Rice H.S. Runner-Up For Top Houston Art Award

This year's Houston Livestock Art Show had 122,000 entries from forty-two school districts. At the Award's Presentation held Sunday, Mar. 2 in the Astrohall, the Clear Creek School District was named the Grand Prix winner with the Rice Consolidated School District being named runner-up.

The five entries representing the Rice District in the competition were selected by the Houston Livestock Show Art Committee at the local art show held at Rice High School in February. The show was organized by Sandra Benge, Rice High art instructor.

Local Winners

The local winners were: Brian Balas, Elementary Best of the Show; Michael Munoz, Junior High Best of the Show; Darrel Appelt, Senior High Best of the Show, and Gold Medal winners, Keith Babel and Mike Walker. Trophies were presented to the Best of Show winners and medallions to the Gold Medal winners. Keith R[illegible] received an art supply scholarship and Michael received a summer scholarship to the Museum of Fine Arts. Darrel Appelt and Mrs. Benge were presented trophies for being Grand Prix winners for 1979.

School districts in competition with the Rice District were A&M Consolidated, Alief, Aldine, Alvin, Angleton, Brazosport, Clear Creek, Columbus, Conroe, Cy-Fair, Deer Park, Dickinson, Fort Bend, Friendswood, Galena Park, Galveston, Giddings, Gonzales, Goose Creek, Harris County Center, Houston (Areas I and VI), Houston (Areas II and III), Houston (Areas IV and V), Huffman, Humble, Katy, Klein, New Caney, Pasadena, Pearland, Private and Parochial, Round Top-Carmine, Royal, Santa Fe, Sealy, Sheldon, Spring, Spring Branch and Tomball.

Mrs. Koliba To Speak At Ole Time Get-Together

[By Donella R. Pantel County Extension Agent]

Mrs. Homer (Bernice) Koliba will be the speaker on "Tales of Long Ago" during the public Ole Time Get Together Sunday, March 23 at the Columbus High School cafeteria.

Mrs. [illegible] fifth generation Texa[illegible] teacher of thirty years (the early years being in a one room rural Texas school house) has written numerous historical articles, skits, plays and the "Ballad of Columbus".

She has been honored by being listed in the 1980 edition of "World's Who's Who of Women" and recently nominated for listing in "Who's Who of Women of America".

She owns rare and valuable manuscripts of true tales of the periods of the Texas Revolution and the Civil War, experienced and written by an ancestor. She also has genealogical research.

One of Mrs. Koliba's guest story tellers for the afternoon will be Mrs. Henry (Clara) Krenek, Jr. of Freisburg, also a retired school teacher who is widely known for her vast knowledge of and ability to tell tales of long ago.

For a delightful afternoon of fun, learning and relaxation for the entire family, plan to attend the Ole Time Get Together with get acquainted time 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Lunch & Entertainment

An Ole Fashion Lunch, compliments of Family Living Committee members, and special entertainment presented by Travis Street Methodist Church Jug Band will finalize this uniquely planned program for the residents of Colorado and surrounding counties. This program is designed for public participation by the Colorado County Family Living Committee and the County Extension Service.

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Bronco, Cow Tangle On 71 Monday Morning

A 1979 Ford Bronco and a large red cow tangled in an accident investigated by Highway Patrolman Andy Tacquard at 4:30 a.m. Monday, March 10th, with the Bronco getting the best of the collision.

The Bronco was driven west on Highway 71 1.5 miles west of the Vox Populi community by the driver, James E. Brandstetier of Columbus. The driver told the investigating officer that the red cow stepped into the middle of the roadway at the intersection with County Rd. 111 and he was unable to avoid collision and hit the cow. The truck, owned by Fish Engineering and Construction, received considerable damage. The driver escaped injury.

Gasohol Plant To Be Built Near Orchard

A Kingwood developer plans to build a $1 million gasohol plant on State Highway 36 in Fort Bend County two miles west of the city of Orchard and less than three miles from Brazos High School.

Developer Vincent Germano, who is seeking a federal loan guarantee for his project, says the plant would not be dangerous, nor would it harm the environment.

But Brazos High School Principal Tom Cheetwood expressed fears that stored chemicals at the plant might explode.

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Management Seminar For Women Mon.

[By Donella R. Pantel County Extension Agent]

If you're typical, no matter what your income is, you probably feel you need more money to meet your expenses. More money, however, is not always the whole answer to financial problems, but knowing how to manage what you have can help a lot.

With this in mind, the Colorado County Extension Service and the First National Bank of Eagle Lake are co-sponsoring a Financial Management Seminar for Women at the Council Room of the Eagle Lake Municipal Building Mondays, March 17, 24 and 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Special speakers will be featured during the sessions and will include: Don Bendy, attorney from Eagle Lake; Mrs. Sue Briscoe, Certified Public Accountant of Eagle Lake; Travis Wegenhoft, Executive Vice-President of First National Bank of Eagle Lake; William Harrison, Jr., President of First National Bank of Eagle Lake; and Mrs. Donella R. Pantel, Colorado County Extension Agent.

Bendy To Speak Mon.

The March 17th program will feature Attorney Bendy. His topic will include the importance of women understanding financial management techniques and what to do if one suddenly finds oneself as a displaced homemaker upon the loss of the family breadwinner. He will also talk about V.I.P.'s (Very Important Papers) and the reasons for having them.

Those participating in the seminar will receive information on how to set up a financial plan, how to balance the plan, and how to manage the plan effectively utilizing the information they receive at the sessions on financial management, savings, investments, and credit. This program is open to all people regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

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March 22, 1980
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Advanced Tickets
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Proceeds Go To Colorado County Fair Assn.

County Fair Season Opens With Circus, Dance March 22

The Fair season starts early this year as the Colorado County Fair Association announces plans for a series of Spring and Summer Activities leading up to Fair '80 to be held in Columbus September 11-14.

According to this year's Fair Co-chairmen Tom and Katie Northrup, their schedule opens with this Saturday's Columbus FFA Parade in which the Association Float will pay tribute to youth activities in Colorado County. The following week, Saturday, March 22, a circus and dance will be sponsored at the Columbus Veterans Community Center.

American Big Top Wild Animal Show and Circus will hold two performances, one at 2:30 p.m. and the other at 6:30 p.m., and will feature a number of trained animal acts for the family to enjoy. Advance tickets will be sold during the FFA show and parade by county youth groups and by some area merchants. A dance will be held in the Legion Hall after the final circus performance with music by Country Unlimited band. Other events during the summer are in the planning stages.

The Northrups indicate that these unusual format and fair activities are due to the dedication of the Fair Association to provide quality entertainment and stimulate creative activities for all age groups and interest throughout the county. Since no major central recreational facility exists in the area, the Fair Association plans to take some of their activities to the people with events held in Weimar and Eagle Lake as well as Columbus.

1980 will be an important year for the fair, according to the Northrups, as considerable effort will be made to broaden the base of the Board of Directors and seek leadership from all parts of Colorado County.

"Our board will continue to be open-minded and aggressively seek ways to promote county interest and provide a media for the exhibition of the handiwork and skills of our citizens," they said.

Expanded Activities

With respect to Fair '80, the association has booked the Ty & Tabasco and Texas Pride bands and a much larger carnival; expanded the Youth Livestock and Poultry Show with open classes for breeders; and added a youth livestock judging competition. In addition it has reorganized virtually every class of exhibits, expanding into Photography, Western Art, and Creative and Collective Hobbies. Among the new activities being considered are a Cross Country Pony Express Relay, Indian Horse Race, Trail Ride, Four Wheel Drive Rodeo and Mud Derby, Horse and Mule Pull, and Expanded Food Service.

Miss Elder Is Honoree At Tea Shower

Miss Deborah Ann Elder of Houston, bride-elect of Scott Lee Powers of Katy, was honored at a Tea Shower Saturday afternoon, March 8 at the lovely new home of the Robert Griffiths.

Deep pink carnation corsages were presented to the bride-to-be; her mother, Mrs. Charles Elder; and the groom-elect's mother, Mrs. Paul Powers; and to those who served refreshments, Mrs. Charles Elder, Jr., Miss Marci Hibler and Mrs. Bob Griffith.

The refreshments consisted of tea sandwiches, assorted cookies, roasted pecans, hot spiced tea and coffee.

Special guests were Mrs. Paul Powers, Mrs. Charles Elder, Mrs. Charles Elder, Jr., Miss Marci Hibler and Mrs. Maxwell Clark of Houston and Mrs. Bob Griffith of Hewitt.

Hostesses for the social were Mrs. W. L. Bauer, Mrs. A. D. Cassady, Mrs. Joe Duncan, Mrs. J. K. Davidson, Mrs. Frank Davidson, Mrs. Robert Griffith, Mrs. T. W. Scott and Mrs. Charles Spalinger.

Wharton County Community Concert Friday

The Wharton County Community Concert Association presents an evening of entertainment by Broadway musical comedy star John Raitt this Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wharton High School auditorium. The concert will be open to all present members of the association. Anyone joining Community Concerts for the coming season may also attend the concert free of charge as a membership bonus.

Free Tony's Dinner

Robert Barrios this is a ticket for a free Tony's Deluxe Dinner at Taco Tony's on Highway 90A just west of the city. You'll find delicious foods in a pleasant atmosphere. Clip this out and present at Tony's not later than Mar. 18, 1980.

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$45,000 CO Issued For C'house Work

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in regular session Monday, authorized the issuance of an additional $45,000 in Certificates of Obligation for work completed during the period of Jan. 25 to Feb. 22nd, 1980 in the courthouse restoration project. This brings to $305,000 the total of certificates of obligation issued on the work done by Circle Double "C" Enterprises, Inc. of Woodlands.

Arthur J. Willrodt of Arthur J. Willrodt and Associates of Columbus, project director for the courthouse restoration, certified that the work had been done or materials were in place for use in the project.

Circle Double "C" contracted to do the work on a bid of $687,200, however change orders have reduced this cost to $687,070. Willrodt reported to the Commissioners' Court Monday that work completed amounts to $339,005, however, ten per cent or $33,900.50 is being retained by the county, thus making the total earned $305,104.50. In the issuance of the certificates of obligation, the payment is rounded out to the nearest $5,000, hence total payments to date amount to $305,000 noted County Judge Lester J. Cranek.

The court approved the issuance of the CO's on a vote of 3 to 1 with Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles voting against; and Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loessin, Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Veselka and Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker voting for the motion.

Italian opera is said to begin with Montaverdi's *Orfeo*, which contains the first arias and calls for a large orchestra.

Jane Wells, Clay Crawford Honored At Cocktail-Buffet

Miss Jane Wells and Clay Crawford, who will exchange marital vows Mar. 22 in Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake, were honored Saturday evening, March 8th with a Cocktail Buffet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wiese, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waddell and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Harrison shared honors as hosts.

Spring blossoms centered the buffet table in the dining room, and bright cloths decorated the round tables in the patio and pool areas.

Mr. Crawford's father, Dr. E. Stanley Crawford, and his brother, Bruce Crawford, were special guests from Houston.

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Heritage House Residents To Sponsor "Klownin' For Kids"

"The residents of the Heritage House in Eagle Lake are really excited about their involvement in the upcoming 'Klownin' For Kids' campaign," said Mae Price, social activity director at the Heritage House. This fund-raising drive will contribute to the construction of Ronald [McDonald] Houses in Houston [and] Dallas (and possibly in Oklahoma City).

The purpose of these houses is to provide a "home away from home" for the families of children who must undergo treatment for cancer and other related illnesses. Ten such facilities already exist throughout the country and plans for many more are underway. These houses offer a home-like atmosphere for the nominal fee of $5 a night to each family unit - or nothing at all if the family requires that assistance.

"Now all we need are community members who are willing to participate with our residents or make donations," said Price. All contributions are tax deductible and will help residents raise the necessary funds for these houses.

If you or your organization are interested in supporting these Super Seniors in their "Klownin' For Kids" campaign, please contact Mae Price or Lois Mills at 234-3591.

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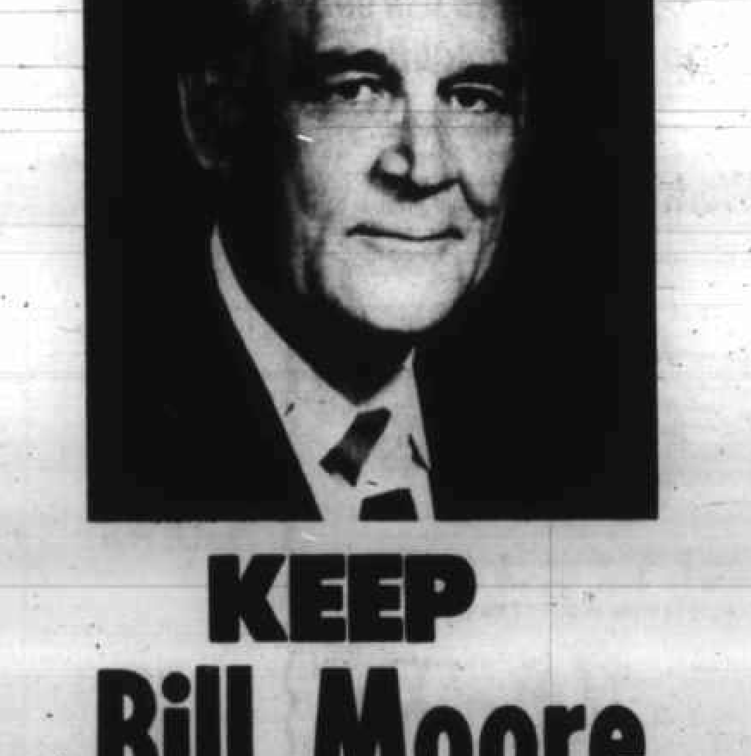

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County Accepts Low Bids For County Paving Work

Colorado County Commissioners' Court in session Monday approved bids for 6.7 miles of new paving and ten miles of seal coating in the four commissioners' precincts of this county.

Brannan Construction Co. of Victoria was low bidder on projects in precincts one, two and three and Dean & Keng was low bidder for work in Precinct four.

Bids were close and it took Auditor M. L. Briscoe some time to compute the amount of materials to be used in the various projects before it was determined who the low bidders were.

Dean & Keng of Giddings offered to pave a 2½ mile new asphalt road in Commissioner Otto Loessin's precinct one for 61¢ gallon for AC-5 asphalt and to spread rock to be furnished by the county for $3.00 per cubic. The firm offered identical bids for 5 miles of seal coating in Commissioner Rafael Veselka's precinct 2 and for a mile of seal coating and 2 miles of new paving in Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker's precinct three. Dean & Keng made similar bids for AC-5 and for spreading rock for Commissioner Bill Stiles' precinct four but added 90¢ per gallon for MC 30 prime oil and 60¢ per cubic yard for use of a 2½ yard loader.

Brannan offered the AC-5 in precincts 1, 2, and 3 for 64¢ per gallon and offered to spread rock for $1.80 per cubic yard, but upped the price for spreading rock to $4.30 per cubic yard in precinct four. He also offered MC-1 prime oil for 87¢ per gallon.

According to Briscoe's computations, with the assistance of representatives of Brannan and Dean & Keng, the total cost of the work in precinct one on Brannan's bid was $11,097 as compared to $11,261 for Dean & Keng; in precinct 2, Brannan bid $11,001.60 compared to Dean & Keng's $11,102.40; and Brannan's bid in precinct three totaled $13,052.24 compared to Dean & Keng's $13,234.16.

Eihlers Construction Co. of Schulenburg also offered bids which were well above the other two bidders.

To Ask Bids For Fence

The court authorized advertisement for bids for providing labor and equipment only for the construction of 8 miles of new fences on a new road in Commissioner Veselka's precinct 2 from Oak Grove to Sheridan. Veselka plans to provide material and is asking bids for the labor and equipment required to do the job only. He is awaiting final survey notes from the county engineer determining the exact length and location of the road, but will take bids for the project April 14.

$50,000 CD Cashed

The court voted to cash a $50,000 certificate of deposit which had been invested for 30 days. The funds were in the additional ad valorem unallocated fund and the court decided to distribute the funds on a ratio basis using the miles which had been proposed when the distribution of funds was discussed earlier this year.

The remaining funds assigned to the four precincts will be distributed on the basis of mileage in each precinct, according to the vote taken by the court on a 3-2 decision last January. It was agreed that when the final compilation of the actual miles in each precinct is made, adjustments will be made in the amount of funds allocated from the $50,000 CD which matured this month. This action was taken so that funds could be assigned to precincts, some of which are coming close to expenditures at this time of the year.

Remaining funds will be distributed according to the formula to be established when the actual mileage in each precinct is determined.

Bounty Report

County Judge Lester J. Cranek reported that thirty wolf or coyote bounties of $20 each were paid to special deputies, appointed by the county, during the month of February; and private citizens received the $5.00 regular bounty on 12 other scalps to make the total ties for the month total $660.00.

Rice Drug Employees Honor 'Boss'

Employees of the Rice Drug Store surprised the "boss", Louis Balas, with a surprise farewell supper Thursday evening, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Each of the employees arrived with a covered dish at the drug store after the closing and before Mr. Balas left for home for the surprise social.

A huge farewell card was presented to the honoree signed by all the employees and sketches of incidents happening at the store during past years.

Present for the occasion were Mrs. Balas and the employees and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Brisco, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker, Mrs. Irene Sunderman, Berta Ramirez, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Brisco, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Loessin, John Sommerlatte, Mary Kathryn Young, Renee Dierschke, Linda Ybarra, Suzanne Fajkus, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Contreras and Henry Corliss.

Mr. Balas is in the process of selling his store and retiring as a pharmacist.

THANK YOU

We wish to extend sincere thanks to the citizens of Eagle Lake and surrounding areas for their cooperation and patronage during the past twenty-five years that the Rice Drug Store has been in existence.

Effective with the opening of business Monday, Mar. 17th, J. M. Keller will be the new owner and Fred Beth will be the new Pharmacist and manager of Rice Drug Store. We hope that you will continue to show the new owner and manager the same courtesies, cooperation and patronage that you have shown to us at the Rice Drug Store.

We also wish to thank our many employees over the years past for their help in serving the citizens of this area.

We shall miss serving you and hope that we have always lived up to our motto, "We'll Do Our Best" in serving you.

Once again, thank you one and all.

Louis and Ruth Balas

Kim Henske Has Party On Third B'day

Kimberly Ann Henske, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Henske, was the little honoree at a birthday party given by her mother at their home last Saturday afternoon, March 8th at 3:30. Kim became three years of age on Sunday, March 9th.

The birthday girl enjoyed opening the gifts brought for her, after which she successfully blew out the three pink candles on her birthday cake, a colorful confection shaped and decorated as a hippopotamus. Birthday guests enjoyed refreshments of cake, chips, punch and soft drinks.

Little cousins and friends helping Kim celebrate the occasion were Robbie Henske, Brent Schneider, Sunny Gertson, Clint Gertson, Kristi and Sammi Gertson, Kenneth Reese and Jennifer Krenek. Special guests were her grandmothers, Mrs. Frank Tate and Mrs. Fred Henske.

Party favors of coloring books and crayons were given to each guest before departing.

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Lease, Evelyn T. Englehardt et vir to William D. Heckler 31.68 acres J. F. Smith Survey, 10-19-79

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Lease, Lewis R. Kubesch et ux to John A. Steele, Jr. 80.00 acres Henry Austin Survey, 12-1-79

Ross Obenhaus' Welcome Birth Of Son Mar. 7

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Obenhaus proudly announce the birth of a son, Jerald Dale Obenhaus. The young lad made his arrival in Eagle Lake Community Hospital Friday, March 7th at 8:27 in the evening. At birth he tipped the scales at seven pounds and two ounces and measured twenty-one inches in length. Welcoming Dale home is a brother, Kenneth, four years of age.

Pleased grandparents of the newborn are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee Bauer of Eagle Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Obenhaus of Bonus. His great-grandmothers are Mrs. O. L. Mill and Mrs. Lillie Samora, both of Eagle Lake.

Brunch At Farris 1912 For Jane Wells

A lovely brunch at The Farris 1912 honored Miss Jane Wells, bride-elect of Clay Crawford, Sunday, March 9 at 12:30 in the afternoon.

Upon arrival the guests were registered and served chilled wine while visiting.

A menu of baked ham slices topped with asparagus spears and egg sauce, grapefruit and fruit salad with honey lime dressing, chocolate mousse with fresh cream, rolls, iced tea and coffee was served by the capable staff at The Farris 1912.

Hostesses for the brunch were Mesdames W. J. Brunner, G. R. Burke, Jr., G. F. Causey, J. H. Clipson, C. E. Evoritt, Jr., F. R. Frnka, J. L. McCreary, J. S. Reed, Jr., V. A. Scott, R. R. Thomas and B. W. Waddell. Their gift to the honoree was a platter to her chosen china by Pescara.

Guests were present from Houston, Garwood, Wharton, Bay City, Lockhart, San Antonio, El Campo and Crosby.

Miss Wells is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Wells, Jr.

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County Jail Nears State Compliance

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jail cells to bring the lighting up to the 30 candlepower required by the state standards. Also the court had asked quotations for the installation of conduits and receptacles for the installation of a master intercom for communications to each cell.

Brown Electric Co. of Columbus offered to install the 19 fixtures and to provide conduit and materials for hooking up the intercom system for $5,665. The other bid by Dockal Electric of Industry was for installing the 19 light fixtures only and did not include installation of the conduit and wiring for the intercom.

Judge Cranek also reported that David Schmidt of Columbus offered to install the master intercom (not including conduit and receptacle) for $815.

The commissioners asked the judge to check with Mr. Schmidt to determine how much the cost of the conduit and receptacle would be and to award the bid to the lowest bidder after this is determined.

Exercise Area Fencing

Judge Cranek also reported on quotations for fencing a 25 foot by 25 foot by 17 foot exercise area for prisoners between the jail and the existing double garage near jail. The fence is to extend for 70 linear feet, 10 feet high, with 3 strands of barbed wire at the top, and two 11-foot high and 4-foot wide gates. Columbus Fence Co. offered to do the work for $1,052 and Leyendecker Fence Co. of Columbus for $1,040. It was decided to award the contract to Leyendecker. Judge Cranek noted that Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker had no monetary interest in the fencing firm, hence new state statutes permit the purchase of the fencing from a relative.

Resolutions Approved

The court unanimously approved a resolution of appreciation to Donald N. Bendy who served as County Attorney from Jan. 1, 1977 to Feb. 1, 1980, for his diligent and conscientious service to the citizens of Colorado County.

Another resolution of appreciation was passed extending appreciation to David R. Wintermann for his service as presiding judge in Eagle Lake Voting Precinct No. 17 for forty years.

The court approved the list of officers and polling places for the 1980 general election to be held in November of this year. Due to the tragic death of Oscar Class of the Mentz community in a car wreck last week, the court delayed action on a proposed change in the election box in Mentz from the Class home to another location; and also on a letter of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Class for use of their home as a voting box in the Mentz precinct.

Phone Co. Bond OK'd

The court approved a $150,000 bond posted by General Telephone Co., effective for ten years, for the phone company's activities and possible liabilities in this county;

• Authorized the division of a $13,213 payment from the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge to Colorado County, Rice and Columbus School Districts, on the basis of a ratio of total acreage in each entity. The check is received annually in lieu of revenue lost to the entities because of the establishment of the Federal Wildlife Refuge. County Judge Lester Cranek noted that Refuge Manager Wayne Shifflett commented in presentation of the check that another check of approximately the same amount may be received at a later date.

• The court approved a request from District Judge B. B. Schraub for the county's continued participation in a Court Coordinator program financed in part by the four counties in the district and by the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's office. Judge Schraub said in a letter to the court that the coordinator is greatly needed in the scheduling of cases and coordinating trials in the 25th Judicial District. The county's share of the cost will amount to $1,563. The state pays 60 percent of the cost and the four counties in the district share in 40 percent of the cost.

• In other action the court approved a statement of safety principles as required under the county's workman's compensation self-insured program sponsored by the State Association of Counties and named County Auditor M. L. Briscoe as the accident and loss control coordinator for this county.

Boat Ramps Assistance

The court authorized Judge Cranek to contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for assistance that might be available in establishing boat ramps in this county. He listed four possible locations: at the new bridge on the new Highway 71 by-pass north of Columbus, at the Highway 90A bridge east of Altair, at the river bridge on 950 at Garwood and at the north river bridge at Columbus.

• The court also asked judge Cranek to obtain information on a state purchasing program for possible purchases of equipment and supplies in the light of increasing costs for county operation.

Judge Cranek commented that the county's income is not meeting increases in rising costs of materials and supplies and suggested that the court explore the possibility of getting "the best buy for the dollar" to meet the needs of the citizens of this county as an alternative to increasing taxes.

• Letters of appreciation were noted from Sheridan and Frelsburg fire departments for the county's financial assistance in rural fire fighting.