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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

The Better Way!

The Boy Scouts of America has been an important influence for young people for 71 years, and the Scouting Anniversary Week, February 8-14 has ." as its theme, Scouting. . .The Better Life.

Over the years, we've watched boys who have been Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and young men and women who have been Explorers. The training they have received has given them the skills that have helped them in later years.

Now, there are 35,624 youth members in Sam Houston Area Council in our area, and they are receiving the benefits of Scouting's educational program that can lead them to a better life.

With a strong emphasis on the outdoors, an advancement program, opportunities to serve as leaders, learning about democracy in their Scouting units, there are 12,000 volunteer leaders who make it possible for youth to become better citizens. . .to have a better life.

The Boy Scouts of America also are celebrating another important milestone. Cub Scouting, the program for younger boys, is observing its 51st anniversary this year.

We can be proud of what Scouting has done for youngsters, and we believe that the national movement offers a better life for young people now. . .and for the years ahead.

Congratulations to all the young people who are in Scouting, to their volunteer leaders who make it possible, and to the organizations in our area that support the Scouting program for youth.

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Thomas Ins. Is Low Bidder On Ambulance Corps Ins.

W. M. Thomas, Jr., Insurance Agency of Eagle Lake received the contract to provide Malpractice Insurance for the four units of the Colorado County Emergency Ambulance Corps for the next year on a bid of $544.00. Thomas' bid was considerably below the only other bid received by the Colorado County Commissioners' Court in session Monday, that one being offered by Columbus Insurance Agency which offered a bid of $1,426.89.

Bill Thomas was present for the session Monday and explained that the policy offered included liability coverage of $100,000-$300,000-on all members of the four units at Eagle Lake, Columbus, Weimar and Garwood.

In response to a question from the court, Doug Lilie, representing Columbus Insurance Agency, said that the difference in the bid was made possible because of the insurance provided by an association such as Volunteer Firemen's Insurance, Inc., a company which specializes in this type of coverage.

Thomas said that association is fully underwritten by Insurance Company of North America.

The court received assurance from Thomas that the coverage does include malpractice coverage in the cases of loading and unloading patients.

Thomas' bid was accepted with unanimous approval of the court.

105 Current Members

In bid invitations sent by County Judge Lester Cranek, it was noted that the four units have a total of 105 members, with 33 in Columbus, 25 in Weimar, 22 in Eagle Lake and 25 in Garwood. All are considered as drivers except for five in the Columbus unit.

Also the report by Judge Cranek noted that in 1980, Columbus volunteers answered a total of 261 emergency calls; Weimar 266 calls with 15 to 20% of these considered as non-emergency calls; Eagle Lake 303 emergency calls and Garwood 40 emergency calls.

Nineteen of the Eagle Lake corpsmen were listed as EMT's, with one EMT in Garwood and none in Columbus and Weimar. Judge Cranek pointed out however that an EMT training session is due to start this week for Columbus and Weimar corpsmen.

Revival Ends At Methodist Church This Wed.

Special services continue through tonight (Wednesday) beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. Conducting the revival are Bobbie and Gene Moore, a wife and husband team from the First United Methodist Church in Waco. The Moores have been in evangelism, musical and preaching, for twenty years.

Those attending the previous services this week are witnesses to great preaching and singing by the Moores.

Everyone is invited for this last service to hear this outstanding couple in word and song, said the Rev. Charles Rusk, pastor. Come and bring someone with you.

Display New Cooks Tour 3

Mrs. Frank [Anne Lee] Higgins, chairman of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary's cookbook committee, right, and Pink Lady Mrs. Jacob [Sophie] Zoeller, display one of the Pink Ladies' new "Cook's Tour No. 3" cookbooks which arrived last week and are now on sale in the hospital gift shop and other businesses in the community.

$655,100 County Funds Invested In 90-Day CD

Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday authorized the investment of a total of $655,100 in county funds into a certificate of deposit to draw 17.14% interest for the next 90 day period. The funds are allocated in the 1981 budget, but since the current taxpaying period ended January 31st and 1980 tax collections ran high, the funds were invested until such time as they need to be spent under the 1981 budget.

Three certificates of deposit placed with the First State Bank of Columbus and drawing 14.11% interest for the past 90 days matured. One of the CD's was for $491,900 and earned $17,114.-08 in interest; another matured Feb. 10 in the amount of $162,100 and earned $5,639.75 in interest; and the third matured Feb. 7 and was for $100,000 and earned $2,319.45 in the past 90 days. These funds, including interest, amounted to $779,073.28.

Included in the new certificate were the following funds: general fund $138,000, road and bridge class 2 $89,000, salary fund $25,500, jury fund $3,200, interest and sinking fund $48,400, permanent improvement fund $150,-000, right of way fund $35,000, unemployment fund $4,000, social security fund $3,700, road and bridge precinct 3 $24,800, additional ad valorem 1 $50,000, additional ad valorem 3 $34,000, additional ad valorem 4 $47,000, and payroll fund $2,500, for a total of $655,100.

FREE PIZZA

Buddy Mills, Jr. this is a ticket for a free pizza at the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, where you get the finest foods in town including delicious pizza. Clip this out and present at the Dairy Delite for your free pizza not later than Feb. 17, 1981.

Pink Ladies' Cook's Tour 3 Are Here!!

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliaries new "Cook's Tour No. 3" Cookbooks have arrived. The Pink Ladies have been anxiously awaiting their arrival through the month of January.

These books may be purchased at the Hospital Gift Shop, The Headlight office, from Mrs. Frank Higgins, Miller's Grocery and Wilcox Minimax for $6.00 each. There are approximately three hundred pages of favorite recipes from some of the "best cooks" in the area.

The Auxiliary has a few "Cooks Tour of Eagle Lake" and "Cook's Tour No. 2" cookbooks for sale, also. These books still sell for $4.00 each.

"Thanks are extended once more to all who helped in compiling these books and to those who have and will purchase them," say the Pink Ladies.

$1095 Paid In Wolf Bounties During January

Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek reported to the commissioners' court Monday that a total of 50 wolf or coyote scalps were turned in for bounties of $20 by special trappers approved by the court and 19 others by private individuals who received a $5 bounty. The total amount paid in bounties in January was $1,095.

Special trapper Frank Kolek, Jr. of Weimar turned in 37 scalps.

Judge Cranek noted that the program is proving more effective and at a lot less cost than would be the case if the county had to hire a full-time state-approved trapper.

Violence In County During Past Week

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striking Kunz in the back, the other went into the floor.

Gutieres is charged with murder and Justice of the Peace Joe Kaye of Weimar set his bond at $10,000. The case will go before the next session of the grand jury in this county. Meanwhile Gutieres is in the county jail in lieu of the $10,000 bond.

Kunz was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Youens Hospital in Weimar.

Flatonia Man's Car Stolen By 2 With Knives

Antonio Gyullion of Flatonia reported to the sheriff's department Sunday his 1975 Plymouth had been stolen. Investigation revealed that Gyullion had been to a dance near Weimar where he met a couple of men and they decided to go for a ride. He told officers that the two men were unknown to him. They were traveling east on IH-10 when one of the men pulled a large knife and told Gyullion he was going to take his car. The driver pulled to the side of the interstate and got out and the two men drove away in his car.

He was unable to give officers the license number on his vehicle nor what direction the two drove off in. He did state that the two subjects talked about going to Florida. The investigation continues.

2 Police Imposters Shoot Truck Driver On IH 10 Tues.

Authorities were looking for two black males who reportedly posed as police officers and robbed and shot a truck driver on IH 10 near the Highway 97 exit to Waelder at around 7 a.m. Tuesday.

The incident was reported by Gonzales county sheriff's department. The two men were reportedly dressed as officers and used a red light on the dash of their car to pull the truck over. They then took the driver to the rear of the truck and shot him once in the arm and once in the leg and took his wallet and left.

Colorado County officers set up a blockade on IH 10 immediately after receiving the call but made no contact with any vehicle that might have been involved in the robbery and shooting.

Deputy Sheriff Attacked By Arrested Man

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service road toward Houston.

Officer Brooks gave chase when he learned that the other accident victim was not hurt. He was able to stop the fleeing vehicle three and one-half miles west of Sealy. By that time DPS Troopers Taylor and Durachec of Austin County came upon the scene where Brooks had the man stopped.

The troopers assisted Brooks by inventoring the contents of the vehicle before it was towed away and during the inventory the officers found approximately one pound of marijuana on the floor of the front of the vehicle.

Brooks placed the subject into his patrol vehicle to be transported back to the scene of the accident in Colorado County. After traveling about a mile, the man arrested reportedly wrapped his handcuffed arms around Brooks' neck while he was traveling on the Interstate and said he would kill the officer.

Brooks said that he was able to control the vehicle and brought it to a stop. He then rolled over into the back seat of the vehicle while the subject was attempting to choke him. The officer managed to radio for help and Troopers Taylor and Durachec arrived on the scene of the assault. It was reported that force was needed to subdue the subject.

Arrested was James M. Wilson, 25 years of age, from Houston and he was charged with driving while intoxicated in Colorado County. Also charges of felony possession of marijuana and attempted capital murder were filed in Austin County.

Wilson was treated at the Columbus Hospital for a cut over one eye and remained there for observation overnight. He was released at 11 a.m. Tuesday and was taken to Austin County to have his rights read and bond set on the two charges. His father reportedly posted a $500 bond on the DWI charge in this county.

2 Suits Filed For Accounts; One For Wreck Damages

Three civil suits were filed in district court this week, two seeking to collect accounts and the third for damages as the result of a wreck.

A suit was filed Feb. 6th by Lasaro Sanchez, a trucker, against Glen Hoegemeyer individually and doing business as Glen Hoegemeyer Dozer Service, seeking to collect an alleged past due account in the amount of $2,168.00 plus interest, costs of court and attorney's fees.

Feb. 10th another suit was filed against Hoegemeyer and his dozer service by Justo Sanches for an alleged past due account in the amount of $5,912, plus interest, costs of court and attorney's fees.

In suit filed Feb. 6th, Ray Braden filed suit individually and next friend of Rhonda Braden, a minor, against Oscar Class and Estate of Oscar Class for damages arising from an accident 1.2 miles north of IH-10 near Columbus on Mar. 7, 1980.

The suit asks for damages in excess of the minimal jurisdiction of the court.

Criminal Pleas Monday

Persons indicted by the February grand jury will appear before Judge E. W. Patteson Monday, Feb. 16th to enter pleas to the charges made against them in the indictments.

C. Of C. To Meet Next Mon.

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will meet at 2:30 p.m. next Monday, Feb. 16th in the council room of the Municipal Building to make plans for a program of work for the year of 1981.

All committee chairmen are urged to call their groups together to plan projects for the year and to be on hand Monday to report these projects for consideration of the directors, said T. J. Smith, president.

He noted that all persons in the community interested in betterment of the community are invited and urged to attend the meeting.

Agricultural Observations

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Date	Air Temp 2/ Max	Min	Soil Temp Max	Min	Evap (ins)	Rain (ins)
Feb						
3	58	28	55	42	.093	
4	54	45	52	50	.001	0.05
5	47	44	50	49	.001	0.24
6	49	41	47	46	.015	0.12
7	73	45	59	47	.055	0.01
8	63	41	61	47	.070	
9	69	41	59	48	.008	0.06

An Artic cold front will move rapidly southward Tuesday bringing strong north winds and below freezing temperatures to the region by Wednesday morning. Highs Wednesday should only be near 40 degrees. Cold weather is expected to continue through Friday. Temperatures should be milder this weekend.

For all areas, strong north winds and rapidly dropping temperatures will be hard on livestock. Extra feed will be necessary as early as this afternoon. Newborns and cows about to calve will benefit most from shelter. This cold outbreak will be a dramatic change from recent warm weather which livestock have been accustomed to. Home gardeners should protect sensitive plants from freezing temperatures tonight and again Wednesday night. Leaf burn may be a problem due to cold north winds.

Greenbug populations won't be favored by cold weather over the next few days. However, growers should continue field inspections this weekend when temperatures warm. Control sprays will be more effective after Friday. Gusty winds through Wednesday will be too strong for safe chemical applications.

Even with plenty of sunshine, the next few days, wet fields will dry slowly due to low evaporation rates. Soil temperature averaging in the 50s may cool somewhat this week.

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Judge And Mrs. M. M. Jones Honored On 50th Anniversary

It was quite a momentous occasion as Judge and Mrs. M. M. (Mac) Jones were honored by their children with an Open House and Reception from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, February 7th, 1981 at The Farris 1912 on the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

Hosts and hostesses for the occasion were Walter and Barbara Jones of Falls Church, Virginia and Ori J. and Eleanor James of Statesboro, Georgia and their children.

Guests were registered at an antique English tea table covered in an embroidered lace cloth. An arrangement of mixed flowers in yellows and golds was centered on the registry table.

Mrs. Jones was presented a white cattleya corsage and Mr. Jones a white dendrobium orchid boutonniere for this special occasion. They received guests in the pink parlor of the hotel.

After greeting the honorees guests enjoyed champagne or fruit punch from a table skirted in a floor length cloth with antique crochet coverlet. Centering the punch table was a French brass epergne holding tall tapers surrounded by an arrangement of yellow carnations, roses, acassia, pussy willow and ivy. To one end of the table was a silver punch service for champagne punch and at the opposite end of the table a fruit punch was served.

Buffet Served

The anniversary cake, a columned apricot nectar cake in ivory icing and adorned with clusters of fresh roses, acassia, daisies, carnations and Hahn ivy, was the focal point on the buffet table. The table was covered in a floor length cloth of heavy gold linen with embroidered lace coverlet. The centerpiece on the table was a tall silver compote, holding an arrangement of yellow tulips, daisies, pussy willow, carnations and acassia. To each side of the centerpeice were tall five candleholder centerpiece er candelabra holding hurricane chimneys.

A delicious menu of Quiche Lorraine and Quiche Chiles, Swedish meatballs, cocktail sandwiches, hoop cheese, party crackers, fresh fruits with sour cream dressings, stuffed party eggs, various relishes, the anniversary cake and coffee, was served from silver appointments.

Married In Mississippi

Agnes and Mac Jones, as they are fondly known, were united in marriage on February 8,1931 in Senatobia, Mississippi with the Rev. B. W. Hudson conducting the ceremony in the Presbyterian parsonage.

The Jones' came to Eagle Lake in 1946. For ten years they owned and operated the Jones Motor Co. (Dodge-Plymouth Agency). He later renovated the building into a grocery known as Mac's Food Market and operated this business from 1955 until 1970 when the Clyde Farthings purchased the grocery.

Mr. Jones began a new business locatec on East Main Street known as Mac's Marine Service. He owned and operated this business for approximately nine years and also during the past twenty-three years he has served as Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 8 and for eighteen of those years as City Judge for the City of Eagle Lake. He now maintains offices for the two courts in the old city hall and fire station building.

Active In Community

Mac and Agnes Jones are members of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as an Elder on several occasions and Mrs. Jones was recently elected as an Elder for the church. She also taught a Sunday School class for many years. She was also a principal at the Lissie School for three years prior to the time the school was discontinued and later served as substitute teacher in the Eagle Lake High School.

They have two children, a daughter, Eleanor (Mrs. O. J. James) and a son, Walter M. Jones; a son-in-law, Ori J. James and daughter-in-law, Barbara Jones; two grandchildren, Mrs. Gary (Laura) Harmon of Bixley, Georgia and Jean James of Atlanta, Georgia; and a small great-granddaughter, Amy Baxley.

Many out of town relatives came to honor Mr. and Mrs. Jones on this memorable occasion, including: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones of La Porte, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Jones Jr. of Friendswood, Bob Jones of Austin, John Paul Jones and Jesse F. Still of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Price Harlan of Mena, Arkansas.

Also present from out of town were: the former Eagle Lake Presbyterian pastor, the Rev. Billy T. McDaniel and wife of Houston; and many, many friends from neighboring cities and from Eagle Lake community.

Just before leaving their home for The Farris 1912, the Jones' received a congratulatory phone call from friends Vyvian and Deane Fletcher in Winslow, Arkansas.

Citizens throughout the area join in extending best wishes to Judge and Mrs. Jones on passing this great milestone and wish for them many more years of happiness.

Kathy Stienke Is Garwood Sorority Valentine Sweetheart

Mrs. Ralph Stienke

Mrs. Ralph Stienke of Garwood was chosen as the 1981 Valentine Sweetheart by the Garwood Alpha Sigma Omicron chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. The Sorority chooses a sweetheart each year at this time.

Born in El Campo on Aug. 19, 1952, Mrs. Stienke is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gann.

Kathy graduated from El Campo High School in 1970 and attended Wharton County Jr. College. On March 20, 1971, she and her husband Ralph were married. They have two children, Ragen 5, and Kristen 3.

Her hobbies include reading, crafts, antiques and plants.

Kathy is one of the charter members of Alpha Sigma Omicron which originated in 1978. She served as treasurer that year and has also served on the ways and means, social, publicity and service committees.

GARWOOD AND NADA COMMUNITY NEWS

MRS. J. F. STRUSKA – 758-3352

Mr. and Mrs. Heine Beken of Weimar visited Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Cranek last Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Beard visited her daughter, Mrs. Jackie Gilbreath in Houston last Sunday.

Sheryl Smith of Abilene spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith of Garwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cook of Pine Hill, Alabama and Mr. and Mrs. James Cranek visited Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Cranek last Saturday.

Mrs. G. M. Cason, Mrs. Robie Millard, Mrs. Guy Conner and Mrs. R. B. Shaw attended a retired teachers meeting at the new library in Columbus.

Friends in Garwood will be glad to know that Mrs. Corine Pinchback, is at home after a few days in the hospital.

Clement Labay Dies

Sympathy is extended to the family and relatives of Clement Labay who passed away last week. Funeral services were held in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial was at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Nada.

Mrs. Herman Trammell spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Trammell and son, Dennis, in Huntsville.

Mrs. R. B. Shaw attended the Alpha Iota Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma meeting in El Campo Saturday, Feb. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

County OK's Payment To Tax Dist.; To Buy 2 Cars

Receives $40,020 Check From Attwater Refuge

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in session Monday, authorized the first payment on the county's allocation to the budget for the Colorado County Central Appraisal District; voted to take bids for two new cars for the sheriff's department and for pre-mix materials for Columbus airport; and acknowledged receipt of a check for $40,020 as part of the revenue sharing program for the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge.

Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment last year which makes mandatory the county's participation in the countywide tax appraisal district. County Judge Lester Cranek noted this fact Monday and pointed out that in 1982 all property values must be on the tax rolls (for 1982 taxes) at 100% of market value.

The county's share of the tax district's 1981 budget, totaling $163,000.00 (based on total 1980 tax levy) was $38,532.06. The directors of the tax district approved payments by the participating agencies in four installments, 40% in the first quarter and 20% payments in the remaining three quarters of 1981. The county's first payment, approved by the court on a 3-0 motion (with Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles abstaining) will be $15,412.83. The remaining payments of $7,706.41 will be made on April 1, July 1, and Oct. 1.

Chief Appraiser Present

Bill Youens, chief appraiser for the County Central Appraisal district, was present at the meeting Monday. He indicated that the revaluation program will take some three years to complete and that some kind of formula will be developed to apply to present valuations to determine tax valuations in 1982 or until the program is completed.

He expressed appreciation for the county's support and added that the district will need to know by early fall if the county wants the district to collect taxes (this remains optional). He indicated that Rice and Columbus school districts are planning to use the district for the collection of taxes.

Judge Cranek asked the appraiser to present to the court as soon as possible figures which might give the court some kind of idea as to the cost that would be involved if the district would assume collection of county taxes in 1982.

Bids To Be Taken

The court approved advertisements for bids for the purchase of two new automobiles for the sheriff's department. Bids will be taken on 1981 Ford LTD's, 1981 Chev. Impalas, and 1981 Pontiac Catalinas with two 1977 Plymouths to be offered in trade.

Also bids will be taken for premix or materials to be used by commissioners in Precincts 1, 2, and 3 in construction of a paved runway at the new Columbus airport south of Columbus.

Bids on these items will be opened at the meeting on March 9th.

Attwater Refuge Check

The $40,020 revenue sharing check from the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge brings to $60,355 funds from the national wildlife refuge this year in lieu of loss of revenue from taxes on the 6,000-acre plus refuge. The court will determine at a later meeting distribution of the funds received with the county and Rice and Columbus school districts sharing in the funds on the basis of loss of revenue from taxes and on the basis of scholastics in the two school districts.

Condemnation Suit

The court approved unanimously an order requesting the county attorney to begin condemnation proceedings against Johnson Family Heirs for right of way on County Road 193, known as Duncan Lane, for the purpose of widening of the road.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loessin said that he has been unable to get heirs, located from Houston to Oregon, to agree to sale of the tract of .387 of an acre in the Joseph Grant Survey, Abstract 233, and recommended the condemnation suit.

Plans are to widen the road so that drainage might be improved and the road improved. The road is heavily traveled by heavy trucks going to the Thorstenberg Arena gravel plant and to the TXI gravel plant.

Courthouse Restoration

Judge Cranek reported that work continues to complete the restoration of the courthouse and he estimated that it will probably be another 30 to 40 days before all the work is done and corrections noted by the judge and project director Arthur J. Willrodt are made. When these are completed the individual commissioners plan to draw up their own list of corrections before, final inspection by the court and project director and other interested persons.

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Welfare Fraud Rate Low in Texas

Investigators from the Texas Department of Human Resources found 4,022 cases of welfare fraud in the state in 1980, it was announced today by Marlin W. Johnston, acting commissioner of DHR.

Johnston said the cases represented $2,689,329 in welfare assistance fraudulently taken from DHR programs.

"While that is a large sum of money," Johnston, said, "it represents only .18 percent of the agency budget, and I think this reflects tight control of welfare programs and substantial assurance that only those who qualify for assistance are getting it."

IN ADDITION to the low fraud figure, Johnston said that welfare cheaters made payments of $703,804 in restitution to the state during 1980.

The fraud figures were contained in an annual report to Johnston from Ed Richards, head of DHR's Investigation Division.

Richards said fraud is attempted most often in the food stamp program, where investigator's found fraud in 2,594 cases in 1980, involving a total of $970,598. More than 1,200,000 Texans participate in the food stamp program.

The next program where fraud is most often attempted is in the Aid To Families With Dependent Children program. Richards said 1,331 attempts to defraud the AFDC program were made in 1980, involving $1,286,837.

ATTEMPTS AT fraud usually involve giving false information about income or the number of people in a household, both criteria for assistance eligibility.

DHR investigators make the cases against welfare cheaters, and then turn the evidence over to local district or county attorneys for disposition.

Richards cited phenomenal success in cases that were prosecuted. Of the 619 cases prosecuted in 1980, 614 ended in convictions.

Other cases are disposed of through agreements between the prosecutor and the offender to make restitution, or in some cases the court may order restitution.

THE NUMBER of fraud attempts generally is highest in the urban areas of Texas, with Dallas having the most incidents of attempted fraud, followed by Houston, the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Beaumont, Austin, Fort Worth, El Paso, the east Texas area surrounding Tyler, San Antonio, Abilene, and Lubbock.

Final Rites For Clement Labay Feb. 7

Clement Labay of Nada passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 4th, 1981 in his home at the age of sixty-two years.

Rosary was recited at the Triska Funeral Home in El Campo Friday evening at 6:00 and on Saturday morning in St. Mary's Church in Nada. Last rites were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7th from St. Mary's Catholic Church with interment following in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Monsignor Victor G. Schmidtzinsky officiated.

Mr. Labay, born Feb. 8, 1918 in Taiton, was a lifetime resident of Nada. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Leo (Martha) Prihoda of Nada; and four brothers, Henry, Fred A., Raymond and Lawrence of Nada; 16 nieces and nephews; 6 great nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were nephews Paul Labay, Danny Labay, Lawrence Labay, Jr., Eugene Labay, Jerry Labay, all of Nada and Felix Mies of Missouri City.

Triska Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Car Totaled When It Hits Cow On 90A Sunday

A 1980 Cadillac was reported to be a total loss after it collided with a cow on Highway 90A three-quarters of a mile west of Rice High School at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8th.

Highway Patrolman Joel Garcia was the investigating officer. His report showed that Mrs. Dale W. Heinsohn of Freisburg was traveling east on 90A when the large red Brangus cow walked into path of her vehicle and hit front center of the car. Mrs. Heinsohn escaped injury.

The cow was killed. Trooper Garcia said the cow had no brand but had an orange ear tag with a K on top and 201 on the bottom of the tag. He asks that anyone having information on the owner of the cow to contact him in Eagle Lake.

2 Vehicles Collide On Postoffice St.

Two pickup trucks sideswiped in passing on Postoffice street near the intersection of Cemetery Street at 10:50 a.m. Wed., Feb. 4th.

Eagle Lake police investigated the accident involving pickup trucks, both being driven west on Postoffice Street, by Melvin L. Faykus of El Campo in a 1980 Ford pickup, and by Samuel Hurd of Eagle Lake in a 1975 Chev. pickup.

Damage was reported to be not heavy. The accident occurred when Hurd attempted to pass the Faykus vehicle.

The day of Harry Houdini's death (October 31) is National Magic Day in the U.S.

5 Named To Fire Ant Committee

Variance Asked For Use Of Herbicide On Grass In Lake

Colorado County Commissioners' Court appointed five citizens in the county who have expressed interest in a federal-state landowner fire ant control program to a committee to organize interested landowners so that an application can be made with the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Veselka posted petitions in Weimar banks and feed stores last week to get a list of names of landowners who might be interested in the fire ant control program which would be financed, 50% by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, 25% by the State Dept. of Agriculture and 25% (or an estimated $1.00 per acre) by the landowner.

The control program would include an aerial application of Amdro. It was not known this week whether or not the chemical can be used on crop land or whether it will be restricted solely to pasture lands.

Other commissioners and County Judge Lester Cranek have indicated that little interest has been shown elsewhere in the county.

In the session of the Commissioners' Court Monday, petitions bearing names of 116 landowners in the Weimar area were received.

Judge Cranek reiterated the county's position that the county did not have the manpower to organize interested landowners by blocking out a sizeable area needed for the aerial application, nor funds to participate in the program. He did indicate that he would be receptive to a resolution to be sent to the state department of agriculture to request the federal-state assistance in the control program if an area can be developed for the program.

Committee Members

The judge said that Bob Heinrich of Weimar has expressed interest in the program and he was named chairman of the Fire Ant Committee. Others expressing interest to the judge were Frank Tate of Eagle Lake, R. E. Wolters of Columbus and Kenneth Danklefs of Garwood and they were named to the committee. Also, named to the committee at the suggestion of Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loessin was Lawrence Ripper of Columbus.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles said that he did not consider the fire ant control program a "function of government" and he said that in all likelihood the program will not eradicate the fire ants and probably will do little to control them. He said that it might be better to concentrate on eradication programs that would be more beneficial to the county's farmers.

In the motion to approve naming of the committee, Stiles abstained and Commissioners Loessin, Veselka and Jerome Wicke voted for the motion.

2,4-D Variance Requested

The court approved unanimously a resolution to be sent to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture asking that a variance be issued to the Lakeside Irrigation Co., Inc. of Eagle Lake for the use of a chemical which includes some 2,4-D for a grass and weed control program on the body of water known as Eagle Lake.

Commissioner Stiles proposed that the resolution requesting the variance be sent to the state agriculture department so that brazilths and other undesirable grass and weeds might be controlled on the lake. Plans are to lower the water level in the lake and then use air boats to distribute the chemicals.

Current 2,4-D regulations in this area restrict the use of the herbicide during the period of March 15 through July 15th in the area south of Highway 90A.

Stiles said that the Parks and Wildlife Dept. plans to join in asking for the variance and has indicated that the use of air boats would be an effective way to control spreading of the herbicide.

Cost of application of the chemical on the lake will be absorbed by Lakeside Irrigation Co., Inc.

The motion to approve the resolution to the Department of Agriculture requesting the variance was passed unanimously.

Other Action

The court in other action:

- Approved telephone applications to place cables in a county road right of way;
- Approved a $1000 bond posted by the firm of Gates and Steen of Austin which has been awarded a contract for the collection of delinquent taxes;
- Discussed attendance at the annual Judges and Commissioners Conference at Texas A&M University Feb. 17, 18, 19;
- Approved a public weigher's bond for A. J. Hill of H&S Grocery in Bernardo.

Jo Lynn Kossa, Willie R. Petrosky To Exchange Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kossa of Ammannsville are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jo Lynn to Willie Ray Petrosky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Petrosky of Yoakum.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows at the Nupital Mass at St. John Baptist Catholic Church in Ammannsville on the twenty-first day of February at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Jo Lynn is a graduate of Bishop Forest High School and of Sam Houston State University. She is presently a teacher at the Eagle Lake Primary School. Willie Ray is a graduate of Yoakum High School and is presently employed by Hunter's World in Yoakum.

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