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FROM OUR READERS

Sharing The Road Safely With Big Trucks

[Editor's Note: This article which appeared in the September, 1981 issue of Better Homes and Gardens was brought to our attention by one of our readers and is timely in light of efforts to increase safety on area highways and roads.]

As you'd expect, auto drivers and their cars are the big losers in accidents involving heavy trucks. The injury toll for the car drivers is higher, and repairs to their cars are costlier. Can you avoid this type of accident? Safety experts say you can, for although some accidents are caused by truck driver error and truck defects, more are caused by careless auto drivers. Here are some tips to help you share the road safely with the big rigs.

Why Do Accidents Happen?

Many truck drivers say accidents occur when an auto driver doesn't keep in mind the limitations of a heavy truck; restricted side and rear vision, slow acceleration, long braking distances, and poor maneuverability.

Truck drivers have difficulty seeing cars in certain blind spots near the trucks. The biggest blind spot is a 12- to 15-foot area directly behind the truck; others are at certain points on both sides of the truck, out of the range of side mirrors.

Another hazard posed by trucks is that their acceleration is slow; the driver shifts three times every one time you shift a car. Also, the weight of the load can slow the truck to a snail's pace going uphill and cause the driver to brake and downshift frequently going downhill. And when the truck stops on an upgrade and the driver engages the clutch, the truck tends to roll back several feet.

The braking distance of a heavy truck at highway speeds can be up to six truck lengths, about 60 feet farther than a typical car's. But on wet roads, a truck may be able to stop in a shorter distance than your car because of superior traction.

Handling problems occur under various conditions. For example, in windy weather and on snow- or ice-covered roads, a truck is difficult to control and may be susceptible to jackknifing.

Dos And Don'ts

•Do merge into truck traffic from ramps at highway speed and avoid pulling into the traffic right in front of a truck. Don't assume a truck will move over to let you enter; there may be a car that you can't see on the left side of the truck. Don't cut in front of a truck to enter on off ramp from the wrong lane, especially when there is no time to signal.

•Don't drive in the blind spot behind a truck. You're invisible there to the driver and your view of the road ahead is blocked. You have only the truck's brake lights to warn you of danger ahead.

•At stop lights, position your car at least one car length behind the truck and stay to the left of your lane so you are visible in the truck's side mirror.

•Keep your headlights on low beam when following a truck at night; high beams can bounce off the truck's side mirror and blind the driver.

•When passing a truck on the left, accelerate past it quickly. If you run alongside the truck, you put yourself in a blind spot and hamper the truck driver's ability to change lanes. Also, keep as far to the left as possible to avoid a sideswipe and reduce the wind turbulence between the two vehicles.

•Try to avoid passing trucks on the right side; the blind spot there is much bigger than on the left side. If you enter the highway on the driver's right side, he may not immediatgly know you are there, especially if you're driving a small car.

•Don't try to outguess a truck's turn signals. If the driver appears to be turning in the opposite direction of his signal, he may simply be swinging the truck out a few feet before turning to keep from climbing the curb.

•Keep an extra distance between your car and a truck in the event of heavy wind, ice roads, or limited visibility due to fog, snow, or rain.

•If you encounter a truck driver who's driving dangerously, notify the highway patrol immediately. Then send a complaint, including any information you have about the truck and the time and place, to: American Trucking Association, Safety Dept., 1616 P St. NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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COLORADO COUNTY Sheriff's Report

A Weekly Report of Activities by Sheriff Jim Broussard

Vehicle Owners Required To Have Liability Ins.

There were many changes in our laws that were passed during the last State Legislature. Some of these changes are very important to our citizens and in time we hope to make everyone aware of these changes. One of the changes made was in regard to Liability Responsibility for vehicle operators. The law requires that all vehicle operators have Liability Coverage on their vehicle. If you drive without this coverage, you may be fined no less than $75.00 and more than $200.00 for the first offense. Repeated offenses could result in the vehicle registration being suspended. This law will start being enforced on January 1, 1982. Another law effective September 1, 1981 is that all vehicles with a 72-hour permit are now required to have a safety inspection certificate on the vehicle.

We will attempt to bring to your attention more changes in the laws each week.

August 24: Checked on suspicious subject in the Bernardo area. Checked on a suspicious subject in the Glidden area. Picked up mental patient in Weimar and transported to San Antonio State Hospital. Issued 8 traffic citations and 2 civil citations.

August 25: Picked up two prisoners in Sealy and transported to Columbus for court. Had JP court. Issued 11 traffic citations and 3 civil citations.

August 26: Checked on injured deer on the roadway near Borden. Had JP court in the AM. Issued 10 traffic citations.

August 27: Investigated a burglary from a vehicle in the Brushy area. Investigated a burglary near Hillcrest. Removed livestock from the roadway near Borden. Investigated a report of littering on 949 east of Columbus. Issued 4 traffic citations.

August 28: Removed livestock from the roadway in the brushy area. Checked on an abandoned vehicle on 71 South. Issued 9 traffic citations and 6 civil citations.

August 29: Investigated family disturbance and transported two children from Eagle Lake to Frelsburg. Assisted Columbus police on the arrest of two female subjects. Arrested one for entering interstate on the off ramp lane. Had JP court in the PM.

August 30: Assisted with traffic at scene of accident on 109. Had JP court in the PM.

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Sacred Heart Parish Picnic In Hallettsville Sun.

Sacred Heart Parish in Hallettsville invites one and all to come to the annual Picnic to be held this Sunday, Sept. 6th at the big new Hallettsville K. of C. Hall.

Delicious stew, fried chicken, dressing, kolaches and pastries will be served beginning at 11 a.m. for $3.50 for adults and $1.50 for children.

In the afternoon there will be an antique auction; a beer garden will be open from 12 noon till 11 p.m. and there will be music by the Geo. Machart Polka Band and Hubert Gerlich Polka Band. There also will be kiddie rides and fun for all of the family.

A Nashville on the Road Dance will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 1 a.m. with admission $5.00 per person for the entire dance. The dance will feature Brian Collins and Becky Hobbs and the Country Glaze and Visions musical groups.

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Go Texan Hay Hauling, BBQ Cookoff At County Fair Sept. 12

Colorado County Go Texan activities will be included in the County Fair to be held in Columbus Sept. 10-12 again this year.

Colorado County Open and Go Texan Fourth Annual Hay Hauling Contest and Open and Go Texan Barbecue Cookoff are planned Sept. 12 according to Chairman Leslie Heinsohn.

Objective of the hay hauling contest is to load 42 bales of hay on a conventional ½-ton pickup truck, drive through a designated obstacle course, unload and stack the hay. The best time wins.

Teams will consist of three members. Teams from neighboring counties are welcome. All members must be residents of the county the team represents.

The pickup can be no larger than ½-ton and must be a conventional step side or fleet side. Side boards, roll bars or other devices of this type will not be permitted. In addition, for verification of size, it will be necessary to present title papers on the vehicle at check-in time.

Five-second penalties will be assessed each team for the following infringements: for each broken bale and for missing or knocking over traffic cones. Each team must provide its own bales. Each bale must weigh at least 45 pounds. Any bales falling from the truck must be reloaded unless the bale is broken or unless the truck has passed through the wire gap at which point, the hay may be loaded onto the truck or directly onto the area designated for unloading. Broken bales must be left until the time has stopped. Each team is responsible for removing its own broken bales.

Barbecue Cookoff

Contestants must cook a minimum of 10 pounds of barbecue which may consist of beef, chicken, rabbit, pork or lamb. No single steaks will be considered by the judges. Entries will be cut into at least 12 bite size cuts when picked up for judging. Sauce may be offered with barbecue.

All contestants must check in and set up between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 12 at the Livestock area. Selection of space will be made by Chief Cooks in order of arrival at the Grounds at 7:30 a.m. No contest meat may be on the grill before 8:00 a.m., Saturday, September 12. Pre-cooked or salted meat is not allowed. All meat must be inspected by committeemen at the time cooking starts. A team consists of a Chief Cook and up to three assistants.

Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. Adequate space will be provided for cooking, loading, and unloading only. Vehicles must be moved to a parking area. Fires must be of wood or wood substances. No electric or gas fires will be allowed. Holes or dug pits are not permitted.

Teams from neighboring counties are welcome.

To Represent County

The Colorado County Champion will represent the County at the World's Champion Barbecue Cookoff at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. All members of this team must be residents of Colorado County.

Trophies will be awarded to the Grand Champion, the Colorado County Champion, and to the Most Colorful Team during the first intermission of the Fair Dance, Saturday, Sept. 12th.

Applications for either or both of the events may be picked up at First National Bank in Eagle Lake, the City Hall and Bumper Crop Ag in Weimar, Nada Grocery, Hansel and Gretel's in Garwood, Potter's Western Store and Leyco Realty in Columbus or Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg.

Free Pizza

Amparo Luna 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 **Sept. 8, 1981.**

Childbirth Classes Start At Hospital Oct. 15

Eagle Lake Community Hospital will present Prepared Childbirth Classes in the hospital's Conference Room on Oct. 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, and 19 at 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. each night. Cost of the course is $35.00 per couple for a four week course. Instructor will be Susan Ray from the Childbirth Education Association of El Campo.

Lamaze techniques, as well as the different stages of pregnancy, will be covered in the classes. The class sessions have a lecture and exercise period. In addition, the following are offered; hospital tour of labor and delivery rooms; labor folders and pamphlets; newborn class reunion; "American Baby" magazine; bi-monthly newsletter; and film showing.

For further information and pre-registration, contact Laura Devenport, Patient Care Coordinator, Eagle Lake Community Hospital, (713) 234-3514.

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Evening Worship 6 p.m.

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11 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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10:00 a.m. Wednesday- Holy Communion

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9:45 a.m. Sunday Church School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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Rev. Charles E. Hunt, Pastor
Sunday Services:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Choir Practice 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Wednesday:
Youth Club 5:00 p.m.

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Rev. Michael Barron, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
P. Y. F. 5:00 p.m.

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Rev. Don Postoal, Pastor
Sunday Services:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Nightly Service 7 p.m.

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Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m.
Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Prayer Service Wed. 7 p.m.

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Eagle Lake, Texas
Rev. J. Melburn Sibley, Jr.
Sunday Services:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
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Wednesday:
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
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Evening Worship 6 p.m.

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Thursday: Prayer Meeting and Teachers Meeting 7 p.m.

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1981 COLORADO COUNTY FAIR

Thurs., Sept. 10 - Sat., Sept. 12

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Location Of Events:
A-Armory V-Veterans Center L-Livestock Area
COLUMBUS, TEXAS

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
3:00-6:00 p.m. Entries accepted - All departments other than Livestock L
3:00-6:00 p.m. Country Store sale items accepted A
3:00-6:00 p.m. Commercial Exhibits set-up TENT (outside)
4:00 p.m. Carnival Opens
Midnight Carnival Closes

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Fair Hours - 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
8:00-9:30 a.m. Qualified specimen plant entries only A
8:00-11:00 a.m. Commercial Exhibit set-up TENT (outside)
9:00 a.m. Country Store opens A (closed during judging)
9:30 a.m. Judging, Home Economics, Fine Arts A
4:00 p.m. Carnival Opens
5:00 p.m. Parade assembly - Downtown Columbus
5:30-9:30 p.m. Livestock entries accepted L
6:00 p.m. Parade/Official opening
7:00 p.m. Family Fun Night at the Carnival
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Dance: Jef & Valerie V
9:00 p.m. Fair closes (Carnival continues until midnite)

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
Fair Hours - 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
8:00-11:00 a.m. Commercial Livestock entries accepted L
8:00-9:00 a.m. Favorite Recipes Contest entries accepted A
9:00 a.m. Country Store opens A
10:00-12:00 a.m. Judging, Favorite Recipes Contest A
Morning Judging Begins, Livestock Show L
Afternoon Carnival Opens
6:30-8:00 p.m. Hay Hauling Contest L
7:00 p.m. Little & Jr. Mr. and Miss Contest V
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Dance: Country Unlimited. V
Evening Live Entertainment A

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Fair Hours - 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
7:30-9:00 a.m. BBQ Cook-Off, weigh in L
7:30-8:30 a.m. Pet Show entries accepted A (outside)
8:00 a.m. BBQ Cook-Off begins L
8:00-10:00 a.m. Open Poultry Show entries accepted L
9:00 a.m. Country Store opens A
10:00 a.m. Carnival Opens
10:00-10:30 a.m. Open 4-H Dog Show Check-in A (outside)
11:00 a.m. Judging, Open 4-H Show A (outside)
11:00 a.m. Open Poultry Show L
12:00 Noon Youth Fashion Revue V
1:00 p.m. Merchant's Fashion Show V
3:00 p.m. Judging Interviews: Queen Contest V
Seymour Room (Private)
4:00 p.m. Judging BBQ Cook-Offs L
7:00-8:30 p.m. Queen's Contest (ticket required) V
9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Dance and Concert: George Strait V
Afternoon-Evening Live Entertainment A-L

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LIVESTOCK JUDGING SCHEDULE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
10:00 a.m. Breeding Rabbits
11:00 a.m. Turkeys
1:00 p.m. Broilers
1:00 p.m. Breeding Sheep
2:00 p.m. Beef Heifers
3:00 p.m. Dairy
4:00 p.m. Open Class Breeding Beef Cattle
5:30 p.m. Breeding Swine
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Open Poultry

Attend The County Fair Sept. 10-12

14 Divisions For Sept. 10 Fair Parade

Colorado County Fair Parade entries are still being accepted for the opening night parade through Columbus, Thursday, September 10. Floats, decorated vehicles, or marching/riding groups are particularly invited.

The line-up for the 1981 Parade will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Milam Street, along with the usual parade route for Columbus. Coordination center will be located at the Nesbitt Memorial Library. It will terminate at the Fairgrounds.

The Parade participants will be judged between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., when the Parade will begin. Categories for awards include the following:

Best Out-of-County Entry, Best Chamber of Commerce Float, Best Colorado County Entry, Best County Fair Entry, Best Historical Entry, Best Marching Band, Best Educational Float, Best Group Unit, Best Decorated Automobile, Best Decorated Bicycle, Best Decorated Dune Buggy, Best Decorated Wagon, Best Decorated Horse, Best Queen's Escort Entry.

The 1981 Parade Committee is chaired by Dale Heinsohn with Donnie and Lynn Templeton as Committeemen.

Floral Design Exhibit At Fair Sept. 11

The 1981 Colorado County Fair has added an innovative new feature to its Home Economics and Fine Arts Departments. Demonstrations are to be held during the Fair, whereby the artist, specialist, or homemaker will show how his works are done.

These demonstrations will range from the informal, 'quilting bee' type to a scheduled program and exhibition on native grasses and their arrangement. Intended to illustrate the skill and techniques of the craftsman, they will be in a format designed to encourage our Fair patrons to converse with the artist and ask questions. It will be an experience in learning as well as appreciation.

Of special interest, the Fair Association has arranged an exhibition and talk by Quentin Steitz on "Colorado County Grasses, Weeds, and Pods for Floral Design." Ms. Steitz is a 10-year resident of the County and has lectured widely on the subject, including the Texas A&M University AIFD Symposium for 1981. She specializes in developing the use of natural vegetation, particularly Texas grasses. It is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Friday, September 11, in the Armory.

Ladies wishing to bring their crochet or other needlework to the Fair and join in the program may do so informally or contact Mrs. Donella Pantel, Colorado County Extension Agent, H.E., at 732-2530.

$150,000 Payment Made On Courthouse Restoration Project

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work done or for change-orders, "on the table" until final acceptance.

After reviewing the last application (No. 14) for payment submitted to the court Dec. 5, 1980, Judge Lester Cranek noted areas where work had been 100% completed. Of 24 areas listed in the report, the application listed 14 which had been fully completed. This prompted Judge Cranek to recommend that "some payment should be made to the contractor to relieve cash flow problems encountered by Mr. Clark" and enable him to pay off some of the sub-contractors who are demanding their money for work done on the project.

Project Director Represented

Project director Arthur J. Willrodt of Willrodt and Associates had been in the hospital and was not able to meet with the court at either of last week's meetings. He was, however, represented at the meeting Thursday by his wife, Mrs. Colleen Willrodt, and secretary. They presented copies of letters sent by Willrodt to the contractor, most relating to the fire and smoke alarm system and the problem of frequent false alarms, to back their claims that the project director has been in frequent communication with the contractor relative to the restoration project, contrary to indications at Monday's meeting that there was lack of communication between the contractor and project director.

It was agreed by the court that the expertise of the project director and his associates and engineers was needed before any final acceptance and final payment can be made.

Mr. Willrodt's secretary pointed out that the county is legally required, under terms of the contract, to retain the 10% of the contract cost ($687,200), until final acceptance is certified by the project director and then for 30 days after final acceptance to assure satisfactory payments by the contractor to sub-contractors, etc.

A representative of the bonding company for Contractor Clark was present and commented that the county can release some of the funds, by completing proper forms, without jeopardizing surety of the contract.

Only $30,000 CO's Left

County Auditor M. L. Briscoe pointed out that only $30,000 in certificates of obligation remain of the $630,000 issue. Judge Cranek noted that when the project was started in October of 1979, the Commissioners' Court opted to issue only $630,000 in certificates of obligation and to pay the balance from the county's permanent improvement fund.

After discussing pros and cons the court voted unanimously to pay Clark $50,000 from the permanent improvement fund and to withhold the remaining funds until certified completion of all deficiences is made by the project director Willrodt and the engineering firm of P&S Engineers of Houston. P&S was due to have engineers at the courthouse early this week to make inspection of plumbing, electrical and heating and air-conditioning work.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles, who has repeatedly voted "no" on restoration decisions, supporting the premise that the job could have been done cheaper by the court letting contracts on a piecemeal basis, joined Commissioners Otto Loessin, Rafael Veselka and Jerome Wicke in approving the $50,000 payment from the permanent improvement fund. Stiles said, "this appears to be a good agreement to take the pressure off the contractor without any intent of final acceptance of all or any part of the work done."

Judge Cranek agreed that this kind of payment would in no way relieve the contractor from responsibility in any of the 24 areas discussed in each of the certificate of obligation applications.

The payment will leave about $47,000 unpaid on the contract and change-orders, stated Judge Cranek. The court feels this is more than adequate to insure quick and successful completion of the project.

Clark promised to get in touch with Willrodt, by certified mail, to set up a meeting in the immediate future to discuss any deficiencies that might remain in the path toward final acceptance of the project.

Dedication Sept. 19th

Judge Cranek and the Commissioners indicated that plans continue for a dedication ceremony and open house for the restoration project on Saturday; Sept. 19th, even if the final acceptance has not been made by that date. A speaker is being sought and further plans for the dedication and open house will be announced in the next week or so.

Bicycles

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ride as near to the right side of the road as practicable. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast.

• Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the Department.

Animals Needed For County Fair's Junior Barnyard

The fascination of children with small animals and with animals having young at their side makes for a delightful exhibit, the Junior Barnyard, a feature of 1981 County Fair.

This year, the feature is moving to the Livestock Show Area and promises to be even more entertaining than before. The Barnyard always features something different and unusual.

Chairman R. C. Kleimann and his assistant, Joe Potter, are seeking any animal or 'family' of animals for this exhibit. Kleimann can be contacted at 732-5669. Should you have something to contribute, call him.

Helicopter Rides To Be Offered At Fair

Another new feature of the 1981 Colorado County Fair is the Salalka Aviation Service Helicopter Rides. Trips will be offered in the Bell 47G, the world's most reliable and widely used helicopter.

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Mrs. Earl Braden Jr. Honored At Pink & Blue Shower

Mrs. Earl Braden, Jr. was the honoree at a "Pink and Blue" Shower Sunday, August 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Philip Shindler.

Hostesses for the social were Mrs. Shindler, Mrs. Sue Canaris, Mrs. Susan Hadley, Miss Kathy Frenzel and Mrs. Amenda Kincheloe.

Special guests present were mothers of Ann and Earl, Jr., Mrs. Lillian Kincheloe and Mrs. Earl Braden and his grandmothers, Mrs. E. J. Braden and Mrs. Will Walker.

A hand crocheted cloth covered the refreshment table that was centered with a pretty begonia in a ceramic rocking horse container.

The afternoon was spent playing games, opening the useful gifts and enjoyed the refreshments.

The begonia plant and a nursery lamp were gifts to the mother-to-be from the hostesses.

Dan Canaris' Are Parents Of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Canaris are the happy parents of a daughter born Sunday, August 30 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton at 9:11 p.m. The little lady's name is Rebal Doree' and at birth she weighed seven pounds and eight ounces and measured twenty-one inches tall.

Rebal is the first girl to be born into the Canaris family in twenty-five years and in the Mathis family in twenty-eight years. Also she is the only great granddaughter for Mrs. P. H. Brandt out of eight great-grandchildren.

The Canaris' have a son, Blake, age three years.

Welcoming the new arrival are grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Canaris of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Audrey G. Mathis of Wharton and a great grandmother, Mrs. Brandt of Richmond.

Amtrak Cuts Passenger Service 10%

[By Cong. J. J. Pickle]

The Amtrak Board of Directors has adopted a 10% cutback in passenger rail service across the United States. The Inter-American line through Texas will feel a severe pinch.

Acting under the reduced budget demanded by the Administration and agreed to in slightly higher form by the Congress, Amtrak has to comply with stricter ridership quotas. The Inter-American has failed to meet the original quota established 2 years ago.

Under the Board's recommendation the Inter-American, which now stretches from Chicago to Laredo, will be cut to thrice-weekly service south of St. Louis. Two legs will be eliminated altogether...the Temple to Houston line which stops at Brenham, and the San Antonio to Laredo segment. One bright spot promised is connecting service in San Antonio to the Sunset Limited, for more direct service to California.

Naturally, I am quite disappointed with the Amtrak cuts. Many of us have said for a long time – and even the President of Amtrak agreed when we met in my office – that thrice-weekly service certainly does not serve to encourage regular ridership, if the riders feel they cannot depend on daily runs. In fact, such a cutback might be the start of a slow death for the Inter-American.

However, this disappointment is only the latest in the series we have encountered almost since the beginning of Amtrak. As a then-member of the House Commerce committee with jurisdiction over railroads, I was instrumental in getting the system established. A semipublic corporation seemed preferable to the loose knit, often poorly run and financed system of private train routes. Lack of ridership had caused facilities to deteriorate. With government subsidies we felt that in time, the system could become profitable, and we could reverse the fears expressed in a popular song of a few years ago..."Nobody Cares About The Railroad Anymore."

Hill Crest Business Is Burglarized

At 10:30 a.m. August 27th Mrs. Ronald Wick of Hill Crest on Highway 71 north of Columbus, reported to the County sheriff's office that her place of business had been broken into. Entry was gained by breaking a window on the south side of the building.

Taken were a Sylvania portable color TV, approximately 150 pounds of meat, and approximately $25 in change.

Investigation of the entry continues.

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