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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Tribute Paid To Industry During Industrial Week

Governor Dolph Briscoe has once again proclaimed April 1-7 Texas Industrial Week.
Now in its 26th year of tradition, this time is set aside each year to pay tribute to new and expanding Texas industry for contributing to the state's economic well-being.
This past year the Texas Industrial Commission reported nearly 300 new and more than 300 expanded industrial facilities. These various industries have taken a positive attitude toward Texas, allowing all Texans to continue to enjoy a high standard of living with one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country.
New industry alone created more than 7,000 jobs last year and had an economic impact in excess of \$411 million.
Industry is the backbone of the economy and a diversified industrial base has made Texas less susceptible to problems caused by recession.
Texas Industrial Week is the perfect opportunity to honor one of the state's most important resources—our industry.

Texas Leads Nation In Adult Driver Education

Texas goes into Defensive Driving Week, April 3-9, already recognized as the number one adult driver education state in the nation.
During opening ceremonies of the annual Texas Safety Conference and Exposition in Houston last week, the state's Defensive Driving Course Training Agency network received top honors from the National Safety Council in recognition of its 76 training achievements.
An annual nationwide observation, Defensive Driving Week is designed to emphasize the need for individual involvement in improving traffic safety. DDWeek has received Governor Dolph Briscoe's endorsement via a proclamation in which he called upon Texans "to unite in an effort to drive defensively in order to reduce traffic accidents."

This year's theme is "Traffic Safety Begins With ME."
Hugh L. Scott, president of the Texas Safety Association, joined with Briscoe in encouraging Texans motorists to protect themselves, their passengers and others who share the roadways by taking the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course. He pointed out that graduates of the eight-hour, classroom presentation not only better their chances of avoiding accidents, they also are eligible to receive a 10 percent discount on their auto insurance. This discount is good for three years and is renewable by retaking DDWeek.
Defensive Driving Courses are offered year-round in almost all Texas communities. For more information, contact the DDC Training Agency in your area or the Texas Safety Association, P. O. Box 9045, Austin, Texas 78766, (512) 451-7421.

Violent Crimes In Texas Drop 6% In 1976

Violent crime in Texas dropped six per cent in 1976 while crimes against property rose by four per cent, according to preliminary figures released last week by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).
Colonel William E. Speer, DPS director, said the preliminary Texas crime report was compiled from uniform crime reporting data submitted monthly by Texas sheriffs and chiefs of police. The DPS coordinates collection of crime data in Texas in cooperation with the FBI's nationwide uniform crime reporting program.
Reports of actual offenses were collected from law enforcement agencies representing 95 per cent of the state's total population. The statewide figures show these trends:
Murder and homicide, down six per cent; Rape, up seven per cent; Robbery, down 14 per cent; Aggravated assault, down two per cent; Burglary, down five per cent; Theft, up 10 per cent; and Vehicle theft, down eight per cent.
Speer said the statistics revealed that there was at least one major crime every

Garwood School The Way It Was..

(March 12, 1953)

Ownership to change at this time. Supply Co. April 1st. Oscar Miller to head E. L. Quarlesback Club in August under construction. C. C. C. class busy year. Mrs. Albert A. Klockman announces the opening of their flower and gift shop, to be known as K's Flowers and Gifts, Tuesday, March 12th. Two places on Garwood Board to be filled. Legion to honor Korean veterans on Tuesday night. County grants mineral lease on Columbus lands. Former native of Garwood, Henry Franks, joined Trinity Unit, staff as Vice-President. A son, who has been named Danny, was born Monday night at 11:45 o'clock to Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Wallace Reginald Graham. The little man weighed eight pounds and seven ounces at birth in Laughlin Hospital. J. D. Rhee Allison adopted baby daughter named Rebecca Rhea March 2, 1953. She weighed eight pounds and fifteen ounces at birth. Jack Dewey is winner of Honor School medal. Brasher, Adams land 2nd team all-district honors. Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Seabolt were recipients this week of a telegram from Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Fraser Wallace announcing the arrival of a daughter on March 9th. The little lady has been named Linda Ann. Brasher to head Columbus Rotary. Miss Hope Franks, bride-elect of Bob Kaley, honored at Sunday afternoon tea. The Fifth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Matern of Columbus will be celebrated on Sunday, March 18th when their children will honor them with an open house at their home. Mrs. W. K. Lehrer business at Austin luncheon honoring Miss Franks. Candidates who filed for Columbus Council posts were Mrs. Walter C. Dick, Charles Rau, H. H. Girton, Earl Morgan and Jack Price. The following boys will have a total of 22 calves. Hereford and Shorthorn-Brahmans for sale on Saturday: Raymond Dick, Clarence Eggemeier, Lawrence Pugh, El Lee Schneider, Jerome Eby, Fred Pegg, Clarence Wesselski, Paul Laake, Jimmie Bunge, Arlin Miller, James Twyman, Linda Krenke and Louis Laakey.

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45 seconds in Texas during 1976. A total of 665,051 major criminal offenses were reported, of which 152,600 or 23 per cent were cleared by arrest.
A separate segment of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program deals with drug arrests, and Speer said data submitted by local law enforcement agencies indicates this 52,780 drug abuse arrests were made in the state during the year. He said the statistics indicated that 45,558 of those arrested for drug offenses were males, while 7,224 were females.
The largest single segment of persons arrested on drug charges were males and females between 25 and 29 years of age. Some 6,969 were juveniles age 16 and younger, including 22 persons age 10 or under.
Speer said the Texas crime report indicates that 12 law enforcement officers were killed in line of duty during 1976 as the result of felonious criminal action. During this same period, there were 2,707 officers assaulted in the line of duty.

The Council is a great asset in drug education and describes drug education in this manner. The objectives of drug education are directed against drug abuse and toward values and attitudes calculated to guide student behavior constructively. Basic to this effort is to keep the lines of communication open. This involves encouraging an atmosphere in which young people feel free to outside and discuss their difficulties and concerns.
Areas will be stressed either individually or incorporated in classroom instruction.
The next A-priority identified need is to improve sex education. Sex education is implemented through our basic health program. The nurse, Mrs. Judith Lambert, helps considerably in providing programs in health. The

counselor also has individual and group counseling in this area.
The program of sex education directed toward helping each student accomplish several tasks which are appropriate for his developmental level:
(1) Developing a wholesome attitude toward one's self as a growing organism.
(2) Becoming socially adjusted.
(3) Learning appropriate sex role.
(4) Developing respect for moral rules and values.
The objectives for grades 5-7 are:
(1) The student will develop an awareness of individual differences that each individual grows and develops uniquely.
(2) The student will develop a knowledge of how reproduction occurs.
(3) The student will become aware of the changes that take place from childhood to adulthood.
(4) The student will develop an acceptable scientific vocabulary useful in describing body parts.
Career Education
The last A-priority need is to increase career education. One of the main functions of the counselor is to provide students with varied information on career education, what careers are available, and how to plan years of pursuing the different choices. The counselor serves as resource person to elementary and junior high students who want information about jobs. Booklets on various careers have been distributed to fourth and fifth graders. A listing of the fifteen job

clusters and all jobs available under each have been distributed to sixth, seventh and eighth graders. A film has been and will be shown to grades four through eight on careers. The Garwood staff will continue to improve the areas of education.

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plan. They will also be striving to improve in areas of education.

THANK YOU... We ARE a UNITED District!

We thank all of the citizens of the Rice District for their votes and support in behalf of our candidate for Position 4, Ted Wiese.

Your votes reaffirmed the vote of confidence shown by the three communities of Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan at the time of consolidation of our schools.

Let's continue our efforts toward the best education possible for our youth.

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By: Nancy Zikuhr

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Spring's Growth Not for Eating

Some Familiar Plants Deadly

By CONNIE FAIR
District Conservationist
Soil Conservation Service

The springtime beauty of Colorado County's lush vegetation in yards, fields and pastures also holds dangers that the public should heed.
Chewing, swallowing or otherwise contacting the toxic parts of certain plants, trees and shrubs takes a heavy toll. Each year health service reports that about 11,000 children are poisoned or injured by these sources.
Parents should be concerned, because many of the plants are quite common in flower and vegetable gardens and in ornamental landscaping, as well as on native rangeland. Bulbs, roots, seeds, leaves, stems or berries may contain poison, depending on the species of the plant.
One Leaf Kills
The beautiful oleander bush, for example, grown all over the country, contains a deadly heart stimulant similar to the drug digitalis. The toxin is so strong that a single leaf can kill a child. People have died merely from eating steaks speared on oleander branches and roasted over a fire.
The popular Christmas flower poinsettia is full of an acid, burning juice, so lethal that a child who consumed one leaf might die. Mistletoe berries can also be deadly. Peach tree leaves contain

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Blair and Some of His Products



Rockhound Bennie Blair is shown above displaying some of the many beautiful pieces of jewelry which he produces in the A & B Rock Shop which he and wife, Alice Belle, operate at their home on FM 102 south of Eagle Lake

Rockhound Bennie Blair Turns Hobby Into Profitable Business

Bennie F. Blair and wife, Alice Belle, a couple of avid rockhounds, have turned their hobby into a nice profitable business. The A & B Rock Shop, located on FM 102 about three miles south of Eagle Lake.
Blair turned over his rice farming operation to his son, Bill, a few years ago and now he has taken up the hobby of collecting rocks. He soon found that with a lot of hard work he could transform what appears to be an ordinary rock into a beautiful piece of jewelry.
The Blairs have traveled all over Texas and several other states, taking up samples of many of the different kinds of rocks which were created by Mother Nature some two hundred million years ago. Included among some of the specimens the rock shop are dinosaur bones and others.
Blair specializes in making beautiful mountings for both burlies and pendants. He credits Bill Thomas, a long time rockhound, with much technical advice on the art of collecting rocks and on converting the stones into jewelry that has universal appeal.
The rock shop will do custom cutting, polishing and drilling, too.
Blair's rock shop is open to

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Gun, Binoculars Stolen At Bowling Lanes

Lawrence Stallman of Garwood reported to the Colorado County sheriff's department that a .22 rifle with four-power scope and a pair of binoculars and a blue jacket were stolen from his Blazer parked at the Skull Creek Lanes last Thursday evening.
Stallman reported that the vehicle was left unlocked. Other valuable items in the vehicle, such as a CB radio, ammunition and other items were not bothered.

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A variety of entertainment is planned in the afternoon, with a dance at night featuring music by Little Henry and the Country Boys.

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