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district clerk, at the county's expense, for \$443.43 from Anderson Insurance Agency of Columbus and this was accepted. The law which makes the errors and omission bond mandatory went into effect Aug. 27th.

Purchase Radio Crystals
The court also voted to spend \$416.00 for radio crystals for state troopers and the Texas Ranger working in this county in

order that they may be able to communicate with the county sheriff's primary communications system.

Judge Craneek noted the importance of the state troopers and Texas Ranger in knowing what's going on with the sheriff's department in cases involving criminals.

He added that this will provide more safety for the officers, improve local enforcement since the troopers and ranger will be monitoring sheriff's messages; and said that he considered the \$416 spent (2 crystals per car for four vehicles) "a wise investment." The court approved

the purchase unanimously. Contracts for the laying of a 30-inch pipeline which will be

under 100 pounds of pressure by the United Texas Transmission Co. under eleven county roads were approved by court. Action on the matter was tabled last month while a check was made on casing requirements and since that time the state said that it would require the pipeline to be encased in a 36-inch steel casing and the county followed suit. It was also noted that the pipes will be concrete coated under the crossings as well as being encased in the 36-inch steel casing.

Rice Schools

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109 seniors. Eagle Lake Primary School had expected 330 students, but only 316 showed up Monday, but that figure had increased to 325 Tuesday and Principal Major Bengtson expects the enrollment to level off at around 340, about ten less than last year. Monday, 12 were registered in special education, 78 in kindergarten and early childhood, 78 in the first grade, 65 in the second and 83 in the third.

Eagle Lake Middle School had expected 492 and 490 showed up Monday, including 7 in special education, 98 in the fourth grade, 100 in the fifth, 87 in the sixth, 88 in the seventh, and 100 in the eighth. Principal James Crabbe also stated that his enrollment should increase slightly in the next week or so. Last year ELMS enrolled 457 students on the opening day.

Garwood Enrollment Up
Garwood Principal John Mader reported enrollment at his school was up slightly. He had expected 130 on opening day and 132 enrolled and six more are expected this week. On opening day last year the school enrolled 123. First day enrollments this year were: kindergarten 17, first grade 8, second 17, third 12, fourth 24, fifth 13, sixth 14, seventh 15, and eighth 12.

Sheridan Principal Bill Gohlke had expected 120 students Monday and 113 were enrolled, seven less than last year's first-day enrollment. He does expect a few more in the next week or so. Monday's enrollments included: 12 in kindergarten, first grade 8, second 14, third 17, fourth 14, fifth 14, sixth 13, seventh 12, and eighth 9.

Appraisal Dist.

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county "could be at their mercy" and that the county could not keep the directors from getting an outside firm to make the overall reappraisals. Costs for such service had been estimated in earlier sessions at around \$750,000 based on a price per parcel for the 35,000 to 40,000 parcels of land in this county.

Relinquish Say In Setup
County Judge Lester Craneek placed the item on the agenda and indicated that "it is important that we make a decision now." He said that if the county did not join the district, it would have no say in forming the board nor in its operation and estimated that the costs might be more if the county did not join the district than if it did.

By joining the district the county will be assured that it will pay only its pro-rata share, based on 1978 tax rolls, of the costs of operation of the district, added the judge.

He said that it is important for the decision to be made now as a "show of good faith," and indicated that some representatives of the entities involved have expressed a belief that the county "is dragging its feet on this matter." He also said that by joining the district the county can have an important part in electing the board of directors in hopes of having representation from all areas of the county.

Judge Craneek said that he had confidence in the local citizens who would be elected to the board in making a "fair and equitable appraisal as economically as possible."

In the voting, Commissioners Otto Loessin, Rafael Veselka and Crockett Leyen-decker voted for joining the district and Stiles cast a negative vote and asked that the record show that he was in favor of joining the district as a contract member at some time in the future - but not at this time.

Nominating Convention Oct. 3
The representatives of the three cities, Eagle Lake, Columbus and Weimar, and the three school districts, Rice, Columbus and Weimar, and the county are due to get together in an informal nominating convention at 10 a.m. on Wed., Oct. 3rd to work toward some consensus of opinion on naming five directors who would be representatives of all sections of the county. Under S.B. 821, each entity could nominate five directors and if

Police Investigating Thefts In City

Eagle Lake police department was investigating several thefts which occurred during the week-end.

City patrolman Jimmy Jenkins received a call from Alberto Alvarez, Jr., who operates the Mid-Town Truck and Auto Service business at 801 East Main, that a tool box with an estimated \$3000 worth of tools was stolen sometime during Saturday night.

The Rev. J. Melburn Sibley, pastor of First Baptist Church, reported Monday afternoon that two large chairs were stolen from the front porch of the Baptist parsonage on Lake Avenue, some time during Sunday night.

Local officers are still investigating the two incidents.

The department is also investigating the theft of four wire hub caps, with estimated value of over \$30 each, from an auto owned by Keith Popp and parked in his driveway at 1009 East A Street some time during the night of August 20th.

Kenneth Grahams Are Parents of Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Graham of Nada are parents of their second son born in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 8:26 a.m.

At birth he weighed six pounds and eleven ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches. He has been named Russell.

He is being welcomed into the family by a brother, Keith, sixteen months old; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Duncan of Eagle Lake, Raymond Graham of Nada and Mrs. Dorothy Graham of Louise; and great grandfathers, R. L. Duncan of Eagle Lake and H. C. Morrison of El Campo.

there were no consensus of opinion, there could possibly be 35 nominees and five could be elected with far less than a majority vote.

Three Nabbed In County For Theft Of Auto At NASA

A routine check on three subjects at the rest area west of Columbus resulted in the eventual arrest of three persons, two of them juveniles, on a charge of theft of a vehicle from the NASA area, last Wed., Aug. 22.

At 2:00 p.m. State Trooper Alton Adcock advised the sheriff's office by radio that he had stopped a vehicle at the rest area west of Columbus and while conducting a routine check, the three subjects in the car ran from the scene into a wooded area.

One of the three was arrested in the park area and a search was started by state and county officers for the other two, but in a few minutes the two walked from the wooded area, thinking the officers had left the scene, and were arrested.

The three were brought to the county sheriff's office. Investigation there revealed

that they were also wanted in Clear Lake City in Harris County for burglary.

Two of those arrested were juveniles and the third, the driver of the stolen vehicle, was Chadwell S. Calvert, 17 years of age, from Houston. The trio were released to the NASA Bay police on auto theft charges and will later face burglary charges in Harris County, reported the county sheriff's office.

Home Entered, Theft At Oil Rig Reported

Colorado County sheriff's department was called during the past week to investigate an entry into a home in the Oakland area and a theft at a work-over oil rig off FM 833 four miles from Garwood.

The report on the house entry came in at 2:15 p.m. Sat., Aug. 25th and was reported by Gracy Lewis who stated that a house she owns in Oakland had been entered. She resides in Houston. Investigation revealed entry was gained by removing a small glass in a front door and reaching in and unlocking the door. Missing was a brown recliner chair, a brown buffet, and a book shelf with mirror. All items are considered antiques and were valued at \$2100 by the owner.

At 7:40 a.m. Mon., Aug. 27th, Richard Blamar, tool pusher for Griffin Well Service of El Campo, reported the theft of a Martin Decker Clipper weight indicator and an oilfield Christmas tree wellhead from the workover location. He stated that the theft occurred sometime during the weekend and placed a \$4500 value on the missing items.

Investigation of both incidents continues by the sheriff's office.

Grand Jury

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where defendants entered pleas of guilty last June, on Wednesday of this week. A jury has been called on Wednesday of this week to hear a civil suit set for trial, styled Roy B. Wilson individually and next of friend to Roy B. Wilson, Jr. against Diane Galicia and Salvador Galicia. In the suit filed July 25, 1978, plaintiffs seek a total of \$10,000 in damages resulting from a wreck in Columbus April 2, 1978.

39 Lots of Rice

Up For Bids Wed.

The Eagle Lake office of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association offered 39 lots of rice for bids on Wednesday of last week with the top bid of the day being \$11.52 cwt. offered by West Indies for LaBelle rice grown by Theuman and Wintermann and Co. The lot milled 63-70 and graded No. 1. Thirteen of the 20 lots received bids over \$11.00. Eight of the 20 were confirmed sales. West Indies bid high on 12

of the lots, Uncle Ben's high on 5, P&S high on 1 and Elco high on 2 lots.

The local office will offer a total of 39 lots of first crop rice for bids this Wednesday.

M. Trammell Resigns As Deput

Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller announces the resignation of Michael Trammell as night patrolman for the Garwood Nada area, effective Aug. 27th. Trammell, who has been with the department for the past two months, told the sheriff he was leaving law enforcement work to work for a construction company. His replacement has not been named, said the sheriff.

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