# Colorado Co., Lone Star Ind. Partners in Growth of G.C. Area

"Colorado County and Lone Star Industries, partners in the 'Growingest' market in the United States" was the topic of the program at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Lions Club last Thursday. Guest speaker for the program was Dennis W. Bradshaw of Houston, cement and aggregate sales manager, for Lone Star Industries. Also present at the meeting were Elo Stock and Alton Huelsebusch, in charge of Lone Star plants in the Eagle Lake area.

Bradshaw was emphatic about the importance of sand and gravel from Colorado County to the growth of the Texas Gulf Coast and to the great economic impetus which the aggregate industries and allied trucking and other businesses have on this county.

He told the gathering that the Harris County Region which includes both Houston and Galveston and many of the counties surrounding Houston, is the fastest growing area in the world. He cited statistics, which showed that in 1978, $4 billion was spent in construction in the region and in 1979, $4.8 billion.

The speaker said that the construction projects in 1978 used an estimated 8.7 million cubic yards of concrete, and in 1979 that figure went up to 9.0 million cubic yards and predicted that by 1995 the use of concrete in the Harris County region would reach 14.3 million cubic yards.

"This emphasizes the need for the aggregates (sand and gravel) produced in Colorado County," stated the speaker.

He said that in 1978 5.5 million tons of aggregate were used in Gulf Coast construction and that increased in 1979 to 5.7 million tons and was expected to reach 10 million tons of sand and gravel in 1995.

**Seventeen Plants In County**

At this time, said the speaker, there are 17 major sand and gravel producers in Colorado County with a combined capacity of 17 million tons annually.

A conservative cost of the aggregate is $2 per ton, hence the county is receiving over $35 million per year from sales of these materials alone. Added income also comes from trucking businesses and others and from royalties paid to landowners.

In 1970 ninety percent of the sand and gravel was hauled by rail but that changed dramatically in 1980 to only 10% by rail and the remaining 90% by trucks. "There has been a phenomenal increase in trucking activities in this county," said Bradshaw.

He estimated that there were only 100 trucks operating in this county in 1970 but in 1978 that increased to over 1200 and has continued to increase correspondingly with new construction demands in the Gulf Coast area.

"It is estimated that one rig (truck and trailer) leaves Colorado County area for Houston or other coastal areas every thirty seconds," said the Lone Star sales manager.

He predicted that by 1995 there would be at least 1550 trucks operating out of this county, bringing in revenue much in excess of the $35 million paid for the products since transportation costs are said to be one of the most costly items in sand and gravel operations today.

Bradshaw concluded his timely program with a film, narrated by Orson Welles, which showed some of the Lone Star Industries operations, primarily in the making of cement. The film noted that Lone Star is the "Star of the Cement Industry" and that Lone Star is the "Great American Builder."

Abel Gonzales arranged for the program but was unable to attend and the speaker was introduced by Ralph Truly.


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## AUSTIN ABOUT TOWN

• Since it began in August of 1976, Hermann Hospital's Life Flight program has grown remarkably. What began as one helicopter service grew into a complete air emergency program comprised of three helicopters and a fixed wing aircraft. The helicopters have completed more than 6,300 rescue missions and Life Flight LD has logged 221,036 miles since it joined the team last year. In celebration of the fourth anniversary of Life Flight, the hospital presented friends in the media with a mini emergency kit representing appreciation to the media for the continuous coverage given to Life Flight program.

• A United States Flag which disappeared from the City Ball Park recently has been recovered, a bit ragged for wear, but still in good shape and the Flag is now in use once again at the City Ball Park. Tommy Pilkington of the local VFW Post reports that the flag was found in a grassy area near the Guadalupe "Addition and was returned to him by one of our citizens.

• The Headlight staff received a post card this week from Clyde P. Brown, from Argentina. Clyde said on the card, "this is the farthest I have ever been from home, over 9,000 miles. It is freezing cold every day. The country is beautiful in a rugged way." The card was dated Aug. 8, 1980.

• Former residents Henry and Sonia Garza send greetings to friends here from Mount Pleasant. Henry is head basketball coach in the school at Mount Pleasant and the Garza's daughter, Elizabeth, plans to be a mascot for the junior high. A son Wallace begins kindergarten this year and an 18-month-old son, David, keeps all of the family busy.

• If you are a bit confused by some of the phone numbers in your new telephone directory, it should be noted that some people in Eagle Lake received phone books with the names and numbers of Seguin residents, especially in the listings from A to V. Also some of the books erroneously list the names of Sealy residents.

• County Judge Lester J. Cranek said Monday of this week that someone obviously doesn't put too much value on his life.

The secretary in the judge's office took a call recently from a voice apparently that of a man, speaking in a hoarse whisper, declaring that if the judge did not deliver $5,000 to a certain place, he would be shot.

In the excitement of the call, the secretary reportedly forgot to get the information where the money was to be delivered, hence law enforcement officers were unable to set up surveillance of the area where the pickup was planned.

It was suggested that the call might have been a hoax, at least the judge hopes so.

• On page 5 of this issue may be found the first of several cartoons developed for newspapers by Jim Campbell, Sr. and Jr. The senior Mr. Campbell is minister of the Methodist Church in El Campo. He preached a revival here during the pastorate of the Rev. Russell Moon, at the local Methodist Church. The junior Mr. Campbell resides in Kerrville.

The Headlight would like to hear your comments about the cartoons so that we may decide whether or not to make this a regular feature of this paper.

Incidentally, the daughter of the Jim Campbells is the wife of Ron Priesmeyer of Garwood.

• The Priesmeyer family has extended invitations to their friends throughout the area to attend the big opening of their new store, Priesmeyer's, near Wharton County Junior College in Wharton this Thurs., Aug. 28th through Sat., Aug. 30th.

• Welcome to the community to Mr. and Mrs. Larry L. Dulany. He is associated with the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home of this city.

• Best wishes go to the Andy Tacquards who are moving this week from Eagle Lake to Alvin. He has been a State Highway Patrolman here since Oct. of 1977.

**No Garbage Pickup**

• There will be no garbage pickup service in Eagle Lake next Monday, Sept. 1st (Labor Day), announces city manager Bob Klockman.

The Sanitation Department will collect the normal Monday refuse on Tuesday. The Tuesday and Wednesday routes will be combined and serviced on Wednesday.

Normal servicing of Thursday and Friday routes will continue on schedule during next week.

# Courtroom's Wood Ceiling To Stay, But To Be Hidden

Colorado County Commissioners' Court voted unanimously Monday to instruct the project director, A. J. Willrodt of Columbus, and the contractor, Circle Double (C) of Woodlands to revise plans for restoring the beaded wood ceiling in the county courtroom, in the judge's secretary's office, a part of the tax office and on a third floor stairway, and to cover the areas with drywall (sheetrock) materials.

The court last week met with Tom Eisenhour, representing the Texas Historical Commission, and Mr. Willrodt and objected to restoring the beaded wood ceiling because of many large unsightly cracks, holes and areas removed during an earlier electrical renovations program. The defects were not noted until the acoustical ceiling tiles were removed from the ceiling in the four areas.

The commissioners and Judge Lester Cranek have contended that the ceiling could not be restored to a presentable condition and pointed to the third flooring stairway ceiling which supposedly already had been refinished according to specifications and did not present a sightly appearance.

A letter was received from Eisenhour who maintains that the wood ceiling should stay in to retain its historical values. In a letter to the commissioners this week he stated that "covering it (the wood ceiling) with another material will be acceptable. The intent of covering the wood ceiling in place rather than removing it is again to retain as much original materials in place, even if it remains hidden."

The court passed a motion to hold up closing of a wall on the third floor which would in effect seal in an electrical outlet box. The action was to move the outlet box to an area where it would be accessible for possible repairs or additions to circuits controlled by the box. The court left the decision on who will stand the cost of this change open. It was noted that the moving of the box was not in the blueprints furnished by the architect to the general contractor and the electrical contractor.

The project is reported to be progressing and it is hoped that the work on the courthouse restoration program will be completed before the end of this year.

## Position Of Ambulance Fee Collector Aired

Colorado County Commissioners' Court discussed the position of a person hired by the county to make collection of ambulance fees, and in the end County Judge Lester J. Cranek named Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles as a committee of one, to come up with a plan more acceptable than the one now in use.

The judge's action came after Stiles insisted that the job could be done in a lot less time and a lot less expense, by using secretaries (or some other representative) of each of the four units to assist in the collection of the fees.

Judge Cranek noted that the person now handling this chore is under the CETA program and the eligibility under CETA ends Sept. 1st. At this time, he estimated that collections are running about $3,000 per month and the emergency ambulance service is still losing from $12,000 to $15,000 annually. "Without the income from collections, the county's loss could run between $25,000 and $30,000," said the judge. He reported that the current employee, Hattie Polasek, would stay on until January 1st to train someone in the collection processes, on a three-day-a-week basis.

The discussion came up when County Auditor M. L. Briscoe ruled that the salary order would have to be amended in order to make funds available to continue an employee in that position after Sept. 1st.

Judge Cranek, irked by the objection offered by Stiles, appointed the commissioner to a committee to set up a new plan for collection of fees and report this plan for approval of the court and meanwhile the collection of fees on Sept. 1st would end."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker suggested that an additional deputy planned for the county auditor's office could handle the chore. Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Veselka suggested that the court try to get a CETA applicant jined up to take over the job and that she be trained by the present collector. Leyendecker voiced disapproval of continuing the CETA program on the grounds that the county is called on to eventually absorb programs set up under the CETA plan.

## Escapee From TDC Unit Is Arrested In County

Authorities from the Texas Department of Corrections Jester Unit No. 1 in Richmond notified the Colorado County sheriff's office at 5:20 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24th that one of their work release inmates had escaped. It was believed that the subject was enroute to Gonzales where he has a sister staying. Further information was that the subject was believed to be in the Columbus area at the time of the call.

A subject fitting the escapee's description was observed by Deputy Sheriff Richard Lacourse on Interstate 10 about one mile west of Columbus. Upon checking the subject it was learned that he was the one being sought.

Roy Hill Pendleton, 35 years of age, from Gonzales, was arrested and later released to TDC authorities. He was serving 11 years for felony driving while intoxicated and auto theft.

## Larry Dulany Joins Mill-Bauer Funeral Home Staff

Mill-Bauer Funeral Home of Eagle Lake announces the addition to its staff of Larry L. Dulany and family. Larry was born and reared in Ganado and started in the funeral business at the age of 14 with the Psencik Funeral Home in Ganado. After the completion of Mortuary College and apprenticeship, he joined the staff of Forest Park Funeral Home in Houston for over eight years and served on the Board of Directors of Forest Park, and General Manager of their funeral homes.

Dulany and his family moved to Bay City four years ago where he has been employed with the Taylor Bros. Funeral Home and Monument Co. His wife, Lana Jean Thomas, is a native of Edna, moving to Ganado in junior high. Larry and Lana married on March 21, 1970 and have two boys: Jason, age seven, and Sean, age one. Lana is a member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority and has been active in many fraternal and civic functions and loves sewing and many outdoor activities.

Dulany is also active fraternally and civicly and hobbies include fishing and most all outdoor sports. For the past nine years he has served as a Horseback Field Judge for the South Texas Wolf Hunters Assn. at their annual hunts near Nixon, Texas. He says, "I like to go up every year and observe and score those hounds under actual hunting circumstances, and this is my one true hobby I am devoted to, and after a week of chasing dogs through 20 miles of mesquite every day horseback, I've had about all the hobby I need for a year."

The Dulanys are looking forward to building their future in Eagle Lake. "We have always admired Eagle Lake, as we have known people who have lived herewas well as some who reside here now, and we are really looking forward to the future and watching our children grow up here."

## Altair Youth Drowns Near Columbus

At 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 23rd, the Colorado County sheriff's office was advised of a drowning in the Colorado River near the north river bridge in Columbus. Investigation revealed that Vincent Jones, approximately 18 years of age, from Altair, had been swimming and drowned.

The river was dragged by Columbus firemen and game wardens of the Parks and Wildlife Dept. for an hour or so before the body was found in the area where Jones was believed to have drowned.

Justice of the Peace Mary Ordner of Freisburg ruled death by accidental drowning.

**Home From Hospital**

Sylvester Drymalla of Cat Spring was released Wednesday, Aug. 20 from the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton after suffering from a heart attack on Sat., Aug. 9.

Friends and family are glad to hear he is home and recuperating nicely.


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## New Priesmeyer's In Wharton Opens This Week

Priesmeyer's new department store in Wharton will hold its grand opening this weekend, Thursday, August 28th through Saturday, Aug. 30th.

Door prizes will be offered in every department of the store throughout the grand opening and the grand prize will be a trip for two for three nights in Cancun. You may register at the store without obligation any time during the three grand opening days.

Outstanding specials will also be offered in all departments of the store.

The new Priesmeyer's store is located on Alabama Road off Boling Highway in Wharton.

# NOTICE
## OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PUBLIC HEARING ON COLORADO COUNTY BUDGET WILL BE HELD AT 1:30 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1980 IN THE COUNTY COURTROOM OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE.**

**THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE THE INTENDED SALARIES, EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF COLORADO COUNTY TO BE RAISED:**

DISTRICT CLERK - $15,104.40, AN INCREASE OF $1,404.00;

COUNTY AUDITOR - $15,790.80, AN INCREASE OF $1,468.20;

COUNTY CLERK - $15,790.80, AN INCREASE OF $1,468.20;

COUNTY JUDGE - $16,820.00, AN INCREASE OF $2,497.40, TRAVEL EXPENSE $1,200.00, AN INCREASE OF $600.00;

COUNTY SHERIFF - $15,790.80, AN INCREASE OF $1,468.20;

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR - $16,030.80, AN INCREASE OF $1,468.20;

COUNTY TREASURER - $11,220.00, AN INCREASE OF $1,032.90;

COUNTY ATTORNEY - $15,104.40, AN INCREASE OF $1,404.00;

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1 - $14,990.80, AN INCREASE OF $2,743.60;

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2 - $14,990.80, AN INCREASE OF $2,743.60;

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3 - $14,990.80, AN INCREASE OF $2,743.60;

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4 - $14,990.80, AN INCREASE OF $2,743.60;

J. P. PRECINCT NO. 1 - $10,848.00, AN INCREASE OF $1,008.00;

J. P. PRECINCT NO. 2 - $960.00, AN INCREASE OF $89.20;

J. P. PRECINCT NO. 3 - $271.20, AN INCREASE OF $25.20;

J. P. PRECINCT NO. 4 - $4,011.00, AN INCREASE OF $365.00;

J. P. PRECINCT NO. 5 - $3,300.00, AN INCREASE OF $300.00;

J. P. PRECINCT NO. 6 - $271.20, AN INCREASE OF $25.20;

J. P. PRECINCT NO. 7 - $271.20, AN INCREASE OF $25.20;

J. P. PRECINCT NO. 8 - $6,747.00, AN INCREASE OF $627.00;

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 1 - $836.40, AN INCREASE OF $77.40;

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 2 - $513.00, AN INCREASE OF $47.40;

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 3 - $513.00, AN INCREASE OF $47.40;

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 4 - $836.40, AN INCREASE OF $77.40;

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 5 - $513.00, AN INCREASE OF $47.40;

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 6 - $513.00, AN INCREASE OF $47.40;

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 7 - $513.00, AN INCREASE OF $47.40;

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 8 - $836.40, AN INCREASE OF $77.40.

**THE BUDGET IS ON PUBLIC FILE IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE.**

Lester J. Cranek,
County Judge

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## Martha Laughlin Displays Talents of Champ Retrievers

Curtis and Martha Laughlin of Eagle Lake own two of the nation's most outstanding field trial dogs and Mrs. Laughlin discussed the training required to develop a champion dog in an interesting program at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday of last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Laughlin own two amateur field trial champions, Sundee's Texas Thunderburr and Shadow of Dixie, both almost five years old; and they are active in national field trials over all of this nation. Martha is also president of the Lone Star Retriever Club which is a Houston-based organization.

She showed slides illustrating the training required to develop a champion and also the various tests through which the dogs must perform in order to win a national field trial championship.

Their two black labrador champions are five years old and have been trained by the Laughlins from the time they were young pups. They have other dogs in training who promise to be contenders for state and national field trial titles.

After the discussion and slide film program indoors, Mrs. Laughlin demonstrated commands and techniques used in guiding dogs to fallen birds so that they may be retrieved to the dog's owner. Most of the retrieves were made by "Rock", short for Martha's Super Rock-a-bye Baby; although another young retriever owned by the Laughlins, "Blue" or Thunderburr's Black 'n Blue, had an opportunity to show outstanding responses to commands from his trainer.

Program chairman for the day was John Chisholm, also a retriever enthusiast.

## Firemen Called To 2 Grass Fires

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen were called to two grass fires during the past week.

The first occurred at 3:00 p.m. last Wed., Aug. 20th when a trash and grass fire resulted on the Duncan Ranch south of Eagle Lake.

At 5:10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23rd the firemen were called to a pasture fire on the Earl Rodgers place off Calhoun Road south of Eagle Lake.

**In McAllen Hospital**

Little Miss Tanya Lee Henske, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Henske of Mission, has been in McAllen General Hospital this week undergoing tests for a kidney problem. Friends and relatives join in sending Tanya their wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. E. H. Breithaupt of this city is in Mission this week with her daughter's family.

## Xi Pi Sorority To Sell B'day Calendars

Xi Pi Psi sorority will be selling birthday calendars through September.

If you have not had a calendar in the past and would like one, please call Jo Ann's 234-2580 or Ernie Sommerlatte 234-3452.

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED USE OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS AND COLORADO COUNTY BUDGET WILL BE HELD AT 1:30 P.M., SEPTEMBER 8, 1980 IN THE COUNTY COURTROOM OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COLUMBUS, TEXAS.**

**The proposed use of Revenue Sharing Funds Are As Follows:**
**BUDGET**
**REVENUE SHARING 1981**
**EP 12 ALLOCATION**
**TOTAL EP12 REVENUE SHARING ALLOCATION $120,356.00**

A.

| PLANNED EXPENDITURES | REVENUE SHARING |
|---|---|
| 1. Sheriff Dept. car | $ 7,000.00 |
| 2. Environmental Protection | 3,500.00 |
| 3. Public Roads: | |
| Construction and Maintenance | 63,856.00 |
| 4. Health and Sanitation: | |
| Lunacy and Alcoholism Costs | 3,600.00 |
| Mental Health/Mental Retardation | 1,332.50 |
| Ambulance Service | 19,502.00 |
| County Health Officer | 609.00 |
| Rent for Nurse | 2,100.00 |
| Indigent Medical Care | 1,500.00 |
| 5. Libraries | 7,000.00 |
| 6. Social Services: | |
| Services to Senior Citizens | 2,000.00 |
| Veterans' Service Officer | 4,782.00 |
| Foster Child Care | 3,574.50 |
| REVENUE SHARING TOTAL | $120,356.00 |

**SUMMARY OF THE ENTIRE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1981**

B.

| | TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES |
|---|---|
| JURY FUND | $ 28,022.50 |
| ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDS: | |
| Countywide | 155,910.60 |
| Precincts | 600,718.50 |
| GENERAL FUND | 363,685.66 |
| PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND | 75,000.00 |
| OFFICERS SALARY FUND (includes county employees) | 566,505.30 |
| ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM (Prct. Use) | 318,000.00 |
| INTEREST AND SINKING FUND | 82,969.00 |
| TOTAL FOR YEAR 1981 | $2,190,811.56 |

**The above information with a copy of the entire proposed budget is available for public inspection in the county auditor's office, second floor, west wing of the Courthouse and in the County Clerk's Office.**

LESTER J. CRANEK
County Judge

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## Retrievers In Action

**Mrs. Curtis Laughlin demonstrates some commands used in National Field Trials during a program at the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday of last week. In the top photo Mrs. Laughlin gives a command to "Blue" (Thunderburr's Black 'n Blue), a young black labrador being trained by Dr. and Mrs. Laughlin. In the bottom photo is another of the Laughlin's promising retrievers, "Rock" (Martha's Super Rock-a-bye Baby), as he listens to a command to fetch a "fallen bird."**

## 550 Attend Caperton Kick-Off

Kent Caperton, Democratic nominee for the Texas Senate, from the Fifth Senatorial District, reports that the Fall Campaign Kick-off held last Thursday in College Station was a success.

More than 550 guests overflowed the Ramada Inn Ballroom to hear Caperton and Lt. Governor Bill Hobby speak at the reception. Over $46,250 was raised by the event to help retire the sizeable campaign debt incurred during the primary campaign last spring.

"We are extremely gratified for the generosity and support of the people of the Fifth District," said Caperton.

During his remarks Thursday night, Caperton reemphasized the areas of concern which he has raised during the past eight months.

Strongly reaffirming his commitments to public education, law enforcement, and the elderly, Caperton also pledged to be a voice for the working man and the farmers of the district.

"I want to be a Senator for all the towns of this district, no matter their size or location," Caperton emphasized.

**Visit In California**

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Kana and Miss Betty Kana of Eagle Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Kana of Houston spent a week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Marin and family in Granada Hills, Calif. While in California they visited the Universal Studios, Theater of the Stars, Malibu Beach, the Los Angeles Observatory, Police Academy and many more interesting sites. The group was met at the airport by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagleaser with whom Jiggs and Oscar Marin had served in the U.S. Navy 37 years ago.



# NOTICE

**The Sanitation Dept. of the City of Eagle Lake will not pick up garbage Monday, Sept. 1st LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

**Monday's route will be serviced Tuesday;**
**Tuesday's route on Wednesday;**
**and Wednesday's route late Wednesday.**
***Your cooperation will be appreciated.***

## Citizens Turn To Fed. Aid In Time Of Crisis

[By Cong. J. J. Pickle]

Many of us grumble about the federal government being too big, unwieldy and wasteful. These criticisms are frequently not far off the mark. But when a crisis hits, we see people and local or state governments turning to the federal government for help.

Many farmers have been hit by this summer's high temperatures and drought. We almost forget about emergency disaster relief programs until they are needed. Here is a rundown on what is available:

Due to a new law, agricultural disasters which began after July 2, 1980 are handled solely by the Farmers Home Administration. But the Texas drought began before July 2, so farmers can choose from FmHA or the Small Business Administration, depending on whether their county has been declared a natural disaster area.

**Farmers Home Adm.**

Emergency loans at 5% interest are made to farmers lacking other sources of credit to cover damage or loss to crops, property, machinery and equipment. Loans exceeding the loss needed to restore production, to make major adjustments in farm operations or for annual operating purposes are also available. FmHA's Economic Emergency Loan Program covers losses when farmers cannot obtain conventional bank loans. If there is at least a 20% production loss, the Emergency Disaster Loan Program gives 5% loans to put in another crop, for capital expenditures or improvements. Your county or regional FmHA office has applications and more details.

**Small Business Adm.**

Again, because the new law taking SBA out of the farm loan business went into effect after the drought began, SBA is still involved in parts of Texas. The Physical Disaster Program features loans up to $500,000 to cover physical damage to livestock, crops and equipment.

The SBA's economic injury program helps businesses dependent on farmers—feed stores, for instance. Loans under this program are based on damage estimates.

SBA will authorize 5% loans if the applicant cannot get a loan elsewhere. If the loan is available, SBA will still loan money, but at a higher rate. Check your local SBA office for details.

**ASCS**

You can work with your local ASCS office to get help from the Emergency Feed Program. If the disaster eliminates at least 40% of grain grown for feed, ASCS will pay 50% of the cost of buying feed, not exceeding 3 cents per pound of grain equivalent. This program, unfortunately, has been popular because of droughts this year and in 1979. The farmer must own livestock to participate.

All of us want to reduce federal spending, but emergency help programs like these prove that a scattershod or across-the-board approach to spending reductions can damage good programs.

## Minor Damage When Car Hits Fence On 102

Minor damage was reported to a 1978 Chevrolet Camaro which went out of control on FM 102 two miles south of Eagle Lake at 5:35 p.m. Wed., Aug. 20th. Driver of the Camaro was Mark Anthony Ruether. Investigating officer Highway Patrolman Andy Tacquard reported the vehicle went out of control and slid sideways and turned backward and clipped off about 50 feet of fencing on Clifford Evorit property. Ruether escaped injury.

## Agricultural Observations

From
TEXAS A&M RESEARCH SITE
EAGLE LAKE[1/]

| Date | Air Temp 2/ Max | Air Temp 2/ Min | Soil Temp 4-Inch Max | Soil Temp 4-Inch Min | Evap (ins) | Rain (ins) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aug 19 | 98 | 72 | 97 | 82 | .336 | |
| 20 | 97 | 72 | 100 | 82 | .361 | |
| 21 | 99 | 70 | 101 | 83 | .288 | |
| 22 | 102 | 74 | 103 | 85 | .240 | |
| 23 | 102 | 73 | 105 | 86 | .388 | |
| 24 | 102 | 76 | 101 | 89 | .255 | |
| 25 | 99 | 70 | 102 | 85 | .343 | |

Widely scattered daytime thundershowers and hot temperatures continue to be the Coastal Plains weather forecast. There is little to indicate a change in weather patterns for at least the rest of the week.

In the Rice Belt: Tuesday's showers may have delayed the start-up of rice and cotton harvesting in some areas, but most operations should have had a full afternoon available for combining and picking. Dew amounts should be light to moderate. Most operations will be able to get underway again by late morning Wednesday. Although shower chances are low, defoliant spraying should check latest forecasts to be safe. Once cotton is picked, remember to destroy stalks and plow them under as soon as possible in order to reduce overwintering of boll weevils.