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want it."

Columbus Plan

Columbus city council called a special meeting Monday morning to discuss the possibility of requesting the odd-even plan. However, when there appeared to be about a big split between service station operators present on whether the plan was needed or not, the issue was rejected on a 3-1 vote.

Some service station owners here have indicated that the situation might tend to improve once the buying public gets out of the panic situation which existed here during the past week-end.

With the gasoline hard to come by, the prices have increased corresponding at some outlets and reports were heard that some operators in the county (not here) were charging as much as \$1.20 per gallon for gasoline during the past weekend.

Mayor Indicates Favor

Mayor Elmer Struss said Tuesday that he had asked County Judge Lester J. Cranek and the commissioners court to consider putting the odd-even plan into effect to reduce lines, however he expressed doubt that this would do much to reduce consumption.

Judge Cranek has indicated that if there is enough interest in initiating a plan to implement the program by making such a request to Gov. Clements, he would call a special meeting this week for the consideration of the rationing system.

2 Arrested At Garwood For El Campo Burglary

Colorado County sheriff's department arrested two suspects in a burglary in El Campo at their homes in the Garwood area and also one of the men has been charged in this county with resisting arrest.

The department received a call from the El Campo police department at 12:10 a.m. June 21st to be on the lookout for two colored males in a dark blue Oldsmobile, as suspects in the burglary.

Deputy Sheriff Mike Trammell, assigned to the Garwood-Nada area, spotted the car on Highway 71 stopped and talking to the driver of a motorcycle.

He reportedly asked the driver for his driver's license and once it was handed to the officer, the man drove off. The officer and Deputy Jerry Odom went to the suspect's home in Garwood. They were told the man was not at home. While there, the suspect slipped into the front of the home and tried to hide in a bathroom.

He was found there by the officers and they attempted to handcuff the man and he ran from the scene.

The next day the suspect, Willie Smith, 23, gave himself up to the Eagle Lake Police Department and he was transferred to the county jail in Columbus.

The other suspect in the burglary was arrested at Garwood the next day by El Campo officers and deputies from the sheriff's department.

Both were returned to face burglary charges in El Campo and Smith will also be held to face the resisting arrest charge in this county.



The area citizens shown above have successfully completed the G.E.D. instruction program offered by the Rice Consolidated Independent School District and have taken and passed the G.E.D. high school equivalency test and have received their high school diplomas under the program. Completing the program and instructors are shown above, front row, left to right, Janie Escochea, Danette Duncan, and Marie McElhaney; back row, l. to r., instructor Marie Argo; Janie Kristynik, Donna Gibson; and instructor Graham Wied. Also completing the course but not shown was Ann Graham. Next year's program will begin in September and all persons in the district interested in attaining a high school equivalency diploma are invited to contact the Rice Administration Building for information.

Assault Charges In Family Affair Sat. Nite Dropped

Charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon were dropped this week against an Eagle Lake man who was charged after hitting a friend of his former wife in the side of the face with a .45 caliber pistol.

The incident occurred at around 11:15 p.m. Saturday. The man reportedly hit his former wife's friend with the gun and it accidentally discharged, resulting in cuts and bruises and powder burns on the side of the face of the victim.

Officers investigating believe that the cartridge that fired may have been a blank for they have been unable to locate any evidence of a bullet. The pistol did, however, have four live rounds of ammunition in it.

The man was charged at first and placed under bond, however at the request of his former wife and her friend, the charges were dismissed after a consultation with Justice of the Peace M.M. Jones and County Attorney Don Bendy.

The man did agree to take rehabilitation treatment for alcoholism under supervision, it was reported.

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Honored On Birthday

Cari Lynn Cranek was honored on her third birthday with a swimming party in her backyard by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cranek of Garwood on June 17th.

Refreshments of cake, ice cream and punch were served. Guests present were: Jason and Amy Bram, Ashley Cranek and Christi Becak, also Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bures of El Campo, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cranek Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cranek, Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Cranek, Mrs. Frank Becak and Mrs. Dick Seifert all of Garwood; Mrs. Carl Andrews Jr. of Columbus, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bram of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Herring of Houston and Mrs. Raymond Hunt of Garwood returned Monday from a two weeks visit with Mrs. Estelle Giffin of Sabin.

Visiting Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Raymond Hunt were, Mrs. Lena Wilson of San Antonio and Mrs. Grace Ramsey of El Campo.

Hopkins' Present Program
The members of the Colorado County Historical Survey Commission held their second meeting of the year at the old hotel in Provident City, which was once a thriving community in a corner of the county.

Members and their guests enjoyed a covered dish

supper on the lawn and a chance to ramble through the many rooms which are occupied on weekends and during hunting seasons by the Hancock family of El Campo.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hopkins of Garwood presided over the business meeting. Her husband, James Hopkins, gave a slide program on Provident City as it was when he lived there as a boy.

Jimmy Littleton of Houston and Floella Houtaas of Elk, Washington are visiting Mrs. Laura Littleton. They are the nephew and niece of Mrs. Littleton.

Miss Kallina Honored
Mrs. Bob Raley and Misses Beth and Ramona Raley entertained with a luncheon at the Junior League in Houston on Friday, June 22. The honoree for the occasion was Miss Janice Kallina, bride-elect of Dennis Marek. Guests were: Mrs. Anthony Kallina, Miss Brenda Kallina, Mrs. Charles Kallina Jr. and Mrs. W. R. Frnk all of Garwood; also Carol Newton of Bay City.

The hostesses presented the bride-to-be a piece of her chosen china.

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Child Welfare

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need for the county's participation in the program. Mrs. Reinhardt also explained that the board hopes to inform the public of the need for assistance.

Reference was made by several of the board members and also by Mrs. Candy McCreary of Eagle Lake, who was also present, of the need for possible assistance to a local family with six children, all presently residing in one motel room.

Do The Best We Can

County Judge told the group that when it comes to talking about the welfare of children, "we should do the best that we can." He added that this is especially true in cases where children are young and unable to help themselves and are the result of deficient parental care. He added however that every effort should be made to have the parents of such children assist in their welfare as far as possible.

The court was told that currently 15 children from this county are under substitute care in foster homes while courts decide the outcome of their cases and of these 15 only four are eligible for AFDC funds. It was noted that there are probably others that need to be placed into foster homes.

Parents of the children who reside in a single motel room appeared during the hearing but offered no comments.

Precinct 3 Commissioner

Crockett Leyendecker said that as a concerned citizen he feels very strongly against taking children away from their parents and said he would like to see something done to work out the situation with the parents. Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles commented that the children are the basis which holds a family together in times of stress and urged that every effort be made to work out the situation without placing the children into foster homes.

Mrs. Helen Jurries, public welfare supervisor for the Department of Human Resources, was also present and she said that "foster care is always the last alternative." She added that before the district court is petitioned to place a child into a foster home that a lot of work goes into the investigation in hopes of avoiding such action.

Hubert Ostrick, also a supervisor for the Department of Human Resources, was also present and he too stressed the need for foster care programs in this county.

In response to a question from Mrs. McCreary, Judge Cranek said that no funds are available in the county budget for outright foster home care payments for the current year which ends on December 31st. He said that the court will give the budget request submitted by the County Child Welfare Board consideration in adoption of the 1980 budget later this year.

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Parish Mass

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Bishop Gerbermann will bless the new granite Cross and granite Altar in St. Mary's Cemetery donated by the Rev. Magr. Aloysius A. Leopold and Mrs. William R. Frnk, respectively. In the church, the Bishop will bless the new marble Altar of the Blessed Sacrament donated by Mrs. Louise (Ed) Kubena in honor of Rev. Magr. Edmund J. Bily, former pastor of Nada for 22 years.

Other religious articles will also be blessed by the bishop. All these will be on display for "Open House" in Church after Mass and the reception. Mrs. Fred Kubesch will be in charge. The public is invited to the Blessings, the Mass and the reception.

Magr. Schmidtinsky was born Jan. 27, 1915 in Fredericksburg, Texas, to Adolph J. Schmidtinsky and the late Augusta Jenschke. He was ordained to the Priesthood June 12, 1941. He has served as Rural Life Director of the Archdiocese of San Antonio for many years. Because of his dealings with rural life he was presented the "Texas State Rural Minister of the Year - 1965" Award while pastor at Pleasanton, Texas. He also received the "Outstanding Business and Professional Man" State Award from the Save the Soil and Save Texas Awards Program sponsored by the Fort Worth Press. He also received many 4-H and FFA Awards, plus the Archdiocesan "Padre for Youth" Award.

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Catholic BBQ

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bargains.

The activities of the day will continue throughout the afternoon and good food, good fellowship and recreation for young and old are promised.

City Businesses To Be Closed Wed., July 4th

Wednesday, July 4th is an official holiday in Eagle Lake and local business firms will be closed for the day. The postoffice and the courthouse will also be closed for the Independence Day holiday.

Locally, the chamber of commerce invites citizens to its fourth annual Fourth of July celebration activities discussed in another article in this issue.

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Timber From Pecan Trees

Pecan trees are known for their shade and nut production, but they can also produce valuable timber, notes a forestry specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Pecan wood is often used as a veneer in furniture and makes attractive paneling. It also makes good firewood. Where pecan orchards must be thinned to boost nut production, landowners should consider marketing the timber.

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