

## Rep. Wilson Announces For Speaker Of House

Rep. John Wilson of La Grange announces that he will seek the speakership of the Texas House of Representatives in 1981.

Wilson, 39, and a member of the House for six years, said he had been encouraged by other House members to seek the office but that as of now he has no pledges. He said he hasn't seen a pledge card in six years.

Following is part of his announcement message: "During my six years in the legislature, I have had the opportunity to participate in all areas of the legislative process. This has included membership on committees dealing with a wide range of subjects and service as a committee chairman in the past session. I have enjoyed my experience in these capacities and it has instilled in me respect for our democratic form of government and the members of the legislature who serve it so well. At this point, I wish to participate at a higher level than in the past. After careful thought, I have reached the decision to seek the office of Speaker.

"I have always felt that members should work together in a professional manner and with integrity, and do not intend for my candidacy to change this or cause disruption in the coming session. I will conduct myself in the manner that I deem most appropriate for the people of my district and the State of Texas. I will neither support nor refuse to support any measure because of anyone else's position on that measure. I will call them as I see them and consider each issue on its own merits.

"The present administration has served the House well for the past four years, and surely it will continue to do so during the next two. I do not feel, however, that any person should serve as Speaker of the House for more than four years. If elected to this office, I now state to the people of Texas that my service will not extend for a longer time. I emphasize that this position is not a

## Bids Asked For Painting River Bridges

Bids for repainting Colorado River bridges on State Highway 71 at La Grange and Columbus will be received in January by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

George F. Gold of La Grange, the department's engineer in charge of the work, said the bridges will be cleaned and painted to protect the structural steel and to provide a more pleasing appearance.

Yokum District Engineer Carl Ramert is in overall charge of the work.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks To People Of Eagle Lake

How can a mother and family say thank you to so many people when words could never express our true feelings? You, the dear people of Eagle Lake, helped to solve the problem of Jim Baidree, after an unfortunate accident on December 10th.

Thank you to the neighbors and friends of my sister and brother-in-law, Cherry and Victor Corman, who were there immediately to help in any way they could. To the volunteer ambulance crew, June Mahalite and Bob and Laura Finney.

John Wilson

statement of dissatisfaction with the present administration, but is an outgrowth of my own feeling concerning the proper role of the Office of Speaker."

## Free Pizza Deal With Mexico For Oil, Gas Important

Mrs. James Wilson this is a ticket for a free pizza at the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, where you get the finest foods in town including delicious pizza.

prayers and concern for those first few days that seemed like an eternity, were your prayers felt, and needless to say were answered as Jim is home now and doing nicely, however, he says he has no intention of giving up hunting!

Thank you Dr. and Mrs. Laughlin, Thank you for your prayers and concern for those first few days that seemed like an eternity, were your prayers felt, and needless to say were answered as Jim is home now and doing nicely, however, he says he has no intention of giving up hunting!

strike an agreement with the Canadians, I would like to see a new Canadian gas pipeline built, too.

It astounds me that Mr. Schlesinger would minimize efforts to make the best possible deal with Mexico.

The United States has an increasing need for oil and gas from all available sources. We must consider domestic production first, but just beyond our border we see a unique opportunity in Mexico for massive new energy supplies.

Mrs. Coy Baldrée Houston, Texas

New Priest At Columbus Father Patrick Palmer, who has served as pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Columbus for the past nine years, has been reassigned to St. James parish in Seguin.

Father Arnold Anders of St. Robert's Church in El Campo was appointed as the new pastor there.

The oceans and their adjacent sea cover nearly three-fourths the earth's surface, or about 140,500,000 square miles.

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## County Go-Texan Winners



Here are some scenes from the Colorado County Go-Texan activities held Sunday at Veterans' Hall in Columbus. Presenting trophies to the winners were Crockett Leyendecker, county Go-Texan chairman, left, and committee member Jerry Zatopek, right. The winning hay hauling team of the Henneke Bros. from Bernardo included Larry, Jerry and Robert Henneke.

## Miss Tracy Gertson Sweeps County Go-Texan Queen Honors

Colorado County Go-Texan activities, held in Veterans' Hall in Columbus Sunday, were an outstanding success, from the opening trail ride from Altair to Columbus to the dance which concluded the event.

The activities were sponsored by the Colorado County Go-Texan Committee, under the supervision of the County Go-Texan Committee, Crockett Leyendecker, chairman, County Judge Lester J. Cranek, Harold Halcom, Frank Tate, Jerry Zatopek, Dennis Stryk, and Leslie Heinsohn.

The activities of the day were carried out under the supervision of the County Go-Texan Committee, Crockett Leyendecker, chairman, County Judge Lester J. Cranek, Harold Halcom, Frank Tate, Jerry Zatopek, Dennis Stryk, and Leslie Heinsohn.

Winners Named Presentation of trophies to the winners was held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Miss Tracy Gertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gertson of Eagle Lake, made a clean sweep of the queen honors, winning first place in the Go-Texan Trail Ride Queen competition and also in the Miss Colorado County Go-Texan Queen competition.

Second runner-up in the trail ride queen event was Miss Tammy Walker of Sheridan and first runner-up was Miss Lori Wagner of Weimar.

In the Miss Go-Texan judging, Miss Kathy Frazar of Eagle Lake was first runner-up. Miss Dawn Werland of Columbus was third runner-up. Miss Mary Ann Miller of Garwood was second runner-up, and Miss Donna Leyendecker of Columbus was first runner-up.

## County Go-Texan Queen Finalists



Shown above are the winners in the Colorado County Go-Texan queen activities at Veterans' Hall in Columbus Sunday. At the top are the three winners in the Trail Ride Queen competition, left to right, Miss Tammy Walker of Sheridan, Miss Lori Wagner of Weimar and the trail ride queen winner, Miss Tracy Gertson of Eagle Lake. In the lower photo are the five winners in the County Go-Texan Queen competition. Left to right they are: Miss Tracy Gertson, winner of the coveted honor of being Colorado County Go-Texan Queen, first runner-up Donna Leyendecker of Columbus, second runner-up Miss Mary Ann Miller of Garwood, third runner-up Miss Dawn Werland of Columbus, and fourth runner-up Miss Kathy Frazar of Eagle Lake.

## Lignite Mining In Fayette County Soon

Lignite mining in Fayette County is a step closer to reality as members of the Authority's board Jan. 18 ratified a contract with Morrison-Knudsen Company, Inc. of Boise, Idaho for preliminary engineering studies program.

Additional studies as outlined in the agreement are available to LCR on an optional basis under the first phase of the contract.

"Our action today is only one of many we must undertake before we begin using our low-cost Texas lignite as a fuel," said Jake Strahan of Burnet, chairman of the 15-member board.

## Rep. Wilson Named To 2 Committees

State Rep. John Wilson (D) of La Grange has been named to positions on the Criminal Jurisdiction and Liquor Regulation House committees by Speaker of the House Bill Clayton.

Clayton said Rep. Wilson would serve in these capacities during the next two years of the 66th Legislature.

## Savings Bond Sales

October sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Colorado County were \$9,054. Sales for the tenth-month period totaled \$130,002 for 62% of the 1978 sales goal of \$210,000.

## COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS -- FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

January 1, 1978 through January 31, 1978

Fund	Transactions between Funds					Cash Balance 12-31-78	Certificates of Deposit 12-31-78
	Certificates of Deposit 1-1-78	Cash Balance 1-1-78	Cash Received	Transfers between Funds In Out	Cash Disbursed		
<b>Road &amp; Bridge Funds:</b>							
Class 2	\$ 48,800.00	71,493.49	147,309.06	64,000.00	90,622.36	36,980.19	76,000.00
Special	39,000.00	41,230.15	110,476.92	104,000.00	25,907.07	60,800.00	60,800.00
Right of Way Fund	95,000.00	3,160.07	196,942.79		208,896.00	46,206.86	40,000.00
Auto License			175,000.00	175,000.00		-	
Road & Bridge Pct. #1		17,548.15	524.50	85,750.00	98,756.79	5,065.86	
Road & Bridge Pct. #2	10,000.00	2,667.22	7,329.11	85,750.00	101,044.45	4,701.88	
Road & Bridge Pct. #3		3,251.29	5,516.28	137,750.00	145,952.81	564.76	
Road & Bridge Pct. #4		89.03	1,257.10	85,750.00	78,609.46	8,486.67	
<b>Lateral Road Refund Acct.:</b>							
Lateral Road Pct. #1		3,595.99		8,064.24	11,582.04	78.19	
Lateral Road Pct. #2		-		8,064.24	1,369.00	6,695.24	
Lateral Road Pct. #3		-		8,064.24	8,064.24	-	
Lateral Road Pct. #4		-		8,064.24	8,064.24	-	
Lateral Road Unallocated		-	32,256.96	32,256.96		-	
<b>Total Lateral Road Refund Acct.</b>		3,595.99	32,256.96	32,256.96	29,079.52	6,773.43	
<b>Total Road &amp; Bridge Funds</b>	\$ 192,800.00	143,035.39	676,612.72	427,256.96	375,256.96	752,961.39	134,680.72
<b>Revenue Sharing Funds:</b>							
Revenue Sharing Pct. #1	\$	22,841.09		15,000.00	35,262.92	2,578.17	
Revenue Sharing Pct. #2		2,354.92	15,966.80	15,000.00	33,340.16	18.44	
Revenue Sharing Pct. #3		223.24		15,000.00	15,405.51	182.27	
Revenue Sharing Pct. #4		58.50		15,000.00	13,212.20	1,846.30	
Revenue Sharing Unallocated		52,000.00	759.42	168,886.00	179,422.42	42,223.00	
<b>Total Revenue Sharing Funds</b>	\$ 52,000.00	26,237.17	184,852.80	60,000.00	179,422.42	46,446.76	
<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 71,600.00	73,801.71	282,382.51	119,422.42	403,386.84	32,419.80	111,400.00
<b>Permanent Improvement Fund</b>	\$ 62,500.00	41,585.74	105,243.22		267,839.00	51,889.96	130,600.00
<b>Officers Salary Fund</b>	\$ 50,000.00	54,295.73	490,148.09		398,564.06	95,879.76	100,000.00
<b>Jury Fund</b>	\$ 7,000.00	3,924.34	13,285.78		18,113.39	1,096.73	5,000.00
<b>Additional Ad Valorem Funds:</b>							
Additional Ad Valorem Pct. #1	\$ 75,000.00	31,882.94		61,150.00	58,911.31	15,496.63	89,625.00
Additional Ad Valorem Pct. #2		25,000.00	622.81	61,150.00	77,096.26	13,032.95	
Additional Ad Valorem Pct. #3		704.48	1,442.02	61,150.00	63,159.26	137.24	
Additional Ad Valorem Pct. #4		213.41		61,150.00	61,943.95	(580.54)	
Additional Ad Valorem Unallocated		92,500.00	98,870.18	261,757.72	244,600.00	64,827.90	143,700.00
<b>Total Additional Ad Valorem</b>	\$ 192,500.00	135,027.41	263,822.55	244,600.00	244,600.00	261,110.78	233,325.00
<b>Contingency Fund</b>	\$ 67,696.23	23,718.37	44,294.92		52,000.00	8,446.52	75,263.00
<b>Payroll Fund</b>	\$	45.71		826,829.38	825,804.19	1,070.90	
<b>Social Security Fund</b>	\$	10,319.32	91,827.91		86,589.91	15,557.32	
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	\$ 696,096.23	511,990.89	2,152,470.50	1,677,083.57	2,044,786.16	484,408.65	832,388.00

## COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS -- FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 1978

**Current Assets:**

Cash on Hand December 31, 1978:	
Cash Balance - Columbus State Bank	\$ 501,592.89
Minus Warrants Outstanding	<u>17,184.24</u>
<b>Total Cash on Hand December 31, 1978</b>	\$ 484,408.65
Certificates of Deposit - Columbus State Bank	<u>832,388.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	\$ 1,316,796.65

The Fixed Assets of the County, unallocated, current and delinquent taxes, licenses, fines & fees, and interest and penalty thereon, are not included in the statement if December 31, 1978.

I, M. L. Briscoe, County Auditor of Colorado County, Texas, certify that the within and foregoing statement of beginning and ending balances, receipts and disbursements for the Calendar Year 1978 and as the close of business December 31, 1978 is true and correct.

*M. L. Briscoe*  
M. L. Briscoe, County Auditor  
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Mr. and Mrs. Scott Herring are the proud parents of a daughter, Nichole Mae, born Monday, January 8 at 6:50 p.m. in the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. On arrival she weighed six pounds and fourteen and one-half ounces.

She is being welcomed by a brother, Wesley, age three years.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Herring of Devine and Mrs. Joyce Boest of Poshing, Texas. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Savage of Devine and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Retzlaff of Piquette.

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