STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
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AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature may not meet in a second special session after all—Gov. Bill Clements announced last week he has reconsidered the call to repeal the ad valorem tax.

Repeal of the tax was the only issue important to Clements which he "lost" during the recent special session, and the Governor is the kind of batter who wants to knock every pitch out of the ballpark.

But the tax is the focus of a lawsuit, and both Clements and the Legislature now seem content to wait for a settlement in the courtroom. The verdict will give the officials the direction they need.

College Construction

The Texas Constitution levys a 10-cent per $100 valuation ad valorem tax which is dedicated to construction at 17 state universities and colleges. In 1979 the Legislature attached a statute which lowered the rate, making the tax so small that no one even bothers to collect it. However, Midwestern State University at Wichita Falls sued to overturn the Legislature's action as unconstitutional. It is scheduled for trial on August 24, but may be postponed 30 days.

Midwestern Regent William M. Thacker, Jr. came under a lot of pressure in the last days of the special session when the repeal issue was hot. Thacker reportedly caught a lot of heat from Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and other directions to drop the lawsuit. Thacker held his ground.

Would-Be Assassin

Several new twists have occurred in the strange case of Rep. Mike Martin, R-Longview, who was wounded in the elbow with a shotgun fired by an unknown person.

The attack on Martin in the final days of the special session left his colleagues baffled, and the police and press "cynical, but for reasons no one could really figure.

Martin repeatedly made statements about living in fear, and indicated first that the shooting was related to an investigation his office was conducting.

Later he said he was the target of an anti-Christian occult group.

In the course of the probe, Martin ignored two Travis County jury subpoenas and left the state, going into hiding.

Cousin Arrested

Late last week authorities announced Martin's cousin in Longview admitted shooting Martin. No details were released.

And Martin himself is now being sought for arrest by Gregg County officials who uncovered an old misdemeanor warrant for his arrest.

Martin, a carpenter, allegedly assaulted his cabinet shop employee.

Medfly Lawsuit

Texas agriculture officials last week filed a lawsuit against the California produce industry and the U.S. Agriculture Department, seeking reimbursement for funds spent protecting Texas from the Mediterrancan fruit fly.

Now in effect is a $5,000-per-day program to stop produce trucks entering Texas borders and inspect them for the Medfly.

Leading the search is Texas Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown, who has thrown the state's agriculture industry into a tizzy looking for the Medfly. Brown even convinced the Legislature to give him extra funds to combat the fly.

Last week Brown admitted his search program has stopped after inspecting over 70,000 produce-laden trucks, but none have been carrying fruit flies or their larvae. He also said that aerial spray planes are poised to spray Texas fields the minute one fly is found and positively identified.

GOP Gears Up

The Republican Party of Texas chalked up the points in the recent regular and special legislative sessions, and, of course, scored high with Reagan's tax cut victory in Congress.

Now the GOP reportedly is actively recruiting candidates for the 1982 elections, and is courting several conservative Texas Democrats.

Targeted in Congress are Phil Gramm of Bryan and Kent Hance of Lubbock, two Democrats who voted with Republicans on the tax cut issue. Several legislators are also eyed as possible switch-overs.

In the Legislature, the battle over congressional redistricting has polarized the members, particularly in the House. The Democratic Party pitted itself against the Republican Party on the issue, and the outcome cannot really be categorized until all the ballots are in. Democrats claim Speaker Bill Clayton stepped in to win a compromise favoring Republicans. Republicans down-play the victory, saying it was conservative Democrats who actually carried the win for them.

And Clayton, who should know better than most, says his plan does not favor Republicans.

Who's right?

No one will be able to say until the ballots are counted in 1982. But between then and now, political moves are not going to let the grass grow under their feet.

At any rate, conservative Democrats are on the spot again by virtue of pressure within their own party, and Republicans stand to gain a few seats in the Legislature.

EGYPT NEWS

[Mrs. B. H. Tolliver]

Happy birthday to Jane Dobson who has a birthday Monday, Sept. 1st and to Mike Pault on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd.

Mrs. Louise Schaer of Hungerford spent Sunday with the family of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Krenek.

Friends of Mrs. John W. Northington are pleased that she was able to come home Saturday after a week's stay in Caney Valley Hospital for eye treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Griswold of Cleveland are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Earl Parker in Glen Flora and their granddaughters, Mesdames Gordon and Allen Peikert.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dittmar, Jr. and small son, Wesley, returned home Saturday from several days' vacation trip to San Antonio, San Marcos, and New Braunfels.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Carter of Houston were Saturday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kallas.

Sister Of Roy And Rex Sanders Dies

Deepest sympathy is extended to Rex and Roy Sanders in the passing of their sister, Mrs. Eunice Sanders Chromchack, of Victoria, Aug. 13th, in a Victoria Hospital after a long illness. The two Sanders families and a cousin, Jack Obenhaus, attended the funeral in Schulenburg, Aug. 15th. Services were in the Schwenk-Baumgarten Funeral Home in Schulenburg with burial in the Schulenburg City Cemetery.

Mesdames Augusta O'Quinn and Olivan Storey of Wharton were Saturday afternoon visitors with Mrs. Ivy F. Tolliver.

In the report of the teachers and their schools, the name of Mrs. Doris Blunton, who will teach in Lamar Consolidated, was unintentionally omitted.

Becky Weeks and Michael Krenek of Kingsville spent the weekend with Michael's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krenek.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Dowd of New Orleans, La. returned home Saturday after several days' stay with her sisters, Mrs. George Krenek and Margaret Zahn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovell and son, Monty, of East Greenwich, R.I. arrived Sunday for a week's stay in Egypt.

Dwayne Legler of Wharton spent last Thursday with Mark Krenek.

Miss Margaret Zahn was hostess at Sunday night supper honoring Elizabeth, Gerard, and Mark Krenek, Mary Ann Stolle and Dwayne Legler. Other guests were Mrs. George Krenek, Jr. Mrs. Tim Krenek and little Jonathan and Father Rechanek.

Courthouse Restoration Special Meeting Thurs.

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smoke detector "and will cause false alarms." In a letter dated Aug. 11, 1981 he added that "insects have, in fact, caused false alarm problems on other projects using this same type of detector and also other types and brands of detectors. In all cases once the insects were eliminated, the false alarms were also eliminated," he concluded.

Pennington said in his letter to the contractor that "insect infestation in an ionization smoke detector (such as those in the courthouse) can cause the detectors to go into alarm."

Oakley suggested in another letter dated August 10th to the contractor, "that exterminators exercise care when working near the ionization smoke detectors. The nature of ionization type detectors is such that gases other than combustion gas, such as aerosol propellant and many other gases, can cause them to alarm."

Hall added testimony that condensation of water on the units could also cause false alarms but added that the system in the courthouse would not be apt to cause condensation under normal operation conditions.

Clark contended that he put the system into the courthouse which was called for under the contract and that obviously, at least to him, the system is operating properly but the problem is with insect infestation in the walls and ceilings of the courthouse.

Willrodt Not Present

Arthur J. Willrodt of Willrodt and Associates of Columbus, project director for the restoration project, was unable to be present since he was confined to a hospital with illness. He sent to the court a letter from P&S Associates, Inc., consulting engineers and planners hired by Willrodt, stating that P&S found the statements by Edward Company representatives to be "very generalized and not directed to the system-wise problems being encountered at the courthouse." P&S further commented that "it is also surprising that their detectors are so sensitive to insects. The detectors should have insect screens and guards as all buildings have bugs and insects."

P&S engineer Rudolph Saucillo, P.E., recommended that "an independent fire alarm company be retained to thoroughly check the complete installation and equipment and make any corrections, modifications or replacements necessary to put the fire detection and alarm system into a proper, satisfactory working status."

Willrodt dictated a letter from his hospital bed to the court reviewing the options open to the commissioners' court in order to get final completion of the project. His letter pointed out that "the minutes of the August 10th meet reflect that the Court recommended unanimously that Mr. Willrodt of Arthur J. Willrodt and Associates and his affiliates, including engineers, complete the job of refurbishing the Courthouse, deduct all expenses and after completion according to the terms of the Contract, pay off the Contractor, Charles Clark, after all deductions and all mechanical and everything that applies to this job is completed."

Willrodt asked the court to make this official and legal with a proper motion, duly seconded and voted upon at the session Monday of this week. No official action was taken on the matter Aug. 10th although the court indicated support of the option by voice discussion.

All Alarms At Night

Judge Cranek then commented that in his opinion there is no short circuit in the system, as was at first suspected because of the numerous false alarms. "Apparently the system has been properly placed by Circle Double (C) Contracting," surmised the judge. He noted that all indications are that the alarms are being caused by insects (silverfish) and not due to faulty installation. This conclusion was prompted by the fact that insects were found or evidence of insect infestation in detectors which had caused false alarms and by the fact that all alarms were at night and could have been caused by a nocturnal insect such as the silverfish that comes out only at night.

"The question of installing screening to keep out the insects was discussed. Also Hall pointed out that sensitivity of the detectors is adjustable and the settings had been reduced as low as possible. He added however that the units have a built-in safety factor and even the lower settings will still give an ample protection factor of from 30 to 35 percent.

Clark told the court he has done all that he was supposed to do and asked for payment of the $85,000 still due on his contract as a 10% retainer to insure satisfactory completion.

Rhodes of the bonding company said that his bonding company comes into play if Clark fails to pay sub-contractors. He said that he had no concern that the contractor's bond was in jeopardy.

Clark stated that sub-contractors to whom he still owed part of the ten percent being retained are "beginning to put pressure on me and have indicated legal action if they are not paid off." He added that the project was virtually complete in January and final completion has been delayed since then.

Clark contended that he had submitted requests for funds from the $85,000 still due under the contract to the project director but the requests had not reached the Commissioners' Court.

Judge Cranek read the list of "gigs" or deficiencies noted in an inspection June 12th by the court, the project director, contractor and others and Clark maintained each had been corrected as they were reviewed by the judge.

Members of the court and Judge Cranek indicated the contractor is due money if as he says, all of the deficiencies have been taken care of. Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles pointed out however that the county is "paying an architectural firm over $10,000 for expert advise in such matters and we need for them to tell us whether we should make final acceptance or not."

Rhodes told the court that the bonding company can provide a form authorizing payment before final acceptance without jeopardizing bonding guarantees. He added, "I can't comprehend why you're withholding over $85,000 when there's so little to be done."

Clark told the court that he would like payment of the $85,000 still due on his contract so that he could pay off sub-contractors and "I'll leave the $12,300 due to me for work done over and above the contract on the table until final acceptance is reached."

The $12,300 he says is due is for work authorized by the project director and/or the county judge and the court for work not called for in the contract.

When the commissioners agreed with the judge that the court should give serious thought to paying all or a portion of the balance due to Clark, the judge called a meeting at 10 a.m. this Thursday, Aug. 27th in the basement of the courthouse to consider this possible payment and the commissioners voted unanimously to hold such a meeting.

County Auditor M. L. Briscoe recommended that the judge contact the attorneys for the firm handling the certificates of obligation used to finance the project on the legality of paying all or part of the balance due before final acceptance of the project.

Carla Davis, Terry Dostal Are Honored At Pre-Nuptial Events

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Laughlin honored Miss Carla Davis and Terry Dostal at a dinner party at The Farris 1912, last Saturday, August 22nd.

Miss Davis is the bride-elect of Mr. Dostal, and their wedding is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Houston.

Cheese and dip trays were enjoyed during the cocktail hour by relatives and friends of Carla and Terry. Dinner was later served in the dining area. The dinner menu consisted of assorted salads, rib-eye steak, Poulet au vin, sauted rice, broccoli spears, chocolate loaf cake with whipped topping, coffee and iced tea.

Special guests of the couple were the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis of Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dostal and Terry's Godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schobel of Columbus.

The hosts' gift to the honorees was a pair of silver salad tongs.

Honored In Columbus

Carla and Terry were the honorees at an afternoon party at the Robert Schobel country home in Columbus on Sunday, August 23rd. Relatives and friends of the couple were present to spend the afternoon playing volleyball or just visiting. Guests present for the party were from Beaumont, Houston, Austin, Pasadena, La Grange, Ellinger, Eagle Lake, Alleyton, Kingswood and Columbus.

After happy hour the guests enjoyed barbecued chicken, slices of barbecued pork, dirty rice with giblets, potato salad, cabbage slaw, and beans, barbecue sauce, assorted relish trays, hot French bread, poppy seed roll, chocolate cake, poppy seed cake with a nutty custard topping, coffee and iced tea.

Hostesses for the party were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Halfman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schobel of Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Zapalac of La Grange, Mrs. Alton Baumbach of Ellinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bell of Houston.

The hosts' gift to Carla and Terry was a cold meat fork and serving spoon to their stainless.

Miscellaneous Shower

Miss Davis was complimented with a miscellaneous shower at the K.C. Hall in Eagle Lake, on Monday, August 24th. Hostesses for the nuptial social were Mrs. John Baca, Miss Betty Kana, Mrs. V. J. Kana and Mrs. Beverly Mason.

Pink carnation corsages were presented to Miss Davis and Mrs. Henry Dostal.

Miss Jane Dostal registered the many lovely and useful gifts, that the bride and groom will happily use.

The refreshment table covered with a white cloth held an arrangement of pink flowers centering the table. To one end of the table was the white cake decorated with pink roses, and the other end held the fruit punch. Nuts and mints also were served to the 40 friends attending.

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New Fees OKd For Serving Civil Papers

Fees for service of citations in civil court cases were increased by the Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in special session Monday. The action was authorized under House Bill 1617 passed by the last legislative session.

The court patterned the fees after those recently set in Dallas County and a schedule being generally used over the area. The new fees become effective Sept. 1st and if the court had not taken action on the matter by Sept. 1st the present fee of $5.00 would have remained in session.

The new service fee schedule will be as follows: for small claims court civil case, $10 for service of citation; $15 for service of justice of peace court citations; $20 in all other courts; and execution or attempted execution of all other writs and orders were increased to $27.00.

Funds received from the service of the citations will go into the county funds.

Other Action

In other action Monday the court made plans to clean out a garage next to the jail recently sold to Bellnda Roensch with precinct workers to assist in the clean-out before the building is moved;

• Approved an application for a pipeline crossing under a county road in Precinct 1 by Joyce & Hilty, Inc.;

• Recognized the fact that Venius Emmons, Brenda Parks and Samuel Hodge had completed a three day Life Flight symposium in Houston;

• Approved a lease with Custom Systems of Austin for use of a Burrough L-8500 unit in the tax office during the time the tax statements are being prepared, at a cost of $550 for the first month and $250 for the next month, if needed;

• Recognized a certificate of appreciation received from the Governor's Committe on Aging to the Commissioners' Court for its cooperation with the program over the years.

Notice Of Hearing

The court took notice of the fact that a public hearing will be held by the Texas Water Commission in Austin Sept. 8th on an application from B. N. Adams of Houston, owner of a new apartment complex just east of Columbus (Near Poorboy's) to discharge domestic effluent from a wastewater system at the complex.

It was noted that the application to the Water Commission calls for discharge of 35,000 gallons of the treated effluent daily from the wastewater facility into an unnamed tributary which eventually flows into the Colorado River.

The public hearing will be held Sept. 18th in the Stephen F. Austin State Office Bldg., Room 119, in Austin and interested persons are asked to be present if they wish to comment on the application.

Airport Named

The court took cognizance of the fact that the Columbus Airport Foundation's board of directors, in a June meeting, had decided to name the new airport south of Columbus (on the west side of Highway 71) the "Robert R. Wells, Jr., Airport." Investigation of the county's contract with the airport foundation revealed that the Colorado County Commissioners' Court held no jurisdiction in the naming of the airport, hence the decision on naming the airport was entirely up to the Columbus Airport Foundation.

Manage Residue For Next Year's Crop

[By Leroy J. Hajdik
County Extension Agent]

Start your 1982 crop now with proper crop residue management.

Give careful attention to present field conditions and crop residues as these will have a big influence on your crop yields next year. A high percentage of our annual rainfall comes during the fall and winter months, so it's important to begin refilling the soil's water storage capability. Proper residue managment aids this process.

Some deep, fine-textured soils will hold 2 or more inches of available water per foot of depth. This deep moisture is what sustains crops when the going gets rough next July and August.

Good crop residue management requires that stubble be shredded right behind the combine while it still has a high moisture content. Also, destroy root systems to prevent regrowth and subsequent use of soil moisture.

What type of tillage equipment should be used? A sweep, chisel or subsoiler, singly or in combination or any one of a number of other methods, will do a good job.

Partial or complete covering of residues will start the decomposition processes and will supply soil organisms with food and energy. Fresh green residue decomposes more rapidly than aged, air dry residue.

Nitrogen may be applied but probably will not be needed. However, if a crop is to follow shortly (30-60 days), nitrogen fertilizer applied to the residue will be a paying proposition. Otherwise, hold off until later so that the fertilizer will be used more fully by the following crop.

Sometimes the temptation is strong to use crop residues for grazing, baling or burning. Think carefully before putting residues to such use. Ultimately, residues will be of greatest value when used in a sound soil management program to prevent soil erosion, to improve moisture intake and storage, and to increase soil fertility.

Get your land ready to take rainfall when it comes. An inch of moisture stored deep in the root zone this fall will go much farther toward high yields than an inch of moisture in the form of short, summer showers next July or August.

Remember, what doesn't soak in runs off. And run-off carries soil and plant nutrients with it. This is a matter of much public concern today in the battle against pollution.

With proper residue management, you can hold the maximum amount of water when it falls and make the excess move slowly to the bottom of the slop.

Statistics Tell Story

Farming Is Big Business--The Biggest!

A recent report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture points up some interesting facts:

• Agriculture is the nation's largest industry. Its assets, totaling a whopping $927 billion, are equal to about 88 percent of the capital assets of all manufacturing corporations in the United States.

• Agriculture is also our largest employer. Between 14 and 17 million people work at some phase — from growing food and fiber to selling it.

• The foods that pour into supermarkets come in 7,000 to 8,000 different forms, many of which did not even exist five years ago and many very well not exist five years from now. (This is attributed to the fact that Americans are attracted to ever foods with more built-in conveniences — as well as good in attractive packages that preserve the quality.)

• Despite recent rises in food prices, family income buys considerably more food today than 30 years ago, partly because agriculture has become much more efficient and partly because consumer incomes have risen faster than food prices.

• The U.S. has approximately 2.3 million farms. This number is less than previous years, continuing a downward trend that started in 1936.

• Of all farms in this country producing at least $2,500 worth of products to market annually, 89 percent are family-owned.

On the typical family farm of today, the husband and wife are equal partners sharing in major decisions.

Because of the complexities

of running a successful farming operation today, more and more farm families are turning to modern technology for assistance.

Farm management consultants now provide all kinds of data, from how much feed to buy for livestock to marketing and economic expertise.

The kitchen table is no longer an adequate office for a farm business. Office areas with office conveniences are being set up in farm homes.

The familiar copy machine — long a fixture in almost every office in the city — is proving to be a valuable asset on the farm, as well. Small, low-cost copiers, developed by 3M research, require no inks, toners or solvents. They are being used in farm operations to copy everything from planting and rotation schedules, to expense and production records, to stock bloodline entries.

Normal household papers often duplicated by farm families on the 3M copiers include: tax returns, bills, recipes and club bulletins.

And, returning to the Department of Agriculture report, here are more facts and figures. They indicate the size and importance of the business in which these farm families work:

• American farmers now produce over 76 percent more crop output on the same number of acres than their fathers did.

• One farmworker supplies enough food and fiber for 58 people. (Only ten years ago the number was 45.)

• The U.S. exports more farm products than anyone else in the world. The production of one cropland acre in three goes overseas.

Guns Stolen In Burglary Of Home Near Columbus

Carlos Pena, who resides on Highway 71 south of Columbus, reported to the County Sheriff's Office at 2:17 p.m. Sunday, August 23rd that his residence had been entered and some guns stolen.

Investigation showed that entry was gained by cutting a window screen and prying open a window. Taken were: a .22 caliber rifle, a .410 shotgun, a .22 automatic rifle and a .30-30 rifle with a 4x32 power scope.

The burglary occurred between 2:00 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday while the Pena family was away from home.

Soil Conservation District News

[Soil Conservation Service]

Conservation assistance was provided to Mrs. Esther Sunderman of Eagle Lake.

Conservation assistance was provided to Jack Schindler of the Ramsey Community.

Conservation assistance was provided to J. Ralph Meadows in updating his conservation plan.

On Aug. 12, 37 SCS trainees from all across Texas were provided an informational tour of Colorado County.

Conservation assistance was provided to Joe Nash concerning weed control, huisache control, pond management of lily pads, and moss, and grass management.

Information has been gathered to update the conservation plan on the Cullen ranch.

The regular monthly meeting of the Directors of the Colorado SWCD was held on Aug. 18. Those directors attending were: Herbert Engstrom, Henry Sunderman, Theodore Schultz, Melvin Albright, and Royal Hennecke.

District cooperator Ignac Kainer of the Nada area is planning to construct a pond.

District cooperator Stan Thuet of the Columbus area has completed clearing brush and shaping eroded areas. The shaped cleared areas will be established to bermudagrass to control erosion.

Lingerie Shower Honors Valerie Hoffmann

Valerie Hoffmann, bride-elect of Charles Drlik, was honored with a lingerie shower Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Barnett in Columbus. Special guests were Mrs. Arthur Leopold, mother of the bride-elect, and Mrs. James Drlik, mother of the prospective groom.

Guests were greeted with strawberry daiquiris, which was followed by a buffet supper on the patio. The tables were beautifully decorated with arrangements of live purple orchids entwined in greenery.

Hostesses for the occasion were her bridesmaids, Lori Hoffmann, Patricia Drlik, Allison Hoffmann, Donna Drlik, Marsha Hoffmann and Susan Drlik.

The couple will be married on Sat., Sept. 12.

Wallis Woman Dies When Hit By SF Train

A 29 year old Wallis woman, Linda Marie Barta, was killed in a pedestrian-train accident at the intersection of FM 1952 and Highway 36 near Wallis last Sunday.

Witnesses told DPS officers that the woman attempted to flag down an approaching Santa Fe train and the train was unable to stop and hit the woman, killing her instantly.

Justice of the Peace Dennis King of Wallis held an inquest at the scene and ordered the body sent to the Harris County Medical Examiner for an autopsy.

No reason was given for the woman trying to stop the oncoming train.

Brunch Shower Honors Janet Lynn Hajovsky

A lovely brunch and miscellaneous shower complimented Miss Janet Lynn Hajovsky at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, 1981 in the private dining room in Broesche's Restaurant in Eagle Lake.

Pretty white daisy corsages were presented to Janet Lynn and her mother, Mrs. Ted Hajovsky, and to Mrs. R. J. Armstrong, the groom's mother.

The dining table was covered with a white linen cloth and an arrangement of apricot and beige silk roses in a brass bowl centered the table.

A menu of fresh fruit in cantaloupe halves, cheese omelets, hot biscuits, butter, jellies, coffee, tea and fruit juices were served to the honoree and guests.

Janet Lynn received many pretty and useful gifts and was assisted in opening and registering the gifts by her mother and the grooms mother.

Hostesses for the brunch-shower were Mrs. Allen D. Cassady, Mrs. Walter L. Bauer, Mrs. J. K. Davidson, Mrs. Aulton Kingsley, and Mrs. Charles L. Spalinger.

Janet Lynn and Michael John Armstrong were married on Saturday, August 22, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. in St. Philip's Catholic Church in El Campo, Texas.

Burglary At Lundquist Home Friday

The residence of Mrs. Letha Lundquist located on Farm to Market Road 333 nine miles west of Garwood (between Garwood and Rock Island) was burglarized last Friday, August 21st. Colorado County sheriff's office was advised of the burglary at 3:30 p.m. when Mrs. Lundquist returned to her home. Entry had been gained by breaking a window pane on the rear door and reaching inside and unlocking the door.

Reported as missing in the burglary were: a .380 handgun, a .22 automatic rifle, a man's gold watch and a gold bracelet.

Investigation continues by the sheriff's department.

Suit Asks For Maximum Workman's Comp.

A suit was filed in District Court seeking maximum workman's compensation in the amount of $133 per week for 401 weeks by Dan M. Hayes who says he was employed by Jack Cogbill, Inc. when injured in an accident in this county on Feb. 11, 1981. Defendant in the suit is the American General Fire & Casualty Co.

The plaintiff asks for disability and medical benefits, plus costs of suit and attorney's fees.

Suit On Account

Suit was filed in District Court in Columbus Aug. 20th by Daley Aggregates, Inc. against Westfield Ready-Mix, Inc. seeking judgment for an alleged past due account. Daley asks for judgment in amount of $5,714.44 plus attorney's fees and costs of court.

Gene Glovers Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs Gene Glover of Downingtown, Pa. are visiting here in Texas with his mother, Mrs. O. L. Glover and also with his mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Major Dennis of Edna. The Dennis' hosted a big "cook out" barbecue on Saturday, Aug. 22 for their guests.

The Gene Glovers will visit Mr. and Mrs. John Glover in Athens, Tex. before returning home to Downingtown next week.

Mrs. Leona Powell Honored On 93rd Birthday

Mrs. Leona Powell, fondly known as "Nina" was complimented on her 93rd birthday anniversary with a dinner by her daughter, Mrs. Sylvester Castle and Mr. Castle in their home Thursday, August 13.

Among the relatives present was a great grandson, John Sylvester Thomas of Hearne.

Vacation In N.J.

Mrs. O. L. Glover returned from two and half months vacation in Clementon, New Jersey with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nightingale. She also visited her sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Glover of Philadephia, Pennsylvania and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Glover of Downingtown, Pa. She visited Atlantic City and Moorstown, N.J., and attended a banquet given by the Heroines of Jericho at the Tall Pines Inn at Sewell, N.J.; visited in the homes of Dr. and Mrs. Wendell Walters in Cherry Hill, N.J., Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chew and Mr. and Mrs. Myles Halsted of Voorhe, N.J.

Following a going away party in the Samuel Nightingale home in Clementon, N. J., she was accompanied to the airport for the journey home.

Accent On Health

Texas Department of Health
Robert Bernstein, M.D., Commissioner

Deaths Rose To Record In State In '80

Deaths rose to a record number during 1980 but the Texas death rate decreased, State Health Commissioner Dr. Robert Bernstein reported Friday.

The total of 106,018 deaths to Texas residents was the highest ever, but the rate of 7.6 per 1,000 population actually is a decrease from the 1979 rate of 7.8, said Dr. Bernstein. These figures are contained in the new 1980 Texas Vital Statistics report.

The number one cause of death was heart disease with 37,581 fatalities. This was followed by cancer, which accounted for 21,164 deaths, and was followed by cerebrovascular disease with 9,728 deaths. The death toll from accidents was 7,785. Together, the four leading causes were responsible for 7 out of every 10 deaths in 1980.

The remainder of the 10 leading causes of death included:

5. Bronchitis, Emphysema, Asthma and Allied Conditions — 2,910;
6. Pneumonia and Influenza — 2,580;
7. Homicide — 2,428;
8. Diabetes Mellitus — 1,862;
9. Suicide — 1,786; and
10. Certain Causes Originating in the Perinatal Period — 1,676.

Other important causes of death were: Atherosclerosis — 1,653; Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis — 1,472; and Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome, and Nephrosis — 1,060.

In the younger populations — through age 44 — accidents were the leading cause of death, while in the 45-and-over age group, heart disease was the major killer.

Accidents last year claimed 7,785 persons, with motor vehicle accidents contributing 4,295 deaths. A total of 668 persons died from falls, 360 were killed in fires, and 514 drowned.

Accidental deaths claimed 5,683 males and 2,102 females.

Of the total deaths in Texas last year, 1,482 were in children aged 1-14 years. The leading causes of death for these children were: accidents — 732 (including 357 in motor vehicle accidents); cancer — 166 (including 63 from leukemia); congenital anomalies - 107; and homicide — 71).

In the 15-24 age group there were 3,788 deaths. Well over half — 2,032 — were from accidents. Homicide accounted for 701 deaths, suicide for 387, cancer for 156 and heart disease for 93.

There were 7,573 deaths in the 25-44 age group. Accidents led with 2,168 and was followed by homicide with 1,153, cancer with 1,055, heart disease 989, and suicide 719.

Of the 23,695 deaths in the 45-64 age group, the leading cause was diseases of the heart, 8,048, followed closely by cancer, 7,150. Other important contributors were accidents, 1,376, and cerebrovascular diseases, 1,162.

The age 65 and over group registered the great majority of deaths — 68,138. The leading cause was heart disease with 28,351. Cancer was next with 12,624, and was followed by cerebrovascular disease with 8,329, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (including bronchitis, emphysema and asthma) with 2,193; and pneumonia with 2,016.

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Not all the Texas population growth is coming from out-of-state.

Last year, reports State Health Commissioner Dr. Robert Bernstein, there were 273,433 babies born to Texas residents, a record high for the second year in a row. The rate of 19.2 births per 1,000 population also is an increase over the 1979 rate of 19.0 to continue a trend that started in 1977.

There were 139,999 males born in 1980 and 133,434 females, with a ratio of 105 males for every 100 females.

Continuing its steady decline, the infant mortality rate reached another new low of 12.1 deaths per 1,000 births. The 1980 rate is 6 percent less than the previous record low of 12.9 set in 1979.

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The largest number of births last year occurred in August when 25,244 births were recorded, exceeding the 25,045 reported in September. Fewest number of births — 20,441 — occurred in April last year in Texas.

Teenage mothers accounted for a lesser percentage of births during 1980. The 50,097 births to teenage mothers were 18.4 percent of all births reported in the state, compared to 18.8 percent in 1979. There were almost a thousand (998) births to mothers 15 years of age and under.

As recently as 1976, 21 percent of the birth total was to mothers under 20 years of age. During the same period, births to mothers 30-34 years of age increased from 11 percent of total births in 1976 to 13.6 percent in 1980.

July Prices Up For Main Crops

AUSTIN—Average prices received by farmers and ranchers in Texas were higher for most major crop commodities in July, but meat and poultry prices were lower, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown has reported.

The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service statistics for the June 15 - July 15 period show that along with better average prices for crops, interest rates, taxes, and farm wages were higher, Brown said.

The corn average was up a few cents from June to $3.52 per bushel; sorghum up a nickel to $5.14, and wheat down a penny to $3.63 from June prices. Soybeans sold a few cents higher at $6.31 per bushel.

Upland cotton increased slightly to 64.5 cents per pound, but cottonseed dropped $2 to $117 per ton.

The large hay crop this year brought on lower prices, from $73.50 last year to $68 per ton in July. June 1981 prices had an average of $76.50.

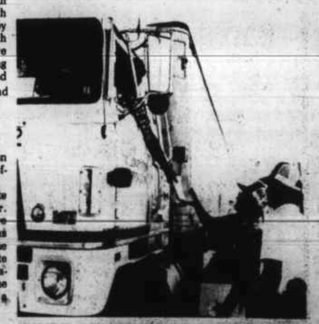
Beef prices continued the slide, from $65.70 per hundredweight in June to $50.30 in July. Hog prices moved up to $48, and lambs remained the same at $64.50 per hundred. Eggs moved up in price to 72.6 cents per doren, but broilers slipped to 29.5 cents per pound.

Mohair was 40 cents higher at $4.50; wool stayed at $1.40 per pound.

Family Land Program Deadline Extended

The deadline for filing applications for the Family Land Heritage Program has been extended to August 31, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown has announced.

The program honors those who have maintained continuous agricultural production on the same land for at least 100 years. For information write the Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.



MEDFLY CHECKPOINTS are still operating on the Texas-New Mexico border with about 1400 vehicles a day checked by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Recent legislation will allow the Department to beef up control measures across the state, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown reports.

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