

# County Go-Texan Day Sat. Was Big Success

Colorado County's Go-Texan activities held last Saturday were proclaimed a big success with a record number of tickets sold to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Performances, naming of Western Art competition winners, and selection of a 1981 Miss Go-Texan queen in competition during a western dance at the Veterans Community Center in Columbus.

Long lines prevailed during most of the day at Pater's Western Store—where the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo ticket booth was located Saturday. It was reported that over \$2,000 worth of tickets to the various performances of the show, Feb. 22-Mar. 8, were sold and many of these were to the Colorado County Night planned for March 3rd.

Western Art was judged at the Columbus High School and also at Gonzales high school.

They praised the Rice District art teachers, Mrs. Sandra Benge and Mrs. Lois Kasey, for their guidance and instruction.

Rice District winners were: Chris Gold, Best of Show in high school entries; Michael Sibley, Best of Show in junior high entries; and Cash Coble, Best of Show in elementary entries. Also Gold Medal Awards were presented to Keith Rabel and Noemi Columbus and Rice schools.

Medina, both high school entries.

More on the art competition may be found elsewhere in this paper.

Columbus winners were: Michele Trojan, Best of Show high school; Teresa Clost, Best of Show junior high; and Jayme Blaschke Best of Show elementary. Gold Medal winners were Kellye Goleman from high school and Camille Hunt from elementary.

## 9 In Queen's Contest

Nine pretty young ladies competed for the honor of being the 1981 Miss Go-Texan Queen in private judging Saturday afternoon and prior to the western dance in Veterans Community Center.

Miss Robin Meyer, sophomore student at Columbus high school and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denver Meyer, was named winner of the competition during the first intermission of the dance.

First runner-up was Dawn Mazac of Columbus and second runner-up was Deborah Hayward of Weimar.

Other contestants in the pageant were Leigh Ann Bryant of Eagle Lake, Becky Vachala of Weimar, and Cindy Hanak, Cindy Potter, Patty Brasher and Cathy Holliday of Columbus.

Robin will represent the county in Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo activities and will be honored at the County Go-Texan Day in Houston March 3rd.

Judges for the competition were: Don Jobs, assistant general manager for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; Hal Husbands, vice president of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; and Bud O'Shields, chairman of Go-Texan Committee for the Houston Show.

Carl Giesler of Radio Station KULM in Columbus, served as master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Pam Potter of Columbus, co-chairperson of the queen's competition, extended thanks to the young ladies—who answered the questions to the co-chairperson, Dale Helms of Frisburg; and Beth Beken of Columbus, for their assistance in staging the event.

Over 800 persons attended the gala western dance featuring music by Ty and Tabasco which concluded the Go-Texan Day activities.

Harold Halcom of Columbus, the county's Go-Texan Ambassador, extended thanks to all who cooperated in making the day a big success, especially other members of the Go-Texan committee in this county.

County Judge Lester J. Crank of Garwood, Mrs. Pam Potter and Henry Beken of Columbus; Robert Waddell of Eagle Lake; and Leslie Helms of Frisburg.

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## Former Harris County Agent Clinton Dies

Friends learned with great sadness of the death of Dan D. Clinton, Sr., 83, former Harris County Agent for thirty-seven years and a resident for a number of years in this county since his retirement. Clinton died last Thursday morning, Jan. 22 in the Columbus Community Hospital. He had been in failing health for some time.

A native of Commerce, Texas, he became one of the nation's most outstanding agricultural agents. He was also very active in the Methodist Church; a charter member of the Century Club Association of Former Students of Texas; was active also in other A&M organizations in the Houston Rotary Club; and in the Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston.

His pet love was his work with the youth through the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and he was a charter

## County Retired Teachers To Meet Monday

The Colorado County Association of Retired Teachers will meet Monday, February 2 at 2:30 p.m. in the Nesbitt Library in Columbus.

Program for the afternoon will be by Mrs. Bernice Clayton.

All members are urged to attend.

## County Agent's NOTEBOOK

By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Extension Agent, Colorado County

**Cut Ant Controls Are Listed**

Since the first of the year an increasing number of people inquired about the control of the cut ant (also known as fungus ant, town ant, parasol ant, night ant, and Atta texana). Many of the products available for fire ant control, namely Amdro and MC96, are not labeled for cut ants. In fact, the only chemical labeled is methyl bromide gas (Meth-O-Gas). This compound is a restricted use pesticide—for use only by Certified Applicators or persons under their supervision. The product previously recommended was pelleted Mirex bait. However, all uses of Mirex were cancelled by 1978.

Cut ants are pestiferous because they cut pieces of foliage from vegetation around their colony or "town". Defoliation usually progresses from the top branches downward. They attack natural and planted pine and hardwood trees, and several cereal and forage crops. The pieces of leaves and buds are brought down into the colony and are then used as a medium on which they grow a fungus, their only known food.

Ant nest areas or "towns" may be established along roads, in open areas or in the shade forests. However, they are restricted to deep, well-drained sandy or loamy soils. A town is marked by a large number of crater-shaped mounds, usually 5 to 14 inches in height and about 1 foot in diameter.

Each mound surrounds an entrance hole. A town may cover an area from several square feet to nearly an acre, depending on the age of the colony. The interior of the nest, which may reach a depth of 15 to 20 feet, contains many hemispherical cavities that are interconnected by narrow tunnels. Vertical tunnels extend to the mound openings and lateral foraging tunnels lead outward, sometimes 100 yards or

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## Jury Returns Guilty Verdict In J.P. Traffic Case

A six-member jury took less than twenty minutes to return a verdict of guilty in a traffic case heard in Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones' court in the council room of the Municipal Building Tuesday morning.

Harold Mike Griffin of Houston presented his own defense in the case. Prosecuting attorney was County Attorney Edward Wolery-Price.

Griffin was cited Oct. 29, 1980 for allegedly driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone by Highway Patrolman Joel Garcia on Highway 90A west of Eagle Lake.

Judge Jones assessed a fine of \$22.50 and court costs of \$13.50 against Griffin and he paid the fine.

Serving on the jury were Mesdames Patty Stephens, Rita Sanderson and Geneva Wita; also Gilbert Duty, W. H. Bolton and Melvin Stanick who served as foreman of the jury.

## K.C.'s To Sell BBQ Chickens This Sunday

The Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus will sell barbecued chickens this Sunday (and every first Sunday of the month). You must reserve your orders in advance by calling Andrew Harbich at 234-5524 during the day or Chuck Stephens at 234-5340 at night. Orders must be placed by 12 noon the Saturday before each first Sunday of the month.

The chickens will be sold for \$3.00 for a whole chicken and \$1.75 for a half chicken and must be picked up at the K.C. Hall on Pendleton Street.

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## Sen. Caperton Hits At Exams For Teachers At RCTA Meet

State Senator Kent Caperton of Bryan, a freshman senator in the Texas Legislature following his recent swearing into that office representing the Fifth District of Texas (including Colorado County), was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Rice Classroom Teachers Association on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Sen. Caperton spoke to the teachers and administrators in the new Eagle Lake Middle School auditorium and was highly complimentary of the new facilities offered to students in that school.

The senator discussed many of Governor Bill Clements' budget proposals for the 1981-82 biennium, especially those relative to education.

He noted that the governor proposes that pay increases for teachers be among those on the "high priority list." The governor recommends a 17.7 percent increase for teachers who retired prior to May 30, 1979 and 10 percent more for those who retired prior to May 30, 1979.

Senator Caperton told the gathering that the governor proposes a 22 percent salary increase for teachers over the biennium (over a two year period), considerably below the 35.5 percent sought by the Texas State Teachers Association. The governor's proposal also calls for maintenance and operating allowances to hold down local tax increases.

Hits At Exams For Teachers

Senator Caperton expressed strong opposition to proposed legislation, to be considered in the 87th Legislature, that teachers be required to take an examination in order to become state certified.

"There's no way that a 120 question test can replace the experience and make a teacher better," emphasized the senator. "I don't think it's possible that a test of any kind can show that you're a competent or incompetent teacher."

He added, "I don't know how you can reach into a classroom and replace the magic that comes with many years of teaching experience. I'm convinced that you can't do this. I'm convinced that there's no way to take a written test of any kind and be able to determine if a teacher is competent. There are too many other factors to consider."

Caperton also spoke out against collective bargaining for teachers as proposed by the Texas State Teachers Association. Caperton said that he believes a majority of teachers in the district are against collective bargaining.

Rice CTA President Lynda Appelt extended thanks to Senator Caperton for taking time out from a very busy schedule to come to Eagle Lake to present the enlightening program. She urged all teachers to keep in constant contact with their legislators, Senator Caperton and Representative Robert Saunders, to let them know their thoughts on current legislation, especially issues affecting education.

Supt. Harold King spoke briefly to the group after which refreshments were enjoyed and those desiring to see the new Eagle Lake Middle School addition were taken on a tour of the new facility.

## Rice FFA Enters 37 Calves, 38 Hogs In Feb. 14th Sale

The Rice High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America is making plans for its 1981 Market Calf and Swine Sale and Breeding Show. The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th at the Rice FFA Show Barn at Rice High School in Altair.

The event will get underway with a trail ride from Garwood to Rice High School, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Feb. 14th. Livestock judging will be from 8 to 12 noon; and a barbecue dinner will be served in the Rice FFA Shop beginning at 12 noon.

The annual trail ride sweetheart contest will be held at 1 p.m. and the auction of 37 calves and 38 hogs will commence at 1:30 p.m.

The public is invited to make plans to attend and participate in the day's activities.

The event is being sponsored by the Garwood Lions Club, Sheridan Lions Club, and Eagle Lake Lions Club and the clubs will provide prize money; and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will provide trophies to the winners of the various categories.

## Five Reasons To Insure 1981 Crop

With a new government subsidy that pays up to 30 percent of the cost of carrying crop insurance, the best buy in farming today may be the low dollars an acre (tax deductible) that it costs to insure all the other dollars invested in producing a crop.

This advice comes from Ben A. Jordan, Jr., Regional Director of the recently expanded Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Jordan suggests that there are no fewer than five sound reasons farmers should consider insurance this year, even if they have never protected their crop investments in the past.

First, the new policies offer more protection.

Second, the new federal subsidy can reduce the per acre cost of carrying all-risk insurance by as much as 30 percent.

Third, rising production costs mean the dollars and cents risks of crop production this Spring will be sharply

## Landscaping, Gardening Insect Control Program Feb. 5th

Dr. Bastiaan Dress, Area Extension entomologist, will be the speaker at a county-wide Landscaping and Gardening Insect Control Program, Thursday, February 5, at the County Agricultural Building from 2:00-3:30 p.m. The program is a timely one in that now is the time to learn preventive measures before the gardens really start producing.

Dr. Dress will emphasize prevention control and the

## Garwood Fire Dept. Benefit Ball Feb. 7

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The dance is the department's major fund-raising event of the year and the firemen hope that you will support their work with attendance and donations to the department.

The Back Forty will provide music for dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Admission will be by donation.

You may make table reservations, at 25¢ per chair, by calling 758-3822.

## MARKET REPORT

Columbus Livestock Co. The market was fully steady on all classes of cattle at the sale at Columbus Livestock Commission Co. last Thursday. There was a very active sale with a house full of buyers reported George Hagan and Don McAllister.

Packer cows and bulls sold stronger with good packer demand for a light supply. Stocker cattle sold with some strong demand, more than seen in recent weeks.

The firm handled 719 head of cattle. Good to choice butcher calves sold 63 to 67, heavier packer cows went 50 to 60, commercial packer

# COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS -- FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

January 1, 1980 through December 31, 1980

FUND	Certificates of Deposit		Cash		Transfers between Funds		Transactions in		Cash		Certificates of Deposit
	1-1-1980	12-31-1980	1-1-1980	12-31-1980	In	Out	Retired	Invested	Disbursed	Balance 12-31-1980	
<b>Road and Bridge Funds:</b>											
Class 2	\$ 62,000.00	49,918.52	212,428.21	45,000.00	114,651.56	233,000.00	285,900.00	102,687.77	37,107.40	114,900.00	
Special	54,500.00	40,605.49	134,877.74		131,694.44	86,400.00	106,800.00		23,388.79	74,900.00	
Right of Way Fund	36,000.00	433.31	5,239.63			150,600.00	155,500.00		772.94	40,900.00	
Auto License		-0-	175,347.92		175,347.92	10,000.00	10,000.00		-0-		
Road & Bridge Precinct No. 1		7,918.96	6,088.04	126,212.97				133,254.59	6,965.38		
Road & Bridge Precinct No. 2		406.55	1,633.67	93,995.57		40,000.00	40,000.00	96,009.90	25.89		
Road & Bridge Precinct No. 3		72.50	1,779.58	121,363.51		10,000.00	10,000.00	109,442.25	13,773.34		
Road & Bridge Precinct No. 4		530.35	5,280.67	80,121.87				73,174.65	12,758.24		
Lateral Road Refund Account:											
Lateral Road Precinct No. 1		-0-	-0-					-0-	-0-		
Lateral Road Precinct No. 2		-0-	-0-					-0-	-0-		
Lateral Road Precinct No. 3		-0-	-0-					-0-	-0-		
Lateral Road Precinct No. 4		8,064.24	-0-					8,064.24	-0-		
Lateral Road Unallocated		-0-	-0-					-0-	-0-		
Total Lateral Road Refund Account		8,064.24	-0-					8,064.24	-0-		
<b>Total Road and Bridge Funds</b>	\$ 152,500.00	107,949.92	542,675.46	466,693.92	421,693.92	530,000.00	608,200.00	522,633.40	94,791.98	230,700.00	
<b>Revenue Sharing Funds:</b>											
Revenue Sharing Precinct No. 1	\$ 979.41		19,696.33					18,456.36	2,219.38		
Revenue Sharing Precinct No. 2	5,348.27	34.36	14,668.60					19,891.94	159.29		
Revenue Sharing Precinct No. 3	1.35		18,939.54					14,380.74	4,560.15		
Revenue Sharing Precinct No. 4	316.86		12,503.53					11,551.09	1,269.30		
Revenue Sharing General	30,000.00	4,237.60	126,505.55		65,808.00	103,000.00	73,000.00	80,295.04	14,640.11		
<b>Total Revenue Sharing Funds</b>	\$ 30,000.00	10,883.49	126,539.91	65,808.00	65,808.00	103,000.00	73,000.00	144,575.17	22,848.23		
<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 89,500.00	60,401.89	345,654.68	30,000.00		366,500.00	482,500.00	290,229.73	29,826.84	205,500.00	
<b>Additional Ad Valorem Funds:</b>											
Additional Ad Valorem Pct. #1	\$ 50,000.00	5,295.91	5,218.77	68,832.60		150,000.00	100,000.00	108,132.08	21,215.20		
Additional Ad Valorem Pct. #2	15,000.00	25,193.82	1,043.76	64,025.35		30,000.00	15,000.00	102,800.89	2,462.04		
Additional Ad Valorem Pct. #3		62.40	68,108.99					67,534.03	637.36		
Additional Ad Valorem Pct. #4		4,016.35	61,955.22					53,380.82	12,590.75		
Additional Ad Valorem Unallocated	114,500.00	71,141.80	265,950.20	262,922.16	387,500.00	428,200.00		33,469.84	155,200.00		
<b>Total Additional Ad Valorem Funds</b>	\$ 179,500.00	105,710.28	272,212.73	262,922.16	262,922.16	567,500.00	543,200.00	331,847.82	70,375.19	155,200.00	
<b>Permanent Improvement Fund</b>	\$ 138,500.00	48,422.35	46,902.08		16,665.54	589,600.00	631,000.00	31,512.74	5,746.15	164,500.00	
<b>Jury Fund</b>	\$ 3,500.00	2,533.23	14,612.97	10,000.00		15,700.00	17,100.00	23,855.57	1,890.45	4,900.00	
<b>Officers Salary Fund</b>	\$ 175,000.00	18,110.58	540,665.44		85,000.00	630,000.00	505,000.00	551,372.09	47,403.93	50,000.00	
<b>Social Security Fund</b>	\$ 16,934.68	62,329.06				20,000.00	23,600.00	75,591.15	72.59	3,600.00	
<b>Interest &amp; Sinking Fund</b>	\$ 919.52	69,321.93	16,665.54			89,600.00	146,100.00	26,822.92	3,584.07	71,900.00	
<b>Check Coll. &amp; Processing Fund</b>	\$ 10.00	1,375.00						376.41	1,008.59		
<b>Unemployment Fund</b>	\$ 672.79	3,984.33				7,600.00	11,500.00	659.27	97.85	3,900.00	
<b>Payroll Fund</b>	\$ 2,975.31		963,038.25	963,038.25	3,200.00	7,900.00		61.35	213.96	2,700.00	
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	\$ 768,500.00	375,524.04	1,815,127.87	2,924,700.00	1,999,537.62	277,859.83	892,900.00				
		2,026,273.41	1,815,127.87	3,049,100.00							

# COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS -- FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 1980

<b>Current Assets:</b>	
Cash in First State Bank, Columbus, Texas	\$ 313,786.03
Minus Warrants Outstanding	35,926.20
<b>Total Cash on Hand December 31, 1980</b>	\$ 277,859.83
Certificates of Deposit-First State Bank	892,900.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	\$ 1,170,759.83

The Fixed Assets of the County, unallocated, current and delinquent taxes, licenses, fines & fees, and interest and penalty thereon, are not included in the statement of December 31, 1980.

I, M. L. Briscoe, County Auditor of Colorado County, Texas, certify that the within and foregoing statement of beginning and ending balances, receipts and disbursements for the Calendar Year 1980 and as of the close of business December 31, 1980 is true and correct.

M. L. Briscoe  
M. L. Briscoe, County Auditor  
Colorado County, Texas

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## Homemakers' Reflections

By Donella Paniel  
County Extension Agent

## Microwaving For Low-Sugar Diets

We have found that sugar-restricted diets are becoming an increasing concern for many people, particularly those who suffer from diabetes, hypoglycemia, heart complications and obesity.

To help those of you on special low-sugar diets or those wishing to reduce the sugar intake for other reasons, we have developed several microwave recipes for foods that would normally be fairly high in sugar. Rather than adding sugar, we rely primarily on the use of ingredients which are naturally sweet, such as milk, dates, raisins and fruits. The use of small quantities of sugar (sucrose) is incorporated where necessary. There is no such thing as a sugar-free diet since most foods contain natural sugar. For some diets, recipes containing small quantities of sugar can be incorporated if used only occasionally. Some of these recipes can substitute artificial sweeteners or fructose for the sugar.

We found that a decrease in the amount of sugar often brought out the natural flavors of the food. Of course, many of us are used to so many sweet foods that it may take a while to adjust to the less-sweet taste. But we think you'll be pleasantly surprised to discover how good foods can be with less added sugar.

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Completion of form SF-1199 only authorizes deposits into your account. Only you or persons you authorize can withdraw funds.

Even though you have direct deposit, however, you still must notify social security if you change your address. This is because important information may be sent to you from time to time.

Should you decide