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Al Marx, Jr. Says Earthworms Can Solve Garbage Problems

Al Marx, Jr. of Mena, Arkansas is making quite a name in the raising of earthworms and his latest innovation is the belief that "any city fishing for a way to solve its garbage problems can find a solution at the neighborhood bait shop." Marx is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Marx of Mena, former residents here for many years. Al's wife is the former Rose Marie Brumbelow, also a former resident of this city.

In a story in the Tulsa World newspaper on Sunday, June 12th there was a story on Mr. Marx and his accomplishments entitled "Earthworm Touted As A Friend To Man ..and That's No Garbage."

The story was an Associated Press release and resulted in Marx gaining nationwide publicity in his work with earthworms. He reportedly received over 400 letters and more than 10 long distance phone calls in one week following the appearance of the article. His operation has also received considerable notice in the Mena paper, the Fort Smith, Ark. paper and numerous others.

The AP story in the Tulsa World quoted Marx as saying that the common earthworm can eat the garbage and eliminate the need for landfills and heavy equipment. He added the worm is also environmentally safe and no energy is required.

"The process is called annelide consumption, and it is going to snowball," Marx said.

The Tulsa World story continued as follows:

"The earthworms will eat anything that will rot or decay.

"They can consume about 73 per cent of all city trash. The other is mostly plastics and metals.

"Separators are available to take out the nonbiodegradables."

Marx is a former engineer who resigned a position at an electronics plant in Mena, Ark. (a town of 4,500 on the Arkansas-Oklahoma border) two years ago to start worm farming.

"Needless to say, when I resigned I was literally laughed out of the plant," he said. "But they don't laugh any more. I now have people from the plant working for me.

"The worms don't bark, bite or do anything like that. There are no deadlines. No one yells at you."

Marx ships his worms around the nation for such things as fish bait and organic gardening. He also has an agreement with an Orlando, Fla. firm to supply worms for a new annelide consumption process in that city. The city of Ontario, Calif., also uses the method to process garbage, Marx said.

"The beautiful part of this whole annelidic consumption process is that you eliminate the need for landfills and associated equipment," Marx said.

"You get rid of the trash, you get new worms in the process and you end up with a fertilizer – worm castings – that the city can sell. This is all done without using any kind of energy. The worms do a service to mankind. Nothing is wasted."

Marx raises his worms in four by eight-foot beds. "I have 66 beds," he said. "Each bed starts with 100,000 worms. The worms under normal conditions will double population in 60 days. It just goes on and on.

"They make rabbits look like they're taking it easy."

Marx, who thinks worms have the potential of becoming a food source, also has 40 contract growers raising worms for him.

He said the earthworm commercially is at the same stage "the peanut was at when George Washington Carver came along. But it's rapidly becoming a $1 billion a year business.

"A worm is no longer just some gooey, slimey thing you carry around in peat moss to put on a hook."

COUNTY AGENT'S NOTEBOOK

(By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Ext. Agent - Ag.)

White Grubs In Home Lawns Need Treatment

Treatment for white grubs in lawns should be made around July 25 through August 5. Timing of application is critical for adequate control. Large populations of adults are now being found in this area. The white grub feeds on the grass roots of the bermudagrass and St. Augustine lawns. When their numbers become excessive in a lawn, their feeding habit can result in severe damage to the grass in the home lawn.

The adults, known as May or June beetles, are about 1/2 to 5/8 inch long and vary from black to light brown in coloration. The adults emerge from the soil in late spring or early summer, mate and start laying eggs in late June or July in lawns. The egg-laying period averages about 30 days.

The eggs have hatched and young white grubs are now feeding in home lawns. Therefore, now is the time to check your home lawn for white grubs.

How do you check your home lawn for white grubs? Take a shovel and cut a one square foot section of sod and examine all of the roots and soil to a depth of four inches for white grubs. After examination, the soil and sod should be put back in place. Examine at least one square foot of sod for each 1,000 square foot of lawn area.

When more than four grubs per square foot of sod are found, chemical treatment is needed.

Controlling white grubs in a lawn has been a problem during the past few years. Diazinon may be used to obtain an adequate degree of control. When using any chemical, use at the recommended rates given on the chemical container label.

The granular form is easier to wash into the soil than the liquid or spray formulations. When granules are used, apply the recommended amount, then drag the grass with a tow sack, water hose, etc., to knock the granules down to the soil. Then apply enough water to soak the granules into the soil.

Apply sprays at the rate of 25 gallons of water, including the insecticide, per 1,000 square feet to wash the insecticide into the soil. Wetting the lawn before spray application also helps. Keep children and pets off the treated lawn until the grass is dry.

The key to white grub control in home lawns is proper timing of chemical applications and getting the insecticide through the grass to the root zone where the grubs are feeding.

Borchelt Is New CPL Vice Pres.

M. L. Borchelt was elected Vice President of Central Power and Light Company July 5th. The announcement was made by R. W. Hardy, Chairman and Chief Executive of the utility company, following a meeting of the company's Board of Directors.

Borchelt is responsible for the direction of fuel acquisition and the planning of CPL's generation and transmission facilities.

7 From County In District 4-H Horse Show

The District 11 4-H Horse Show was held June 30 and July 1 at Pulshear with seven Colorado County 4-H Horse Club members participating.

Buck Burt qualified for the State 4-H Horse Show by placing second in the judged roping event.

Other 4-H members making a good showing were: Darlene Pavlicek, Eddie Pavlicek, Nina Pavlicek, John Poenitzsch, Fredda Saul and Paul Saul.

The State 4-H Horse Show will be held July 27-30 at the Astro Arena in Houston.

Lynette Carley Wins 1st, 2nd In 4-H Horse Races

On July 5, 45 4-H members competed in barrel racing and pole bending at the lighted arena in Columbus. Lynette Carley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Carley of Eagle Lake won a first and second in the beginners division.

Winners were as follows:

Barrel Racing

Beginners: first, Lynette Carley (30.68); second, Mark Besch; third, Phyllis Braden; fourth, Mike Braden; and fifth, Misty McWilliams.

Eight years and under: first, Jason Pavlicek (24.11); second, Kimberly Beken; third, Stafford Parks; fourth, Shawn Wiese; fifth, MacDonald Ruffeno.

Nine through 12 years: first, Paul Saul (19.35); second, Eddie Pavlicek; third, John Poenitzsch; fourth, Cynthia Potter; fifth, Bruce Besch; and sixth, Matthew Potter.

Thirteen years and over: first, James Henneke (18.59); second, Fredda Saul; third, Brad Beken; fourth, Darlene Pavlicek; fifth, Sandra Klump; and sixth, Tammy Walker.

Pole Bending

Beginners: first, Mark Besch (42.17); second, Lynette Carley; third, Phyllis Braden; fourth, Misty McWilliams; and fifth, Mike Braden.

Eight years and under: first, Kimberly Beken (34.28); second, Stafford Parks; third, Shawn Wiese; fourth, Jason Pavlicek; and fifth, MacDonald Ruffeno.

Nine through 12 years: first, Paul Saul (22.17); second, John Poenitzsch; third, Scott Kleimann; fourth, Butch Henneke; fifth, Matthew Potter; and sixth, Keith Klump.

Thirteen years and over: first, Nina Pavlicek (21.80); second, James Henneke; third, Brad Beken; fourth, Sandra Klump; and fifth, Fredda Saul.

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Local Man Charged With Burglary

A Latin-American alien who resides in this community is in the county jail in lieu of $5000 bond on a charge of burglary with intent to commit rape following an incident here early Monday morning.

Eagle Lake Patrolman James Brooks was called to a home on Semprez Street at 2:30 a.m. where it was reported that the man had entered the home. The man, Francisco Cavis was arrested later Monday morning by Patrolman Clark Musgrage and Chief of Police Bufford Ashley and charged with the burglary with intent to commit rape.

Free Dinner

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this is your ticket for a free Fiesta Dinner at the La 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 July 19, 1977

Have a "Rice" day.

Moving Greatest Show On Earth Is Big Project

When The Greatest Show on Earth comes to Houston next Tuesday, July 19th, excited children of all ages who flock to the railroad yards to see the animals and performers unload may not realize that the sleek silver train is a town in itself, moving across the nation. It is specially constructed to meet the very unusual requirements of a mobile city of 300 people, 200 exotic animals and 14 million pounds of equipment.

The 36-car train bringing the 106th Edition of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus to The Summit in Houston on July 20 for performances through July 31 was purchased from Union Pacific railway in 1971; the next year and a half was spent refurnishing and customizing it to house and transport its two and four legged inhabitants.

The train is due to arrive in Houston at 10 a.m. July 19th and animals will walkon Fellow Street south of the Southwest Freeway at the Southern Pacific tracks.

One Injured In 3 Vehicle Wreck On 71 Tues.

A Waco man received injuries and was brought to Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the Garwood volunteer ambulance corps after a collision involving three vehicles on Highway 71 four miles north of Garwood (near the entrance to the Lester Bunge Ranch) at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday.

Highway Patrolman Gary Eden was the investigating officer and he reported that a 1972 Oldsmobile driven north by Cory Smith of Garwood, apparently stopped or slowed to turn off the highway onto a private drive, when a 1965 Buick driven by Albert Hill of Waco came up behind the car. The driver applied brakes but was unable to avoid collision and his car hit the right rear of the Smith car. The Hill car went into a ditch.

A large truck owned by Holdt Bros. of Alvin and driven by a Mr. Davig of Victoria, witnessed the accident and the driver of the truck heading south, swerved to the left, avoiding collision but the truck rolled over in the muddy ditch.

The truck driver, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hill, an occupant of the Buick, all escaped injury.

Mr. Hill's injuries were not believed to be [illegible]

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We offer these wise-use suggestions as a guide for getting the most out of every dollar you spend for electricity.
- Make sure your house has insulation equal to at least an R-19 rating in the ceiling and R-11 in the walls. Insulation pays for itself within a few years in reduced heating and cooling costs.
- Weatherstrip windows and doors, then keep them closed.
- Eliminate excess heat with draperies, storm windows, reflective films, window shades and overhangs.
- Set air conditioning thermostat at the highest comfortable setting, around 78 degrees.
- Clean or replace air conditioner filters every month or—even better—every two weeks.
- Have leaky hot water faucets repaired immediately; they waste both water and the energy used to heat it.
- Check the temperature control on your water heater. For most needs, the correct setting is 135 degrees; water heaters used for baths only may be set at 110 to 120 degrees.
By following these tips, you should be able to control your use of electricity—and the size of your bill.
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NOTICE

Colorado County Commissioners Court Will hold a

Tax Rate Hearing

On A Proposed 10¢ per $100 Increase

in the county tax rate for the Permanent Improvement Fund

at 10:00 A.M.

Mon., July 18

County Courtroom - Courthouse

Interested Persons are Invited to Attend!

AIDP Grant For WCJC

New educational paths will be charted at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton which has received a $1.3 million federal grant for an Advanced Institutional Development Program to be coordinated by Dr. Ray Smith of El Campo (standing). Seated is Dr. Theodore Nicksick, Jr., president of the college.

WCJC Gets $1.3 Million U.S. Grant

For 5-Year Advanced Dev. Program

United States Representative John Young and officials at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton have jointly announced that the institution has been awarded the largest federal grant in its 31 year history.

The U.S. Health and Education Agency will provide $1.3 million for a five year Title III Advanced Institutional Development Program Grant enabling Wharton County Junior College to undertake three major activities: administrative system improvement, educational development services improvement and career education-career guidance and counseling.

Dr. Theodore Nicksick, Jr., president of the college, has named Dr. Ray Smith of El Campo coordinator for what is called a program in keeping with WCJC's "continual efforts to improve the educational process."

Dr. Nicksick predicts that AIDP will "improve the managing of data information which will, in turn, provide us with the opportunity to make better decisions."

He stated that the curriculum educational development services improvement phase would focus "as always, on facilitating the teacher-learner process."

The college's Career Education Center will also benefit from "the opportunity to present to the community a more scientific manner in assisting career selections by students," declared Dr. Nicksick.

AIDP Coordinator Smith said the Career Center and program would help WCJC students "better understand themselves" and show how they can "fit into the world of work."

The Administrative Improvement Activity will encompass three closely related components: a computer based management information system, a management improvement program and a long range planning and institutional research program.

A "Task Force" of students, faculty, support personnel and administrative members was appointed in 1975 by Dr. Nicksick to study the needs of the institution in light of its missions and to develop plans for submitting the AIDP proposal.

HOSPITAL NEWS NOTES

Patients this week (July 12)
Mrs. Alberta McDaniel, city
Mrs. Princess Spears, city
Joe Koudelka, city
Miss Kim Routt, city
Mrs. Marie Cooper, city
Alfonso Diaz Nevarez, city
Mrs. Florence Henske, city
Mrs. Ora L. Jones, city
Mrs. Lottie Tate, city
Mrs. Telesfora Banegas, Columbus
Herman Rabius, East Bernard
Roy Ellison, Rosenberg
Lemmie McGrew, Garwood
O'Neal Stevens, Garwood
Patrick Garza, Sheridan
Mrs. Helen Gosch, Altair
Mrs. Ninfa Garcia and boy, Richmond
Miss Barbara Stewart, Houston

Dismissals:
Mrs. Verna Carlton, city
Mrs. Susie Sosa, city
Mrs. Annie Broesche, city
Miss Brenda Jones, city
Mrs. Mary Glaiser, city
Mrs. Barbara Bucks, city
Mrs. Debra Stephens, city
Bill Reynolds, city
Curtis Rose, city
Mrs. Lois Duncan, city
Denise Toucheck, city
Mrs. Carolyn Epps, city
Mrs. Florence Mitchel, city
Mrs. Phoebia Huffman, Columbus
Mrs. Ellen Segler, Stafford
Joe Samora, East Bernard
L. V. Cranek, Sr., Garwood
Sammy Burris, Garwood
I. W Fuller, Sheridan
Robert Davis, Altair

EGYPT NEWS

Mrs. B. H. Tolliver

Miss Elizabeth Krenek returned home last Friday from Beaumont after completing her work at Lamar University.

Mesdames Mentor Northington and Augusta O'Quinn were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wilson in Ray City Wednesday of last week.

R. M. Dobson, Jr. of Ardmore, Okla. was a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dobson, for several days' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Peikert had the members of their family with them for dinner on the 4th of July.

Mr. and Mrs. John Northington were hosts at a barbecue dinner at the Northington lodge on Father's Day honoring their fathers, F. L. McLeroy and George H. Northington III. They also remembered her sister, Miss Sandra McLeroy, who was having a birthday. The families of the honorees were included.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Duncan of San Antonio spent several days last week with his father, P. R. Duncan.

Bobbie Kallas and Ray Trybig of Houston visited with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Kallas, last Friday.

Mrs. Will N. Meriwether was with Bay City friends one day this past week.

Mrs. Augusta O'Quinn was an afternoon visitor with her granddaughter, Mrs. James Williams, in Katy Tuesday of last week.

Dr. Marguerite McCann and family of Lake Charles, La. were Sunday afternoon visitors with their cousin, George H. Northington III and Mrs. Northington.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ohenhaus were recent visitors in New Orleans, La. on a business mission.

Mrs. Will N. Meriwether spent the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd with San Antonio friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George I. Northington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith during the 4th of July holiday in San Antonio.

Canasta Club

The Canasta Club enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky's when she had three tables of players at her home in Eagle Lake. The scorers were Mesdames H. A. Dreyer and Edith Duty. A delicious course was served.

GARWOOD AND NADA COMMUNITY NEWS

MRS. J. F. STRUSKA 758-3352

CYO Softball Tourney Sun.

The Nada C.Y.O. will host the C.Y.O. Deanery Tournament on Sunday, the 17th of July. It will start at 1:00 p.m. at the Nada field. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Green and son Joel of El Campo were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lobpries last Sunday.

On Vacation

We welcome to Nada Msgr. Alois Morkovsky who will be here for the next few weeks while Father Rolf is on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Baumgarten spent last Sunday in Schulenburg with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Steineman.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Allen Shoop and Mrs. Vera Shoop were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Koenig at Ganado.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schoellman spent last weekend in Waco with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vesely and family. Anne Vesely returned home after spending a few days here with her grandparents and Mary Vesely returned with them for a few days vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goertz and daughters of Rockne visited Mrs. A. C. Leopold and other relatives here last weekend. Mrs. Rockne who had spent some time here with her mother returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leopold, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schoellman, Mrs. J. A. Meismer and Norbert, and Alois Bittner attended the funeral of Alphonse Leopold at Halletsville last Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Rees visited Mr. and Mrs. James Berger and baby last weekend.

Leaves For Europe

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kristynik accompanied their son Alan to Houston Sunday, July 4th where he boarded a plane for New York City. There he joined the All-Student Group U.S.A. for a three week European tour. He qualified to play first trumpet music on this tour.

Awarded Degrees

Two Colorado County students among 5,926 awarded bachelor of business administration degrees at the end of the spring semester at the University of Texas at Austin were Thomas Paul Janish of Nada, graduating with highest honors, and Rickey Karl Berger of Weimar.

Miss Merle Carey and Miss Emily Margerum were guests of Mrs. R. A. Shoop last Saturday.

Mrs. Del Morgan of El Campo was a Garwood visitor last Sunday.

Ricky Kristynik joined Mr. and Mrs. James Brossman and family of Schulenburg for a weekend at Brownsville. They also crossed the border and went into Mexico.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. George Krasucky of Louise announce the arrival of their first child, Tara Elizabeth, born June 16 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. The baby weighed seven pounds and twelve ounces.

Grandparents are Mrs. Lorene Bubela of Nada and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krasucky, Jr. of Hilje. Great grandmother is Mrs. Bertha Schneider of Nada. Mrs. Krasucky is the former Marcia Bubela of Nada.

Fourth of July weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gerberman, Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gerberman, Jr. and sons of Weslaco; Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Antrich and family of Rosenberg; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Melnar and family of Friendswood; Mr. and Mrs. John Hrncir and family of El Campo; and Sister Esther from the Nazareth Convent in Victoria.

Msgr. John Gerberman of San Antonio spent the weekend here visiting relatives and friends.

A speedy recovery to Mrs. Leo Leopold of Nada who had the misfortune of falling and cracking her wrist while visiting her son and family in Eagle Lake.

Friends will be glad to know that L. V. Cranek, Sr. is at home from the Eagle Lake Hospital after having had surgery last week. We wish for him continued improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen of Copperas Cove were guests of Mrs. Cordelia Hollien last weekend.

Mrs. Robert Gouldie of Kingsville and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brisco from Texas A&M visited Mr. and Mrs. Troy Krenek last weekend. Also visiting in the Krenek home were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Krenek and son Brad of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Seeles of San Antonio were guests of Mrs. R. B. Shaw last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Herring of Houston and Mrs. Raymond Hunt of Garwood have returned from visiting relatives at Sabinal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bunge, Les Bunge and daughters, Alexis, Loris Yvette and Lada Les, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bunge and daughter Tonda, Misses Loueva and Geneva Bunge, all of Garwood; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Balla and children, Loueva and Bunge, of Houston; and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Bunge of Eagle Lake spent the July 4th weekend at the Bunge bay house at Port Alto.

Mrs. C. P. Hopkins, Mrs. Marion Bennett and Jack Hopkins visited Clarence Martin in the Methodist Hospital in Houston last Sunday. Since then Mr. Martin has come home and we wish for him continued improvement.

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Commr. Court Hears Two Pleas For Tax Relief

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, at one point in its regular meeting Monday, convened briefly as a board of equalization and heard Hollis Massey of Columbus and W. B. (Tiny) Harris of the Frelsburg area present pleas for reduction in valuations placed on their properties for 1977 taxes.

Mr. Massey told the court that he owns one parcel of 114.292 acres and the assessment on the property was increased from $3500 to $8720. He cited valuations on adjoining properties ranging from $20 to $36 per acre and claimed that he was entitled to an adjustment more in line with the valuations on properties which adjoin his.

He indicated that he would take further action, if necessary, for this relief.

Mr. Harris said that the valuation placed on some of his land was raised to $40 per acre while average adjoining his was on the tax roll for from $19 to $24 per acre.

"It appears that those who inherited land had the same valuations," he said, "but for those who purchased land, the valuations were raised to almost double." He called for more equality in the setting of tax valuations.

County Judge Lester Cranek pointed out that the tax office uses a formula of discounting land by sixty percent of its actual value and then placing it on the tax roll for 25 percent of the remaining value, with some other allowances. Massey contended that the county would be better off without use of such a formula noting that it raises inequality in taxation. He concluded by saying that he would be satisfied with the same rendition he had in 1976 which was reached after a discussion with the commissioners sitting as a board of equalization.

The commissioners' agreed to convene as a board of equalization at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 18th for a further discussion on the requests made by Mr. Massey and Mr. Harris and on the county's formula on establishing tax valuations on properties.

Senior Citizen Director

The Commissioners, continuing in regular session as a Commissioners' Court, passed a resolution that an effort be made to hire a part-time senior citizen director for this county to fill a position which has been filled by County Extension Agent Dorothy Schoneberg. She asked the court at the June meeting to find some one else to take the position since it took too much of her time away from her duties as county agent.

Any person interested in serving as a director for the senior citizens program in this county is invited to contact Judge Cranek or Miss Schoneberg for full details. Some consideration was given to a director in each of the three major cities in the county, but this idea was abandoned and a single coordinator for the county will be hired.

Manpower Slots

The court authorized the allocation of one of the manpower slots under the Comprehensive Educational Training Act to a two and one-half day position as secretary for Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt.

A total of $69,380 has been allocated to Colorado County for the program and approval has been given to Eagle Lake for $12,650 in funds, $19,312.97 to Weimar and Colu[illegible] the plane has been at the Columbus airport for approximately one week.

Naumann Tractor Is Stolen

At 9:00 a.m. July 14th, Lee Naumann of Route 2, Box 58, Columbus reported to the Sheriff's Office that his red 1953 model Ford tractor had been stolen. The tractor had been left in a bay field approximately two miles north of Columbus due to the fact that the tractor stalled and the owner was unable to get it started. The thieves apparently had some type of trailer with a winch to load the tractor with. The tractor was taken between 7:00 p.m. July 13th and 8:30 a.m. July 14th. Investigation continues.

Accident Control

"The old idea that something is "safe" or "unsafe" is no longer considered practical by experts in accident prevention. All activities contain "risk". The job is to separate "reasonable risk" from "unreasonable risk" says the Texas Standards Extension Service for renovating in the county [illegible] and at the Department of Public Safety building owned by the county.

On Judge's Motion

After a long discussion, Judge Cranek made the motion to increase the county tax rate from 80c to 90c (60c ad valorem and 30c additional ad Valorem) for 1977 taxes and to specifically earmark the additional ten cents for permanent improvements.

The judge's motion was seconded by precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker and in the vote, they and precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loessin and precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Veselka voted for the increase; and precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles voted against.

In seconding the motion, Leyendecker commented that he had supported two tax reductions even though most of the funds had come from road and bridge funds and felt that this latest action was a move supported by most of the people of Colorado County and "would result in a savings to the people of this county in the long run."

Stiles contended that the tax increase was "getting the cart before the horse" since no one really [illegible] money wi[illegible]

Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Veselka plans to use one of the slots available, two in Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker's precinct 3, and one in Commissioner Bill Stiles' precinct 1. Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loessin said that he did not plan to participate in the program.

Those employed in the program must be from a family receiving dependant care aid; one receiving unemployment compensation for at least 15 weeks; an unemployed person who has exhausted all available unemployment compensation; or a recently discharged veteran. The applicant's family must have a total annual income equal to or less than the level established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for different family sizes.

Ambulance Insurance Bids

The court plans to accept bids at the August 8th meeting for insurance covering participants in the Colorado County Emergency Ambulance Corps.

Election judges and alternates for 1978 elections were named, same as for 1977, with the exception of appointment of Edgar Poenitzsch to replace Emil Wenken as alternate in the Shaws Bend precinct.

Sept. Week

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