COLORADO COUNTY

Sheriff's Report

A Weekly Report of Activities by Sheriff Jim Broussard

County Law Enforcement Assn. Needs Support

We have talked in the past about Senior Law Enforcement officers working together in Colorado County. This is working well; however, there is another organization in the County that has received very little publicity which I feel deserves recognition. That is the Colorado County Law Enforcement Association. This association consists of the law enforcement officers, judges and prosecutors. This association meets once a month and allows all personnel involved in law enforcement to exchange information and policies. It creates a better working relation between departments, judges and prosecutors.

The association held its annual election on September 3rd, and the following personnel were elected: Sheriff Jim Broussard, president; Sgt. Gilbert Kiel, vice president; Justice of the Peace Mary Ordner, secretary-treasurer. The board of directors includes Eagle Lake Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner, Weimar chief of police Ken Hollan, Eagle Lake Sergeant Lupe Villarral and Eagle Lake Relief Officer Ike Etheridge.

Week's Activities

Aug. 31: Removed livestock from roadway in Altair. Investigated a vandalism near Nada. Worked school areas and school bus routes. Issued 14 traffic citations and 3 civil citations.

Sept. 1: Assisted with traffic at scene of accident on IH-10. Responded to a burglar alarm near Bernardo. Worked school areas and school bus routes. Transported mental patient to San Antonio State Hospital. Issued 16 traffic citations and 12 civil citations.

Sept. 2: Worked school area and school bus routes. Checked on abandoned vehicle on IH-10. Removed livestock from roadway. Assisted with traffic at scene of accident on IH-10. Issued 9 traffic citations and 4 civil citations.

Sept. 3: Transported prisoner to Bellville for court. Had county court. Assisted with traffic at scene of accident on IH-10. Investigated theft near Hill Crest. Issued 6 traffic citations and 10 civil citations.

Sept. 4: Assisted with traffic at scene of accident near Nada. Arrested one for public intoxication. Issued 9 traffic citations and 6 civil citations.

Sept. 5: Checked on suspicious vehicle at 949 East of Columbus. Checked on trespassers on 949. Assisted with traffic at scene of accident near Alleyton. Assisted Columbus police in arresting a drunk. Investigated a complaint of trespassing near New Town.

Sept. 6: Removed livestock from roadway on IH-10. Investigated a reported attempted theft in Rock Island. Checked on suspicious subjects on County Road 204. Worked the Nada picnic. Assisted Eagle Lake police with crowd control at dance in Eagle Lake.

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Malathion Profile Is Discussed

By Leroy J. Hajdik,
County Extension Agent

Agricultural professionals all over the country are being quizzed by their surburan neighbors about malathion's toxicity, due to the California Medfly situation and all the attendant publicity.

The South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service recently furnished the following comparison on the topic in a newsletter in which it recommends malathion's use to control spider mite damage on trees and ornamentals, a severe problem in dry weather, and as a treatment (along with five other possible insecticides) for adult corn rootworm beetle control. Here is the South Daokta comparison of malathion to some of the common drugs and chemicals used by most people in everyday life:

"The acute oral toxicity of malathion is rated at greater than 4000 milligrams per kilogram. By way of explanation, antifreeze or table salt in a single dose is more toxic than malathion." The acute oral toxicity of antifreeze is 3500 Mc/Kg. Table salt is still more dangerous. Its acute oral toxicity is 3300. And such frequently used prescription drugs as phenobarbitol and amphetamine are 660 and 5. South Dakota Extension also points out that exposure to minor doses is not cumulative in mammals.

As a note of explanation on the toxicity levels, the smaller the number, the greater the oral toxicity.

Burglars Enter Mikeska's In Columbus

Columbus police are investigating the entry of Mikeska's Barbecue in Columbus where a burglar apparently punched a hole in the roof of the building and dropped sixteen feet to the floor inside the building.

Columbus Chief of Police Tom Wine said the hole was small so it is believed a small person entered the building sometime during last Thursday night.

A desk was reportedly pried open but what was actually taken, if anything, was not reported.

Columbus police are continuing the investigation.

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$12.59 Top Bid For Rice Here Last Week

Eagle Lake office of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association held its sixth sale of the 1981 season on Wednesday of last week with $12.59 per hundredweight (Cwt.) being the top bid of the day. The association offered 60,893 Cwt. of rice in 13 lots.

The top bid of the day, $12.59, went to two lots of LaBelle rice, grown by Jetelina-Shanks Farms which milled 57-70-1 and to Chas. Gaskin (A. A. Anderson) and it milled 63-71-1.

Five other bids were $12 and over while the remainder of the rice brought top bids ranging from $10.91 on down to $8.78.

Virtually all of the first crop rice has now gone up for bids, but very little of the rice has been sold on bids offered.

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Cellar Door Homemakers Plans Display

Cellar Door Homemakers Club met Monday, August 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Chris Labay.

President Kathy Leopold called the meeting to order. The theme discussed was Achievement Day. The club decided on a display "Saving Energy." The next meeting will be a workshop on Mon., Sept. 28.

The next microwave class will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Karen Popp.

Attend Golden Wedding

Mrs. Christina Kretzschmar, Mrs. Betty Nelson of Mentz and Mrs. Leola Ludwig of Bay City spent the weekend in Mena, Arkansas. They went for the occasion to help Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marx, former residents of Eagle Lake, celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. On their return home they went through the mountains of Oklahoma.

On Sunday morning they attended Mass in the St. Agnes Catholic Church at the 8 o'clock Mass in Mena, Ark. with Fr. Ernest Hardesty as pastor and at 10 o'clock they attended the Trinity Lutheran Church with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marx in Mena, Ark.

AARP Hears Program On "How To Eat And Stay Well"

The American Association of Retired Persons met at 12 noon Wed., Sept. 2, 1981 in the Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Esther Sunderman asked the Lord's blessing for the bountiful meal, which consisted of meats, vegetables, salads, cakes and pies, iced tea and coffee.

Following the meal, Mrs. Tommie Neiswender, the club's president, called the meeting to order. Ed Schindler read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read. Mrs. Gladys Gold gave the treasurer's report on the club's bank business.

There were 39 members present who reported 376 hours of Social Service. The club welcomed two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kemper of State Street in Eagle Lake.

Mrs. Nellie Larson, the club's program chairman, introduced Mrs. Nancy Johnson, consulting dietician, and Ms. Laura Devenport, who is patient care coordinator in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The subject of the lecture was "How to eat and stay well."

Some highlights of talk were: For energy the body needs minerals, carbohydrates, protein, fat and water. If the body can't tolerate milk (sweet) use buttermilk of which we need 2 cups a day, we need meat, fish, poultry and should have two or more servings per day, four servings of vegetables and fruit each day for Vitamins A and C.

We were given a hint on how to use less sugar: decrease sugar and add more vanilla flavoring. We were told honey has same amount of sweetness as pure sugar.

The ladies showed slides to emphasize the lecture. It was all very helpful and may each of us take a lesson from it.

Mrs. Eva Marshall dismissed the meeting with a prayer.-Mrs. Hazel Havens, Reporter.

Police Investigate 2 Possible Entries

Eagle Lake police were called during the Labor Day weekend to check on two possible burglaries.

Patrolman Jack Reed received a report at 8:30 p.m. from Johnny Luna who resides at 307 Dobbins that someone had entered the home through a screen and had cooked himself or herself a meal for supper. It is thought that it might have been an unidentified relative or friend.

At 9 p.m. Saturday the officer was called to the Edna Mascheck residence at 308 Dobbins where she reported that she came home and found the front door to her home ajar.

At first it was thought that nothing was missing and that perhaps the door had been left ajar; however it was later ascertained that some knives were missing from the kitchen of the home.

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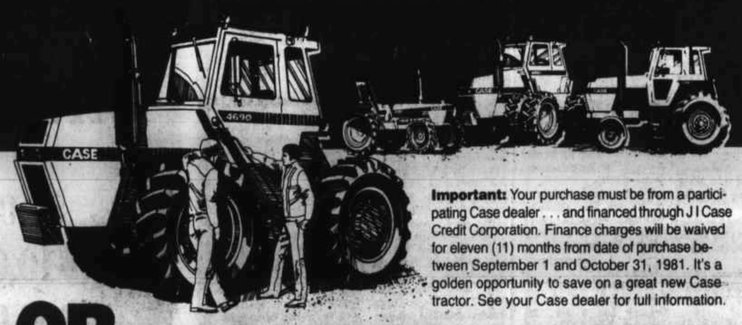

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Gravel Truck Crashes Into Side Of Gasoline Truck

Robert W. [Bob] Meitzen miraculously escaped only with cuts and bruises when the 1966 Ford gasoline truck which he was driving on Highway 90A west of Eagle Lake last Thursday morning, was struck in the left rear side by a large gravel truck which attempted to pass Meitzen's truck as he turned into the driveway of the J. H. Clipson home. The truck was loaded with over 700 gallons of diesel fuel and some of the fuel spilled before the truck was righted. Fortunately, the truck was not carrying gasoline, as is often the case. Meitzen escaped by crawling out through the windshield of the wrecked truck.

Bob Meitzen Escapes Serious Injury When Gravel Truck Hits Gas Truck

Those who were called to the scene of the collision of two trucks, one a gasoline truck loaded with over 700 gallons of diesel fuel, at 8:15 a.m. last Thursday, Sept. 10th, continue to marvel at the fact that the driver of the fuel truck, Robert W. (Bob) Meitzen escaped with cuts and bruises and a major fire and catastrophe was narrowly averted.

Meitzen was driving a 1966 Ford truck owned by the local Phillips 66 distributor, W. F. Meitzen, headed west and was making a left turn into the driveway of the J. H. Clipson home eight-tenths of a mile west of Eagle Lake, when his truck was hit in the left rear side by a large gravel truck and trailer.

Driver of the gravel truck was Cesar Diaz of Katy and he owned the truck which was under lease to Aggregates, Inc.

According to the investigating officer, Highway Patrolman Ray Munsell, Diaz started to pass, in a no-passing zone, when he saw the fuel truck making the left turn. The gravel truck skidded for over 100 feet veering to the left and striking the fuel truck in the eastbound lane. The fuel truck rolled over one time and landed on the passenger side, beneath a large oak tree on the Clipson property. The vehicle rolled and skidded for some fifty feet before coming to a stop.

The front end of the 1976 Brockway truck was damaged when the truck slammed into the left rear side of a gasoline truck owned by the local Phillips 66 distributors, Walter and Bob Meitzen. Driver of the truck, Cesar Diaz of Katy, was ticketed by the investigating officer with passing without sufficient clearance. Diaz escaped injury in the collision.

Fortunately Meitzen was able to crawl out of the wreckage, through a broken windshield, receiving numerous cuts on his hands in this attempt. He also had severe bruises on his head and body and was taken to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital for treatment and observation and released.

With the truck on its side, some of the diesel began leaking from the tank of the fuel truck, creating the possibility of a fire, however the situation was not nearly as serious as it could have been if the truck had been carrying gasoline as it often does.

Eagle Lake firemen were called to the scene and a wrecker from Mike's Auto Parts assisted the firemen and other volunteers at the scene in getting the fuel truck back onto its wheels with most of the diesel fuel still in the tank. Mike's wrecker brought the vehicle to the Meitzen Service Station at the corner of McCarty and Postoffice.

Patrolman Munsell issued a ticket to Diaz for passing without sufficient clearance.

Commissioners Authorize Completion Of Alarm System

Give Willrodt And Associates Authority To Complete Alarm System

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, after meeting with Arthur J. Willrodt, project director for the courthouse restoration, Monday adopted a resolution which the court hopes will lead to final completion of the project.

The court adopted a motion, unanimously, to have the project director and his associates, P&S Engineering of Houston, to hire an independent fire detection and alarm system contractor, authorized by the manufacturer of the installed fire and smoke alarm system, to make a complete and detailed check of the system, and try to determine the reasons or causes for frequent false alarms and to make corrections required or complete replacement of the system.

Willrodt presented a letter to the court from the P&S Associates, signed by Rudolph Saucillo, P.E., recommending that such action be taken and that a sum in the amount of $25,000 be withheld from final payment to the contractor to stand costs of repairs or replacement.

Saucillo said in his letter that if the reason for the false alarms cannot be located, due to malfunctioning equipment, etc., within the next 30 days, that the present system be completely removed and replaced by the system of another nationally known manufacturer.

Willrodt also presented to the court, in writing, a summary of his meeting with Larry Edwards and Bob Singletary of Electronics Unlimited of Houston. They told the project director that their

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East Bernard Man, Melvin Backhus, Killed In Accident

A 57-year-old East Bernard man, Melvin William Backhus, was the victim of a tragic accident last Thursday morning at a location near the Lakeside Inc., dryer and storage facility on FM 102.

Backhus, an employee of Everett Anderson Farms, reportedly was working on a combine and was in the process of removing the platform and feeder housing from the combine when the piece of machinery from the combine fell across his head and neck, apparently killing him instantly.

Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones held an inquest at the scene. He surmised that the accident occurred at around 9:30 a.m. Backhus' body was found at 11:25 a.m. by Albert Tomchesson, foreman for Anderson farming operations. Tomchesson immediately called the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps and the Eagle Lake Fire Department, but Backhus was pronounced dead at the scene.

He had been an employee in the Anderson family for

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Raiders On Rampage! Travel To Needville For Non-Dist. Game Fri.

The Rice Raiders will wind up their thus far impressive non-district schedule this Friday night in a game against the Needville Bluejays, there, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Coach Clifton Darden's rampaging Raiders are coming off two decisive wins over La Grange, 33-7, and Hallettsville, 45-0, and are favored again this week against the Jays.

The game could give some insight into the Raiders' standing in District 22AAA as Needville has played two league members. The Bluejays edged Sealy 7-6 in the season opener and were toppled by Bellville 27-0 last Friday night.

Raider fans are urged to attend this Friday's game to support Rice in their final action before the all-important district race begins. The Raider cheerleaders and Outriders will again be on hand to lead the yells and the mighty Raider Band and twirlers will provide their usual outstanding halftime entertainment and spirited music throughout the contest.

County Budget Hikes Funds For Fire Depts., Libraries

Santa Fe RR To Close Freight Office Here

Santa Fe Railway plans to establish a regional freight office at Bay City, designed to improve service to customers and create a more efficient operation, J. R. Fitzgerald, general manager, Amarillo, announced on Tuesday of this week.

The plan contemplates absorbing the agencies at Eagle Lake, Newgulf and Wharton, and consolidating this work at the regional office.

At the same time, Santa Fe announced plans to maintain a regional yard office at Eagle Lake. The regional yard office will be staffed with personnel to support and assist the regional freight office in train operations and customer services.

A meeting was held by Santa Fe officials in Wharton on Tuesday, Sept. 15, with shippers and city officials from the affected communities to explain the new operation and answer questions about the plan.

"These small agencies have

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Barbara C. Miller

Bank Names Barbara C. Miller Cashier

Following the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank last Wednesday, Board Chairman W. H. Harrison, Sr. and Bank President W. H. Harrison, Jr. announce the election of Barbara C. Miller as Cashier. Mrs. Miller replaces Gene F. Brown who resigned to enter private business.

"We are pleased to have Barbara assume the duties of Cashier, along with her responsibilities as Operations Officer for the bank," said President Harrison, "and we also extend our best wishes to Gene Brown in his new business."

Mrs. Miller began with the bank as a bookkeeper in 1966. She was promoted to Assistant Cashier in 1973 and more recently elected Assistant Vice President and Operations Officer in January 1979. She is presently the secretary-treasurer of the South Central Texas Bankers Association and is an active member of the National Association of Bank Women.

Barbara and her husband, Welton R. (Ronnie) Miller, have two children, Chad, age 12, and Krista, 8.

A $2,645,409.00 budget for Colorado County for the year of 1982 was adopted by the Commissioners' Court, in regular session Monday, but not before a discussion lasting over five hours resulting in sizeable increases in the allowances for libraries and fire departments in the county and addition of a part-time employee to the tax office, and a slight increase in telephone allowances for the county extension agents.

A public hearing on the 1982 budget began at 1:30 p.m. and it was nearly seven p.m. before the court finally officially adopted the budget.

County Judge Lester J. Cranek reviewed the budget in detail noting that the county will have $507,232,603 in valuations to which a 20.6 ad valorem tax rate can be applied; and after exemptions, a total of $475,511,243 in valuations will be available for the 8.2 cents tax rate for additional ad valorem.

The 28.8 cents total tax rate is allocated in the budget as follows: .3 of a cent to the jury fund, 6 cents to road and bridge, 4.15 cents to road and bridge special, none to permanent improvements, and 8.20 to additional ad valorem, totalling 27.10. Also the budget allocates 1.7 cents to the interest and sinking fund to retire certificates of

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Blood Drive To Be Held Here Sat.

Members of the Eagle Lake Ministerial Association will show their support for the blood needs of area patients by sponsoring a community blood drive this Saturday, Sept. 19.

Skilled personnel from the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will screen and draw donors from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church at 108 East State St. in Eagle Lake.

Reverend Paul Krupicka, chairman of the blood program, urges all area residents to participate and to credit their church or other group account. The donation of one unit of blood will cover the blood needs of your family for a whole year.

Since The Blood Center furnishes over 300 units of blood annually to patients in

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Teller Gets 5 Yrs. Probation For Forgeries

District Judge B. B. Schraub pronounced sentence last Thursday on David Teller who was indicted by the grand jury in this county for forgery of checks of Ashby Oil and Mud Co. of Eagle Lake.

Teller had entered a plea of guilty on August 12th. Judge Schraub ordered Teller to make restitution in the amount of $2,114.25 to the First National Bank in Eagle Lake for checks passed to local businesses; and also was given a five year term of probation.

Rice Dist. Board OK's New Insurance Plan For Employees

OK's Butane Bid By Modern Fuels

The board of education of the Rice Consolidated School District met in regular session Monday and approved a new health insurance program for employees of the district, accepted butane bids for the 1981-82 school year; and took action relative to participation in the Colorado County Central Appraisal District.

The board approved use of the Texas Association of School Board's health insurance program, provided that some questions brought forth by the board members can be resolved.

The health insurance program offered by TASB has a $200 deductible clause, but includes $5000 life insurance along with health insurance provisions. The new premium schedule will be $39.19 for employees (paid by the Rice District); $67.43 for employee's spouse; and $41.88 for addition of a child; or a family policy for $108.12. This compares with the previous rates of $28.43 for employees, $43.29 for spouse, $28.59 for a child, and $69.88 for family coverage. Metropolitan Insurance was the carrier for the 1980-81 year.

The new TASB coverage is expected to commence on October 1st but until that time, the coverage will be continued by Metropolitan. Bids were also considered from Metropolitan and Horace Mann, however the board accepted the TASB program as the one most advantageous to the employees and to the Rice District.

The board also accepted the bid of Modern Fuels, Inc. of Garwood to provide butane for the 1981-82 year at a cost of 81 cents per gallon. Only other bidder was Schindler LPG, Inc. of Eagle Lake which bid 68c per gallon. Both bids contained clauses that state prices will increase accordingly when the price to the supplier increases.

Chief Appraiser Present

Billy Yossen, Chief Appraiser for the Colorado County Central Appraisal District, met with the board to discuss the method of election of appraisal board members in 1982 and also on the possibility of postponing

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Rhino D Day Tillage Demo This Thurs.

W. A. Virnau & Sons, Inc. of Sealy will sponsor a "Rhino 'D' Day" tillage demonstration this Thursday, Sept. 17th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The demonstration will be on Highway 3013 eleven miles east of Eagle Lake; or if you're coming from Sealy, five miles west of Sealy on 3013.

Walter Virnau, Jr., owner of the implement company with facilities in Eagle Lake and Sealy, invites all interested persons to attend the demonstration and test drive the new Rhino tillage equipment.

Virnau said Tuesday if the rain stops, plans are to hold the demonstration as planned this Thursday; however, if more rain falls Tuesday and Wednesday, it will be necessary to postpone the event until Thurs., Sept. 24th.

Courthouse Restoration Program, Open House Sat.

Public Invited To Attend 10 a.m. to 12 Noon Saturday

Final plans are being completed for the program and open house to be held at the Colorado County Courthouse this Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in recognition of the courthouse restoration program. The courthouse restoration project was started in the fall of 1979 and although the commissioners' court has not made final acceptance of the project, virtually all of the work is done with the exception of successful completion of the smoke and fire alarm system in the project. The restoration program was completed at a cost well in excess of $800,000 and County Judge Lester J. Cranek and Commissioners Otto Loessin, Rafael Veselka, Jerome Wicke and Bill Stiles hope that all citizens of the area will take the opportunity to view the beautiful restored courthouse which was originally constructed in 1890.

Speaker Uncertain

County Judge Lester J. Cranek said Tuesday afternoon that the proposed speaker, Truett Lattimer, executive director of the Texas Historical Commission, will be unable to attend and at press time no speaker had been definitely named.

The program is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. James (Mary Elizabeth) Hopkins of Garwood and Columbus, chairman of the Colorado County Historical Commission is expected to give a brief history of the five courthouses which have existed in this county and make remarks relative to the construction of the present building in 1890.

A historical restoration plaque from the Texas Historical Commission will be placed in the courthouse during the program.

Restoration project director Arthur J. Willrodt of Columbus is assisting the court in making plans for the program and open house. Invitations have been extended to county officials throughout this area to attend the program and open house. Refreshments will be served.

Tours of the courthouse will begin immediately following the program and will continue until 12 noon. County officials with offices in the courthouse will have personnel on hand to discuss the functions of the various county offices.

Last Charter Member Honored

Mrs. John Chauncey, the last surviving charter member of the Eagle Lake Study Club, seated, was guest of honor at the club's annual Founders' Day program at the David Waterman home last Wednesday, Sept. 9. With Mrs. Chauncey is Miss Kathryn McKee who gave an informative discussion on founding of the club and moderated questions directed to Mrs. Chauncey relative to the club's activities since being founded in 1919 with 11 charter members. See story on page three.