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Submit Samples For County Hay Show Sept. 15-17th

Acceptance of entries for the 1977 Colorado County Hay Show will be done on Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 15-17, reports Jimmy Adkins, Colorado County Livestock Committee chairman. The actual show will be held on Thursday, Oct. 13th on the courthouse square in Columbus.

In order to enter the show a bale of hay or a bulk round bale must be brought to one of the following places for sampling during the dates and times listed for probe sampling: Thursday, Sept. 15, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Vocational Agriculture Building in Weimar; Friday, Sept. 16, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Vocational Agriculture Building at the Rice High School in Altair; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Memorial Park Arena (school showgrounds) in Columbus; and on Saturday, Sept. 17, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the school showgrounds in Columbus.

The bale will be sampled with an electric forage sampler during the above dates and times. After sampling, a block will be pulled from the bale to remain in storage until the date of the show when it will be placed on exhibit for visual judging. Loose hay will not be accepted. A cross section of round bales will be taken.

No Entry Fee

There will be no entry fee for the 1977 Colorado County Hay Show. All samples are being tested for protein free of charge by the Soil and Forage Testing Laboratory at Wharton County Junior College. Melvin Wingfield, director of the laboratory, is donating this service in support of our show.

Any hay producer or buyer in Colorado County may enter hay which he owns or has in possession. An individual may exhibit as many entries as he chooses.

An entry may be disqualified when it contains more than a trace of injurious foreign material. This includes injurious plants such as bullnettle, briars, headed sandburs, mature Texas Wintergrass or Aristida species (needlegrass) with needles attached, and poisonous plants. Presence of hardware such as nails, wire, and other matter which is injurious when fed to livestock will disqualify an entry.

An entry may be disqualified when it has any objectional odor or when it is undercured, heated, hot, wet, musty, moldy, caked, badly shattered or broken, badly weathered or very dusty.

Entries will be judged on a classification basis using a combination of physical (visual judging) and chemical (protein test) scores.

Awards To Be Presented

Appropriate ribbons will be awarded to all entries scoring 50 points and over. Plaques will be awarded to the exhibitor of the champion entry of the major divisions of the show. The show divisions are Annual Grasses and Perennial Grasses.

Additional details may be obtained by contacting the Colorado County Extension Service office.

Rev. Sharing

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$80,000 to the general fund will include: $5500 for a new sheriff's car, $6100 for environmental protection, $2600 for health administration (lunacy and alcohol), $7000 to the libraries of the county, $3405 to the veterans service officer's salary, $4600 for aid to indigents, $5500 for a county agent's pickup, $45,295 for health and services including aid to the ambulance service, health officer and health nurse. Another $70,000 will go to the Road and Bridge Funds for maintenance and new construction; $18,431 to the Officers' Salary fund including $600 for administrative costs in operation of the ambulance corps, $11,025 for public safety including the jailer's salary, $2493.40 for the salary of the jail matron, and $4312.60 as one-half of cost of a night dispatcher.

After the judge presents his proposal to the commissioners Mon., it is anticipated that another meeting will be called Sept. 26th at which time the public will have an opportunity to give further input and commissioners will have an opportunity to participate in the proposed allocation plan. After the Sept. 26th meeting, a third public meeting will have to be called before the allocation of the funds can be finally approved.

Court Reporters' Pay Hiked 10%

District Judges B. B. Schraub and E. W. Patteson entered an order in district court this week increasing the salary of the 25th Judicial District Court Reporters by 10 percent.

Robert Rector and Harvey Smith, the court reporters will receive an annual salary of $13,872 each effective January 1, 1978. The salaries of the court reporters are paid by the four counties in the judicial district on the basis of a formula previously derived by the court.

Last Jackpot Drawing At Miller's Sept. 17

The Oscar Miller family, owners of the Miller's Grocery in Eagle Lake announce that all winning tickets on the weekly jackpot drawings must be cashed in not later than Sept. 24th. At that time the firm will begin a new Grand Jackpot Drawing with an even bigger and better prize.

You may participate in the event by picking up tickets, with no purchase necessary, at the grocery and depositing the stub in the container at the store. Winning tickets are drawn at 4 p.m. each Saturday and the list of winning numbers is posted at the store. If you haven't checked to see if your tickets matches a ticket good for prizes ranging from $1 to $25, you are urged to do so before Sept. 24th.

The Millers say that the final drawing of the current jackpot series will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17th and the new Grand Jackpot event will begin on October 8th.

"This is our way of saying thank you for your support and patronage", they said.

Maurice Johnson To Preach First Sermon This Sunday

The public is invited to hear the first sermon of Maurice Johnson, who was called only a few weeks ago to preach God's word.

Maurice is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex J. Johnson of this city. He is also the brother of the Rev. P. L. Barrow. Maurice, a 1975 graduate of Rice High School, attended Wharton County Junior College majoring in Psychology. He is a member of Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

He will deliver his first sermon Sunday, Sept. 11, 1977 at 3:00 p.m. at the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 709 North Lake Ave., Eagle Lake, Texas; Rev. P. L. Barrow, pastor.

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Hunting Seasons

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days; and will reopen for the second split on Thurs., Dec. 22, 1977 and will remain open through January 22nd. The two seasons on ducks will give shooters a total of 55 days of hunting.

One significant change in West Texas duck hunting this year came as result of overlapping range of the endangered Mexican duck into portions of the Trans-Pecos. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has closed all duck hunting in portions of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico where the Mexican duck could be found.

Duck Limits

Bag and possession limits for ducks remain one to ten birds based on the following 100-point system:

100 point ducks: Canvasbacks only, except the season remains closed to both canvasback and redheaded duck hunting in Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson and Orange counties;

70 point ducks: Mallard hens, wood ducks, redheads and hooded mergansers.

10 point ducks: Blue-winged, green-winged, and cinnamon teal, pintail, gadwall, scaup, shoveler, and mergansers except hooded species;

20 point ducks: All other species and sexes. The season is closed on black-bellied and fulvous tree ducks, the Mexican ducks and masked ducks.

Daily bag on coot, in season for the same periods as ducks, is 15 with a possession limit of 30.

Many sportsmen from the area were in Austin to attend the session and to give testimony to the commission on the proposed seasons for the state. Included among them were David R. Wintermann of Eagle Lake and Marvin Tyler of Altair, operator of the Blue Goose Hunting Club.

Other Seasons

Other seasons for migratory waterfowl include:

- Woodcock: Nov. 19, 1977 through Jan. 22, 1978; bag of five and possession of 10;
- Common (Wilson's snipe): Nov. 5, 1977 through Feb. 19, 1978; bag of eight, possession of 16.

In Colorado County quail will be in season Nov. 12 through Feb. 12th with a daily bag limit of 12 and possession of 36;

Squirrel are in season all year long in this county with a limit of 10 per day or 20 in possession.

The archery deer hunting season will open in this county Oct. 1st and continue through Oct. 31st. The regular season will be Nov. 12 through Jan. 1st with a limit of two deer, but only one of them may be a buck (including spikes) and the other an antlerless deer killed only by permit obtained from the landowner and issued by P&WD personnel in certain areas of the county to be designated later next month.

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Terrell

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30, 1901 in Marshall, Missouri the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Terrell. He came to this area with his parents in about 1909, settling in the Calhoun area and he later resided here for the rest of his life. His father was a potato farmer and he pursued that profession until 1942 when he entered the oil and gas leasing business, retiring from that activity in 1968.

On June 5, 1935 he and Miss Emily Howard were united in marriage in the Eagle Lake Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Emily; one daughter, Miss Ann C. Terrell of Louisville, Kentucky; two sons, Major Richard H. Terrell of Alexandria, Virginia and Stephen P. Terrell of New Orleans, Louisiana; three grandchildren, Farah and Forrest Terrell of Alexandria, Virginia and Sarah Emily Terrell of New Orleans, Louisiana; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Richard Terrell.

Mr. Terrell was very active in community affairs although much of his work in the oil and gas leasing was in the Houston area. He was a past president of the Eagle Lake School Board, an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, Eagle Lake Rotary Club, TIPRO (Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association) and the United Methodist Church.

Friends join in extending sympathy to the family in the loss of one loved so dearly.

Goodwin Is New Sheriff's Night Patrol Deputy

Colorado County Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller announces this week the appointment of a new deputy for his department. He is Stewart Allen Goodwin, 26, who comes to this county from Jefferson, Texas. Goodwin is married and he and his wife Phyllis and daughter Chrissy will live in Eagle Lake and he will assume the duties of the night patrolman replacing Emil Martinez in that position.

Martinez has been reassigned to fill a position with the jail division of the sheriff's department. Under new legislation, a certified peace officer must be on duty at the jail at all times.

Sheriff Mueller said that he was happy to have Goodwin to join his staff and to have Martinez in the new jail division position.

Civil Defense

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had a simulated exercise to prepare their residents and staff members.

Eagle Lake Cable Television prepared to use their facilities to advise the public with public service announcements. The membership of the local VFW was assigned the duty to serve as an auxiliary emergency corps to assist police, fire and other public service units.

Many Agencies At Meeting

Others assisting Mr. Tate and Mr. Kohleffel in the emergency planning and in attendance were: Mayor Elmer Struss, Police Chief Bufford Ashley, Fire Chief L. J. (Sonny) Spanihel, Director of the local Ambulance Corps Joe Duncan, City Manager T. J. Smith, and City Councilman Gene Baker.

Wednesday morning, a follow-up meeting was held when each reported back on his group's plan of action at which time the storm had definitely by-passed this area. Attending this meeting with the above named officials also were: County Judge Lester Cranek, Utility Superintendent Paul Supak, and city Services Superintendent Harry Supak.

Thanks Extended

"We do appreciate the full cooperation of all persons and agencies involved as we made plans for the emergency that passed us by," stated Civil Defense Director Tate. "The citizens of the Eagle Lake area can feel assured that adequate emergency preparations will be made and will be announced in time for the protection of life and property in the event of another approaching hurricane or other disaster or emergency."

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Suit Asks Set Aside On Worker's Comp.

A suit was filed in district court in Columbus Tuesday by Charter Oak Fire Insurance Co. against Raymond R. Vogt of Houston seeking to set aside an award made by the Texas Industrial Accident Board after Vogt was injured in an accident in this county.

The board awarded Vogt $70 a week for 20 weeks for total disability plus $43.37 per week for another 300 weeks for partial disability and the insurance firm asks the court to set aside the judgment as being excessive.

Suit Seeks To Collect Account

A suit styled J. L. Drymalla vs. James C. Eure was filed in district court in Columbus Aug. 31st seeking judgment of an unpaid account.

Drymalla asks for a judgment in the amount of $971.68 for unpaid principal and interest.

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Natural Gas Situation Uncertain, Says TSE Gas

Company Is Negotiating For New Gas Supply

Probable tight supplies of gas for the forthcoming winter season were predicted by the president of Texas Southeastern Gas Company, Jack Boggan of Bellville, speaking at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday of last week. Texas Southeastern supplies gas to the Eagle Lake Gas Distribution Company which services this area with natural gas. Rotarian Harold Thomas, president of the Eagle Lake Gas Company, noted the fact that the fall and winter season is fast approaching and local citizens should be made aware of the problems that might be evident in obtaining an adequate supply of gas for this community during peak seasons this winter.

Boggan told the Rotarians and guests that for the past twenty years, Texas Southeastern has been able to provide a sufficient supply of gas but a 20-year contract with Texas Eastern Pipeline Co. will end on October 17, 1977 and the distributing company, which services eight cities in the area will be without a stable supply of gas.

Application Delayed

Boggan said his firm is negotiating with other gas suppliers and with pipelines and hopes to have a contract before the expiration of the Texas Eastern contract, but emphasized that delays in applications filed by the firm with the Texas Railroad Commission to contract for purchase of gas from Monco pipeline have met with repeated delays, many of which are politically motivated, said the speaker.

He noted that efforts are being made by the federal power commission to set rates at the wellhead for interstate as well as intrastate gas. At the present time the Federal Power Commission controls rates on interstate gas sales, but intra-state sales are under control of the State Railroad Commission.

"If we see deregulation of gas at the well for inter and intra state consumption, you can expect gas prices to go up drastically," predicted Boggan.

To add emphasis to this he told the gathering that the company is purchasing gas at this time from Texas Eastern for 72¢ per thousand cubic feet, but is having to pay from $2.15 to $2.25 for gas being purchased from other sources to replace the loss of the Texas Eastern contract.

Plenty of Gas for Homes

The speaker indicated that there would be plenty of gas for "human needs" such as for homes, schools, hospitals, etc., and he estimated that about 72 percent of the firm's total load goes to those needs; however, unless adequate replacement gas supplies are found by the October cutoff, there may be some delays and some curtailment to low priority users, such as large manufacturers and businesses that have high consumption of gas.

In response to a question about the availability of natural gas to rice dryers and the rice wells during the normal low-consumption periods in the summer, the president predicted that there should be ample supplies for these purposes, except in the event of an early winter or possibly a late crop that would run into the fall and winter months.

Also present at the meeting was Phil Parsons, of the administrative department for Texas Southeastern Gas Co.

Weimar, Columbus, Eagle Lake Form County Cities Association

A meeting was held at the local fire station Tuesday night of last week for the city officials of Weimar, Columbus, and Eagle Lake. This meeting was one of three to be held each year on a rotation basis in each of the incorporated communities of Colorado County. A constitution and by-laws was adopted for the organization to be known as Colorado County Cities Association.

The purpose of this organization is to be the advancement and perpetuation of the best interest of the people of the cities of Colorado County, as follows:

A. The maintenance of a central bureau of information to provide, through research and analysis, informative municipal data on which communities may base intelligent action.

B. The rendering of special and general services which

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Parent Group For Mental Retarded To Be Formed

There will be a meeting to establish a Parent Group for the Mentally Retarded of Colorado County. The meeting will be held at the Columbus Elementary School cafeteria, Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Columbus. The cafeteria is located at 1400 Bowie Street.

The meeting will be a presentation by Ms. Phyllis Martin on the goals for the program at the Colorado County Adult Work Activity Center. Gordon Israel, workshop coordinator, will present the rights of the mentally retarded. The Mentally Retarded Persons Act of 1977 was passed by the Texas Senate and House and approved by Governor Briscoe on May 28, 1977. These two presentations should be beneficial and informative.

Please feel free to invite anyone interested in the welfare of the mentally retarded in Colorado County. For additional information and possible transportation to the meeting, please contact Ms. Debbie Terrell or Ms. Bobbie Yell at 732-2931 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"As you are aware, changes continue to influence decentralization of residential facilities and expand community-based services," said Victor A. Scott, Special Education Director for the Colorado County Education Cooperative. "We are fortunate to have a well-established sheltered workshop where our clients can be trained to do routine tasks, contract with industry for piece work on simple assemblies, and also develop and make saleable products. This existing service has made great gains and will be improved and refined in the future. We need your support to make certain that our commitment does not decline in importance, strength, or intensity," he added.

Lions Club Needs Carnival Parade Entries

Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club invites individuals, civic groups, church groups, marching units, commercial entries and others to make entries in the big parade which will open the Lions' Annual Fall Carnival at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1st.

Any persons who would like to make an entry or would like more information are urged to contact Bill Appelt, parade chairman, or Major Benge, club secretary. The deadline for placing entries in the parade is Wed., Sept. 28th.

The parade will follow the same route used for the Fourth of July parade, commencing on South McCarty, south to Main, east on Main to Lake Street where the parade will disband.

Citizens from throughout the area are invited to make plans to attend the annual carnival and help the Noon Lions support and carry-out many community projects.

There will be a variety of booths and kiddie rides for the entertainment of all ages as well as foods and cold drinks.

The club will not stage the turtle races which have been held each year, but is planning other benefit events in conjunction with the carnival.

Tax Office Closed All Day Wed., Sept. 21

The Colorado County Tax Office will be closed all day Wednesday, September 21st for the purpose of attending a school on the new year-round registration that will go into effect January 1, 1978.

Tax Assessor-Collector Henry J. Hajovsky asks citizens to take note of this date on Wednesday of next week, to avoid any confusion, and expresses his appreciation for your cooperation.

CC To Meet 2:30 Monday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will have its [illegible] next Monday at the council room of the Municipal Building and all members and others interested in the progress of the community are invited and urged to attend.

Rice CISD Buys Car, Gas; Consider Buying New Bus

Buy 1978 Ford For $5,440; Gas For 31.5¢/Gallon

The Rice CISD Board of Education accepted a bid from Smith-Taylor Ford for a 1978 Ford LTD at a cost of $5,440.30 at their regular meeting in the School Administration Building Monday night. The Board also accepted a bid of 31.5¢ per gallon for propane gas from Modern Fuels of Garwood and considered buying a new bus but tabled the matter until further study of the situation could be made.

A provision in the 1977-78 budget allows for the purchase of a new car for the superintendent for which bids were solicited and advertised.

The board's decision to accept the Smith-Taylor Ford bid came on a split vote with board members Ted Wiese, Anthony Kallina, Steve Balas and Jane Clipson in favor, board members Bill Appelt and Cecil A. Smith cast dissenting votes.

Two other bids were made, both by Lake Motors, Inc. of Eagle Lake. They offered a 1978 Chevrolet Impala for $5,555.70 and a 1977 Chevrolet Impala for $5,216.00.

The Rice Board also accepted a bid from Modern Fuels of Garwood for propane gas at a rate of 31.5¢ per gallon. Each year bids for the propane gas are taken from dealers within the district. The only other bidder was from Schindler LPG, Inc. for 32.73¢ per gallon.

Bids were solicited on the basis of prices as of Sept. 1, 1977, and the contract will include provision for price changes in the same amount that the suppliers change to the dealers.

Consideration of purchas-

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Neighbor's Action Leads To Confession

The quick thinking of a neighbor Monday afternoon, has led to the confession and arrest of two men and a search for another in connection with several robberies which have occurred in the area of the Mentz Road outside of Columbus in the past few months.

On Monday afternoon, about 3:00, Mrs. Irwin Miller reported that her house had been broken into. Entry had occurred by tearing a kitchen screen from inside the garage. Reported stolen were: one portable television set, two .22 rifles, a vacuum cleaner and one ladies wrist watch. It was the ninth robbery in this area in the past three months.

A neighbor of Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Psencik, had noticed a car in the area, a white over green buick, and had tried to identify the license plate number. She correctly identified the letters but was not sure about the numbers, giving two sets for the police to work with.

The sheriff's department put the two sets of numbers through a computer and turned up a car fitting Mrs.

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John Clipson Suffers Heart Attack Sat.

John Clipson is confined to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital after suffering a heart attack on Saturday morning of last week.

Mr. Clipson was planning to do some teal hunting Saturday morning but chest pains kept him at home.

He was admitted to the hospital that morning and is expected to remain there for several more days.

Friends wish him a speedy and full recovery.

Commissioners Hear Request For Deputy, Ambulance Chassis

The Colorado County Commissioners' Court heard a request from Isam Briscoe of Sheridan for a patrolling deputy in the Sheridan-Rock Island area and the Colorado County Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corps (CCVEAC) requested that the county consider purchasing three new chassis for the county ambulances.

Briscoe made his request to the court at their regular meeting Monday morning in Columbus. He told the commissioners that citizens in the area are not getting the protection they would get from a full-time patrolling officer. He noted that there had been a lot of vandalism and that a cow had just recently been shot.

Presently the county furnishes a deputy to patrol the area several times a week. But, Briscoe claims that through the use of CB's, vandals can know when the deputy has left the area making it easier for them. He indicated that a full-time officer would prevent such case.

County Judge Lester Cranek told Mr. Briscoe that no funding had been allocated in the budget for 1978 and that the hiring of another deputy would cost the county an additional $20,000 - including salary, new car and fuel - but indicated that consideration would be given before adopting the proposed budget.

Representatives from the Eagle Lake and Columbus units of the CCVEAC appeared before the court to request that the county consider replacing the chassis on each of the county's three ambulance units. Joe Duncan, captain of the Eagle Lake unit, stressed the importance of a new chassis in Eagle Lake: "If we had to make a run to Houston, I don't think that we could make it. If it died on a run, I couldn't guarantee that it would start."

Each of the vehicles has traveled over 30,000 miles, most of which were at high speeds with no warm up time, according to the corps members, and the vehicles are not in top running condition. The corps told the court that continued use of the current chassis would not provide the safety that should be provided.

The removal of the three chassis from the ambulance modules and the replacement on the new chassis, according to an estimate from the Fire Fox Corp. in Columbus.

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Raiders Host Columbia For District Opener Friday

Note: Kickoff Time Is 7:30 PM

The Rice High School Raiders football team, staggered by a 55-0 loss in the only non-conference game of the season in the football season's curtain-raiser in Columbus Sept. 2nd, has been working hard this week to regroup both offense and defense in preparation for the District 14AAA opener with the Columbia Roughnecks at Raider Stadium at 7:30 p.m. this Friday, Sept. 16th.

Coach Mike Rice and staff have emphasized work on developing an offense and improving the defense especially against the pass. The Raiders, who received minor injuries in the Columbus contest, are expected to be ready for action Friday night.

Football fans are reminded that the district games will begin at 7:30 p.m. so to get to the game on time, better plan to leave a half hour earlier than usual. All tickets to be offered for sale at the gate will be $2.00 each.

Firemen from Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan will share duties in assisting in parking at the five home games and they ask your cooperation to expedite parking and in leaving the stadium.

Both Raider and Roughneck bands are expected to give outstanding halftime performances and the Raider cheerleaders will be out front urging you to support the Raiders with spirit and enthusiasm.

The Raider coaching staff and players need your support as they enter this, the first of nine straight District 14-AAA contests against some of the top 3A teams in the Gulf Coast area.

Dickinson, the loop's favorite, will open its season Friday night in Hitchcock; the Brazosport Exporters, also a district contender, will go to Edna; the Santa Fe Indians who nudged a tough O'Connell team from Galveston in their opener, will go to Sweeny; the Wharton Tigers, always a good club, will go to Friendswood to round out the District 14AAA opening schedule.

Cities Association Asks County For Fire Dept. Aid

The newly formed Colorado County Cities Association (CCCA) wasted no time in introducing itself to the County Commissioners as it appeared at the court's regular meeting Monday morning and requested $15,000 ($5,000 each) to aid the three fire departments of the three incorporated cities of the county: Eagle Lake, Columbus and Weimar.

The $5,000 per city funding would be added to the $2,000 each city is receiving presently.

The CCCA is basing its request on the fact that over two-thirds of its fire departments' calls are out of the city limits and should be considered county fires, and therefore receive adequate county funding.

Each of the cities presented a detailed report of fire department calls. Mayor David Kahlich of Weimar, president of the organization, spoke for the 11 members present at the meeting and proposed that the court be responsible for its fair share.

Although the county is now giving $2,000 to each of the three cities, which it began doing six years ago, Kahlich contended that inflation has produced a situation where the $2,000 is no longer an adequate allocation and asked for an additional $5,000 for each of the cities.

Kahlich pointed out that Weimar over the past three years has been called to 15 city fires, 64 rural fires, and 11 were false alarms, making a total of 81% fires out of the city.

Eagle Lake Mayor Elmer Struss and Columbus Mayor Pro-tem Tom Gaylor, spoke on behalf of their cities and cited the expenses and calls of their cities' fire departments.

Struss noted that Eagle Lake spends $18,000 of city tax money every year for the department and that total expenses are $25,000. He added that the department is in the process of building a truck that will be used for rural fires and that the city presently has two other rural fire fighting trucks.

Struss also told the court that in the past two years Eagle Lake has had 67½% of its calls out of the city.

Columbus' fire department was called outside of the city on 73% of its fires in 1976 and 72% in 1977.

The commissioners took no action on the request, however, County Judge Lester Cranek told the CCCA delegation that the 1978 budget was already prepared for presentation but indicated that the $15,000 could possibly be budgeted should the commissioners decide to allocate such funding.

Proposed 1978 County Budget Presented Monday

Set Public Hearing For Mon., Sept. 26

Colorado County Commissioners' Court has called a 10:00 a.m., Monday, Sept. 26 Public Hearing in the county courtroom in Columbus to consider the budget for the year 1978.

Judge Lester Cranek presented the budget for inspection at the Court's regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 12.

In presenting this budget to the court and the taxpayers of Colorado County, the following statistics are set out. The assessed valuation is estimated at a figure of $90,000,000 with a 60¢ tax levy.

The assessed valuation shows an increased figure of $3,500,000 from that of the preceding year. The total assessed valuation in Colorado County for 1978 is based on approximately 25 per cent of the true or market value of property assessed.

The proposed County Tax Levy contained in the budget is 60¢ on each $100 of assessed valuation.

The total amount of county taxes levied for this budget, based on the above assessed valuation and tax levy, is $540,000. Of this amount it is estimated that 90 per cent will be collected within the current tax year, and that approximately $486,000 will probably be delinquent.

Total receipts for the estimated budget compared to current year have an increase of $195,722.99. Beginning balances is decreased $152,176.96; Total Resources increased $43,546.03; Total Expenditures increased $74,293.63; Ending balances decreased $30,747.60; and Total Expenditures and balances increased $43,546.03.

Other Increases Proposed

The budget proposes to increase the pay of the County Judge, County Clerk, County Auditor and Sheriff from $12,400.56 to $13,[illegible]; the Tax Assessor-Collector from $12,[illegible] to $13,[illegible]; the District Clerk and County Attorney from $11,[illegible] to $12,454.80; Justice of Peace (all precincts combined) salaries from $16,[illegible] to $17,300.00; Constables (all precincts combined) from $3,[illegible] to $4,[illegible]; and County Treasurer from $[illegible] to $[illegible].

A complete story on the proposed 1978 budget will be published in [illegible] issue.

Proclaims Cancer Awareness Week Oct. 18-24

Colorado County Judge Lester Cranek (sitting) is shown signing a proclamation declaring the week of October 18th through 24th as Cancer Awareness Week. Taking part in the signing are, left to right, Gardner Seeholm, president of the Colorado County chapter of the American Cancer Society; Mrs. James Dunn Seymour, Public Education Committee chairperson; Bernice Richter, County Health Nurse; and Betty Hajovsky, treasurer of the county society.

During the week of October 18th through 24th, the Colorado County unit will be conducting clinics throughout the county, teaching methods of finding early cancer symptoms and advocating annual health examinations for all adults so that cancer can be discovered before symptoms occur.

Unit President Gardner Seeholm asks the public to plan to take part in the activities during this special week. A full schedule of events will be published at a later date.

Schilling Cuts First Soybeans In County

James A. Schilling of Garwood harvested the first soybeans in the county on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Schilling's soybeans are being processed at Prairie Grain in East Bernard and he reports that soybeans produced an about-average yield.

Two patches, totaling approximately 70 acres, were cut harvesting 19 bushels from one patch and 25 bushels from the other.

Fire In Altair

Eagle Lake firemen answered a call in Altair, Monday night at 8:30 where it was reported that a barn was on fire.

However, arrival on the scene found that smoke coming from the structure was caused from the burning of a dead pig.