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County Fair In "High Gear", Many Activities Are Planned

Contacts Named For Many Fair Events

The 1980 Colorado County Fair, which will be held in Columbus, Sept. 11-14th, moved into high gear last Thursday as over one hundred committees and interested citizens met to formulate final plans.

The next meeting of the General Membership of the Fair Association is to be held on Wednesday, July 30, 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Elementary School. It will be open to the general public and anyone interested in the activities of the Fair.

President Bill Harrison advised all committees to complete their budget estimates within two weeks in order that the Finance Committee could program expenses. It was announced that the Advertising Committee, headed by Vivian Commander had topped its goal of \$5,000 and would cut off sales July 26.

Fair Co-general Chairman Katie Northrup distributed copies of the final Livestock Show catalog explaining that the only addition to those already in the hands of exhibitors was information relative to entry and removal dates and times, health regulations, and various special rules incidental to each class. Copies of this and the Home Economics catalog are available at the County Agent's office in Columbus.

Contest Contacts Listed
Information on the Western Art Contest may be obtained from Pam Potter (732-2705). Youth Art, Adult Amateur, and Professional Art exhibit information may be obtained from Mary Hellrung (732-2507). Under

Baby Shower For Mrs. Fulton Dromgoole, Jr.

Mrs. Fulton (Frances) Dromgoole, Jr. was the guest of honor at a Baby Shower on Saturday morning, June 21st in the Bob Waddell home. Special guests included the anxious grandmothers, Mrs. F. M. Dromgoole and Mrs. David Hengst; and also, from out of town, future aunts, Mrs. Patricia Hagendorf and Mrs. Annette Lee.

Guests enjoyed watching the future mother open gifts brought for the coming arrival. An ivy arrangement for the nursery decorated the gift table. Refreshments of pig-in-the-blanket, cinnamon rolls, mints and fruit punch were served from a table with a stark centerpiece. Hostesses for the occasion were Diana Brunner, Glenda Blair, Gail Guthman, Dianne Causey, Beth Waddell and Marsha Waddell. Their gift to the expectant mother was a play pen.

Miscellaneous Events, contact the following:

Antique Show, Clara Krenke (732-5481); Collective Hobbies, Teddy Schultz (337-2142); Photography Contest, Jim Rathbun (732-6508); and Country Store, Katie Northrup (992-3489) or Olga Schmidt (732-5487). County residents were reminded by Tom Northrup that many additional competitive events will be offered for their participation. These include the Go Texan Hay Hauling Contest and Barbecue Cookoff (Leslie Heinsohn or Hal Halcum); Pony Express Relay, Trail Ride, and Jackpot Roping, Mike Kozla (732-5605); and the Open Youth Horse Show, Geraldine Hoegemeyer (263-5338) or Vernita Dopplauf (234-2886). In addition, the 1980 Fair Queen contestants will be required to have sponsors and to participate in the membership drive. Rules for this event will be available by August 1. Contact Chairman Dale Heinsohn (732-5336).

Entertainment and Special Events

Chairman Jocelyn Henneke (732-5160) has asked that entertainers or groups in Colorado or adjacent counties contact her regarding their possible appearance at the Fair since this kind of activity is always popular. She announced that Betty Cady (725-6695) has been appointed Parade Chairman; Glenda Bayless (732-3233), Little Mr. and Miss Colorado County Fair Chairman; Randa Simons (732-6848), Youth Fashion Revue Chairman; and Mike Hoffman (234-3588), 4-H Dog Show and Children's Pet Show Chairman.

The Northrups indicated that interest in the Fair has really caught on judging from the number of inquiries received and the outpouring of membership applications. Support from the Eagle Lake sector is very strong and weimar interest is growing. Additional help will definitely be needed as September approaches.

United Methodist Women Hear Reports On Volunteers

At 9:30 a.m. July 15th at the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, the General Meeting of the United Methodist Women was held with representation by each of the Circle members. Presiding was Mrs. Nancy Lang, president of all the circles.

After the opening prayer by Mrs. Lang, treasurer Mrs. Betty Wilcox gave minutes and an annual report. After business discussions, vice-presidents, Mrs. Anna Lee Higgins, who was hostess for the meeting, gave an interesting review of "The Community Hospital Auxiliary," often referred to as "The Pink Ladies." She listed the first officers as president, Mrs. Willard W. Shurt; first vice-president, Mrs. Rupert Lange; second vice-president, Mrs. Joe Lee McCreary; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Higgins; and secretary, Mrs. Jack Willis. She stressed the fact that many of the charter members are still active and have given many hours of work and service to the hospital and continue to do so. As a source of revenue, a new Cook Book is in the works and the Auxiliary asks for your contribution of recipes, stated Mrs. Higgins. New equipment and many things are needed to keep a fine community hospital. Volunteer workers are solicited; even a few hours a day are helpful. Thanks were given to the many workers who have donated hours and hours of their time and work and are still continuing in that capacity.

Melba Higgins explained the "Junior Volunteers" or "Candy Strippers" contribution to the hospital. They are actively helping the nursing staff and other departments. Quoting Melba, she had this to say: "This group was offered to me three years ago when it was barely operating with membership of six young people who desperately wanted the organization to grow. We began to work-articles in the paper, parties, attended conventions in addition to school activities (hand, basketball, etc.) People who are willing to work want money, she noted. She reported a turnover of 17 active members in three years with no more than 10 active at one time. She stated that in summer the girls wanted to earn money to help with the expense of school clothes, etc. Volunteers as you know work for free. In the school terms there is not much extra time to give. In summer little money jobs are offered."

and slacks. We have programs on health care, careers, apartments in hospitals. Requirements are simple: age of 14-18 and a C or better average."

Mrs. William S. (Sally) Couvillon, wife of the present pastor of the United Methodist Church of Lissie, gave an inspiring outline of the workers of the Heritage House, its residents, etc., and stressed the need for love and care that could be given by individuals who wish to do something useful for the elderly. Activities include: reading to some, visiting, listening to their conversation, picking up residents physically able to attend church services on Sunday, inviting them into your home for an afternoon visit, or possibly taking them for a short shopping trip in town since they do not have transportation or are not well enough to drive. There are many opportunities to apply Christian fellowship and make the day a little brighter for the elderly. Any free hours a day you can spare can successfully be used," said Mrs. Couvillon.

The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer as the members formed a chain. The Anita Wilcox circle will meet Sept. 16, 1980 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Gladys Wilcox. Singers and members of all the circles are welcome. Reporter.

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Jochetz Families, Graves' Attend 50th Wed. Anniv.

Visiting with Mrs. Raymond Jochetz Sunday were her children and grandchildren: Mrs. George Roemer and her daughter Mrs. Robert Ford of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jochetz of Huntsville and their children, Jim Ben Jochetz and Mr. and Mrs. David Levy of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. George Nichols of La Porte; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jochetz of East Bernard and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baxter and their sons, Richard Jr. and Ralph of Houston; Mrs. Miles Theuman and her daughters, Mrs. Johnny Kalua, Susy and John of Eagle Lake; and Mrs. Joe Laughlin and Phillip of Lake Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Jochetz and their children, Cindy and Jimmie, of Dallas.

After visiting with Mrs. Jochetz they went to Columbus to attend the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fojtk of Columbus. The reception was held in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Hall. Mrs. Fojtk was the former Miss Ruth Busse and she is a sister of Mrs. Lee "Graves." The Graves' were also in attendance.

The party was hosted by their two children, Mr. and Mrs. George Winters of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry Fojtk of Dublin, California.

Assembly Of God Revival At R.I. Aug. 1-3

The Bethel Assembly of God Church at Rock Island will have a revival Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 1, 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be the Rev. Paul Curtis of North Carolina. He has been in various ministries around the world, an overseas missionary, an evangelist and heads the Teen Challenge in Chicago and Los Angeles. He is the Rock Island Bethel Church pastor and invites everyone to attend.

FIRE FUND Contributors

The following persons and businesses have contributed to the FIRE (Firemen's Injury, Relief and Endowment) Fund for aid to firemen injured in the line of duty and to their families. An effort has been made to record all contributors. If you contributed by cash or by check and are not listed and would like to be included on a future list to be published, please turn in your name to L. J. Squibell, Fire Chief, Melvin Stacks, treasurer, or any member of the Fire Department.

Sincere thanks are extended to all who have contributed in any way to the FIRE fund which has now passed \$21,565.00. If you have not given and want to be a part of this outstanding humanitarian act to aid the injured firemen and their families, send contribution to the First National Bank, Eagle Lake Fire Dept. or the City of Eagle Lake. Make checks payable to the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. noting on the check that the contribution is for the FIRE Fund.

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Son Born For Gilbert Ramirez's

Jeremy Slade was the name given to the baby son born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ramirez of El Campo on July 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Casey Valley Memorial Hospital.

The young man weighed seven pounds and four ounces at birth.

Welcoming him home is a brother Gilbert Ray, 7. Proud paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Isidoro Ramirez of Eagle Lake and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Reynaldo Ramirez of El Campo.

Tanya Lee Henske Honored On 3rd Birthday

Little Miss Tanya Lee Henske was the guest of honor at a party in observance of her third birthday on Thursday evening, July 17th at the home of her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Breithaupt, in Eagle Lake. Tanya is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Henske of Mission and she will be three years old on July 24th. After the birthday girl opened her presents and blew out the yellow "numeral 3" candles on her cake, refreshments of homemade vanilla ice cream, birthday cake and punch were enjoyed. The cake featured a doll with a full white confection skirt iced in pink and white. Holly Hobbie party decorations in pink and blue were used as well as balloons and streamers.

Guests included Tanya's brother, Kevin Henske; and cousins, Danny Gertson, Karl Seasholtz, Kim Henske, Bobby Henske and Daphne Taylor; her parents and maternal grandparents; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Fred Henske; and maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor of Weimar. The three year old presented story books as party favors to her little guests as they departed.

June Heat Increased CPL Bills

With air conditioners working to cool June's record high temperatures, local electric customers can look for higher bills this month. "When summer comes, nearly every one turns on the air conditioner and leaves it on until about September when the days and nights start to get a little cooler," said local Central Power and Light Company Manager Bob McInteer.

Several factors contribute to the increased bill. One reason for the increase is the hot weather. "Typically, a home that uses air conditioning will be using about twice as much electricity in the summer months compared to fall and spring," McInteer said. The average daily temperature in most of South Texas for June was 4 to 5 degrees hotter than last year. Having the family home from school may also mean higher usage. Outside doors are opened more, letting cold air out and hot air in. The refrigerator door is in greater use, so the refrigerator must work harder to replace the lost cool air. Increased clothes washing and drying, and other factors, contribute to higher use in most homes during the summer months. In June of 1979, the average residential customer used 732 kwh. For the same period this year the average was 888 kwh, an increase of 21 percent.

Additionally, the basic rate and fuel have gone up. For instance, a customer using 888 kwh last year would have paid \$43.92 plus tax. Using this year's fuel adjustment factor and including the rate increase which went into effect on customer's bills in March, 1980, the customer will pay \$50.10 plus tax for 888 kwh. Of the \$6.18 difference, \$5.87 is due to the fuel adjustment factor and \$2.31 results from the rate increase.

But the main reason bills will be going up is the use of air conditioning due to hotter weather. "Cooling requirements take a big jump in June, and by July usually everyone who is going to use their air conditioners has their own and the bills don't usually change as much from July to August," McInteer said.

He pointed out that these figures are average, and few people will match the average. Also, the size of a customer's bill, and the size of the increase, will vary depending on the construction and size of the home and the amount of use each home owner makes of air conditioning.

County FB Director Meets With Cong. Pickle

Theo Schultz, Colorado County Farm Bureau director of Fayetteville, attended a congressional district meeting with Congressman J. J. Pickle in La Grange July 11th, to discuss major issues of interest to agriculture in this session of Congress.

This was an opportunity to get better acquainted with Congressman Pickle and to build legislative effectiveness with him on vital issues before Congress.

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Wintermann To Be Honored At 1980 Texas Rice Festival

The Beaumont Enterprise (July 17th issue) carried this story reporting that David Wintermann of Eagle Lake, rice farmer and conservationist, has been selected honoree of the 1980 Texas Rice Festival.

The story follows: David Wintermann, rice farmer and conservationist, has been selected honoree of the 1980 Texas Rice Festival. Wintermann's family has been involved in rice farming and irrigation since coming to Texas in 1912. The festival is honoring him because of the interest he has taken in the rice industry, a spokesman said. Jefferson County Agricultural Agent Ed Weaver said Wintermann has "the whole

acreage - allotments were established. Wintermann was one of the people who made sure Texas farmers received maximum rice acreage allotments in competition with rival states. He said Wintermann went to Washington at his own expense to fight for the Texas farmer.

And, Weaver said, the 1980 festival honoree has also been instrumental in obtaining finance for research at A&M University's Research and Extension Center at Beaumont and its satellite at Eagle Lake. Wintermann has been a director of the American Rice Growers Association since 1942, serving as president from 1950 to 1967. He has served as a director of the Texas Rice Improvement Association since 1946. During President Lyndon B. Johnson's administration, Wintermann was on the

National Rice Advisory Council. In 1968, he received the Man of the Year award from the Texas County Agricultural Agents.

In addition to his contribution to agriculture, Wintermann has been honored many times for his conservation activities. His service in waterfowl conservation since 1968 led the Nacogdoches Ducks Unlimited Chapter to create the David Wintermann Award, to be given each year to an outstanding conservationist.

American Motors recognized his concern for wildlife and selected him "Conservationist of the Year" in 1973. The Houston Chapter of Ducks Unlimited in 1975 chose him as Sportsman of the Year, and Wintermann also was the first recipient of the Jimmy Reel Sportsman Memorial.

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