado County 4-H Foods Show is scheduled for March 26, 1977 at the Columbus Elementary School Cafeteria.

Rice Voc. Review Committee Calls Hearing Feb. 28

Parents, taxpayers, students, staff members and others interested in the vocational programs of Rice High School are invited and urged to attend an open meeting of the committee at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28th beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Rice Administration Building at Altair.

The Vocational Program's Review Committee, appointed by the board, will be in session on that date and the committee wants and needs the input of citizens on present and future vocational programs and needs for the Rice District.

All persons interested in improving the quality and scope of the vocational programs are urged to attend.

Art, Hobby Show At Shiner Feb. 27

The second annual Art and Hobby Show sponsored by the Shiner Rotary Club will be held Sunday, Feb. 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Shiner American Legion Hall.

Space in all areas is limited and assigned on a first come basis. The deadline for reservations is Saturday, Feb. 12. Interested participants should contact General Chairman, Glenn Leist, P. O. Box 266, Shiner, Texas 77984, immediately.

The Judged Art Competition Show is limited to a total of eight entries per artist; two entries per category of still life, landscape, portrait or abstraction. One dollar per picture entry is required. A 10% commission is charged for any sale. Entrants are eligible to win best in the show prizes of $35, $20 and $10.

BOWLING

MONDAY NITE MIXED

For individual scoring honors in the Monday Nite Mixed League last Monday, Virginia Waldrop bowled a 206-530 series to lead the ladies and Gene Markwood posted a 243-607 series for the men. G.C.O.C. had high team game of 858 while Aggie Bunch rolled high team series of 2473.

Other leading scorers Feb. 14th were George Rohrer 226-561 Lonnie Sommerlitte 547, Lawrence Stallman 525, Mary Oberhaus 516 and George Matthys 505.

Leading the league is the Aggie Bunch who have a two game lead with 58 wins, followed by G.C.O.C. with 56 Sizzlers in third with 53 Pinbusters in fourth with 45 and Buds in fifth with 44 and one-half.

RECORDINGS FILED

Real Estate

Gift Deed, Hal B. Allen et ux to Dawn Jean Allen et al undivided interest 476.036 acres J. C. Rhode Survey et al, 11-15-76

Gift Deed, Isam Brisco, Sr. to Isam Brisco, Jr. undivided interest in 665.02 acres H. T. & B. RR Co. Survey, 11-1-76

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MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION	Mondays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WELFARE	1st Tuesday of each month, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC	1/3 Day Month
TEXAS REHABILITATION COMMISSION	Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon
COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
STATE HEALTH NURSE	2nd Friday of Each Month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
ALCOHOLISM	Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
CLOTHING CENTER	2nd and 4th Mondays, 2 to 4:30 p.m. (At present)

Methodist Mission Center

Bulletin board at Methodist Mission Center lists activities for citizens of this area

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

Activities Scheduled At Methodist Mission Center

The United Methodist Mission Center at 400 West Prairie Street, the formal Colly Memorial Methodist Church facilities, has numerous activities scheduled. The complete schedule of those activities using the facility at present and details on the programs offered follow.

MENTAL HEALTH

Sid MacAllister, Director, Marianne Moehr, RN, working out of the San Antonio State Hospital under the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, serving Colorado County. They work with discharged hospital patients but also deal with people in crisis situations. Their concern includes alcoholism and drug abuse. They work with all ages and make home visits as well as receiving patients at the Center. A psychiatrist will be at the Center one-half day a month for the Mental Health Clinic.

MENTAL RETARDATION

Mary Wagner is the Case Worker for the Colorado County Outreach Program. This program is directed by the Travis State School Outreach Program under the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The program is to serve adult mentally retarded persons over 18 years of age.

TEXAS REHABILITATION COMMISSION

Rev. Basil Jones is the Commission's representative for Austin, Colorado, Matagorda and Wharton Counties. He gives counseling and assistance to the physically disabled. If necessary, he can extend his time at the Center past noon on Thursdays.

ALCOHOLISM

Robin Pinckard represents the Fort Bend Alcoholism Services in Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton Counties. She deals with any problems relating to alcohol and drug abuse for the abuser and/or the families of abusers. She is available to give educational programs for schools, civic clubs, etc. Her work is funded by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism and by the counties involved. She can be at the Center later than 2:30 p.m. by appointment.

WELFARE

Chris Stein, Eligibility Worker I, represents the State Department of Public Welfare in connection with the AFDC (aid to dependent children) program. They furnish aid to children who do not receive support from one or more of their parents. He will be glad to talk to anyone who thinks he or she may be eligible for this program or anyone else with questions concerning the Department of Public Welfare in general.

COUNTY HEALTH NURSE

Bernice Richter, RN, gives tests for blood pressure and diabetes, as well as immunizations for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella. In addition, Sandra Swacha mer, RN, from the State Department of Health Resources will be at the Center the second Friday of each month to give immunizations.

CLOTHING CENTER

The Clothing Center is under the direction of the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance. The Alliance is now in the process of reorganizing the Clothing Center to broaden its service and increase participation of the various churches in the Alliance. It is anticipated that the Center will be open more often than two afternoons in the month. New information on its operation will be available early in March after the Alliance has completed its plans.

For more information you may call 234-3022 or contact Mrs. Laurina Matthews, coordinator for the Center.

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Starlettes Are Mardi Gras Bound

New Orleans Bound -- Colorado County Starlettes from Wharton County Junior College who will march in Mardi Gras Parades include left to right Tammy Novak of Columbus and Eagle Lake coeds Rhonda Kocherlelp, Beverly Gertson and Denise Wiese.

WCJC Starlettes In Mardi Gras Parades

Wharton County Junior College's vivacious Starlettes precision dancing and marching unit has been invited to participate for the fourth year in New Orleans famed Mardi Gras parades.

Starlette Directress Mrs. Mary Ann Thornton reports forty five girls will leave by Continental Bus Saturday, February 19th at 8 a.m. to appear in the Monday, February 21 Krewe of Proteus parade at 7 p.m. and in the Mystic Krewe of Comus 8 p.m. parade on Tuesday February 22nd.

Other upcoming Starlette activities include appearances in the Wharton County Youth Fair Parade in Wharton March 23rd.

A preview of the annual Starlette Follies April 5-7 is scheduled March 8 when a group of the coeds will participate in the Bay City Career Benefit Program.

G.C. Hereford Bulls Avg. $669 Heifers $410

Evoritt Buys Champion Bull

The Gulf Coast Hereford Association sold 61 head of registered Herefords in its annual spring sale, which was held in Columbus on Friday, Feb. 11th. Fifty-five bulls sold for $36,810 to average $669 and six bred heifers brought $2,460 to average $410.

The champion single bull was a senior bull yearling consigned by the Millereek Farms of Industry. C. F. Everitt of Eagle Lake bought the bull for $1,500, which was the top price paid during the sale.

The reserve champion single bull was also a senior bull yearling and he was consigned by H. T. Herrin of Houston. The bull was bought by Bill Terrell of Navasota for $1,200.

The champion pen of bulls consisted of two bulls raised in Texas in 1975 which were consigned by Chas. Herder Jr. of Weimar. One of the bulls went to B. Jeffrey of Devers for $900 and the other was bought by Marion Wisbrock of Anderson for $900. This was the top selling pen of the sale.

The reserve pen of bulls was made up of two bulls raised in December 1974 and they were consigned by Roy B. Herrmann of Caldwell. C. B. Jeffrey of Devers paid $900 for one of the bulls, and the other one went to E. F. (Bob) Robertson of Houston for $700.

The six bred heifers were consigned by the Millereek Farms of Industry and the Hocking M. Ranch of Giddings and they went to three buyers. Sylvesta Vacek of Schulenburg paid $500 for one of G. W. Foley Jr.'s Hereford heifers, bought one for $430 and another for $430 and the other three went to Wilbert Birnbaum of Giddings for $400 each.

The Association has scheduled its Fall Sale for Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1977 and next spring's sale for Friday, Feb. 10, 1978.

Texans can get information on legislation by calling toll free telephone line 1-800-252-9693.

Homemakers Set Style Show Feb. 24

The Rice Consolidated Chapters of Future Homemakers of America and Young Homemakers of Texas will present a Style Show and Luncheon Thursday, Feb. 24th at 12 noon in the Rice High School Commons Area. The show will be entitled "Spring Fashion Bouquet."

Everyone in the surrounding communities of Eagle Lake, Garwood, Sheridan, Altair and Rock Island is cordially invited to attend and enjoy a delicious luncheon while viewing the newest spring fashions from local clothing stores.

Tickets are $3.00 per person and will be available through reservations from now until Friday, February 18th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Persons desiring tickets or reserve them by calling any of the following VHT ticket chairmen: Jo Ellen Stansifer Garwood, 758-2235; Vernita Dopslauf, Sheridan 234-3441; Sharon Grabmann, Rock Island, 234-9967; and York Powers, Eagle Lake Altair 234-3238.

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Organ Recital At Methodist Church Feb. 27

The United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake invites citizens of the area to mark on their calendars the date of Sunday, February 27th, at 2:00 p.m. when Dr. Ellsworth Peterson of Southwestern University in Georgetown, will present an organ recital in connection with the dedication service for the beautiful new organ in the new church.

"Dr. Peterson is an exceptionally fine organist and it will be a great privilege to hear him," said the Rev. David Edgar, pastor.

Following the organ dedicatory recital, the public is invited to view the facilities in the New United Methodist Church.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brock of Humble were guests here this week with their sister, Mrs. Fern Jones.

Mrs. Laura Church of Houston and Mrs. Lilly Schilling of the Heritage House in Eagle Lake were visitors here Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Larsen.

Mrs. Robert Holbrook of New Orleans, La. and her daughter Mrs. Joyce Gregg and daughter of Beaumont were visitors here this week with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Trapp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buchanek and family of La Grange were Sunday visitors here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Buchanek. Their mother had been a guest at their home in La Grange early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Nance of Houston have been recent guests here with their father and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nance and family.

Mike and Jerry Stevens and Kenny Nance attended the Ohama Livestock Sale at the San Antonio Livestock Show last week.

Garden Club Meets In Zoeller Home

The Eagle Lake Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Sophie Zoeller on Wednesday, February 9th, with Mrs. Edith Doty assisting the hostess.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. The secretary read the minutes of the January meeting, following which the treasurer gave her report.

Entertainment for and visits with the residents of Heritage House were discussed at length and plans were made to remember our senior citizens more often.

During the business session, the motion was made and carried to give up on our project of keeping the yard at the Community Center.

The Horticulture report was given by Mrs. Sunderman. She told of using yeast, dissolved in water, and used to water pot plants to make the plants grow better.

The April tour was discussed briefly but no decision was made.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Geraldine Cason on March 9th, with Mrs. Eva Marshall and Mrs. Eunice Phillips as co-hostesses.

The meeting was adjourned by saying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Refreshments were served during the social hour, after which twenty plates were filled with fruit, cookies, candies and sandwiches. These were wrapped and then delivered to twenty special senior citizens in Eagle Lake. - Reporter.

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In St. Luke's Hospital

Friends were pleased to learn that Ed Causey is doing nicely from an arterial by-pass in St. Luke's Hospital last week Wednesday, and may get to come home this weekend. At present he is in room 8434 at St. Luke's, Houston.

Carl Segelquist To Be Buried Here Thurs.

Carl Segelquist, 85, of Alvin, uncle of Frank Higgins, passed away Monday night, February 13th in the Clear Lake Hospital. He had been in poor health for the past two years but suffered a stroke last week that confined him to the hospital.

He was a long-time former resident of the Eagle Lake and Lissie communities.

Services will be held in the Floburg Funeral Home in Alvin at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 17th with interment in the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake at 2 p.m.

1974 Columbus Accident Damages Asked

A suit styled Nillie Jenkins, Emma Carter, individually and next friend to Thelle Whitehead vs. American Indemnity Co. sets for damages in an accident in Columbus Dec. 1, 1974.

It is alleged in the suit that at the time of the accident, the family was covered under an insurance policy and they ask for a total of $8,000 for medical expenses and loss of income. If not paid immediately then a 12 percent additional fee of $428.06 be included, plus attorney fees in the amount of $5,000.

Pagel Lane To Remain Open

Commr. Court Denies Petition To Close Road

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in session Monday, held a public hearing on the proposal to close Pagel Lane, a road of some 1500 feet in the Lone Oak or Pisek area and after hearing testimony pro and con the issue, voted unanimously to deny the petition to close the road.

A petition to close the road had been filed last month with the court at which time the public meeting was called for this Monday. The petition was filed by Wiley N. Anderson, Jr., David E. Pagel, Wiley N. Anderson III, Joseph Anderson, Gloria Pagel, James C. Johnson and Scott E. Bozrell, all of whom reside in the Houston area and have an interest in the Pagel farm which is located on the road.

The portion of the road in this county dead-ends at Cummins Creek, although the creek crossing itself is in Fayette County and there is a road in Fayette county leading to the site.

The petitioners said that the road is not used sufficiently to justify the expenditure of county funds for maintenance.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker, in whose precinct the road is located, said that he has done very little maintenance on the road, mostly to repair a gravel bar crossing across the creek. But he noted that the gravel bar is now under four feet of water and could forever limit the possibility of a crossing in that area.

Opposition Voiced

He had to voice opposition to the closing of the road were Henry Mikus, Mrs. Helen F. Mikus, Walter Meyer, Mrs. Meyer, Fay Pavlik, Wallace Kenghaus and Mrs. Ferdinand L. Meyer, Sr.

Mr. Mikus presented letters to the court, signed by 12 persons who reside within a mile of the road, asking that it remain open so that they might have access to the creek.

Mr. Meyer testified that he used the road to cross the creek for agricultural purposes and if closed he would have to travel twice as far to get his work done.

Pavlik was cross-examined by Mary Anderson, Jr. and he testified that he seldom saw anyone on the road with whom he had been familiar for almost his life (38 years).

After hearing both sides of the issue, Commissioner Leyendecker made the motion to keep the road open and the motion was seconded by Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Veselka and the motion passed unanimously. In making the motion, Leyendecker noted, "I doubt that we have the right to close the road and as long as people use the road, we should keep it open.

$610,869.23 In County Funds Invested in CD

A total of $610,869.23 was ordered placed in a certificate of deposit to bear interest at the rate of 11.77 percent in the county depository, Columbus State Bank, when the commissioners' court met Monday in Columbus. Columbus State was awarded a new two year depository contract earlier in the day on its bid of 11.77 percent interest on certificates of over $100,000.

All funds were bared to minimum requirements for the next four pay sessions in order to get as many of the funds, budgeted but not needed at this time, into the CD.

The total placed in the CD included: $50,000 from the permanent improvement fund, $35,000 from road and bridge precinct 1, $65,869.23 from the contigency fund, $50,000 from the officers' salary fund, $1,000 from the jury fund, $60,000 from the general fund, $73,000 from precinct 1 additional ad valorem, $75,000 from precinct 2 additional ad valorem, $27,000 from precinct 3 additional ad valorem, $15,000 from precinct 4 additional ad valorem, $20,000 from precinct 1 revenue sharing, $75,000 precinct 2 revenue sharing, $15,000 precinct 4 revenue sharing and $69,000 from revenue sharing unallocated.

Funds Distributed

The court approved distribution of some funds equally to the four precincts.

Each precinct received $5,000 from road and bridge class 2, $14,000 from road and bridge special, and $33,000 each from additional ad valorem funds.

County To Accept Bids On Paving

Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday authorized advertisements for bids for asphalt paving and seal coating of county roads in the four commissioners' precincts under an annual program. Bids will be accepted at the March 14th meeting.

In other action the court approved the appointment of 61 citizens to the Historical Commission for the next two years; recognized the fact that two Justices of the Peace, M. M. Jones of Eagle Lake, Precinct 8, and W. A. Hefner of Garwood, Precinct 2, had attended the required 20 hour annual refresher course. Some thought was given to making the course, as required by law, mandatory for JPs in the county. Further discussion will come up on this matter at the March meeting.

Pipeline Crossing

The court approved an application from Prairie Producing Co. for a pipeline crossing on First Class Road 158 in the Rock Island-Nada area. The company will place a 3½ inch line in a 7" casing under the road.

The court had planned to ask for bids for two trucks for Precinct 2, but delayed the action until such time as Commissioner Rafael Veselka can revise specifications to enable all dealers to make bids.

81 Wolf Bounties

County Judge Lester Cranek reported that 55 bounties were paid on 81 wolf scalps turned in during the month of January.

The court authorized Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker to do some diversion work for a soil conservation plan drainage program for W. C. Smith at a fee of $10 per hour.

The commissioners agreed to join in a new resource development area in the Houston-Galveston Area Council, and authorized a study to be made by a H-GAC expert on the feasibility of another ambulance for the Eagle Lake area and also possibly for other areas.

Used Photostat Machine

The court had before it a proposal that a used photostat machine, now out of service, in the County Clerk's office be sold for $25 in order to make more room in the county clerk's office.

At the suggestion of Precinct 4 Commissioner L. W. Stiles, Jr., it was decided to withhold action pending investigation of the possibility that some school or agency, such as the Texas State Institute might put the machine to better use.

Court Accepts Reconstructed Ag Bldg.

Colorado County Commissioners' Court after a thorough inspection of the rebuilt Agriculture Building, decided to officially accept the building and agencies using the building will be moving in soon.

The building was destroyed by fire last year and the court awarded a contract for $56,125 for reconstruction of the building along the same design as the other, with some changes, to Roy Menke. Of that amount the court has already paid $25,051.68 and received a bill for the remaining balance of $30,148.97 as final payment. It was noted that the total payment was $2,924.35 less than the original bid.

A. J. Willrodt, architect for the project, received a total of $2705.01

Hubecka Asks Damages for Mineral Rights

A suit was filed in District Court at Columbus Feb. 8th styled George Huekeba vs. R. J. Kleinmann et al and Napeco Inc. of Austin. Huckeba, of Houston alleges that he purchased 757 acres of land in the Altair area from Kleinmann and was to receive one-fourth interest in bonuses paid on oil and gas and mineral leases, one-fourth of lease money and one-256th interest in royalties. He says that Napeco paid such funds to Kleinmann who has executive rights on the property and is asking the court to partition the rights to the oil and gas mineral rights. Huckeba is also asking for $250,000 in exemplary damages plus $25,000 in attorney's fees.

Jury Called For Criminal Cases Tues.

A list of jurors has been summoned to appear in District Court at Columbus Tuesday morning of next week to hear any criminal cases that might need a jury trial.

Those indicted by the February grand jury will appear before Judge E. W. Patteson Monday to enter pleas of guilty or not guilty and if they plead not guilty to decide if they want trial before the judge or before a jury.

RECORDINGS FILED

Real Estate

Gift Deed, Leon A. Schindler to Emily Schindler Graybeal et al undivided interest 201.29 acres Louis Wink Survey, 12-29-76

Gift Deed, Leon A. Schindler to Emily Schindler Graybeal et al various tracts of land (undivided interest) P. R. Splane League et al, 12-29-76

Gift Deed, Emil Raabe, Jr. et ux to Hilda Raabe et al undivided interest in various tracts of land in A. D. Kinton and A. Kelso Surveys, 12-28-76

Deed, Thompson Flyers of Garwood to Thompson Aircraft Supply, Inc. 0.417 acres Samuel Kennelly League, 12-29-76

Deed, John G. Middleton to G. C. Chambliss, Jr. undivided interest in 187.15 acres Thomas J. Smith Survey, 12-28-76

Deed, Thompson Flyers of Garwood to Thompson Fertilizer, Inc. 0.501 acres Samuel Kennelly League, 12-29-76

Deed, John G. Middleton to Triphene S. Middleton undivided interest in 187.15 acres Thomas J. Smith Survey, 12-28-76

Deed, Georgia Eaton Franks to Bob Warren Eaton undivided interest in 325.97 acres I&GN RR Co. Survey, 1-3-77

Deed, Juanita Rau Ginn to Gretchen Legler et vir Lot 39 Krupka Subdivision W. B. Dewees Survey, 1-5-77

Deed, Juanita Rau Ginn to Gretchen Legler, Trustee 13.80 acres James Cummins League, 1-5-77 (Trust Deed)

Deed, Viola Linke to Jim Ford Scott et ux Lot 11 Blk. 56 Eagle Lake, Texas, 12-1-76

Deed, Waldene Creed et al to Walton Wayne Williamson et ux Lots 3 and 4 Blk. 46 town of Columbus, Texas, 12-1-76

AGRICULTURAL OBSERVATIONS

From TEXAS A&M RESEARCH SITE EAGLE LAKE

4-inch

Date Feb	Air Temp 2/ Max	Air Temp 2/ Min	Soil Temp Max	Soil Temp Min	Rain (Ins)	Evap (Ins)
8	59	43	55	46	0	.098
9	63	36	54	44	0	.071
10	56	51	55	52	1.75	.002
11	67	56	57	52	0	.002
12	61	51	58	55	0.08	.153
13	69	39	60	48	0	.086
14	70	40	59	47	0	.241

1/ In cooperation with National Weather Service & Texas Water Development Board.

2/ Sheltered air temperatures.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1977 10:15 A.M.

AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK THROUGH SATURDAY: Cloudy skies and a slight chance of light rain are due today for the Rice Belt in the wake of a cold front. Decreasing cloudiness from the northwest this afternoon will end the occasional rainfall and leave fair skies by tonight. Partly cloudy skies should hold Wednesday through Saturday. A slight chance of showers is indicated for both Thursday and Saturday. Temperatures will be cool today and tonight but will begin to warm again on Wednesday. After 50s today, temperatures will be in the 60s through midweek and then climb into the low 70s by late in the week. Drying conditions will be fair today but will improve Wednesday. Generally good drying conditions are expected the rest of the week except near shower areas Thursday and Saturday.

PAST WEATHER: High temperatures on Monday ranged from 60 degrees in the western end of the Rice Belt to the low 70s in the east. Lows this morning were all in the middle 40s.

FARM MANAGEMENT: Most fields will remain too wet to work through much of this week. A few locations with lighter soils may dry enough for light work to resume later in the week, however. Mild temperatures expect today will help growth of winter grains and may help some spring growth to resume. Supplemental feeding of livestock will be required to keep livestock in good condition however.