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2 Arrested

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burglary and bond was set at $10,000 pending action by the next grand jury. He had been charged previously with burglary of the Butler home but had been released from jail on a $5,000 personal recognizance bond pending action on the charge.

In the first arrest the man reportedly used the name of Thomas Padillo; the latest charge was filed against Thomas Sanchez.

At around 10 p.m. Wednesday night, Oct. 1st, Patrolman Linda Travis attempted to arrest Joe Allen Davidson, 32, after being called to a disturbance on C Street and Davidson fled from the officer on foot. He was captured and charged with fleeing from an officer. His bond was set at $500 and he was placed in the county jail but was released the next day after making the bond. The case is due to be heard in County Court.

Final Rites For Mrs. Jack Willis Fri.

Friends of the community were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Jack (Judy) Willis of Mont Belview in the M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston Tuesday night, September 30 following illness.

Funeral services were held from the Earthman's Funeral Home in Baytown with interment in the Baytown Cemetery Fri., Oct. 3.

Mrs. Willis was born in 1933. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, Jack; six children, Mark and Scott Hamilton, twins Lynn and Bart Willis and Jackie and Rita Willis; two sisters of Kerrville; and other relatives and friends.

She, with her husband and children, were former residents of Eagle Lake. Judy was a charter member and officer of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary, serving as secretary.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of this loved one.

Attend Services

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Vecera were among those attending the services. Family members attending were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Willis and Miss Edna Mae Willis of Eagle Lake.

California Guest

W. A. Porter of Las Angeles, California visited here Monday, September 29 through October 6 with his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Curry.

Agricultural Observations

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Date Sep	Air Temp 2/ Max	Min	Soil Temp Max	Min	Evap (ins)	Rain (ins)
30	72	64	75	75	.091	
Oct						
1	85	59	81	69	.026	
2	87	58	83	68	.354	
3	83	54	82	67	.233	
4	87	56	83	67	.237	
5	89	61	86	71	.191	
6	81	54	76	70	.223	

1/ In cooperation with National Weather Service & Texas Water Development Board

2/ Sheltered air temperatures

Mild days and cool nights will continue in the Coastal Plains this week. Dry air should dominate through Wednesday. The chance of afternoon showers may increase Thursday through Saturday as moist air moves back into the area. Temperatures will warm slightly by the end of the week. In the Rice Belt, combines will continue to roll without interference from the weather at mid-week. Growers keep in mind that field work could run into interruptions by late in the week as winds become more southerly and moist air moves back in. Farmers who plan to seed small grains should take advantage of the opportunity the next 2 days to get the crop in. Pastures, soybeans and winter grains already up to stand should continue to have favorable weather for development.

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Raw Silk and Brother-To-Brother

Tax Officer To Be Here Oct. 15-16

Colorado County Tax Assessor and Collector Henry J. Hajovsky announces this week that he and his deputies will begin a tour of the county next Tuesday to collect 1980 taxes and take assessment for 1981 taxes. He notes that a 3 percent discount is allowed on state and county taxes if paid by Nov. 2nd; 2 percent if paid Nov. 3-Dec. 2; and 1 percent if paid Dec. 3-Dec. 31. Payments are net in January and penalty and interest begin on Feb. 1, 1981. No discounts are allowed by Weimar school district and Colorado County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 at Garwood. The state tax rate for 1980 taxes is 10c per $100; the county tax rate is 64c; and the county additional ad valorem rate is 30c.

Mr. Hajovsky adds that taxpayers can assist by bringing their tax notices when paying the taxes to help prevent errors and speed up the service offered. Deputy collectors will also be in the county tax office in the county courthouse to wait on the public.

The first stop on the tour will be at the Beatrice Dorsak home in Oakland from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Tues., Oct. 14th.

The group will be in Eagle Lake, at the Municipal Bldg., from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Wed. and Thurs., Oct. 15-16.

The tour continues at Hopkins' office in Garwood from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Fri., Oct. 17; at the Sheridan School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mon., Oct. 20; and at the Rock Island Community Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 20. The group will be in Weimar Tues. and Wed., Oct. 21-22 at the city hall from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and end the tour at Heinsohn Store in Frelsburg from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 23.

Since the tax office was required to move from the courthouse during the restoration, and then the move back to the courthouse, the completion of the tax statements for 1980 has been delayed slightly. The statements, normally out before Oct. 1st, are expected to go into the mail late this week.

Free Immunization Clinic Here Thurs.

The Free Immunization Clinic sponsored by the Texas Department of Health will be held on Thursday, Oct. 9th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ugarte Clinic in Eagle Lake.

Immunizations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP), Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella will be given to infants, preschoolers, and school-age children. Tetanus and/or Diphtheria will be given to adults.

Personal immunization record cards showing dates and kinds of immunizations received are given to parents, so they will have the immunization record of each child.

Dr. Ted Richardson

Dr. Richardson To Speak At Lissie Ch. Sun.

The Rev. William S. Couvillon, pastor, and members of the Lissie United Methodist Church invite friends and neighbors to join the congregation in the 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning service, Oct. 12th when Dr. Ted Richardson will present the ministry of the Methodist Mission Home in San Antonio.

Dr. Richardson is a graduate of Southwestern University in Georgetown with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943; and of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1946. He did graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, N. J.; received an honorary Doctor of Divinity award at Southwestern University at the 1960 spring commencement.

Among his notable appointments have been to Smiley, Tarrytown Church in Austin, First Methodist in Harlingen, Jefferson Methodist in San Antonio. He served as superintendent of the San Antonio District from 1961 to 1965; then went to St. John's United Methodist in Austin and in 1974 became superintendent of the San Antonio District, an office which he continues to serve.

He has been a member of the General Program Committee; General Television, Radio and Film Communication, Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches; member of the Protestant Radio Committee; Jurisdictional TRAPCO Executive Committee; Board of Trustees of Southwestern University; Board of Trustees of the Methodist Mission Home in San Antonio; chairman of the Board of Holding Institute, Laredo; chairman of "Texas Methodist" Board; member of the Ecumenism Committee of the Archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church of San Antonio; Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital board of directors; San Antonio and Morningside Manor board of directors, San Antonio.

Dr. Richardson has served as a delegate to many World Methodist Conferences and to the General and Jurisdictional Conference.

In 1968, he was Chaplain for a Day and opened the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., with prayer. He also served as a member on a Preaching Mission to Dominican Republic. He has traveled in forty-one countries.

Nevada is the nation's leading producer of gold.

• Eagle Lake police officers have been receiving many compliments on their new dark blue fall and winter uniforms. The uniforms certainly add a distinctive appearance to the local officers.

• There was a lot of nail-biting during the past weekend, but the Houston Astros emerged as the "Best in the West" by defeating the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League West baseball playoff 7 to 1 Monday. Congratulations to the Astros for their fine effort. They now meet Philadelphia in a best of five playoff series for the National League crown and the right to enter the World Series against either the New York Yankees or the Kansas City Royals.

The Astros will return to the friendly confines of the Astrodome Friday night to finish out the Playoff Series with the Phillies hopefully in victorious fashion.

• Everyone was mighty proud of the excellent showing of the Rice High School Raiders against the highly touted Waller Bulldogs in Waller last Friday night. The Raiders and Bulldogs ended in a 6-6 tie but nevertheless the tie will make other district opponents sit up and take notice of the fact that this just might be "the year of the Raiders."

• Rotarians will don their work clothes again next Tuesday when they barbecue and serve delicious chicken at their annual Chuck Wagon Supper in the Community Center. The event is one of several held during the year by the club and "everyone gets in on the act" in order to make the profits as great as possible in support of local community projects.

• Congratulations to the Eagle Lake Lions for staging another very successful Parade and Street Carnival. It's always a thrill to see a parade and this year's parade, although not the largest ever held here, was considered by all "to be a good one."

• If you are interested in trying to do something to quell the incidence of vandalism at local schools and other public property, you are invited to a public meeting to be held at the Charles Darnell home at 608 West Center at 7 p.m., this Thursday.

• Members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church are to be commended for the beautiful renovations to the interior of the church. Blue carpeting has been added throughout the interior; pews were refinished; the sanctuary was redecorated and a soft light blue paint is two shades of blue applied to the interior walls. The project was directed by Father Tom Hanna and members of the Church Council.

• Dan and Jean Thornton returned home Saturday from a two weeks vacation trip to Winchester, Virginia; Greenbriar, West Virginia and Paducah, Kentucky.

Dan played in the Leukemia Day golf tournament at Paton Park, Kentucky on Wednesday, October 1st and was low scratch golfer. He was notified of this by mail and received a gift of appreciation for his support and participation.

Injured In Fall

• Gardner Seaholm had the misfortune of falling from the roof of his home on Saturday, afternoon about 1:00. He was doing some painting when he slipped from the wet roof seriously injuring his back. He is in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital for an extended stay.

Friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Sheriff's Dept. Investigates Rash Of Crime During Past Wk

Car Stolen At RHS; Garwood Drive-In Gro., New Town Tavern Hit

Colorado County Sheriff's Department had a busy week investigating seven incidents including the theft of a car from the Rice High School parking lot, theft of a rifle, entry of a construction company's trailer, damage to a Columbus business and entries of a drive-in grocery in Garwood and a tavern in the New Town area.

A report on the investigations by Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller and Chief Deputy Jim Brousseard and staff follows.

The first of the incidents occurred at noon last Friday, Oct. 3rd when the sheriff's office was advised of an automobile accident east of Rice High School. Investigation revealed that after the vehicle had been wrecked, two young subjects were seen walking away from it. Further investigation revealed the vehicle had been stolen from the parking lot at Rice High School. The vehicle belonged to Arlin Miller of Garwood.

A search of the area failed to turn up the two young subjects seen walking from the vehicle. At 3:00 p.m. the two youth were seen walking from a wooded area two miles west of the high school. Both were arrested and it was learned at that time that both were runaway juveniles from Angleton.

Authorities there were contacted and the juveniles were returned to the juvenile detention unit in Angleton. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at $411.08.

Parole Violator Nabbed

At 8:45 p.m. October 3rd, Mikhale Howard Green, 28, of Bynum, Alabama was stopped by a sheriff's officer on a routine traffic violation - for driving in the middle of the roadway in Sheridan and for no license plates on the vehicle. A computer check revealed that Green was wanted in Lincoln, Nebraska for violation of parole.

Green waived extradition back to Nebraska and officers from there were in route early this week to pick up Green and return him there. He was convicted for robbery and assault of a police officer and released on parole in July of this year.

Rifle, Scope Stolen

At 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4th, August Cervenka of El Campo, reported the theft of a .22 caliber Winchester rifle with a 4X power scope attached. Cervenka stated his truck was parked at a business place east of Columbus when someone forced a vent window open, opened the driver's door to the truck and took the rifle. Nothing else was reported missing from the vehicle.

Trailer Burglarized

William Ray Mercer of Hamilton reported to the sheriff's department at 7:20 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5th that his trailer parked at the Clearwater Construction site in Columbus had been burglarized. Entry was gained through a small window on the north side of the trailer. Taken were three rods and reels, a .22 caliber Ruger pistol, clothing and tools. It is believed the burglary occurred between 5 p.m. Oct. 4th and 7 p.m. Oct. 5th.

Door Glass Shattered

The sheriff's office was advised at 5 a.m. Mon., Oct. 6th by Dora Hernandez who delivers newspapers in the Columbus area, that the glass in the front door to the Texas Manufacturing Co. on Highway 71 north of Columbus was broken. Leon Dittmar was notified and he went to the scene and found the front door and window shattered with what appeared to be shotgun blasts. Nothing was reportedly missing from the business.

Circle W Gro. Entered

Tuesday morning, Oct. 7th at 7:25 a.m. Pat Wishert of Garwood reported that the Circle W Drive In Grocery on Highway 71 in Garwood had been entered. Investigation revealed entry was gained by removing some screws on the rear door frame, then forcing the door open. The place had been ransacked and reported as missing were $50 in change, assorted cam goods, around 25 cartons of cigarettes and other items. Some damage was done to filing cabinets in the business. Investigation of the burglary continues.

Silver Palace Burglarized

At 11 a.m. Tuesday, Pamela Cox reported that the Silver Palace tavern in the New Town area had been broken into. Officers found that entry was made by breaking a window. A juke box and cigarette machine had been pried open. Nothing was missing from the juke box but around four cartons of cigarettes were taken from the cigarette machine, and also missing were four cases of beer.

Investigation of this entry also continues, reports the sheriff's office.

Tenneco Asks Judgment For Damages To Cathodic Protection Unit

Tenneco Inc. filed suit in District Court at Columbus Oct. 6 against Ruben Barten and Mark Bartet, individually and doing business as B&B Gravel Co. of Columbus, seeking alleged damages to a cathodic protection unit.

The plaintiff alleges that on April 1, B&B was clearing land for Stanley Leyendecker and a bulldozer pushed over a tree damaging the cathodic unit which was on the plaintiff's legal right of way.

Damages, for replacement of the unit are asked, totaling $2700, plus interest, attorney's fees and costs of court.

Weimar Man Dies When Car Hits Tree

Colorado County recorded still another traffic fatality early Thursday morning of last week when a 26-year-old Weimar man, Gary Wayne Hoopers, died when his car slammed into a tree.

Highway Patrolman Sam Trammell, the investigating officer, said the accident occurred at around 1 a.m. Thursday on Highway 90 six miles west of Columbus.

Hoopers, in a 1968 Chevrolet, was heading west and apparently went to sleep and the vehicle crossed the highway and slammed into a tree on the south side of the roadway, killing the driver instantly.

The officer said there were no skid marks hence the assumption that the driver went to sleep. Hoopers was pinned in the vehicle and it took workers nearly an hour to free his body from the wreckage. Several wreckers and Columbus firemen assisted at the scene.

Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt of Columbus Precinct One held an inquest at the scene.

Hoopers reportedly lived with his parents, Charlie G. and Gladys Ross Hoopers, Sr. in Weimar. He was not married. He was a 1974 graduate of Weimar and was an employee of Columbus Glass Co.

Visit In Conroe

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Ross spent Wednesday through Sunday in Conroe with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Buckhart, Costas and Carol.

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Sunderman Is DU Sportsman Of Year

Melvin Sunderman of Eagle Lake, left, was the recipient of the fifth annual J. R. (Jimmy) Reel Sportsmanship Award at the Rice Belt Ducks Unlimited Dinner at the Provident City Hotel on Wednesday evening of last week. Louis Schorlemmer, at right, 1978 winner, made the presentation in behalf of the Award Committee, composed of past recipients of the Sportsmanship Award. Sunderman has been an enthusiastic supporter of Ducks Unlimited for many years and has served as chairman of the Rice Belt dinner for several years. He received the plaque which he is shown holding for permanent possession and the beautiful trophy held by Schorlemmer until the 1981 winner is named. For more on the Ducks Unlimited dinner, see page 6.

2 Juveniles Involved In ELPS Burglary Suspended By Bd.

2 Latin Juveniles Suspended For Rest Of First Semester

Two juvenile Latin-American youths who were charged Oct. 3rd with the burglary and vandalism at the Eagle Lake Primary School, were suspended by the Rice Consolidated School District's board of education in session Monday night. One of the youth is a student at Rice High School, but the has been withdrawn from school by his parents, and the other is a student at Eagle Lake Middle School. Both are reported to be fifteen years old. Last week the Headlight stated the two juveniles were Blacks, but they were Latin Americans.

Two other young men, Paul Ruiz and Sam Betancourt, both 18, have also been charged with burglary in the incident at the Primary School the night of Sat., Sept. 27th. They have been released from county jail under bond pending action by the next grand jury.

The two juveniles have also been released to the custody of their parents.

Supt. Harold D. King reported to the district's board of [illegible] that the damage at the school, estimated at first at $2,000, was not as heavy as expected and that actual damages total $633. A computer thrown on the floor was not damaged as heavily as was at first anticipated.

Supt. King discussed the involvement of the two juveniles who are students in the district and recommended that the two youth be suspended for the remainder of the first semester of the 1980-81 year which ends in January of 1981.

The board concurred with the recommendation unanimously.

The superintendent reported that action will continue to seek restitution for the damage done to the school from the parents of the students involved. The district's insurance on vandalism has a $5000 deductible clause and insurance for theft a $25 deductible hence little relief is expected from insurance reimbursement.

In the event voluntary agreement cannot be reached with the parents of the youth, the board authorized the superintendent to file civil suit in district court to seek judgment for damages incurred.

Two Charged In Armed Burglary Here Sat. Nite

Former Rep. Koliba Honored

Former State Representative Homer L. Koliba Sr. of Columbus, is shown above with the beautiful plaque presented to Mr. Koliba by Governor William P. Clements, Jr., on the occasion of the former representative's birthday anniversary.

It took Eagle Lake police just over seven hours to have two men suspected of armed robbery at the Jim Hamilton home at 512 North McCarty behind bars and money taken in the robbery recovered on Saturday morning of last week.

Eagle Lake police sergeant Larry Hill received a call at 2:10 a.m. Saturday from Hamilton reporting the robbery. Hamilton told the officer that two men, one of whom he recognized, knocked at his front door and when he went to investigate, they confronted him with a shotgun and pistol. According to Hamilton's story of the robbery, one of the men had a shotgun and the other a .44 magnum pistol, but to date officers have not found such weapons and the men say they did not use guns.

According to Sgt. Hill's report, the men ransacked the house and told Hamilton they "would kill him if he said a word." They reportedly forced Hamilton to open a safe and Hamilton said they took $1735.00 from the safe (but after arresting the men the officers recovered $1550 which they say is all they took).

Hamilton also told the officer that the men took two pistols, but they have denied doing so. Hamilton said the men hit him with one of the guns and told him "not to get up or they would kill him", but the men say they hit Hamilton with a fist.

Two Arrested

Hamilton told the officers he recognized one of the men and Sgt. Hill and Chief of Police Jimmie Smith arrested Mike Pennington at his home at 6:20 a.m. and recovered $700 which was in a sealed brown envelope. After interrogation of Pennington, 22, the name of the other suspect was obtained and the two officers, with the assistance of Wharton county sheriff's deputy Daniel Molota and DPS officer Tom Wilson, went to East Bernard where they arrested Kenneth William Adamek, 31, at his home. Adamek was found to have $850 in his possession. This arrest was made at 9:45 a.m. Adamek was taken before a judge in Wharton County and charged with the aggravated armed robbery and returned to this county and placed in the county jail under $10,000 bond pending action by the next grand jury in this county.

Pennington was taken before Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones on the charge of aggravated armed robbery and his bond was set at $5,000 and he was taken to the county jail in lieu of the bond pending action by the next grand Jury.

Dr. Mack Stokes To Speak At Religious Lectures Mon., Tues.

Dr. Mack B. Stokes, noted author, scholar and lecturer will present a lecture series in Eagle Lake Monday and Tuesday, October 20 and 21 in the Eagle Lake Community Center and the public is invited to attend.

DR. MACK B. STOKES

The Religious Lectures Committee believes that Bishop Stokes is well qualified to speak concerning the chosen topics, "The Authority and Finality of the Bible" and "The Primary Mission of the Holy Spirit." This message will be of concern and interest to all persons, regardless of religious preference. It will be interdenominational and ecumenical in nature. The public is invited and urged to attend any or all of the functions.

Lectures will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, October 20 and 21 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Also, everyone is invited to a reception 2 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, October 21 at The Farris 1912.

Transportation will be provided to those who need it by the First Baptist Church. Please call 234-2571 if you need a ride.

Dr. Stokes was born

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Smoking Banned In Courthouse, County Ag. Bldg.

The "no smoking" signs will be going up soon in the county courthouse and in the county agricultural building. County Commissioners' Court ordered that smoking be banned in all areas of the courthouse in light of the complete restoration of the building and to provide safety for the valued structure.

Judge Lester J. Cranek was authorized to purchase and install appropriate no smoking signs at the entrances and in the buildings and as soon as these signs go up the "no smoking" regulation will take effect.

A survey of county employees in the courthouse revealed that only one employee in the entire building still smokes.

Columbus Ch. To Operate Sr. Citizens Prog.

Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday approved a resolution to relinquish its contract with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for operation of the Senior Citizens Program in this county and to recommend that H-GAC contract with a private non-profit organization for the continuation of the program.

The court also approved oil, gas and mineral leases on 170.3 acres of land owned near Columbus on a three-year contract to William A. Schindler and son John of Houston.

Paul Ulrich, representing the H-GAC, and secretary Geraldine Hamilton and the Rev. Carl Evans, pastor of

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C. of C. Meet Monday

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will have its monthly session at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20th in the council room of the Municipal Building.

Former Rep. Koliba Honored With Citation From Governor

Homer L. Koliba, Sr. of Columbus, former State Representative for this area for many years, was honored on the occasion of his birthday anniversary last week when Governor W. P. Clements, Jr., presented him a beautiful plaque and citation for distinguished service to the people of this county and this state.

Mr. Koliba has just been released from the Gulf Coast Medical Foundation after a several months' bout with serious illness. He was happy indeed to be out of the hospital and well again in time for his birthday anniversary. Friends hope that he continues to show improvement from his illness with cancer.

The Governor's letter accompanying the beautiful engraved plaque read as follows:

"It is certainly a privilege to recognize you as our volunteer parole officer for Colorado County.

"Your genuine concern for and your efforts to help troubled young people are well known and appreciated by your fellow townspeople.

"Thank you for all you have done and are doing to make Colorado County a safer and better place to live.

"Happy birthday and best wishes."

T-Inc. On Calhoun Rd. Hit By Burglars

Sam Blanton of T Inc. in Altair reported to the county sheriff's office at 11:20 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10 that one of the company's warehouses located on Calhoun Road had been broken into. Entry to the area was gained by cutting the fence on the entrance road and driving across a field to where the warehouse is located. The rear door to the warehouse was forced open to gain

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Commr's Court OK's Division Of Refuge Check

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in regular session Monday, approved the distribution of $20,335 in funds from the federal government earmarked for entities which lost tax revenue due to the 7,637.77 acre Nafional Wildlife Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge northeast of Eagle Lake.

The county received two checks from the federal government, one of $13,213 in February, and another for $7,122 last month, in lieu of lost tax revenue.

The court agreed to follow the interpretation of the law governing such funds and to distribute the funds to the three entities involved, Rice and Columbus School Districts and Colorado County on a pro-rata basis of the amount of taxes loss to the total taxes lost. Actually the amount of the check is considerably more than the tax monies lost, but the distribution will be on a percentage basis on the above formula for all of the funds.

Rice School District has 2712.48 acres in the refuge and listed loss of revenue at $2241.75; Columbus School District listed 4925.29 acres and a loss in revenue of $4433.76; and Colorado County lists all of the 7637.77 acres and a loss in revenue of $1919.48. Using the basis of amount of tax money lost to each entity to the total lost, Rice School District's share of the $20,335 will be 26.08%; Columbus school district's share, 51.58%; and the county's share, 22.32%.

The county auditor's office was authorized to distribute the funds on the basis approved by the court's unanimous motion.

The funds from the federal government are on the basis of three-quarters of one percent of the fair market value of the land in the refuge, noted Judge Cranek.

Attempted Armed Robbery At Thriftyman

Eagle Lake Patrolman Linda Travis investigated a reported attempted armed robbery at the Thriftyman Service Station at 416 Booths Drive at 1:00 p.m. last Sunday, Oct. 12th.

The officer received a call from Mary Rangel, an employee at the service station, that a Negro man came into the store and purchased a can of beer and when she opened the cash register, he pulled a knife from a brown paper bag and demanded money from the cash register.

Rangel reportedly told the man she wasn't going to give him any money and told him to get out of the store. He again demanded the money and again she refused and apparently the subject felt it wasn't worth the trouble and he left by a door on the west side of the building. Rangel reported that she did not hear any evidence of a car door slamming so it is not known how he left the scene.

Travis and Special Officer Bill Cauvis conducted a search of the area but found no trace of the man and investigation of the report continues.

Bond Issue Absentee Voting Ends Tuesday

Citizens of Eagle Lake are reminded that absentee voting in the $350,000 sewer plant improvement bond issue called for Saturday, Oct. 25th, will end next Tuesday.

Eagle Lake city council called the bond election in order to have funds available for the city's share of costs of the new sanitary sewer treatment plant which is required to meet state and federal wastewater regulations. The remaining 75% of the cost of the proposed $1.2 million project is expected to come from a federal grant. The engineering firm of Bernard Johnson, hired by the city, has made the estimate of costs on the proposed project.

The Texas Department of Water Resources has asked for a definite commitment from the city on the availability of funds for the city's share of the costs by early November.

The city council has passed ordinances dedicating revenue from the water and sewer operations (after normal expenses and current bonding requirements) to payment of the $350,000 bond issue, if passed by the voters on Oct. 25th.

The council has also passed an ordinance to take advantage of Article 1106 of Vernon's Civil Statutes of Texas to "appropriate and apply the net revenues of its combined waterworks and sanitary sewer system to payment of the bonds and interest."

All registered voters who are residents of the city will be eligible to vote in the election which will be held in the council room of the Municipal Building from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 25th.

City officials say that to increase in utility rates or the tax rate would be necessary to finance the bond issue and interest, at this time. This, however, is not, withstanding unforeseen or exorbitant increases in costs of operating the city's water and sewer systems.

Walkers Have Nat'l Champion Angus Bull

Shown above is the two-year-old Red Angus Bull, Upshur 313, owned by E. R. and L. L. Walker of Eagle Lake, winner of a Show Championship of the National Red Angus Association's show at the State Fair in Dallas on Thursday of last week. Silmon shown, left to right are: Bobby Jack Nalmore of Temple, center Rhoe and Esther Ann Nalmore of Temple, and Gary Nalmore. (See story on page 10.)

FHA Starts Adopt-A-Friend Project

The Future Homemakers chapters of Rice High School are organizing a project to help people who are lonely or who are unable to take part in outside activities. They hope to make other lives more enjoyable.

The Homemakers will make visits, help celebrate special occasions, run errands or help satisfy other needs.

If you have a friend, relative or neighbor who needs this service, please call 234-2715 or 235-2618 by Friday, Oct. 17.