

COLORADO COUNTY Sheriff's Report

A Weekly Report of Activities by Sheriff Jim Broussard

Sheriff's Dept. Has Tool For Engraving Prop.

The Sheriff's Office has available to our citizens an engraving tool to mark their belongings. A few people have taken advantage of this and the Columbus Chamber of Commerce purchased another engraver for the Sheriff's Office. We now have two engravers at your disposal. We will also furnish a decal to place on your property advising burglars that your belongings are marked and the police has access to the marking on your items. You may also get a pamphlet from the Sheriff's office to make a recording of all your items and the marking on them. You can either obtain the tool, or if you so desire, we will mark your items for you.

Sept. 21: Had District Court, worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Investigated a burglary near Eagle Lake. Investigated a vandalism near Rock Island. Investigated a disturbance near Altair. Issued 6 traffic citations and served 4 civil citations.

Sept. 22: Had District Court. Investigated a vandalism near Sheridan. Investigated a missing boat in Garwood. (The boat has since been found). Worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Transported three mental subjects to San Antonio. Investigated the theft of cattle. Issued 9 traffic citations and 8 civil citations.

Sept. 23: Worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Assisted with traffic at scene of accident on 90A near Eagle Lake. Had JP court in the AM. Had County court. Assisted Columbus police at scene of accident in Columbus. Checked on suspicious vehicle in the Brushy area. Investigated a burglary at Garwood School. Arrested one for driving while license suspended. Issued 9 traffic citations and 8 civil citations.

Sept. 25: Worked school

42,000 Texans Lose Dependent Aid, 69,000 Food Stamps

The Texas Department of Human Resources estimates that 42,000 Texans, including 38,000 children, will lose Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) benefits and 69,000 Texans will lose food stamp benefits under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 which takes effect Oct. 1.

A \$12 million, 17.7 percent cutback in federal Title 20 social service funds for Texas, the major source of dollars for DHR's social services programs, also takes effect Oct. 1.

About 314,000 Texans now receive AFDC. The 42,000 to be dropped from the program, 19 percent of the total, represents about one of every eight recipients. Those dropped will also lose their eligibility for Medicaid.

Thousands of other

families who retain eligibility for the AFDC food stamp programs will receive reduced benefits as a result of the sweeping changes Congress has made in the laws governing these programs.

Many Affected in County

In August of 1981 in Colorado County 492 households including 1,207 recipients received food stamps totaling \$43,125 and 157 families or 436 recipients received a total of \$13,500 in the Aid To Families With Dependent Children's program. This is an average of \$86.00 per family or \$30.96 per recipient.

In other area counties in Region 11 of the Department of Human Resources, participants and benefits in August of 1981 were:

Austin County, 365 families got food stamps totaling \$39,810; and 102 families received \$10,167 in AFDC payments.

Wharton County, 983 families got food stamps totaling \$103,271; and 273 families got AFDC payments totaling \$2,220,894.

Jury Hearing

LCRA-Becker

Condemnation Suit

Declaring that "high interest rates are killing us," Congressman J. J. Pickle (D-Austin) has introduced a resolution aimed at bringing credit back to earth.

Pickle's resolution urges the Federal Reserve to take a more active role in quelling high interest rates and the accompanying inflationary spiral by leading a tighter reign on pushing banks. Pickle wants lending institutions to stop financing speculative corporate takeovers that are a major factor in driving up credit and driving interest rates sky high.

Pickle's House Resolution 228 would have the Federal Reserve discourage member banks from making large loans that will not benefit the economy. Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen has introduced a similar measure in the Senate.

Pickle pointed out that while many citizens cannot get credit at any price right now, some of the nation's largest banks are using up billions of dollars making loans to giant corporations for market speculation and takeover bidding wars. Economists say as much as \$10 billion in credit may have

been used up in the bidding to see which company would purchase majority interest in Conoco recently.

"When giant companies absorb every drop of credit in sight, it only serves to worsen the hardship on people who really need loans," Pickle said.

The Federal Reserve's Board of Governors successfully implemented similar policies in 1974 and 1980 when high interest rates and spiraling inflation threatened the country.

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Serving on the jury were: Howard E. Wilkerson, Leonard Luna, A. J. Anders, Jerry L. Marush, Mrs. Herbert Meyer, Daisy Williams, Karl Lewis Williams, George W. Stafford, Dale Heinsohn, James A. Jones, Leslie Kahlden and Wayne W. Williams.

A jury heard the case of Lower Colorado River Authority vs. Betty Becker et al in District Court in Columbus this week with Judge E. W. Pateson presiding. In the suit, LCRA sought condemnation of 5.19 acres of land to be used for power line easements. The dispute was over the value of the acreage involved in the easement.

The case went to the jury at 3:25 and the jurors returned at 4:30 "with the decision that the 5.19 acres of land decreased in value after taking of the easement. Mar. 3, 1981 from \$9,601.50 to \$1,297.10, but the value of the remaining 139.33 acres in the

Firemen Begin Sale

Of Nov. 7th

Stew Supper Tickets

Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen will begin the sale of tickets late this week for their annual stew supper to be held in conjunction with the Eagle Lake Study Club Auction at the Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 7th. The beef stew will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. for \$2.00 per person. You can dine in the hall or there will be plates to go in a fast curb service line.

Proceeds from the event will go toward purchase of equipment to better serve citizens of the community in cases of fire or emergency.

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