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Sen. Moore

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and influence in the Senate would enable him to continue giving the people of his District the same effective, forceful representation that he has for many years.

The next session of the Texas Legislature is an especially critical one that will set the future course for this State because it is a redistricting session," Moore pointed out.

"My experience in the Texas Senate will help insure that the good people of the Fifth Senatorial District are treated fairly and equitably during this most important time in Texas' history," Moore added. "This is hardly the time or place for someone to try and get on the job training in Texas government."

Moore said he would continue working hard to see that a careful, cautious approach is taken in handling the State's financial affairs. He noted his membership on the Senate Finance Committee, along with being chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee, which by law made him a member of the Legislative Budget Board, gave him an excellent opportunity to influence fiscally conservative policies for Texas.

Texas government and the taxpayers who pay the tab have suffered long enough at the hands of the free-spending liberals in the Legislature," Moore said.

Counties within the Fifth Senatorial District are Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Colorado, Falls, Freestone, Grimes, Houston, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, Polk, Robertson, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker, Waller, Washington and Wharton.

Acting Co. Atty.

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the court Monday named Self as Acting County Attorney and he will be required to make bond, but will not be officially sworn in as would have been the case if the court had decided to make an appointment.

It is the intention of the court to appoint the winner of the Democratic election May 3rd to the office, unless a Republican or Independent candidate files and in this case Self's appointment as

Acting County Attorney would remain in effect until the November general election.

In the same motion, the court increased the salary of the assistant county attorney to the pay level of the county attorney for the period that he serves as acting county attorney.

City Council

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was nearing completion. Mercer Construction Co., contractor for the project, was finalizing some work around the storage tank late last week and workers were expected to finalize some electrical wiring needed at the site, also late last week.

Mercer informed the city, according to Jacobs, to withhold payment of the final bill until he had approved inspection of the paint job done on the new tank. Some dissatisfaction had been indicated by the contractor and he was planning to meet with the painters to correct any problems.

The city's new service center, adjacent to the new water plant, is currently undergoing some renovations so that the city crewmen can start utilizing the structure for storage, a workshop and office space. Coastal Overhead Doors of Eagle Lake, according to Jacobs, has agreed to install a 14'4" overhead door on the building and will make some adjustments on two existing doors for a total of \$1,924. The city is also accepting bids from local electricians for wiring of the building.

Street Repairs

It was brought to the attention of Jacobs, in the absence of city manager T. J. Smith who was out of town on business, that several sections of city streets were in need of repair. Among those listed by the mayor and council were: a spot at Seaboard and State Streets, and sections of Church Street, Strickland Avenue and Pustejovsky Lane.

Also mentioned at the meeting as needing repairs were: a leaking sewer on Church Street and a water line leak under the asphalt alley road next to the Wintermann office building off of McCarty Street in the downtown area.

Other projects brought up during Wednesday's meeting

requiring some concrete work included: completion of drainage work on Postoffice Street near the Old Ice House, a dip near the Heritage House and a collection box culvert on the west side of Austin Road.

It was also reported at the meeting that Friedman and Associates is expected to conduct ground-breaking ceremonies for a 50-unit apartment complex in the near future. The complex will be specially designed for the elderly and handicapped.

Other Action

In other action conducted last Wednesday, the city council approved the calling of the city election for April 5th, and approved the hiring of CPA Wm. Pierce Arthur as the city's auditor.

R. I. Woman Fined \$600 In Traffic Death

Mrs. Annie Henry of Rock Island, who was indicted on a felony charge of failure to stop and render aid, entered a plea of nolo contendere in county court week before last to a reduced charge of misdemeanor reckless driving. She entered the no contest plea in the court of County Judge Lester J. Cranek and Judge Cranek set her punishment at \$600 fine and six months probation in the county jail but probation was granted on the jail sentence.

Mrs. Henry was charged in the Sept. 7, 1979 death of a Galveston man, Edward H. Bagcom, 62, who died from injuries received when struck by a car on Highway 90A 1.5 miles east of Rock Island.

Highway Patrolman Joe Garcia of Eagle Lake was the investigating officer and he reported that the victim was standing beside his pickup truck when he was struck by a passing car.

Garcia and Highway Patrol Sergeant Gilbert Kiel arrested Mrs. Henry at her home after officers found a broken mirror on the Henry car which fitted a piece of mirror found at the scene and also found some blood on her vehicle.

Mrs. Henry was charged

Dismissing Burglars - Armstrong Gets S.P. 30 Year Pin

(Continued from page one) Tuesday, both denied any part in the entries. Officers now report that both Foster and Grounds have made voluntary statements to the officers.

Charged in P.D. Entry Officers continuing the investigation last week were Chief of Police Goadalope Villarreal, Texas Ranger Ray Nutt and Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Broussard. After recovery of a .22-caliber rifle stolen from an entry at the Eagle Lake police station, additional charges of entry of the police station were filed against Matthews and Foster and officers arrested the men at their homes on A Street (north of the golf course) and charged them with burglary of the police station and they were readmitted to the County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond each on the new charge.

Matthews, Foster and Grounds all have since been released from the County Jail after posting property bonds of \$5,000 each.

Additional Entry

Chief of Police Villarreal said that the investigation continues and charges are still pending in the other entries here. Up until the time of Grounds' statement, officers had been investigating five entries, including Duncan's, Lake Motors, the Police Station, Ugarie Clinic and the Dairy Queen. However, the officers now believe that entry was also made into the Laughlin Clinic, near the Ugarie Clinic on South McCarty. The entry there was thought to be through a window, although to date no report has been made of anything missing from the Laughlin Clinic.

Most Items Recovered

Villarreal said that almost all items taken in the burglaries have been recovered and included numerous items which were not included in the missing list upon the first reports from owners where entries were made.

The police chief said that a large quantity of clothing, valued at perhaps several thousand dollars, taken from Duncan and Son was recovered from a vacant house near the intersection of Austin Rd. and A Street. Also three auto radios, taken from Lake Motors and not reported, were also recovered in the house; 2 tape recorders taken from the Ugarie Clinic and not missed at first, were also among the items recovered by officers.

Investigation Continues

The .22 caliber rifle, taken from the police station, was recovered in tall grass between the golf course and A Street although officers believe that the condition of the gun indicates that it might have been placed in the grass some time after television sets, tires, and other items taken from Lake Motors were found smashed in the tall grass bordering the golf course.

Officers continue the investigation and have indicated that another person or two, one believed to be a juvenile, may be involved in the burglaries when the investigation is completed.

Also pending are possible charges for burglary of the J&D Furniture Store in Eagle Lake early in December. Officers have recovered a stereo radio which was one of the items taken from the furniture store. The items were owned by Webb's Electronics and under consignment to J&D Furniture.

Those charged to date are expected to be brought before the Grand Jury to be in session Feb. 4 for consideration of the burglary charges.

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with failure to stop and render aid through the court of Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt in Columbus and an indictment was returned by the next grand jury in this county.

Bagcom was brought to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital and later taken to Hermann Hospital in Houston by Life Flight helicopter where he died some five hours after the accident.



R. J. (Jim) Armstrong, Telegrapher-Clerk for the Southern Pacific Transportation Co., right, is shown receiving a 30-year pin from Trainmaster Jim Taylor on the occasion of passing that special year of employment with Southern Pacific. The service pin was presented at the Depot here Tuesday morning.

Telegrapher Armstrong Gets S.P. Service Pin

R. J. (Jim) Armstrong, Telegrapher-Clerk with the Southern Pacific Transportation Co. in Eagle Lake, received a thirty-year service pin for his tenure of duty with Southern Pacific (including a hitch in the United States Navy) on Tuesday morning of this week. The thirty-year pin was presented to Armstrong in behalf of the railroad company by J. H. Taylor, Trainmaster of Eagle Lake.

Armstrong served with the U. S. Navy during World War I from 1914 through 1917 when he saw much duty in the Pacific Theatre of operations in the war with Japan. His duties with the Navy included carpentering and damage control. He was aboard the aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Midway when the name of the carrier was changed from the Midway to the St. Lo (after a famous battle in France). The St. Lo was sunk during World War II when a "suicide plane" struck the carrier amidships and she blew up and sunk within thirty minutes. Armstrong was picked up by a Navy ship and sometime later returned to the states on survivor's leave, during which time he and his wife, Lila, were united in marriage. After returning to active duty following the leave, Armstrong was stationed at Naval bases on the West Coast until his separation on July 9, 1947. He remained active in the Naval Reserve and in April of 1948 participated in the ceremonies in which the battleship Texas was given to this state and berthed permanently at the San Jacinto Battlegrounds.

He received many decorations including the Presidential Citation, Navy Commendation medal and many more for his outstanding service with the U.S. Navy.

Began Work With RR in '49 Armstrong began his training as a telegraph operator for the railroad company in Spofford, Texas (in West Texas) and started his first employment with Southern Pacific as a telegraph operator on August 24, 1949 in Hondo, Texas.

He re-enlisted for another tour of duty with the Navy during the Korean Conflict, on military leave from the railroad company, from 1950 through 1954, and returned to active duty with the railroad company in January of 1955.

Armstrong and family came to Eagle Lake to begin work here as an operator on Oct. 28, 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are the parents of two sons, Freddie, athletic director and coach at Oakwood; and Michael, a student at Sam Houston State University; and they have two grandchildren, Dawn Rae and Joseph Robert, children of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Armstrong.

Because of his many years of experience in the military service, Armstrong has great interest in veterans' affairs and is currently the Junior Vice Commander of the Rice Area Memorial Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Eagle Lake. The family is

also active in other community and church activities.

Model Train Enthusiast Among hobbies of Armstrong are bowling and traveling and model trains, planes and autos. He has one of the most extensive collections of miniature trains in the area. His collection includes around 30 steam and electric locomotives, around 150 freight cars, and over 250 feet of HO gauge railroad track with bridges and other accessories. He also delights in putting together model airplanes, especially those with which he was affiliated in his many years in the Naval service.

Congratulations are extended to Armstrong on passing this special occasion in his service with Southern Pacific.

Miss Tammy Walker of Sheridan is the 1980 Texas Trail Ride Queen, having been selected for that honor in competition held at the October membership meeting held at the Cat Spring Agricultural Hall. She is a sophomore at Wharton County Junior College.

Miss Walker will be honored at a party at the Family Center Coliseum Thursday night and at the opening performance of the 1980 San Antonio Rodeo on the evening of Feb. 8th.

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Commr. Court Amends Sick Leave Policy

Colorado County Commissioners' Court in special session Monday approved a change in the policy relative to sick leave for county employees, and considered an offer by the Estate of Louis Waldvogel that a home in Columbus be given to the county for use in a suitable program.

The county policy on sick leave is that one day per month be allowed with accumulation up to 24 days. The policy sets out that once the 24 day limit is reached, employees can be paid for twelve of the days and the remaining 12 days to be accumulated.

Some question was raised on implementing the method of payment; and after some discussion, the court voted unanimously to authorize the payment for accumulated sick leave days, over the 12 days level, on the first pay day of each year. The pay for sick leave accumulated over 12 days will be at the pay basis in effect on December of the year preceding. It was set out in the motion that the policy be only for employees who abide by the county policy on holidays and other policy regulations.

The house offered to the county by the Waldvogel estate could be used for expansion of the county's Mental Health Program, for Senior Citizens, or other such purposes, said Judge Lester J. Cranek.

He pointed out that the Mental Health program has provided some excellent training enabling some persons to obtain gainful employment, and that the number of persons enrolled is now limited due to a fire marshal's regulation on the old educational building at the Columbus Methodist Church.

The members of the court expressed interest and will take a look at the house to determine if extensive repairs or maintenance would be required and also if an appropriate use for the building can be developed.

Storage Space Needed It was noted during the meeting that a storage area which Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Veselka has been using in Weimar,

Texas Trail Ride To S.A. Begins Friday At Oakland

Tammy Walker Is Trail Ride Queen, Gertson Is Trail Boss

The annual trek from Colorado County to the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo will get underway Friday, Feb. 1st when riders assemble at the camp grounds in the Oakland community, near Weimar, for registration and fellowship. The trail riders will reach San Antonio on Thursday, Feb. 7th and will participate in the big western parade opening the 1980 San Antonio show on the morning of Friday, Feb. 8th.

Ralph Gertson of Eagle Lake is the Trail Boss for the 1980 ride and he welcomes riders to participate in the event and asks for their cooperation along the route. Membership in the association for returning members is \$10.00 if paid not later than this Thurs., Jan. 31st and will be \$12.50 for old and new members after January 31st. Riders under six years of age will pay only for the price of the meal.

Aubry Williams is president of the Association; Rudge Goodwin is secretary and treasurer and Leroy Florus, vice president. Directors include: Larry Messersmith, Jack Morgan, Phil Goodwin, Benny Davis, O. D. Andrus, Melvin Staples, Lee Briscoe, Harry Corliss and Joe Mike Spanhel.

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The traditional wedding cake was decorated with Cathy's chosen colors of green and blue and was served by Betty Layton. Green lime Sherbet punch was served from a crystal punch bowl by Mrs. G. W. Reinhardt and Mrs. Dottie Botard poured the coffee. The refreshment table was green covered with a white lace cloth.

The bride's sister, Ann Tesch, assisted her in opening the gifts. The gift from the hostesses was an electric can opener and a crock pot.

Hostesses for the delightful occasion were: Mrs. Dottie Botard, Mrs. Mary Reinhardt, Mrs. Beverly High, Mrs. Patsy Apell, Guyla Board, Mrs. Millie Shaw, Mrs. Cindy Yuens, Daris High, Mrs. Alice Hinton, Mrs. Ola Smith and Betty Layton.

Killed In Accident Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Goats left Monday around noon to go to La Porte. Their son was killed in an automobile accident early Monday morning. At the time of this writing details were not known. Our sympathy is extended to the Goats in the loss of their son.

More Inspections

In a short discussion of the courthouse restoration project, Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles said that he wanted the architect from the firm of Arthur J. Willrodt and Associates, Jean DuBois, to make some inspections on the work being done, as well as the project consultant Mr. Willrodt. Stiles said that he has been informed by the superintendent doing the work that Architect DuBois has not been on the site for inspections.

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Chili Supper Friday Trail Boss Gertson announces that a chili supper will be served for those interested (to be catered on a per plate basis at the Oakland campgrounds Friday night of this week.) At 8 a.m. Saturday, the riders will leave Oakland bound for Hallettsville where they will set up camp near the American Legion Hall. Mrs. Walker will be crowned barbecue supper will be served free to 1980 paid members from 6 to 7 and plates for non-members will be \$3.50 per person. A dance at the Legion Hall beginning at 8 p.m. with music by the Velvets, will conclude the evening's activities. Admission to the dance will be \$3. for all persons.

After the blessing of the ride at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, in Hallettsville, the riders will head for Weid Hall for a noon meal and then on to Shiner for the night stop. Monday's ride will go from Shiner to Gonzales, Tuesday from Gonzales to near Seguin; Wednesday's from near Seguin to the Ploch Ranch between Seguin and San Antonio; and Thursday, Feb. 7th at around 2:30 p.m. the trail riders will arrive at the Coliseum area in San Antonio.

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Cathy Riley Is Honoree At Bridal Shower

Cathy Riley, bride-elect of Hank Matthews, was honored with a Bridal Shower Sunday, afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the annex of the First Baptist Church. The future bride, her mother, Mrs. Riley, and Hank's mother, Mrs. Peggy Byrn, were presented with corsages of silk flowers arranged on a floral centerpiece.

The registry table was covered with an eyelet cloth and held a single bud vase with a blue silk carnation.

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done on the courthouse restoration.

The court also approved membership in the County Judges and County Commissioners Association of Texas at dues of \$100 per year.