



FIDDLIN' FRENCHIE BURKE

Fiddlers' Frolics In Hallettsville Apr. 22-23

On Friday night, April 22 at the new giant K. of C. Hall in Hallettsville, the seventh annual Texas State Championship Fiddlers' Frolics will get underway with a big show featuring the top fiddling Cajun show in the U.S., "The Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke Show," starring Frenchie Burke and the

Methodist Women To Hear R.N. Next Tuesday

The program for the United Methodist Women's meeting on Tuesday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m. will be on "People who are in Mission." Members feel fortunate to have a speaker who really is in mission—Mrs. Marianne Mosher. Mrs. Mosher is a registered nurse who works in the local Mission Center with Sd McAlister, Director of the Mental Health program in Colorado County. They work out of the San Antonio State Hospital under the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Mrs. Wood Honoree At Stork Shower

Mrs. Jim Wood was the honoree at a morning stork shower at The Farris 1912 Wednesday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to noon. Mesdames Johnny Meitzner, Tommy Gutman and Ted Wieser were hostesses for the occasion. The guests gathered in the hotel lobby where coffee and visiting were enjoyed as the honoree opened gifts. Mrs. Wood and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Dick Wood, were given coronas of pink and blue carnations to wear for the party.

Later guests were seated in The Drummer's Room for a party plate of French chocolate pastry, chicken salad and ribbon sandwiches with hot coffee.

COUNTY AGENT'S NOTEBOOK

(By Leroy J. Haydik, County Extension Agent)

Financing Plans For Beef Program

Financing plans for the proposed Beef Research and Information Program have been tentatively outlined. The Act is Public Law 92-294 and is enabling legislation similar to that for wheat, potatoes, cotton and eggs. Funds would come from assessments on producers' receipts from sales of cattle. The law sets a maximum check-off assessment rate of one-half of one percent (0.5 percent) of the live animal value, but for the first three years, the rate has been set at 3/10 of one percent. The funds would be collected according to a "value-added concept," which would assess all sellers in the marketing chain. The concept is similar to that of "penned" shrimp. However, sales of breeding cattle may be exempt until the animals are sold for slaughter.

The initial purchaser in the marketing chain would deduct the amount of assessment from his payment to the original owner. Each succeeding purchaser would deduct an assessment based on the current market value, representing an amount equal

Next Estate Planning Session In Columbus Mon.

The second in a series of three free Estate Planning Workshops will be held next Monday, April 25th at the Columbus High School Cafeteria. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. The first of the sessions was held in the Eagle Lake Community Center Monday night with many on hand to hear experts in the fields of law, accounting, insurance and banking speak on the proper use of wills, gifts, trusts and insurance.

Free Car Wash

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Grider On Rice Fact-Finding Mission

St. Grider, director of international relations for the Rice Council, left April 9 for a fact-finding mission to Eastern Europe and Middle Eastern rice markets. Grider will explore the possibility of market in Czechoslovakia for American rice. He will also make contacts with government and trade officials in several Middle Eastern countries which are already important markets for U.S. rice.

Czechoslovakia already imports 70-80,000 tons of rice annually, but none of this is from the U.S. Grider will consult with the heads of those agencies concerned with the importation of food. Knowledgeable sources have indicated a possibility that American rice might be able to fill at least a portion of Czech's import needs.

Grider is a familiar visitor to government officials and trade officials in the Middle East countries and enjoys a friendly relationship with both groups. He will gather trade information, production statistics and other data that will be of benefit to marketers of U.S. rice in those areas.

GIRL SCOUTS

JR. TROOP 188 Feb. 28: We met at First Baptist Church for our regular meeting. We learned to make yarn flowers.

March 7: We met at the home of Mrs. J. Krenk of Houston. Mr. Smith, talked to us about several important topics such as safety, taxes and what they pay for; also our local government and local laws governing such things as bicycles, pets and fire building. This included our requirements for the Active Citizen badge.

March 14: Troop 188 went to the Eagle Lake cemetery to study and make rubbings of some very old stones.

March 21: We received our parts for the skits we will present at Family Night on May 2.

March 28: We practiced our skits today.

April 4: Troop 188 went to the L'Amour Farm for an Easter party. We enjoyed an egg hunt, a decorated egg contest which was won by Karen Burke and Melissa Wilson, and a decorated hat contest, won by Connie Praxak and John Thissen. Later we had a winter roast.

April 11: Troop 188 traveled to Sugar Land to tour the sugar refinery. This was very interesting and we all brought sugar samples and cook books home with us. We thank our leader, Mrs. Annette Fajbas, Mrs. Charlene Praxak and Mrs. Suzanne Morrison for driving us to Sugar Land.

Gerry Fletcher At Benefit Dance-At-Thon in Wharton

The Omicron Delta Chapter Beta Sigma Phi is proud to have Gerry Fletcher accept the invitation to perform at the dance-athon to be held on Friday, May 13 at the American Legion Hall in Wharton. All proceeds of the dance will go to the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Houstonian Gerry Fletcher is a man who truly loves making people happy with music. At the age of 13, he bought his own birthday present—a \$15.00 guitar—and began entertaining at school. At the age of 14, you could find Gerry singing and playing his guitar in a song box in the dining club. Gerry collected other instruments—including the organ which he now plays. Gerry has travelled through 4 states entertaining.

Gerry performed in Wharton previously, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Skyles G. Moron last December. During his performance, he has several records out—you may have heard his records over KANI Country

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3 Charged For Seymour's Burglaries

City police and sheriff's deputies fanned out all over Columbus Wednesday morning in connection with the two burglaries of the S. K. Seymour store. Within three hours, three suspects were in custody.

Randall Beck, 27, was arrested in Columbus driving a van with Louisiana plates. He was armed with a .38-caliber pistol, but he offered no resistance to officers.

Randall Beck, among other charges, will face two counts of burglary, officers said. T. J. Beck, Sr., 53, of Crosby, Randall's father, was arrested on 110 driving toward Sealy on his way to Houston and was returned to Columbus by Chief of Police Ed Potter.

Roger Preston, whose residence was not immediately determined, was arrested in Brookshire Bros. supermarket where he had attempted to cash a stolen

Consumer Debt Up To \$1600 Family

To what extent have Colorado County residents been utilizing the installment credit available to them in their recent stepped up spending for consumer goods?

How large is their debt load relative to income, and how well are they managing it?

As in other parts of the country, there was an uptick in consumer spending in recent months, especially in December causing the debt load to expand considerably. From the standpoint of business, this was a good sign. It was a solid indicator of an economy that was on the rise. People were again in the marketplace for new cars, washing machines, furniture, refrigerators and other costly goods and services.

Because most of it was bought on credit, as usual, the increase in the debt load reflects the increase in consumer buying.

Nationally, according to figures from the Federal Reserve Board, consumer credit at the beginning of the year was at a three-year high, nearly \$179 billion. It was 10 percent more than a year earlier. Auto buying was the chief reason.

In Colorado County, based upon average earnings and spending locally and upon the national findings, the amount of installment debt outstanding is estimated at \$1,600 per family.

In general, the debt load is equivalent to about one-seventh of net disposable income.

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Raider Band To March In S.A. Friday

It has been said that in Romantic San Antonio the drop of a sombrero. To prove that is true, the Battle of Flowers Association planned the eighty-second Annual Fiesta parade entitled "World of Fantasy" which will be held on Friday, April 22nd at 1:30 p.m. climaxed ten days of spirited celebration commemorating Texas Independence won at San Jacinto in 1836, in memory of the heroes of the Alamo and to promote Pan American friendship.

All high school bands will be professionally judged as they march and play in front of the Alamo, the location of the Official Reviewing Stands. The parade is 2.5 miles in length through downtown San Antonio.

The three men were still in the Colorado County jail this week under \$10,000 bond each, pending action by the September grand jury.

Roundup Time On WCJC Campus, Rodeo Apr. 29-30

It's "Roundup Time" on the campus of Wharton County Junior College in Wharton next week when the 27th annual Western Week is celebrated with a variety of entertaining and exciting events for the public and student body.

WCJC's Rocking W Arena, sporting a new announcer and timekeeper booth and new arena stands, has a "Fun Night" scheduled Tues. April 26 at 7 p.m. A queen's contest is set for 7 p.m. Wed. April 27.

The Rocking W Arena will again be filled with action Thurs. April 28 when a "Mini Rodeo" gets underway at 9:30 a.m. during the Thursday activity period at WCJC.

The WCJC Aggie Rodeo Club, sponsor of the week long festivities, invites riders to join them on a trail ride leaving the campus Thurs. April 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Friday and Saturday night's rodeo admission prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under twelve. The Aggie Rodeo Club will operate a concession stand on the Rocking W Arena grounds.

Margaret Wilcox To Sing With SW Group Mon.

The 30 member Southwestern Singers of Southwestern University will be presented in a public concert in Lois Perkins Chapel on the university campus on Monday, April 25 at 8:00 p.m. with Kenny Sheppard conducting.

The personnel of the Southwestern Singers includes Margaret Wilcox, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Wilcox of Eagle Lake.

Clifton Helmer In Honor Engineering Soc.

Clifton C. Helmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Helmer of Garwood, has been elected to Tau Beta Pi, Texas Alpha Chapter at the University of Texas at Austin.

This is a high honor for any engineering student, as election to Tau Beta Pi is based on both outstanding scholarship and character.

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