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J. J. Pickle

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attention to any problem involving the Federal government. Our democracy depends on free access to information by its citizens. Faith in government depends on every individual being treated with respect and fairness by the government. Pickle said that my commitment to public service and my experience in the Congress can be helpful to my nation and to the district.

"Like my job, I work hard at it. I like working with people. I am intensely proud to serve as a Congressman from this historic Tenth District of Texas.

"Mrs. Pickle and I look forward to talking with you in the coming months, as we have throughout the years."

In English Term

Congressman Pickle now is in his eighth term in the House of Representatives, and continues to expand his reputation as a well-informed, hard-working member of Congress. As the ninth-ranking member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, Pickle has concentrated much of his legislative efforts on his committee assignments where his work on the Social Security Subcommittee and the Oversight Subcommittee has placed him in the national spotlight on many occasions.

Pickle's colleagues in the House elected him to the Ways and Means Committee post at the beginning of the current Congress in 1975. Previously, Pickle had served for eleven years as a member of the far-reaching House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and had also served on the House Science and Astronautics Committee.

After his experience gained on the Commerce Committee's Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, Pickle moved into the more investigative role on the Ways and Means Committee. Oversight committees are powerful instruments of the Congress and are used to investigate all areas under a committee's jurisdiction, particularly the enforcement of existing laws and the possible need for changes in the laws.

In the 96th Congress, Pickle continued to lead his committee in the enforcement of the 1974 pension law. This investigation led to the Teasener's representation before the Colorado County Go-Texas Queen and will ride in the grand entry at the Houston event.

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As a member of the Social Security Subcommittee, Pickle has one of the original authors of the Social Security Financing Act of 1977 which will secure the finances of the system for the next 50 years. He led the fight in Congress to maintain the traditional insurance character of the Social Security program.

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His opposition to the positive natural gas tax on utilities led to the adoption by the committee of five amendments to ease the impact of the tax on hard-hit utility customers in Central Texas. As a recognized Congressional leader in the area of alternative energy sources, Pickle also sought successful legislation for provisions to accelerate development of electric cars, solar energy, and geothermal energy.

The positive mark of Pickle also has been left on other major legislation, including the Tax Reform Act of 1976, which completely over-

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1978 RICE FFA CALF & SWINE SALE, BREEDING SHOW FEB. 18

Rice High School Future Farmers of America chapter has started plans for the 1978 Market Calf and Swine Show and Sale and Breeding Show which will be held at the Rice FFA Show Barn at Altair on Saturday, Feb. 18th.

The day's activities will begin with a trail ride from Eagle Lake to the Rice High School from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The 48 calves and 41 hogs entered in the show will be judged from 8 to 10 a.m. and the sale will begin at 1:30 p.m.

A barbecue will be held at the noon hour under the sponsorship of the three Lions Clubs who sponsor the show and sale annually, the Eagle-Lake Lions Club, the Garwood and Sheridan Lions Clubs.

A trail ride sweatshirt contest will be a feature at 10 a.m. Citizens throughout the area are invited to make plans to attend the various functions of the 1978 show and sale Feb. 18th.

Bids On Sheriff's Vehicles To Be Opened Mon.

Colorado County Commissioners' Court will meet in a special session at 10:30 a.m. next Monday to open bids for the purchase of two automobiles for the sheriff's department.

One of the vehicles will be a 1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, which was wrecked recently, and the other will be for the additional deputy authorized by the sheriff's department in the 1978 budget.

There will be no trade-in.

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SW Bell Has New Number For Service Calls

Telephone customers in Eagle Lake and Columbus will have a new telephone number to call to request new service or to ask questions about their current service beginning January 23, Southwestern Bell Manager Dick Oldmixon announced today.

The new number for Eagle Lake and Columbus customers is 1 plus 342-3701. This is a local toll-free number, and will be used in place of the current number, 342-3701. Customers in these two towns will be able to call it as if it were a local toll-free number, with no long distance charges.

According to Oldmixon, the new number will be named after the two towns, Eagle Lake and Columbus, and will be convenient to use for all service calls. The new number will be used in place of the current number, 342-3701. Customers in these two towns will be able to call it as if it were a local toll-free number, with no long distance charges.

Working Parents May Receive IRS Payment

Working parents who earned less than \$8,000 last year may again be eligible for payments of up to \$400 from the government, the Internal Revenue Service says.

To qualify for Earned Income Credit, persons must have had an adjusted gross income of less than \$8,000 in 1977 and must have maintained a household for the entire year for their child who was under 19, a full-time student or a disabled dependent.

For eligible persons the credit is 10 percent of the first \$4,000 of earned income, with a maximum credit of \$400. The credit is reduced by one dollar for each \$10 of earned or adjusted gross income over \$4,000, phasing out completely at the \$8,000 income mark.

The credit can be used to reduce income taxes owed or can be received as a refund where there is no tax liability.

Publication 506, "Tax Benefits for Low Income Individuals," contains details on Earned Income Credit and is available free at IRS offices.

Go Texan

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The festivities will start with a trail ride which will form up at the Lakeside Cafe near Borden, on U.S. Highway 90 and proceed to New Blauus Hall. All trail riders are invited to participate.

Queen's Contest

Also among the activities planned is a "Go-Texas Queen's Contest. Judging will be held at 3:00 p.m. The winner will be named Colorado County Go-Texas Queen and will ride in the grand entry at the Houston event.

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BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

Makes you wonder where all the gravel and sand is coming from when you see the steady flow of trucks on all highways in the area, doesn't it. The truck traffic is increasing daily and from reports we've heard, when work starts soon on the Houston Lighting and Power nuclear plant near Wallis, the truck traffic will increase dramatically. En route from Columbus at mid-morning Tuesday, we counted 42 gravel trucks heading west, and it's reasonable to assume there were at least that many going the other direction, between Altair and Eagle Lake, a distance of only eight miles.

With the close of the goose and duck season coming up, several places of business will be closed for well earned rests. Included will be Marvin's which will be closed Jan. 23 through 25th. Those folks have been keeping some pretty long hours, starting mighty early in the morning.

Mrs. F. Spanhel is in Houston this week to be with her daughter, Grace M. Spanhel, who recently underwent surgery for fractured bones in her ankle.

Diagnosis Hospital

Mrs. Dortha Kingsley is reported to be getting along nicely following surgery in the Diagnostic Hospital in Houston last Thursday. She plans to return home probably this coming weekend.

She is in room 983 in the Diagnostic Hospital in Houston 70300 for those who may wish to send a note. Friends join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Texas ranks last among the 50 states in per capita grants to cities and counties. The figure is \$3.51 per person for fiscal 1977 to cities and \$2.82 per capita to counties.

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Back Our Raiders!

A suit was filed in District Court in Columbus Jan. 18th seeking partition of three lots in the Alleyton community.

The suit, styled Virginia Mae Red vs. Vundell Sanford, asks the court to appoint commissioners to appraise the lots in Alleyton and to partition the property between the two owners, each of which owns one-half interest.

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Dignitaries Present For CC Savings & Loan Celebration



There were a host of dignitaries present for the \$100 million celebration, noting the passing of \$100,000,000 in assets, at the Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association last Sunday. Among the dignitaries are these officials, all of whom praised the association and its president Sam K. Seymour, Jr., on this outstanding accomplishment. Left to right are: United States Congressman J. J. (Jake) Pickle, Congressman from the Tenth Congressional District; Mr. Seymour; State Senator W. T. (Bill) Moore of Bryan; State Representative John Wilson of La Grange; and County Judge Lester J. Cranek of Garwood. For more on the event see page 12.

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Attend Short Course MAYC To Sponsor Mex. Food Dinner Sun.

MAYC (Mexican American Youth Council) in Eagle Lake will sponsor the sale of Mexican food dinners at Andrew Hall in the Grand alley Addition this Sunday and members invite one and all to attend.

Plates of delicious Mexican foods will be offered for sale in the hall or there will be orders to go for \$2.50 per plate. You may also order individual orders of enchiladas, tacos and tamales at priced on a menu to be available.

The sale of the Mexican foods will begin immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, around 11:15 a.m., and will continue until 3 p.m. or later if needed.

Proceeds from the event will be used by MAYC to sponsor local youth activities.

Rice Classroom Teachers To Host Supper Mon.

Paul Clark, outstanding musician impressionist and singer, will entertain the personnel of the Rice Consolidated School District on Monday, Jan. 30th at 7:00 p.m.

The event will be a covered dish supper sponsored by the Rice Classroom Teachers Association. The supper will be held at Rice High School, Llynna Appel, president, and Dorothy White, vice-president in charge of programs, remind all school personnel to mark their calendars, and come and enjoy an evening of musical entertainment.

LaCourse New City Officer

Richard LaCourse, Colorado County Sheriff's Deputy, tendered his resignation with effect Feb. 1, 1978 to accept a position as city patrolman with the City of Eagle Lake.

LaCourse said in his resignation: "I have been offered the opportunity of doing police work in the City of Eagle Lake and I feel that this will give me the valuable experience I want in city work that all peace officers have to have to be a good peace officer."

"I have enjoyed working with you, Chief Deputy Broussard, and all the other deputies that are with the department. You and the other deputies have given me some valuable experience that I will be able to use no matter where I may go."

"I wish it to be known at this time that I am not leaving because of any political or private pressures that may have arisen during my employment with the city. My reasons for leaving were stated before and also for better pay, and better hours. It can ever be of service to you or any of the other deputies please feel free to contact me."

LaCourse will begin duties with the City of Eagle Lake on Wednesday, Feb. 1st and will fill a vacancy created by the recent resignation of city patrolman James Brooks, Jr.

Educational Needs Survey Results

125 Teachers, Aides Participate In Anonymous Survey

One hundred and twenty-five teachers and teachers' aides participated in an anonymous survey on the Educational Needs in the Rice Consolidated School District, recently. The board of education voted to make the survey on an anonymous basis so that those participating would not be pressured or blamed in casting their opinions.

The results of the survey were tabulated by board member Ted Wiese, chairman of the survey project, and the results are listed below for the information of the parents of the Rice District and for other readers of the Headlight.

The questions posed to the teachers and teachers' aides and their responses (on a district-wide basis) are listed. A breakdown of the responses by each of the five schools in the district is available for inspection in the Administration Building at Altair or at the Headlight office.

The possible public has a

Good knowledge of the problems our schools face.

Agree, 46; Disagree, 59.

2. Our schools do a good job teaching reading, writing and arithmetic. Agree, 50; Disagree, 19.

3. Helpful guidance and counseling services are readily available in the schools. Agree, 100; Disagree, 7.

4. Resources libraries, learning aids, etc. are available to students. Agree, 104; Disagree, 12.

5. Teachers and parents work together solving problems. Agree, 53; Disagree, 20.

6. School rules and regulations are clearly understood by parents and students. Agree, 97; Disagree, 18.

7. Our schools maintain adequate discipline. Agree, 114; Disagree, 11.

8. Our schools adequately prepare students for college. Agree, 52; Disagree, 11.

9. Our schools provide adequate vocational training for students who do not intend to go to college. Agree, 61; Disagree, 19.

10. Our schools offer each student an opportunity to participate in athletic programs. Agree, 123; Disagree, 10.

11. Students are given adequate opportunity to participate in the program. Agree, 123; Disagree, 10.

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Burglars Peel Safe At EL Primary School

Eagle Lake police officers were called to the Eagle Lake Primary School Saturday morning to investigate a burglary in the office of Principal Major Benge.

The call was received by the police department at 10 a.m. Saturday. Investigation reveals that burglars had entered the school building through a door on the west side of the building and got into the principal's office.

The office was ransacked and the burglars used pry bars of some kind to pry open a safe in the office and got away with an estimated \$125 in cash. Chief of Police Buford Ashley estimated that around \$100 damages were done to the building and the office was a "real mess" with items littered throughout the office as the burglars apparently searched for money.

Chief Ashley said that some good fingerprints were lifted from the scene and these are due to be checked for possible identification of the burglars.

82 HORSES, STABLE DESTROYED BY FIRE AT COLUMBUS TRACK

Eighty-two horses were burned to death in a fire that destroyed one of several stables at the Columbus Race Course early Saturday morning, Jan. 21st. One other horse reportedly had to be destroyed because of serious burns.

Columbus Fire Chief Lerious Lacourse said that the Columbus volunteer fire department received a call at around 5:15 a.m. and the fire was completely out by 6:30 a.m. The building was completely destroyed and it was impossible to save any of the building or the horses stabled in the building in anticipation of races which were to be held Saturday and Sunday.

The Columbus Race Course is just north of yd Highway 90 and IH 10 near the FM 102 intersection, about five miles east of Columbus.

The Bernardo volunteer fire department was also summoned to the scene to assist in controlling the blaze to the single building.

The Columbus Race Course is managed by Dan Frause and had races scheduled for Saturday and Sunday for the remaining weekend in January, two weekends in February and two more in March and the racing events are expected to continue as scheduled.

Investigation is being made into the incident by track officials, the constable in that area and the Texas Rangers seeking to determine if there was a possibility of arson.

The Health Systems Agency will develop a plan based on the health needs of the region's population.

Statement by citizens will be considered in developing long and short range goals for health service delivery in this area.

The public is urged to attend this initial and very important part of the planning process. Additional information is available at the city offices in the Municipal Building and at the Bala and David Wintermann Public Library.

Another meeting is planned for Columbus at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31st in the Colorado County Courthouse, Commissioners' Courtroom.

2 Home Burglaries at Garwood

Colorado County Sheriff's office was called to investigate burglaries in two homes in the Garwood area on Friday of last week.

At 8:00 p.m. Jan. 20th, the sheriff's office received a call from Donald J. Rooney that his house had been burglarized and the occupant reported that entry was gained through an unlocked rear door. Taken from the home was a Sears record player and AM-FM radio combination and short range goals for health service delivery in this area.

At 8:15 p.m. the same date the sheriff's office received a call from Mrs. Elizabeth Luddy that her residence also had been burglarized. Entry in her home was through a kitchen window. Missing from the home are one 12 gauge single shot gun, one .22 caliber single shot rifle, and approximately \$100 in cash.

The sheriff's department has a suspect in the cases and expects an arrest to be made in the near future.

Sandy Jones Is Go-Texas Queen

Most of the accidents on IH 10 occurred on the river bridge at Columbus or on overpasses. At 11 a.m. a 1977 Chevrolet was struck by a 1977 Chevrolet driven by Jackson Harrison, 64 of Houston hit a bridge railing and he was taken to Columbus Hospital where he is recovering.

One vehicle occupied by two men rolled over the railing on the exit road of the Highway 71 by-pass off IH 10, but the occupants escaped injury. It happened about 12:45 p.m. Karoly Ryan of Houston was driving a Volkswagen also occupied by two passengers, when the vehicle went out of control on an overpass on IH 10 and the car reportedly rolled over 4 times, but fortunately all occupants escaped injury.

Miss Explosive Truck

Another accident that caused some alarm occurred when a Cadillac automobile plowed into the side of a truck, carrying a load of explosives. The driver of the Cadillac reportedly wasted little time getting away from the scene of the crash. The car was heavily damaged but no injuries and only minor damages.

Chief of Police Buford Ashley reported that fortunately there were no accidents reported to the local sheriff's department during the icy weather.

These Fire Alarms

Eagle Lake Alarms were called to three alarms in less than 30 hours this week. At 12:25 p.m. Tuesday, the Browns were called to 1308 East State where electrical wires were reported burning outside a home. At 8:45 p.m. the Browns were called to 1308 East State where electrical wires were reported burning outside a home. At 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, the Browns were called to 1308 East State where electrical wires were reported burning outside a home. At 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, the Browns were called to 1308 East State where electrical wires were reported burning outside a home.

Meet Thurs. On Agriculture Movement

Farmers members of the American Agriculture Movement will meet at New Blauus Hall on Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. to explain their views on the agricultural crisis and to discuss the movement's goals and objectives.

Any farmer or any interested person is invited to attend the meeting.

Health Planning Meet Here 1:30 Next Mon.

There will be a meeting on Monday, Jan. 30th, 1978 at 1:30 p.m. at the Council Room of the Municipal Building in Eagle Lake to discuss citizen participation in health planning.

The meeting will be sponsored by the H-GAC Health Systems Agency, the health planning agency for the thirteen county region that includes Colorado County.

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