SPORTS

Wolf Trapper Nabs 40 Wolves, 11 Unborn Pups

A wolf trapper, hired by Colorado County and the Texas A&M Extension Service under a cooperative program for six months, began work on March 1st and during the first month trapped forty wolves (the Extension Service prefers to call them coyotes) and reported an additional eleven unborn pups were killed.

County Judge Lester Cranek said the trapper has been active on Balusek and Lehrer land in the Garwood area. The judge is compiling a list of landowners who would like to have trapping done on their property in his office in the county courthouse. If you desire to have the trapper on your land, you may place your name on the list, however it was noted that unless a sizeable acreage is listed or that wolves are prevalent in the area, it might be some time before the trapper can get around to you.

The court discussed Monday the possibility of continuing the $5.00 bounty during the trapping program. Judge Cranek said that $5 bounties were paid on 13 wolf scalps during March.

The commissioners decided to continue the $5.00 bounty until such time as the judge has time to check with the Extension Service to determine if it is legal to continue the bounty and provided the trapper, J. C. Runk, has no objection. The reason for discontinuing the bounty was suggested that person sometimes steal traps or animals from the traps to collect the $5 bounty.

Under the six-month program, the county is paying $425 per month toward the trapper's salary and the federal government pays the remainder of the salary and expenses.

Pioneers At Home Sat.

The Pioneer baseball team has scheduled a home stand at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton against San Jacinto Saturday, April 16 to begin the second half of Texas Junior College Athletic Conference competition.

The 1:30 p.m. doubleheader will provide an opportunity for Coach Jim Campbell's Pioneers to keep in the thick of the conference race where they are 3-3.

WCJC has a Sunday, April 17 Wharton meeting with Texas Southmost at 1:30 p.m. and resumes conference action in Brenham April 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Evening Lions Plan May 15 Golf Tourney

Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club is now accepting entries in the 7th annual invitational golf tournament to be held at Eagle Lake Recreation Center, Sunday, May 15th. Competition will be over 18 holes of medal play with an entry fee of $16 which includes dinner for the golfer. The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and extra meal tickets will be available at $3 each.

Shotgun starts will be at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Six prizes will be given in each of six flights with the first prize in each flight a set of four Spaulding woods. The number of entries in each flight will be limited so golfers are urged to get their entries in early.

For more information you may contact Ed Krivacka, 200 Fairway Drive, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434 for more information.

In the event of a rainout, the event will be rescheduled for May 22nd.

Astros Host Giants, Padres

Following a three game weekend series against the Braves in Atlanta, (April 15-16-17), Bill Virdon's Houston Astros return to the Astrodome to take on two of their Western Division rivals, the San Francisco Giants and the San Diego Padres.

The Giants will be in Houston for a pair of night games, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19 and 20 while the Padres will provide the weekend opposition in a big four game series highlighted by the season's first home doubleheader on Saturday, April 23. The two games against the Giants will start at 7:35, the Friday night game against San Diego at 6:00, the Saturday twin bill at 4:35 and the Sunday single contest at 2:05 p.m.

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Girls Dist. Track Meet Friday

The 1977 District 1AAAA girls senior track and field competition will be held this Friday in Wharton and the Rice Raiders expect some keen competition from the nine other schools in the district.

Coach Fran Mayer has listed the following entries from Rice High School:

440 yard relay, Vickie Fry, Evelyn Fry, Glenda Popp and Virginia Scott with Tammy Walker an alternate; 440 yard dash: Tammy Walker, Cynthia Tomchesson and Pam De La Cruz; 220 yard dash: Evelyn Fry and Glenda Popp; Mile run: Mary Ann Schoellmann, Sylvia Alvarado and Ann Waligura; 80 yard hurdles: Kelly Kallina; 100 yard dash: Virginia Scott, Evelyn Fry and Vickie Fry; and 880 yard dash: Jeanie Gold, Sandra Sklazar, and Betty Ann Labay.

In the field events: Jane Dostal, Hortensia Jaramillo and Tammy Walker are in the shot put; Virginia Scott in the long jump; and Donna Newsom, Jane Dostal and Tammy Walker in the discus.

The senior boys competition will be held April 21st at Brazosport High School.

Rec. Center Mixed, Best Ball Sunday

The Eagle Lake Recreation Center's tournament committee has scheduled six events for 1977 the first of which will be a Best Ball ladies and men's tournament on Sunday, April 17th.

The tournament is for members aged friends and will begin with a sign-up at 1:00 p.m. and tee-off at 1:30 p.m. Entry fee will be $3.00 per person.

Fun for all is promised by the tournament committee, including Richard Clipson, Ernie Sommerlatte, Don Reed and Bob Cook.

43rd Causey Easter Picnic Held Sunday

The forty-third annual Causey family Easter picnic was held Sunday, April 10th. The beautiful weather enabled the picnic to be held outdoors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas in Mentz.

After enjoying an incredible meal, the family spent the afternoon in fellowship. A riotous volleyball game, badminton, strolls among the pines, and good old reminiscing were part of the unscheduled activities.

Special guests for the day were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Causey, Sr., Mrs. Grace Towell, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Isenhower, Mrs. Sophie Zoeller and Mrs. Lucille Reel.

Out-of-town guests were: Max Martin of Houston; Tom and Charmine Laughlin and Wade of Denton; Mrs. Barbara Staff of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Causey, Jr. of Houston; Eric and Jan Brown of Austin; Jill Causey Williams of McAllen; Steven Halvorsen of Victoria; Mark E. Causey and Debra Veatu of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Truman Engstrom of Garwood; Hayna Amman of Houston; Temple Causey of Austin; Griff Thomas of Seguin; Diane Holt of Boling; and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thomas of Hurst.

Guests from Eagle Lake included: Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. George Causey, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Causey, Stacey and Stephanie, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson, Elhana, Brian, Russell and Joy, Mrs. Bobby Mahon, Miss Julia Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thomas, Gerry Clipson, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Causey.

EASTER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Dullahan of Orange, Texas and Miss Grace Spanihel of Houston spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Spanihel.

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ROWLING

INITIAL LEAGUE

Ben Castillo's 258-678 series set the pace for bowlers during Initial League last Thursday evening. For team honors, J.R.s Trojans posted a 1126-3227 series.

Other leading scorers last week were Larry Rothbauer 218-585, Erwin Knippel 211-570, Mano Graham 221-600, Floyd Spenrath 225-567, Ernie Uzzell 210-563, Wilburt Kristek 200-554, Glen Lockhler 547, Butch Schmidt 530, Jack Holden 522, Larry Appelt 518, Stanley Ullman 513, Glen Weseleski 513, Ottis Coleman 517, David Eaers 508, Bob Lytle 506, Doyle Waldrop 502 and Lawrence Stallman 500.

The Imps are in top spot in the league with 482 points, followed by Argo Auto with 468, J.R.s Trojans 457 and one-half, Larry's Phillips 66 454 and one-half, Tumis Exxon 444 and Johnny's Sport Shop 434.

SKULL CREEK MIXED

March 29th Skull Creek Mixed League action saw the Goofers take top team honors with their 849-2368 series. For individual honors, Mano Graham posted a 243-632 series and LaVerne Graham bowled a 215-509 series.

Other high scorers were Opal Varley 224-502, Floyd Spenrath 581, Ben Castillo 207-551, Jim Eure 203-545, Leroy Janda 509, James Booker 506, Ernie Uzzell 504 and Erwin Knippel 555.

During Skull Creek Mixed League play on April 5th the Untamed set the pace for team bowling with their 848-2358 series. For the women, LaVerne Graham had the 219 high game and Myrtle Rohrer the 520 high series while Mano Graham posted the high men's score of a 232-569 series.

Other leading scorers last week were Mike Dezort 515, Butch Schmidt 203-535, Leroy Janda 516, Margie Knippel 512, Darlene Holden 211, Harry Barten 521, LaVerne Graham 509, Ben Castillo 520, Ernie Uzzell 517 and Greg Hadac 519.

At the end of play April 5th the Woolly Boogers were in top spot in the league with 79 wins, followed by the Rice Birds in second with 73, Catfish Farmers third with 64 and one-half and the Goofers close behind in fourth with 63 and one-half wins.

COMMUTERS LEAGUE

The lead in the Commuters League changed once again at the end of bowling last Thursday with the Fireballs now holding a one game lead over Sheridan Drilling and the Mohats. The Fireballs have 73 wins, Sheridan Drilling and Mohats 72 each, Mark's fills fourth spot with 58 wins, Comets are fifth with 55 1/2, Schlitz is sixth with 54 1/2.

In the action last Thursday the Big Sandy Lease Service team had the top team scores with a 774-2175, La Verne Graham had top series with a 530 and Sylvia Marburger posted high game of 219, Mabel Botard rolled a 198-516.

Daily Enrollment at RHS Expected To Drop Athletic Classification

The board of education of the Rice School District heard a report from Supt. E. A. Krivacka Monday night that the average daily enrollment for the year of 1975-76 and for the first two semesters of 1976-77 was 530 students for the purpose of determining classification of the Rice District for athletic competition beginning in 1978.

Krivacka commented that the University Interscholastic League uses this figure when it comes time to determine the school's classification for athletics.

When the school districts in the state were divided into classifications at the beginning of the 1976-77 school year, the cut-off number for Class AAA classification was 549 and average daily enrollment at Rice was at that time barely over that figure, thus the district is competing in 3A competition for the 1976-77 and 1977-78 years, added the superintendent.

"If the figures hold for that division mark, it is likely that the Rice District will be placed into the 2A classification for competition beginning with the 1978-79 school year," said Supt. Krivacka.

He noted that this is only a surmise based on the division at the current two-year program, and the division number could be changed either up or down when the league determines the number of teams which will be competing in each classification.

Boys District Tennis Friday And Saturday

District 1AAAA senior boys singles and doubles tennis competition will be held this Friday and Saturday, April 15th and 16th at the West Columbia and Sweeny schools.

Coach Jody Heard lists the following entries from Rice High School, Ben Anderson, Mike Lanier in singles; Alan and Ricky Kristynik are on one team with Kenneth Daniels as alternate; and Kenneth Daniels and Russell Scott are on the other team with Ricky Kristynik alternate.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS

MRS. M. L. NICKWANDER

Easter Egg Hunt For R.I. Children

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eaton and son Chris delightfully entertained the small children of the community with an Easter egg hunt on Friday afternoon at 2:30 at their home south of town. Twenty-three small children accompanied by their mothers and grandmothers were on hand for the hunt. Fourteen dozen eggs and seven prize eggs were hid.

A pretty cake with the words "Happy Easter" in the traditional Easter decoration, cookies, sandwiches, punch and chips were enjoyed. Paddle balls and Easter baskets filled with candy were distributed to the children.

R.I. Methodist Ch. To Dedicate Windows Sun.

The United Methodist Church of Rock Island invites the citizens of this area to attend the dedication service for the new stain glass windows Sunday afternoon, April 17 at 3:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Open house will follow the service. The pastor, the Rev. Don Hoover, will conduct the service.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Betty Parrott and son Jimmy left Wednesday for their home in Austin after a visit here with her mother and other family members in Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Speck were visitors in North Zulch this past week with their grandson and his family, the Roy Dubers. Visitors in the Speck home here recently have been Mrs. H. L. Baker of Yorktown and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Speck of Columbus.

Free Dinner

Mrs. Bobby Jo Semora this is your ticket for a free Fiesta Dinner at the 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 Apr. 19, 1977

AGRICULTURAL OBSERVATIONS

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Date	Air Temp 1/ Max	Min	Soil Temp 2/ Max	Min	Rain (ins)	Evap (ins)
Apr 5	71	45	73	55	0	.284
6	80	45	77	55	0	.246
7	81	51	79	56	0	.288
8	81	49	82	59	0	.272
9	81	50	82	62	0	.286
10	83	49	80	63	0	.254
11	82	59	79	66	0	-

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

2/ Sheltered air temperatures.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1977 10:00 A.M.

AGRICULTURAL WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS THRUSATURDAY: A period of unsettled weather is in store for the Texas Rice Belt the rest of this week. Widely scattered showers and possible thunderstorms are forecast through Saturday. Rainfall amounts through Wednesday are not expected to exceed 1/2 inch. Moderate to strong southeasterly winds will persist for the next several days, diminishing a little at night.

FARM MANAGEMENT: Planting and other rain sensitive fields work should be completed this afternoon if possible. Once showers set in, many fields will be too wet to work through the weekend. Pastures and planted crops should benefit from the expected rains this week. ATTENTION RICE GROWERS: rice seedlings are showing white stripes across leaves. Dr. James Stansel of the Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station at Eagle Lake stated that this was due to cold injury and damage is not permanent. As nighttime temperatures continue above 60 degrees F, normal green color should return. Caution: applying herbicides when seedlings are pale green may cause severe herbicide burn.

APPLICATION OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS: Moderate to strong southeasterly winds and occasional showers will halt most applications of agricultural chemicals this week.

SOIL TEMPERATURES: Soil temperatures at the 4-inch depth are now averaging in the low to middle 70s. This range of temperature is generally considered warm enough for planting most crops.

OUTDOOR BURNING GUIDE: The Texas Forest Service outdoor burning guide indicates high danger--burning is not advised. Exercise extreme caution if outside burning is necessary.

Raiders Win 2nd Dist. Tilt

Host Wharton Tigers Friday

The Rice Raiders baseball team made it two district wins in a row defeating the Sweeny Bulldogs 9 to 3 in a West Zone District 1AAAA game at Raider stadium Tuesday afternoon.

Coach Henry Garza's Raiders continue district play by hosting the Wharton Tigers in a game at 4 p.m. this Friday. They end the first round of zone play on Tuesday of next week with a 7:30 p.m. game in Edna.

In scoring their second district win, the Raiders banged out seven hits and got good pitching from Steve Epps. Epps got two hits, Ricky Kristynik also collected 2 and had four RBIs, John Grammer, Thomas Kallina and Daniel Ruiz had one hit each.

Epps scored three of the Raider runs. Grammer and Ruiz two each and Tom Balusek and Jimmy Perry1 each.

The Raiders scored twice in the first when Grammer walked and Kristynik came through with a double; another in the third when Epps got a hit and Grammer doubled.

After adding another tally in the fourth on Ruiz's hit, the Raiders had a big fifth inning with five runs. Epps walked, Grammer was safe on an error and both scored on Kristynik's hit. Then Balusek walked, Kallina was hit by the pitcher and Perry went in to run for him. And Ruiz was safe on an error and all 3 scored later on Sweeny errors.

Sweeny scored once in the second and added 2 in the fifth.

Rice committed only two errors in the game, playing good ball. Epps struck out 5 and walked only one.

Boys District Golf Monday At Brazosport

Rice High School boys golf team will be competing in the District 1AAAA spring meet next Monday, April 18th at Freeport with the Brazosport High School hosting the competition.

Coach Bill Carpenter lists the following entries from Rice High School:

Competing in the medalist division will be Trey Kell and Bobby Clark with Michael Hoover an alternate.

Two teams will be competing with Oscar Lopez, Jack Mann, Steve Epps, Rich Farris and Darrel Appelt on one team; Jerry Bebeler, Mark Krivacka, Randy Epps, Russell Johnson and Mike Duarte on the other team.

Major Little League Tryouts 3 P.M. Sunday

Boys and girls of the ages ten, eleven, and twelve who have registered for the 1977 summer Major Little League program will report to the Little League field at 3 p.m. this Sunday for try-outs, announces Draper Stephens, head of the local Little League.

Registration slips are now available at the schools or with Mr. Stephens.

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Open House at Library Next Week

The Garwood Veterans Memorial Library is having open house on the 18th, 20th and 22nd of April from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in observance of National Library Week.

There will be registration every day for four door prizes of books. It will be in four categories: pre-school, elementary, young adults and adults.

A display of arts and crafts taught in classes at the library will be shown. Refreshments will be served every day and everyone, young and old, is invited to come and look around at all the old and new books on display.

Last Rites Held For Tony Eggemeyer

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada for Tony Eggemeyer who passed away in Veterans Hospital in Houston Sunday, April 3. Rosary was recited Tuesday night, April 5 at Trisha's Funeral Chapel in El Campo. Interment was in the Nada Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Della; three sisters, Regina Lundquist, Adella Herzik and Mary Hoelscher; and one brother, Wilbert Eggemeyer. Two brothers preceded him in death.

Tony grew up in the Nada community and had relatives and friends here. Friends extend sympathy to the family and relatives.

Dinner Is Success

The barbecue dinner and bake sale that were sponsored by the women of the Garwood Memorial United Methodist Church were a success.

Dinner and conservation was enjoyed by everyone there. They are happy to report that they sold everything.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Liddell of Seattle, Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jelly of Houston were guests of Mrs. W. A. Stallman and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hefner last Monday. We remember Mrs. Liddell and Mrs. Jelly as Bernice and Evelyn Vaughn when they attended the Garwood School.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Barnhill and sons, Glen, Jr. and Dean, of Houston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hefner for the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Ella Struska was an Easter Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Shindler in Eagle Lake. Other guests were Mrs. Sarah Pate and Mrs. Viola Schilling of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Shindler of Midfield.

Going to La Grange to celebrate Easter Sunday and two birthday anniversaries at the Hoitsch camphouse were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lobpries, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Baumgarten, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baumgarten and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baumgarten and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rek and children, Will Barnett and Grandma Glick of El Campo and Mrs. Annie Rek were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Erdelt at Bellville Easter Sunday.

ATTEND TEACHERS MEET

Mrs. G. M. Cason, Mrs. Robie Millard and Mrs. R. B. Shaw attended the Retired Teachers meeting at the Credit and Loan building in Columbus last Monday.

Visiting Mrs. A. C. Leopold on Easter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goertz and girls from Rockne, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ciarella and daughter Ellen, Mrs. Joe Ciarella of Houston and Magr. Leopold of New Braunfels.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vesely and girls of Waco spent the Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schoellmann.

Msgr. John Gerberman and Mary Ann Leopold of San Antonio spent the Easter weekend here with relatives. On Easter Sunday Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gerberman and Msgr. Gerberman visited Sister Ester Gerberman at La Grange.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Hubert Swoboda and Lenhart were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Curtis and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Swoboda and family of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Swoboda and family of Bellaire; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Swoboda and family of East Bernard. After dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bubela and daughter Laurie of Nada and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swoboda of El Campo.

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Patricia Morton Honoree at Lingerie Shower

Miss Patricia Morton, bride-elect of Robert Orsak, was feted with a Lingerie Shower Saturday, April 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Genz at Nada.

Additional hostesses for the pre-nuptial courtesy were Misses Linda Morton, Jennie Orsak, Darlene Orsak and Carol Bahlik.

Guests were assisted in registering at a small antique oak table which held the bride's book and a white plume pen. The refreshment table, covered with a blue cloth overlaid with white lace, was centered with an arrangement of daisies and greenery.

Chips, dip, mints, cake and fruit punch were served. After the honoree opened her gifts, the afternoon was spent playing games and visiting.

The hostesses presented Miss Morton with a light green negligee.

A speedy recovery to Albert Arnold who is in the hospital at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer J. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lewis of Eagle Pass visited their father and grandfather, W. K. Lehrer, during the Easter holidays.

Mrs. E. L. Shaw entertained with a covered dish luncheon Easter Sunday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gloeckner and Andrew Wilbeck of Pierce; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith and daughters, Kelly Jon and Nikki, of Houston; Bonnie Johnson of Huntsville; Rich Marsh of Detroit, Michigan; and Mr. and Mrs. Delbur Swanson and daughter Lea of El Campo; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell McAskill and daughter Cari of Houston; and Mrs. R. B. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinnet Bohmer of Huntsville are visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bohmer and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cloud of Houston were business visitors in Garwood last Saturday.

Easter Guests

Easter Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Skuca of Nada were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Matula and daughters, Shannon and Lea Marie, Mr. and Mrs. John Wenhauer and twins, Michael and Michelle, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Anderson and daughter Stacey, all of Houston; A1C Joe Skuca from Webb Air Force Base in Big Springs, Texas; Mrs. Ed Kubena from Nada and Jerry Janek from Eagle Lake.

A1C Joe Skuca has been awarded an engraved plaque for being the Crew Chief of the Month. A1C Skuca is with the Air Training Command at Webb Air Force Base in Big Springs.

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Commissioners Court Airs Numerous Road Matters

Sewer - Drainage Problem at Garwood

There were several road and alley matters on the agenda of the commissioners' court Monday. One concerned ownership and use of an alley in the Alleyton townsite and Mrs. James Berger presented to the court photographs showing the use and location of the alley. Another principal concerned in the dispute, E. L. Scroggins, did not show up for the session.

Sewer Drainage Problem

Mrs. Lydia Cooper, Mrs. Boehne and Norbert Meisner of the Garwood community met with the court Monday to discuss a problem being created near their homes by runoff from the Colorado County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 (at Garwood) sewer plant.

Mrs. Cooper told the court that right of way was given for the drainage ditch along what is known in the area as part of Waligura's Slough and running through the Garwood community, and it was agreed that the ditch would be maintained.

She said that runoff from the Garwood sewer plant goes into the ditch and pot holes in the ditch tend to collect materials which give off an offensive odor. She added that the ditch has been eroding into her yard.

She and Mr. Meismer agreed that the situation is not noticeable when water flows through the slough from rice field drainage or after rains, but during dry periods when the water recedes and collects in holes in the ditch the odor becomes almost sickening. They stated that maintenance of the ditch to level the holes to permit adequate drainage might remedy the situation.

Judge Cranek pointed out that the drainage district formed at the time the ditch was constructed, has since gone out of operation, and agreed that the county assumed responsibility for drainage matters.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to ask the county health officer Dr. Raymond Thomas of Eagle Lake to look into the situation or to have the health nurse or the State Department of Health to look into the matter to see if a health problem is being created by the problem.

Condemnation Planned

The court also authorized condemnation proceedings to acquire two tracts of land needed for the extension of FM 2434 in the Glidden area if the owner of the land, E. T. Preston, Jr., of Houston continues to refuse to accept the county's offers for the property.

County Judge Cranek was authorized to write to Mr. Preston informing him that if the offer made by the county is not accepted in two weeks, condemnation proceedings will be started. Involved are two tracts of land, Parcel No. 5 consisting of 1.664 acres of land and Parcel No. 9, 12.209 square feet. The parcels are needed to complete right of way for the extension of FM 2434 to connect Interstate 10 and Highway 90 in Glidden.

The county offered Preston $1972 plus new fencing for Parcel 5 and $560.31 plus new fencing for Parcel 9 plus $366.00 for damages to remaining property, Preston is asking for $2466 for parcel 5 and $885 for parcel 9 plus $396 in damages.

Split on FM Contract

The court approved on a 4-1 vote, a contract with the Texas Highway Department whereby the county will be obligated to pay for curb, gutter and storm sewer work planned on reconstruction of a portion of FM 155 adjoining the city of Weimar.

The FM 155 work has been in the mill for several years, since the section of road to be reworked has been the scene of at least a half dozen fatalities in the past five or six years. Under the contract submitted to the county for its signature Monday, it was indicated that the total cost of the project will run $299,100.00. The City of Weimar will be responsible for $18,825 and the county's share of the cost was estimated at $44,600. Plans are to open bids for the project on April 26th.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Rafael Veselka, in whose precinct the road is located, pointed out that the county's share of the cost would be taken from Precinct 3 Road and Bridge funds. He told the court that there had been earlier commitments from adjoining landowners who indicated they would share in the costs, but since that time, costs have escalated and some property has changed in ownership and he doubted that all of the commitments could be enforced.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Bill Stiles objected to the contract, pointing out that the county might be setting a precedent "unless we can get some kind of a firm commitment on reimbursement from adjoining landowners."

Judge Cranek also read to the court a letter from Mobil Company which has an easement for an 8-inch pipeline under the .7 of a mile of work to be done and the company indicated that casing of the pipeline would be required at a cost of $4610. It was not quite clear Monday whether the county would or would not be responsible for this additional cost, or that the casing would be essential since there is no additional widening of right of way required for the project.

Commissioner Veselka commented in making the motion, "we've gone this far and should go ahead and complete the project. The money spent would be well worth it if we can save the life of another of our citizens." Judge Cranek seconded the motion and in the voting the two and Commissioners Otto Loessin of Precinct 1 and Crockett Leyendecker of Precinct 3, voted for the motion and Commissioner Stiles against.

Rock Island Road

The court considered a request Monday to re-open a road which was closed by fencing by Dick Wood several years ago. The road is an extension of Fourth Street and crosses Crasco Creek near Rock Island. The petitioners asked that the road be reopened so that they might get to land which will be farmed to rice. The court authorized County Attorney Donald Bendy to look into the matter, along with Precinct one Commissioner Otto Loessin.

Pipeline Crossings

The court approved an application by Lavaca Pipe Line Company for crossing under County Road 103 (the Berger-Columbus Road west of Albeyton) when the firm met all requirements made by the county for pipeline crossings.

County Attorney Bendy met with the court to discuss the matter of the Tenneco Gas Pipeline Company, an affiliate of Tenneco, crossing under County Road 223 (the Boehne-Bowman second class road west of Nada) without completing the county's required forms. The company had informed the county judge that it did not need to meet the requirements set out by the county, but merely needed to notify the county of its intent. After filing the intent letter last month the company went ahead and bored under the road for a pipeline crossing.

The commissioners and Judge Cranek discussed with the county attorney, the county's position in asking that "reasonable conditions" be met before such work is done. The county asks for a $100 inspection fee, a $2500 performance bond to insure that work is done properly and that the applicant show proof of a $1 million liability bond. Other conditions setting out depth of the pipeline crossing, obligation to fill in after boring, etc. are included in the agreement and the court felt that the terms are "reasonable conditions" as set out in State statutes.

The court authorized the county attorney to notify Tennessee Pipeline Company's legal department that future crossings in the county must be done under the conditions required by the county or the county may take steps to stop such crossings.

Judge Appointed

Judge Cranek reported to the court that he has been appointed to the Lavaca Basin Advisory Committee. He also pointed out that the Texas Mid-Coast Water Development Council will meet April 16th in Edna, and that the Houston-Galveston Area Council handled 275 projects for which grants were approved, totaling $400 million during the past year.

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Saccharin In Cancer War

Are residents of Colorado County being over-protected or under-protected by the Food and Drug Administration?

Have the restrictions it has placed on the distribution and sale of various foods and drugs that are suspected causes of cancer become unreasonable, based upon the evidence at hand?

The recent move to ban saccharin has brought the matter to the fore. It is creating bitter controversy. The FDA points out that it was forced to take that step because the sweetener was found to cause cancer in rats.

Many local residents, who have been using saccharin for years, because of their need to avoid sugar, are affected by the proposed ban.

The FDA action, coming just prior to April, which has been designated Cancer Control Month, draws attention to the cancer situation in Colorado County and in the rest of the country.

Locally, the figures show, cancer continues to be the second biggest cause of death, with heart disease in first place.

The last three annual reports issued by the U. S. Public Health Service show that it has been responsible for an average of 36 deaths per year in the area. This is exclusive of deaths of non-residents locally.

Of this number, six were attributed to lung cancer and three to breast cancer.

Related to the local population, the overall cancer mortality averaged 203 per 100,000 people in the three-year period.

Elsewhere in the United States the rate was 170 per 100,000. It was 143 in the State of Texas.

Definite progress has been made in recent years in the prevention and control of several kinds of cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

Improved means of diagnosis, through a new type of X-ray machine that can take sharp pictures of soft tissues, reveal abnormalities at an early stage. Other instruments, using sound waves, have also been highly effective.

Little gain has been made, however, toward controlling lung cancer. It is now the leading killer among men and is on the rise among women.

Congress Moves On Clean Water Legislation

(By Cong. J. J. Pickle)

Last week the House of Representatives enacted legislation aimed at removing the roadblocks and making this nation's clean water program workable.

In 1972, Congress called for a three-year, crash program to help this nation's communities build badly needed waste treatment plants. At the end of 1975, only $1.7 billion worth of the $18 billion allocated was actually under construction. Local officials were flooded with complicated forms which piled regulation upon regulation and stifled the basic intent of the program.

After careful study by the Congressional oversight committees and by an independent commission, the major impediments to the program were identified and the House legislation is designed to remove them.

The House passed bill corrected the confusion caused by a court decision which said that formal permits were needed for any dredging and filling in "all waters of the United States." Under this broadened definition, the Corps of Engineers, which issues the permits, said the farmers and ranchers could be required to get a permit to plow his field, enlarge his stock pond or deepen an irrigation ditch. Last year, I introduced legislation to return the definition to what the Congress intended: it to be regulation of navigable waters used in commerce.

How The Other Half Loves At Alley Theatre

Alan Ayckbourn's innovative comedy will begin a five-week run with a champagne opening next Thursday, April 21 at 8:00 p.m. on Alley Theatre's large stage in Houston.

Tickets for all performances of "How the Other Half Loves" including low-priced previews, the champagne opening and subsequent performances through May 29, are now available at the Alley Box Office, 615 Texas Avenue, 228-8421, or all Foley's ticket centers.

Seaholm Elected Pres. Cancer Society

The Colorado County unit of the American Cancer Society met on Tuesday, April 5, 1977 to elect officers and committee chairmen. The officers are as follows: President, Gardner Seaholm; President, Charles Redus of Columbus; Secretary, Elizabeth Reynolds of Eagle Lake; Treasurer, Betty Hajovsky of Columbus; Medical Committee Chairman, Tom Hancher of Columbus; Public Education Chairman, Dena Seymour of Columbus; Service and Rehabilitation Chairman, Glen Bray; Public Information Chairman, P. E. Holcolm of Columbus; Crusade Chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Keys of Columbus; Crusade Co-chairman, Alex Laske of Eagle Lake.

The By-Laws for the county unit were also adopted at this meeting. Plans are now being made for the next meeting to be held on Monday, May 2nd at the Community Center in Eagle Lake at 7:30 p.m. for an interesting program and more information on the County Crusade. All persons interested are urged to attend this meeting and to bring a friend.

Lake Motors Low Bidder On Pct. 2 Trucks

Lake Motors, Inc., of Eagle Lake was awarded the contract for