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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

House Passes $637 Million Highway Finance Bill

(Editor's Note: This press release relates to the Highway Finance bill passed by the Texas House of Representatives last week.)

Last week the Texas House of Representatives approved a $637 million highway finance bill. This bill (H.B. 3) was designated by Gov. Dolph Briscoe as an emergency matter because he felt the underfunding of the Department of Highways and Public Transportation was worthy of immediate attention by the Texas Legislature.

The bill which the House overwhelmingly passed would not require additional state taxes; rather funds which are now in the General Revenue Fund would be diverted to supplement the highway program. These funds would be generated for highway purposes by dedicating to the Highway Trust Fund an additional three-fourths of the state motor vehicle sales tax and all the sales tax on auto parts and tires.

The bill would also increase available highway funds another $75 million during the next two years by limiting the Department of Public Safety's share of the present constitutionally dedicated Highway Trust Fund to only $30 million a year. Additionally, Gov. Briscoe wants to utilize $168 million in federal revenue sharing funds for highway use. Gov. Briscoe believes these things will alleviate the highway funding crisis in the state.

The bill is not yet law; it has simply passed the House. It has now been sent to the Texas Senate for its action on the bill. The Senate can pass the bill in its present form or lower the figure or raise it. If the Senate disagrees with the dollar amount in the House bill, a conference committee must meet to adjust the differences. Only after the bill has been passed in the same form by both legislative bodies the bill is submitted to the Governor.

Rep. John Wilson of La Grange supported House Bill 3.

County Ext. Offices Back In Ag. Bldg.

By Dorothy Schomberg,
County Extension Agent

We're back home!

Extension Service offices are once again housed in the newly remodeled Agricultural Building at 316 Spring St. We are no longer in the flat building next to the jail, but the "pretty" tan building with a neat brown pitched roof.

We enjoyed our temporary home at the City Building and we had the pleasure of being the first tenants watching the old hospital transform into the new City Municipal Building.

We appreciate the hospitality of the City of Columbus in helping us feel at home. We also express our appreciation to those County Commissioners and County hands that helped us move including Otto Loessin, Rafael Veselka and Crockett Leyendecker.

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EAGLE LAKE – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 21, 22 and 23, 1977 City Hall 8:45 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.

FRELSBURG – Thursday, February 24, 1977 Heinsohn's Store 8:45 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

OAKLAND – Friday, February 25, 1977, Community Center 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

SHERIDAN – Monday, February 28, 1977 School House 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

ROCK ISLAND – Monday, February 28, 1977 Community Center 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

GARWOOD – Tuesday, March 1, 1977 Hopkins Office 8:45 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.

NADA – Thursday, March 3, 1977 Nada Grocery 8:45 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.

WEIMAR – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 7, 8 and 9, 1977 City Hall 8:45 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully,
Henry J. Hajovsky
Assessor-Collector, Colorado County

24 YEARS AGO - The Way It Was..

(February 5, 1953)

Announcement was made this week of the appointment of W. J. Westhoff as Plant Superintendent at Shell's Sheridan Cycling Plant effective February 1st. . .Memorial books, encyclopedias arrive at Library. . .City Ordinance halts unauthorized traffic on airport runways. . .Houston's house collection by Lions Scouts nets $565. . .Band Instruments to be displayed at Colored P-TA meet. . .Youngest Salt Grass trail rider to Houston show is Garwood's Lester Dungo, Jr., aged 7. . . A news release by the daylight this week from the Bess School of Floral Design, Houston, states that Mrs. Arnold Klockman of Eagle Lake has successfully completed a course in floral work under their tutelage on January 30, 1953. . .Firemen have busy week; make four runs to minor fires. . .Band Boosters complete birthday calendar canvass. . . Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dipple entertained with a lovely silver tea at the Community Center Sunday, February 1st in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. . . A new 10½ boy introduced himself to the world this morning when tiny Ralph Cardinal Gertson, Jr., arrived to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gertson of Lissie. His arrival occurred at 8:46 a.m. at the Lyughlin Hospital and he weighed 8 pounds and one ounce at birth. . .Pink and blue shower Tuesday evening honors Mrs. Earl Braden, Judith Anderson on WCJC Debate team to compete at Baylor, Feb. 6-7. . . Miss Bernice Gertson and Elwood Kochwelp have announced the attendants for their approaching marriage Friday evening, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Lissie.

Let's Look Back 48 YEARS AGO

(March 9, 1929)

Sam Stapleton given 30 year sentence for the murder of W. E. Holmes, Ramsey prison farm guard. . .Central Power and Light Company installs a new electric sign with a stream of motion waving red lights around the company's title. . .Columbus Catholic Church is badly damaged by fire. . .R. J. Campbell is building 150 gallon a day capacity Ice Cream plant. . . Rex Theatre showing Wallace Berry and Florence Vidor in "Chinatown Nights." Coming soon Gloria Swanson in "Sadie Thompson."

Relative of Local Citizens Dies In Crash

Ronald Russell "Rusty" Hall was killed when the late model pickup truck he was driving hit two trees off of Texas 135 between Tecula and Mison about 6:30 p.m. Friday. He was a relative of the Brisco families here.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Wayne Davis said Hall's truck apparently ran off the right side of the road on a left hand curve, then crossed the highway and ran into a ditch on the left side of the road, hitting the trees.

It was reported that Hall received head and internal injuries. Shortly after the wreck he was taken by ambulance to Newborn Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Funeral services for Rusty Hall were held from Thompson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Edwin Crank and Rev. D. L. Stewart officiating. Burial was in Concord Cemetery.

Rusty was born June 1, 1957, died Feb. 11, 1977. He had lived at New Summer field all of his life and was a Baptist. He was an employee of the Billy Plant Farm.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy H. Hall (the former Miss Barbara Lee Brisco); one sister, Denise Ann Hall, New Summerfield; his fiancee, Miss Pam Hamilton, Troup; grandmothers, Mrs. Gladys Hall and Mrs. "Bud" (Mary Jane) Brisco.

Pallbearers were Danny Cousley, Kenny Murphy, Randy Powell, James Keith Derrington, Timothy Underwood, Bryan Murphy, Bryan Hamilton and Michael Murphy.

Going from Eagle Lake were Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Brisco, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Brisco, Mrs. Frank Dittrich, Mr. and Mrs. Darius Brisco and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brisco.

95% County Taxes Collected By Jan. 31

The Colorado County Tax Assessor and Collector's office collected 95 percent of the 1976 tax rolls before the January 31 deadline passed, reports tax officer Henry J. Hajovsky. The office collected a total of $1,067,158.56 for county and state funds, for the Weimar School District and the Garwood water district.

A breakdown of the collections by funds follows:

State tax roll of $100,071.24 95.6 percent of $95,667.87 was collected; County ad valorem, $440,472.54 tax roll, collections were 95.45 percent or $420,416.98; County additional ad valorem, $250,185.81 total, 95.6 percent or $239,171.56 collected; Weimar school district, $312,929.73 tax roll, 95.18 percent or $297,837.18 collected; and Colorado County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 at Garwood, $14,935.82 total roll, and 94.16 percent or $14,062.97 collected.

AARP Covered Dish Luncheon Meet Mar. 2

The Eagle Lake chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet Wednesday, March 2nd at 12 noon for a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.

"Let's have a 100 percent attendance," said the chapter officers. Each member is urged to attend and to bring a dish and a friend with them.

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Opens With Record Fri.

A record number of entries have been received for the 45th Annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo-the world's largest livestock show, junior livestock exhibition, and rodeo, all rolled into one.

More than 21,000 animals have been entered in open class and junior competition. Winning entries will receive a total of $510,365 in premium money, the highest sum to be distributed in Livestock Show history.

The Livestock Show opens February 23 and runs through March 6, with rodeo performances every night in the Astrodome beginning February 25. Events in the horse classes begin earlier, on February 19.

A star-studded line-up of television and recording artists will entertain rodeo audiences, beginning with K. C. and the Sunshine Band, on February 25; Mac Davis, February 26; Helen Reddy, February 27; Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn, February 28; Mel Tillis, March 1; Merle Haggard, March 2; Roy Clark, March 3; the Osmonds, March 4-5; and Charley Pride, March 6.

Tour To Sell License Plates Continues

Colorado County Tax Assessor and Collector Henry J. Hajovsky and his deputies will continue their tour of the county to sell license plates and to take assessments for 1977 taxes. The group was in Eagle Lake on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The group will be in Freilsburg, at Heinsohn's Store, from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 24; at the Community Center in Oakland from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They will be at the Sheridan school from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28 and at the Rock Island Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m.

The tour will continue at Hopkins' office in Garwood from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Tues., Mar. 1; at the Nada Grocery from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thurs., Mar. 3rd; and at the Weimar City Hall Mon., Tues., and Wed., Mar. 7, 8 and 9.

County Buys Ambulance Ins. for $1575

Colorado County Commissioners Court met in special session at 10 a.m. Monday and approved a new one year contract with Columbus Insurance Company for the Colorado County Emergency Ambulance Corps at a cost of $1575.00.

Included will be property insurance and $100,000/$300,000 bodily insurance coverage for the employees of the four units, located at Eagle Lake, Garwood, Columbus, and Weimar.

Columbus Insurance Co., represented at the meeting by Doug Lilie, was the only bidder. The court met in special session since the expiration date for the insurance coverage would have expired before the next regular session March 14th. Other prospective bidders were contacted by the County Judge's office since the time element prevented adequate coverage through advertisements in the news papers of the county.

Road Accepted in Pct. 1

Upon the recommendation of Precinct one Commissioner Otto Loessin, the court accepted a road dedicated to the county by the Will Strauss Estate and the county will now assume maintenance of the new road located west of Columbus. It was reported that all properties bordering the road have been sold by the estate and the plat showing the new property owners and road dedication were accepted by the court.

The court also released securities which had been pledged by the county depository, the Columbus State Bank, and approved new depository pledge contracts since the bank was given a new two year contract as county depository at the February 14th session.

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House Debates Bill On Valuation Of Land On Productivity Basis

(Editor's Note: This review of the 75th session of the Texas Legislature is based on reports from the Texas Legislative Council.)

[illegible] Texas House of Representatives spent [illegible] days debating a bill [illegible] would allow all land used for farming, ranching or timber production and all land pledged to that use to be taxed on its productivity rather than on its market value. Without all Texas farmers have been penalized by the action of their farm and ranch land increasingly valued as residential acreage. Farmers and ranchers have been located close to urban areas. The value of land for recreational purposes and weekend homes has skyrocketed far exceeding the value of the land if it were being utilized in agricultural production. As a result, high taxes which have been based on the speculative value of land are forcing many small farmers and ranchers to sell their property.

This particular bill will become effective only if a proposed constitutional amendment which is also being debated in this Session of the Legislature, is passed. The constitutional amendment must be approved by a two-thirds vote of both Houses of the Texas Legislature and then be approved by the voters of Texas in 1978. If the proposed constitutional amendment fails to be adopted by the Legislature or subsequently by the voters of this state, then H.B. 22 has no effect.

Before the House finally approved H.B. 22, several amendments were added to it. One amendment excluded timber land from being taxed on its productivity [illegible] amendment also provided that land devoted to the production of timber shall be taxed on the basis of its productivity rather than its market value. [illegible] the Legislature [illegible] amendment [illegible] amendment is adopted by the voters it would result in farm and ranch land being valued for city county and school district purposes at its productivity value rather than its market value. The purpose [illegible] amendment is to preserve farmers and ranchers in their business and to prevent their being forced out of business because of unbearable assessments.

To answer the bill [illegible] Senate amended [illegible] amendment [illegible] effective [illegible] amendment is adopted by the voters it would result in farm and ranch land being valued for city county and school district purposes at its productivity value rather than its market value. The purpose [illegible] amendment is to preserve farmers and ranchers in their business and to prevent their being forced out of business because of unbearable assessments.

MARKET REPORT

COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK

Columbus Livestock Market reports that the market was very active to fully steady and stronger at the sale on Thursday of last week. Owners report that the run of cattle continues short and buyers are all wanting cattle.

The firm handled 522 head of cattle last Thursday with good to choice butcher calves and yearlings bringing 32 to 35, heiferett packer cows sold 31 to 33, heavy Hereford and Angus steer calves sold 34 to 46 and heifers 28 to 34, while crossbred steer calves went 34 to 48 and heifers 28 to 34. Good stocker cows and heifers brought $180 to $225 per head.

No. 1 hogs sold 38 to 50 and lambs 35 to 50.

Weekend Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Henske and son Kevin of the Valley were visitors in Eagle Lake this past weekend. While here Kevin was honored with a birthday dinner in observance of his fifth birthday anniversary, which was on February 16th at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Brad[illegible]. Attending were the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henske and [illegible] great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Taylor of Mission and their relatives.

Last Rites For Mrs. Gila Cruz Wed.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 1st at Eagle Lake for Mrs. Gila Cruz who died Monday, February 28th in Houston.

Officiating were the Rev. Roger Rodriguez, pastor of the Gethsemani Baptist Church officiated at the services in the chapel of the Mill Bauer Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Lakeside Cemetery.

Mrs. Cruz was born in Mexico on Sept. 1, 1893. She was married in marriage with Nellanico Cruz forty-six years ago. The family resided in Rosenberg for 25 years before coming to Eagle Lake five years ago.

Survivors are her husband; three sons, Clem of Eagle Lake, Joe of Los Angeles, California, and Pedro of Detroit, Michigan; one sister who resides in Phoenix, Arizona; 22 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends. Two sons, Jesus and Raymundo Cruz, preceded her in death.

Friends extend sympathy to the family in the loss of their loved one.

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See Tabletop Jamboree at Upper Room Books

Every now and then a new idea comes up and the surrounding area melts together to focus upon it! Just such is happening at Upper Room Books and Gifts in Eagle Lake.

"Because we have so much fun putting our tabletops together, someone conceived the idea of having a tabletop contest to see which club or organization could come up with the most original and beautifully-done tabletop," say owners of the store, Gay and Fay Anderson. "Cynthia DeLaughter suggested that we call the thing, Tabletop Jamboree. The response is phenomenal and the challenge exciting, as the ladies have created their tabletops."

"We wish we could have invited more clubs, but we had to be selective because of space. Next year, we hope to make more room, somehow," the ladies said.

The clubs participating are XI Pi Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi of Eagle Lake, Columbus Garden Club, Fort Bend County Art League, Young Homemakers' Club of East Bernard and Young Homemakers' Club of Eagle Lake.

"Come in and vote for the one you think is the winner and see the Winner's Trophy," they added.

HOSPITAL NEWS NOTES

Patients this week (Feb. 21)

George Cook city
Mrs. Edna Willis city
Mrs. Susie Seaholm city
Mrs. Elsie Schatz city
Mrs. Matilda Chasia city
Mrs. Annie Margaret White city
Mrs. Rosie Scott city
James Gordon Sr., city
Dirk Heenhaus city
David Dear city
Frank Hallinger El Campo
Mrs. Bess Oswald Fort Worth
Miss Rena Meza Wharton
Thomas Flanigan Washington Texas
Miss Sonia Lahodny Yoakum
Willie Sanders Weimar
Mrs. Connie Stallman and baby girl Columbus
Patsy Denley and baby girl Columbus
Mrs. Lillian Sevier Sheridan
Toribio Duarte Missouri City
Dismissals
Mrs. Mamie Miles city
Mrs. Louise Brunner city
Mrs. Ernestine Rowe city
Louis Schneider city
Mrs. Donna Woods city
Mrs. Penny Embrey and baby boy city
Mrs. Pauline Parker city
Mrs. Irene Sunderman city
Michael Brewer city
Miss Chanel Brown city
Mrs. Audrey Lewis, Lissie
Mrs. Albina Machart, Louise
Ted Wiese, Altair
Mrs. Janette Stallman, Garwood
Mrs. Cordelia Hollien, Garwood
Dale Popp, Garwood
Miss Bessie Dancy, Garwood
Mrs. Lela Malone, Columbus
Mrs. Jenevee Peterson, Sheridan
Mrs. Sandra Means, Houston
James Helfrich, Alleyton
Timothy Kram, Yoakum
Reinhard Koopmann, La Grange

Mrs. Neiswender Wins Groceries At Miller's

Mrs. Tommie Neiswender was the winner of a $25 basket of groceries given as a Valentine's Day promotion at the Miller Grocery.

Owners of the firm invite you to come by to register, without obligation, for a portable Multiband Radio which will be given to some lucky visitor to the store on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th.

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Cong. Pickle Reports On Tax Program

(By Cong. J. J. Pickle)

President Carter's tax rebate and tax reduction program went through some major changes before the Ways and Means Committee finished with it last week.

The Committee decided to give a $50 per person rebate to those making less than $25,000 and phase it out so that people with incomes over $30,000 will receive no rebate. The standard deduction was increased to $2,000 for single persons and $3,000 for couples.

The President's plan for reducing business taxes was totally replaced by a provision designed to give business an incentive to create new jobs. The Committee version would give companies a tax credit up to $1,680 for each new worker hired this year or next. The maximum credit would be $10,000.

I voted for the Committee bill on the final vote only after revealing personal conversations with President Carter at a breakfast for Ways and Means Committee members that tax rebates and tax deductions to stimulate economic growth "become an equal evil." I explained that this is the last time the Ways and Means Committee will agree to increase the deficit in order to stimulate the economy.

"Signs of Times Choir" At Meth. Church Mar. 6

The "Signs of the Times" Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Monica Foytek will present a program at the United Methodist Church Sunday, March 6.

Members of the choir all have severe hearing impairments, thus they "sing" with their hands, using the language of signs to interpret recorded P.A. music.

Everyone is invited to attend this free program at 10:55 a.m., March 6th, said the pastor, the Rev. David Edgar.

Terry and Danny Gertson on Dean's Lists

Miss Terry Gertson, a junior at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, made the honor list with a 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester. She is majoring in Food and Nutrition.

Danny Gertson, a sophomore at Texas A&M University, made the Dean's List with a 3.6 grade point average for the fall semester. He is majoring in Agricultural Economics.

Terry and Danny are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gertson of Lissie.

drive

Jr. Girl Scouts Plan Clean Up

Junior Girl Scout Troop 188 took on as their Service project the task of cleaning up the area around the Girl Scout hut near Minimax Grocery.

The troop met there at their regular meeting time Mon., Feb. 21 and picked up several boxes of rubbish, chopped the weeds and mowed the grass.

Those taking part in the project were: Melissa Wilcox, Karen Morrison, Janet Anderson, Connie Prazak, Toni Teague, Suzanne Fajkus, Stacey Holden, Lisa Corman, Robyn Thyssen, Tamara Psencik, Denise Reese and Rhonda Tricka. Troop leaders are Mrs. Annette Fajkus and Mrs. Laurel Holden.

Home From Hospital Party For Schorlemmer

Phillip Schorlemmer was given a surprise welcome-home-from-the-hospital party Monday afternoon upon his return from surgery in Houston.

Hostess for the party was Jonna Webb who furnished an attractively decorated chocolate cake and drinks. Phillip was given a present from his friends. Those attending were: Jonna Webb, Becky Benge, Karen Rucka, Allison Keeter, Anna and John Wegenhoft, Bonnie Cook, Andy Anderson, Troy Corman and Andy Gertson.

Hatcheries Busy

Texas fish hatcheries will provide more than 24 million fish this spring for stocking public and private waters in Texas during 1977.

Heritage House Royalty

The Heritage House's King and Queen, Claude Brewer, left, and Mrs. Louise Dittrich, right, are shown being crowned at the Valentine Day coronation ceremony and party. They were crowned by Wesley Boone, a former King, and Mrs. Patricia Vise, social director at the Heritage House.

NEWS FROM HERITAGE HOUSE

By Mrs. Patricia Vise

Heritage House Residents Hold Valentine's Party

The Heritage House residents celebrated Valentine's Day Monday evening in the dining area with a Valentine Party sponsored by the Eagle Lake CYO. Refreshments of homemade cookies and punch were served. Also the King and Queen Coronation was held during the first half of the evening. Claude Brewer was elected King and Mrs. Louise Dittrich was named Queen. A beautiful ceremony was held with lovely decorations of red and white adorning the pillars of the dining area. The new king and queen were crowned by Wesley Boone, Ex-King, and Mrs. Patricia Vise, Social Activity Director of Heritage House. After the crowning of royalty gifts were presented to King Brewer and Queen Dittrich. An enjoyable time was reported by all.

On behalf of the residents who attended the party, we would like to thank the Eagle Lake CYO for having such a lovely party and also Darius Brisco, sponsor for the CYO. We want to thank Helen's Flower Basket for making the lovely long stemmed flower for our queen and the boutonniere for our king. Also we want to thank Lake Crest Flower Shop for donating Heritage House the use of their candelabra and beautiful candles.

Rev. Roger Rodriguez conducted the Sunday church services. Rev. I. T. Hewitt conducted Bible study for the month of February and we wish to sincerely thank both of them.

Bingo was held Wednesday afternoon in the dining area of Heritage House. The X-Pi-Pi sorority sponsored the entertaining game afternoon by calling out the winning numbers and helping residents play their cards. The winners were given gifts of bananas and grapefruit which they thoroughly enjoyed.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Frances Criswell to Heritage House.

Wine, Cheese Party

Saturday afternoon, the monthly Wine and Cheese Party was held at Heritage House. Residents enjoyed the afternoon with refreshments of grapefruit punch and bits of cheese and bacon crackers.

Honored On Birthdays

Mrs. Hallie Brasher celebrated her 79th birthday Sunday morning by going out to lunch with her family and in the afternoon an enjoyable birthday party was held in the dining room in her behalf. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Steffens, Mr. and Mrs. William Brune, Mr. and Mrs. John Brasher and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brasher were here to give the lovely birthday party. Refreshments of Angel Food cake, pineapple birthday cake, chips, dips, nuts and delicious fruit punch were served to the residents and guests that attended this wonderful occasion for Mrs. Brasher. She received many beautiful gifts from her relatives and guests and she would like to sincerely thank everyone for their gifts and birthday wishes.

Has Surgery

The staff of Heritage House would like to wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Lois Mills, administrator of Heritage House, who will be in Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton undergoing surgery. While Mrs. Mills will be away, we want to welcome aboard our staff, Mrs. Betty Swanner, who will be working in the office. Welcome aboard Betty!

County Teams In Pony Express Mar. 1

Yearly, Colorado County participates in the Pony Express Races at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. This year we will have two teams running.

The "Bedneeks" consist of Darlene Pavlicek, Nina Pavlicek, Butch Heinnecke, William Goodman, Karen Neuhaus, Carol Rubak, Bascomb Rubak and Johnny Hill, [illegible] against Fayette County.

The "Over the Hill Gang" is made up of the following: Jerry Heinnecke, Wayne Walla, Larry Walla, Mrs. Candace Walla, Bill Pavlicek, Herman Brune, Rusty Klaus and Bob Goodman (alternate). Danny Kunzi. They will race against Washington County.

The race is run as follows: Each team consists of eight riders, each rider runs approximately 180 yards. Each rider is required to carry a baton and must pass it to the next rider.

There are two second penalties for each of the following: a) dropping the baton, b) cutting inside markers, c) deliberately blocking or interfering with other rider.

The winner is determined by the team crossing the finish line first with the least number of penalties.

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