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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Texas Cited As Best State In Which To Operate Business

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said it's no accident that Texas earned the top spot in the nation in a Boston business magazine's survey of states to locate small businesses.

Bullock said the October issue of INC. Magazine rated Texas as the number one overall place to run a small company.

Texas made the top 10 in labor, taxes and capital resources; more top rankings than any other state, according to the magazine.

Bullock said the magazine singled out Texas in taxes because the state has low debt per capita and the lowest employer unemployment contribution rate.

The magazine concluded that in the area of taxes the most important feature of the state was the absence of a corporate or personal income tax.

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24 YEARS AGO
LET'S LOOK BACK

[August 1, 1957]

Colorado Valley Little League All-Stars moved into the finals of area competition in Wharton by defeating Edna All-Stars 4 to 1 Tuesday night. Winning pitcher, Mickey Westhoff, allowed only three hits and Tommy Janak of Weimar hit a home run bringing in Leroy Drymalla and Charles Ray Altman. . . Rev. Fred Gaston is the new pastor at Evangelical United Brethren Church in Lissie. . . The first bale of cotton for the harvest season was brought in by Mahalitc Brothers. . . Russell Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Davis, celebrated his third birthday with a delightful party at his home Friday, July 26, 1957. . . Billy Lloyd Walker, John Pilkington and Tony Balas, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pilkington and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balas, joined together in celebrating their birthdays, which were on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of July, respectively. The party was held at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center on Tuesday, July 23. . . Bonnie Blanchard, Joyce Marie Helmcamp, Betty Ann Toups and Molly Sue Zuehlke of Sheridan were among the many high school students attending the fifth annual band clinic and twirling school at STSTC July 22-26. . . Carol Dostal, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dostal, was complimented with a party July 26.

Let's Look Back 48 YEARS AGO

[October 28, 1933]

Remodeling of Frank Stephens Company interior is begun. . .Mrs. Edwin Mahalec, a lockjaw patient in Houston, is showing improvement after serum treatments. . . Mayor Welford and Aldermen G. W. Keith, J. F. Uiery, O. J. Wintermann, and J. N. Brower, appeal to Eagle Lake voters concerning the election which will decide whether or not the residential streets of Eagle Lake should be paved. . . Funeral services held for Axel Seaholm at home Thursday. . . Columbus Cardinals to meet Eagles in game on local field at 4 o'clock. . . Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Green and Frank of Houston visit here Tuesday. . . Miss Ruth Burger and "Bub" Burger of Halletsville visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Burger. . . Curtis Hough, working in Tela, Honduras, is visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hough, and old schoolmates. . . Little Theater begins to choose cast for production of Boothe Tarkington's "Seventeen." . . Irrigation company barbecue enjoyed by nearly 200 at Garwood. . . Baptist ladies to have all-day quilting. . . Eagles win Hempstead game in fine exhibition Friday. Next Friday the Eagles play their first conference game at Wharton. . . W. W. Little, Ed Wiese, and J. E. McNair attend St. Louis Purina meet. . . Mrs. Clara Duggan Madison of Columbus will present a piano recital here Wednesday at high school.

Burglary At Roensch Store Reported Mon.

The Roensch Store at FM 949 and Interstate 10 was reported burglarized to the County Sheriff's Office Monday, Nov. 9th at 6:25 a.m. Investigation of the incident found entry was gained by removing the molding around a window pane.

Reported as taken were a large amount of various size ammunition, some beer and soda water, approximately $5.00 in bills and change, candy, cigars and various canned items and lunch meat.

Shortly thereafter, at 7:30 a.m. a subject was observed sleeping under the overpass at FM 949 and IH-10 and when checked by sheriffs officers, it was learned that he was the one that broke into the store during the night. All items were reportedly recovered except the ammunition which he denies taking, said the report.

It was also learned at that time that a vehicle belonging to Mrs. Meta Gross, who resides next to the Roensch Store, had been broken into and a pair of gloves taken. The gloves were found with the other items by sheriff's officers.

Arrested and charged with burglary and burglary of an automobile was Johnny E. Holmesly, 18 years of age, from Ontario, California. He was indicted by the Grand Jury on both counts of burglary three hours later.

Man Shot At Home Near Weimar Thurs.

The County Sheriff's Department was advised of a subject at the Youens Hospital in Weimar with a gunshot wound at 7:15 p.m. last Thursday, Nov. 5th. Investigation by sheriff's officers revealed that Robert Ontiveros had been shot in the chest with what is believed to have been a 22 caliber pistol.

Eyewitnesses informed investigating officers that a female, Alice Tijerina, residing in Columbus, went to the Ontiveros residence on Hattermann Lane and shot Mr. Ontiveros also firing at other subjects attempting to assist him after he was shot. The wounded man was also able to name Alice Tijerina as the subject who shot him according to the sheriffs department.

Further investigation revealed four bullet holes in the outside wall of the residence.

Alice Tijerina, 28 years of age, was arrested and charged with attempted murder by sheriff Jim Broussard. A $10,000 bond was set by Justice of the Peace Joe Kaye of Weimar. The Grand Jury indicted Tijerina on charges of attempted murder Monday, Nov. 9th.

Mr. Ontiveros was transported to Hermann Hospital in Houston in serious condition. The reason for the shooting is still under investigation by the county sheriffs office.

The sheriffs department was assisted by the Weimar and Eagle Lake police departments.

Leon And Max Dittmar Are Honored By Columbus Rotary

Columbus Rotary Club held its annual Rural-Urban Banquet in the Columbus High School cafeteria on Tuesday of last week and named Leon and Max Dittmar as the recipients of the Club's annual "Man Of The Year In Agriculture" award.

A summary of their activities leading to the award was presented at the presentation as follows:

Leon and Max, native Colorado County residents, have had a joint ranching operation in the Bernardo and New Ulm areas of the county since January 1950. Ranch records indicate their initial operation began as a commercial crossbred cow-calf operation and in 1976 the Dittmar brothers became recognized as registered brangus cattle breeders. Max became actively involved in the operation after his retirement from the U.S. Army in 1963.

Their ranching operations show pasture improvement which is evidenced by conversion of one-third of their land from native unimproved pasture to plantings of coastal bermuda, bahia and KN 37 bermuda grasses.

Other improvements that enhance the livestock operation are pasture rotation, major cross fencing of pastures, overseeding of pastures in the fall with ryegrass for winter supplemental grazing, water distribution structures, and fertilization and liming of soils according to soil tests.

The commercial herd records are kept in a computerized record-keeping system in a cooperative demonstration with Texas A&M University and the local county extension agent. The records are used to select heifer replacements and cows to be culled from the herd. All of these practices have helped to increase stocking rates and improve efficiency.

Max Dittmar, 58, and his wife, Margie, reside in the Bernardo community.

Leon Dittmar, 51, and his wife, Verna Nell, reside in Columbus. They have three children, Dusty, a graduate of Texas A&M University; Dwight, a junior at Texas A&M University; and Sondra, a senior at Columbus High School.

Son Born Oct. 30th For Eugene Shanks', Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shanks, Jr. of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son. The young gent made his arrival Friday, Oct. 30th at 8:28 p.m. in the Gulf Coast Medical Center tipping the scales at seven pounds and fifteen ounces and measuring twenty inches in length. He has been named Brandon Eugene.

The newborn's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shanks, Sr. of Wharton and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Joyce of Boling. Brandon's proud great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James H. Shanks of Wharton, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Reynolds of San Marcos, Mrs. A. C. Joyce of Wharton and Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Nelson of Boling.

Sheriff's Office Investigating Two Break-Ins

Being investigated by the County Sheriff's Office are the break-in of a tool shed and a week-end home.

At 7:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6th William Lanyon of Garwood reported a tool shed at the Areas Plant on County Road 111 had been broken into. Investigation revealed entry was gained by breaking a window on the north side of the building. Apparently, the tools were loaded in a wheel barrow and transported across a field where it appeared a vehicle was parked. The wheel barrow was left at that location.

Sheriff's officers said a complete listing of the tools taken is not yet available and the investigation continues.

Week-end Home Burglarized

Mary B. Obenhaus of Houston reported to officers Friday, Nov. 6th at 1:30 p.m. her week-end home east of Columbus had been broken into. Investigation revealed that there had been two separate burglaries; one was noticed on October 10th and the other on October 16th.

Reportedly taken were a hair dryer and a 19-inch black and white television set.

Due to the time lapse between the burglaries and the report, officers were unable to obtain any leads and the investigation is still underway.

2 Arrested For Burglary Of Mobile Home

At approximately 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4th, the County Sheriff's Office was advised by a concerned citizen that two white subjects had been seen running from the Paul Cernoch mobile home, three miles east of Weimar, to a blue van parked on the Interstate. It was reported to sheriff's officers that the subjects were carrying guns.

While officers were alerted and started setting up for the van, Weimar police chief Ken Hollan and reserve officer James Brooks from Weimar went to the Cernoch home to see if it had been broken into. Investigation revealed the home had been broken into and taken were a pistol, a container full of change, some jewelry and two rifles.

Sheriff Jim Broussard and deputy Lucien LaCourse observed a blue van with two white subjects that fit the description given by the citizen, and while checking the van and the subjects the stolen items were found in the van and the two subjects were arrested.

Sheriff's officers also found two other rifles and a large amount of jewelry in the van. Further investigation revealed that these were taken in burglaries outside of Colorado County.

Arrested and charged with burglary were Leonard Vincent, 20 years of age, and Billy Joe Woodward, 19 years of age, both from Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Assisting the sheriff's office were trooper Alton Adcock, Weimar and Eagle Lake police, and game warden supervisor Sam Center. The Sheriff's Office would like to express their appreciation for the community assistance they are receiving which assists the officers in making arrests and solving burglaries. We need that assistance and really appreciate any information we can obtain," said sheriff Jim Broussard.

Five Batteries, Gas Reported Stolen Near Garwood

The County Sheriff's Department is investigating the theft of five combine batteries and some gasoline in two thefts near Garwood last week.

At 9:33 a.m. Monday, November 2nd, Waldo Schiurring of Garwood reported to sheriffs officers the theft of two 12-volt batteries from combines on his farm west of Nada. Mr. Schiurring also advised sheriff's officers that approximately 75 gallons of gasoline were siphoned out of fuel tanks.

The theft occurred sometime between October 31st and November 2nd.

Rudy Till, III and Albert Bittner of Garwood reported to the sheriff's office at 9:10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd the theft of three batteries from combines parked at the Johnson farm on County Road 111 northwest of Garwood.

Methodists To Hold Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday

The Annual Church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner at The United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake will be this Sunday, Nov. 15 at noon following the morning worship.

The turkey and dressing will be furnished and the congregation is asked to bring vegetables, salads and desserts.

Come and join in the Thanksgiving feast of food and fellowship, said The Rev. Charles Runk, pastor.

Man Found Shot At Sheridan

Colorado County sheriff's officers were called to the John Kenneth McKennon residence in Sheridan Tuesday, Nov. 3rd at 3:50 in the afternoon to investigate after Mr. McKennon was found dead at his home by his wife when she returned home from Hallettsville. He was 72 years of age.

Justice of the Peace Dennis Poppe ruled the death of McKennon, was self-inflicted.

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11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Choir Practice 10:05 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday
Youth Club 5:00 p.m.

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Rev. Michael Barnes, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
P.Y.F. 5:00 p.m.

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Rev. Don Pastoral, Pastor
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Nightly Service 7 p.m.

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Thomas Insurance Has Low Bid On County Bldg. Insurance

The W. M. Thomas, Jr. Insurance Agency of Eagle Lake was awarded the contract to provide insurance on county buildings for the next year on a very good bid of $2760.00. W. M. (Bill) Thomas, Jr. was on hand to explain his bid.

The bid to be covered by Safeguard Insurance Companies, included fire and lightning coverage, as well as extended coverage and malicious mischief coverage for $2760.00. He offered fire and lightning coverage on all county buildings, including the courthouse for $1250, but the court accepted the $2760.00 bid which included the fire insurance and the additional coverage on county-owned buildings.

Columbus Insurance Agency, owned by Douglas W. Lilie, offered the fire and lightning coverage only for $1373 and the fire and lightning and extended coverage and malicious mischief of vandalism coverage for $5291. The third bidder, Thomas Gaylor Insurance of Columbus, offered the fire insurance for $1098 and the fire insurance plus extended coverage and malicious mischief coverage for $4,437.00.

Thomas' bid was accepted unanimously by the court. In the past the buildings had been covered only for fire and lightning but because of damage from vandalism at the courthouse and from wind damage to the courthouse roof, the commissioners opted to accept the additional extended and vandalism coverage.

Other Action

Tax Officer Henry J. Hajovsky met with the court to discuss payment of unused sick and vacation leave to 4 employees whose positions will end on Dec. 31st when the Central Appraisal District takes over tax assessing and collecting in the present tax office and Hajovsky and staff will move to offices in the courthouse basement.

- The court voted to continue workman's compensation coverage on elected officials. Auditor M. L. Briscoe said that under new legislation the elected officials can now be excluded. He said this would reduce the premium in this county by some $3500. However the court decided to continue coverage for elected officials since benefits include those for widows and dependents of the elected officials. Also included in the elected officials group are the sheriff, justices of the peace and constables.

Judge Cranek noted that the widow of an elected official who died of injuries received on the job could receive three-fourths of the officer's pay for the remainder of her life or until she remarries. As an incentive to get widows remarried a bonus of two-years of payments is offered to widows of elected officials who do remarry.

Jail Recertified

- The court took recognition of the fact that the Colorado County Jail has been recertified as meeting the State's jail standards. Inspection of the facilities was made earlier this month by Maurice Woods, inspector, and he issued a recertification certificate to Sheriff Jim Broussard.
- Sheriff Broussard was named rabies control and eradication officer for this county under requirements of Senate Bill 811.
- The court accepted a letter from Cities Services Co. accepting all liabilities for damages that might occur to county roads 240, 243, and 250 in Commissioners' Precinct 3 as the result of moving drilling equipment to a location for the Koehn No. 1 well near Weimar.
- The court also accepted an application from Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. for a road crossing in Precinct 1; canvassed the returns for the state constitution amendment election held last week; and considered some applications to lay telephone cables in county road right of way.

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Sheriff's Dept. Issues 168 Traffic Tickets

In the Colorado County Commissioners' Court meeting Monday in Columbus, reports were given from various agencies and it was noted that the Sheriff Dept. road patrol issued a total of 168 tickets during the month of October. This is down slightly from the total number of tickets issued in September, but is far ahead of the number of tickets issued for a similar period last year.

Recent rains which had shut down some gravel operations were a possible reason for the slight drop in tickets issued (from 199 to 168) in the past month.

County Judge Lester J. Cranek reported that six $5.00 bounties were paid during October on wolf or coyote scalps turned in to the county during the month.

Also he noted that during October, Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps made 33 runs.

Columbus unit 17 and the Weimar unit 18.

Appraisal Director Named

The court approved unanimously the appointment of Leslie Heinsohn to the Central Appraisal District's board of directors as a representative of the county.

The court also approved a resolution which accepts employee's retirement in this county and the action was made possible by new legislation and increased the credit for prior service from 50 to 60%.

Load Limit Proposed

The court approved publication of a notice that a 20-ton load limit will be placed on a street on the western edge of Rock Island in Precinct 1. Action on the proposal will be taken at the Dec. 14th meeting.

Judge Cranek noted at the beginning of the meeting that Mark's Corner Drug in Columbus had donated supplies needed by the Columbus unit of the Ambulance Corps.

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Work Proceeding To Correct Courthouse Alarm System

Work for the successful completion of the fire and smoke alarm system in the Colorado County Courthouse in Columbus is expected to resume on Monday of next week in hopes of getting the system to operate correctly and thus complete the project, work on which has been extended over a year longer than anticipated.

Project director Arthur J. Willrodt of Willrodt and Associates and Rudolph Saucillo, representing P&S Associates (affiliated with Willrodt and Associates) met with the court to discuss progress being made on the alarm system problem. The court earlier this year authorized the project director and his associates to successfully complete the fire alarm system. The court at that time withheld payment of some $25,000 to the contractor Circle Double (C) of Woodlands in order to pay for repairs needed or if necessary to replace the entire system in order to gain successful completion.

Willrodt and Saucillo presented a report to the court from Vin Kurelaitis, field service representative for Electronics Unlimited, Inc. of Houston, and formerly associated with the Edwards Company which manufactured the alarm system installed in the county.

Saucillo summed up the report by stating that the wiring installed is apparently inconsistent with the manufacturer's specifications, and the recommendation was made to replace the wiring in the system, as indicated was necessary by Kurelaitis.

Willrodt said that a local (Columbus) contractor has been engaged to replace the wiring under the supervision of Electronics Unlimited, I The project director reported that as many as four different kinds of wiring were used in the installation and wiring was not installed consistent with manufacturer's specifications.

County Judge Lester J. Cranek noted that recent alarms have come from only two of the 160 censors installed in the system. He contended that the excessive cost of replacing the wiring might not be necessary, but Saucillo and Willrodt contended that unless this is done, there was no certainty that the system will continue to work properly.

The judge also expressed the concern of the entire commissioners' court over the lack of shop drawings on the alarm system, as well as for plumbing and other electrical work done in the restoration project.

Nevertheless, the court indicated it would uphold its earlier motion to allow the project director and associates to see that the alarm system was so installed as to function properly and without the frequent false alarms. But Judge Cranek strongly advised Willrodt and Saucillo to get word to the contractor, Charles C. Clark, immediately about the proposed replacement of wiring, so that the contractor might have opportunity to protest such action if he so desired. "I don't want to get slapped with a law suit or an injunction to stop the work once it is started," added the judge.

The Electronics Unlimited representative added in his letter that all detectors should be removed and insects (silverfish) removed and that "extermination is a necessity to eliminate the problem of the silverfish which can be a cause of the false alarms."

Willrodt also informed the court that the manufacturer has indicated that it will cooperate in the replacement of faulty detectors with detectors of a later model and less sensitive to the problems caused by improper wiring, etc.

Appraisal District To Proceed With Functions, Officer Election

Budget Hearing Set Nov. 30; Retirement Plan Is Adopted

Colorado County's Central Appraisal District is moving ahead with plans for full operation of the program on January 1, 1982 and also for the election of officers for the next year.

According to minutes of the meeting held on Nov. 3rd, Chief Appraiser Billy Youens reported to the board that a resolution was circulated to the taxing jurisdictions in the district on possible two year postponement of the appraisal district functions (as permitted under state legislation) however only two of the eight jurisdictions asked for a postponement. They were the City of Weimar and the Weimar School District. Youens noted that six votes for postponement would have been required to make the postponement effective.

Youens also explained to the board members that the district had not received a single veto of the proposed resolution to select board members using the same procedure as in the past. Thus the jurisdictions will be responsible for appointing the five board members for the next two year term.

Retirement Plan OK'd

The board discussed a retirement program for employees of the district and heard proposed plans from three representatives. A motion was made to go along with the Farm Bureaus plan and the motion carried on a split vote of 3 to 2. Leslie Heinsohn of Frelsburg, Richard Heffley of Columbus and W. K. Merrem of Weimar voted for the Farm Bureau plan while Alton Smith of Garwood and Arthur Anderson of Eagle Lake indicated preference for the St. Paul plan. The plan will call for graduated participation by the district and the employee with a 10% vesting clause the first year progressing to 100% for ten years of full service with the district contributing 7% and the employee 7%.

Erwin Heffley presented the Farm Bureau plan; John McGlothlin presented the Planned Data plan; and Robert Griffith and Glen Brayton presented the St. Paul plan to the board.

In concluding action the board voted to hold a public hearing on the proposed 1982 budget at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 30th in the county courthouse.

Area Scouters To Hold Roundtable Training Thurs.

All adults working with Cub Scouts and Boy Scout units are invited to attend the November Roundtable. This month Cub Scout Leaders will work on Christmas decorations, gifts, holiday fun items. Boy Scout Leaders will work on knots, rope making and other pioneering items.

Roundtable is the monthly Adult Leader meeting to study the program for the upcoming month. Brahman District Roundtables are held the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the First Christian Church in El Campo. For more information call Harley at 532-2772.

Rice Classroom Teachers Host Bunko Social

The Rice Classroom Teachers Association hosted an Ice Cream and Bunko Social at the Eagle Lake Middle School cafetorium on Monday night, October 19.

Special guests of the association were administrators and school board members of the Rice School District. Special guests in attendance were superintendent Harold King, board members Jane Clipson, Steve Balas and Bill Appelt, and principals David Mims and Major Benge.

David White, RCTA President, conducted a short business session preceding the social activities.

The group enjoyed homemade ice cream and cake followed by an enjoyable evening of playing Bunko. Following the game, Lynda Appelt, membership chairman, awarded high score prizes to Sandra Benge and Fred Armstrong. Low score prizes were won by Jane Clipson and Lanny Powers. Patsy Gertson and Betty Brown won "lucky chair" prizes.

Members were reminded that the next regular business meeting of the Rice CTA will be held at Sheridan during the month of January.

Hearing Dec. 14 On 2,4-D Regs. East Of Colorado River

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in regular session Monday, accepted a request from Vance Dunean and other property owners east of the Colorado River to call a hearing on Dec. 14th for the purpose of possible change in wording on 2, 4-D regulations for that area of the county.

County Judge Lester J. Cranek pointed out that the current regulations state that no application of 2, 4-D is permitted in the portion of the county east of the Colorado River from March 15th through July 31st. Duncan and others ask that the restriction be changed to allow no aerial applications of 2, 4-D in the area east of the river for the same period, Mar. 15th through July 31. The change would, in effect, permit the use of ground applications during the restricted period and allow greater control of weeds in pastures.

It was noted that this would coincide with 2, 4-D regulations now in effect in adjoining Wharton County with the exception that the Wharton County restrictions are in effect March 10th through Sept. 15th.

The use of 2, 4-D is restricted because of possible damage to crops, gardens and orchards and other trees from the chemical. It is felt that ground applications will enable landowners to exercise adequate controls in order to control drift of the herbicide.

Award Recognized

The court took cognizance of the fact that County Extension Agent (Home Economics) Donella Pantel was recently honored with the Extension Service's Distinguished Service Award and it was also noted that the award was only one of six made in the entire state for 1981.

The court approved a resolution commending Mrs. Pantel for her outstanding work in this county.

The commissioners' court had an item on the agenda for audience with the District Extension Director, Mrs. Seaman, with a prospect for the position vacated in this county by Mrs. Shirley Brown who accepted a position with the Extension Service in Fort Bend County, Mrs. Seaman advised Judge Cranek that the prospect decided to accept a position elsewhere. Hence a replacement for Ms. Brown is expected to be named later.

Tax Office Moving

In a special session last Wednesday, the court authorized the County Tax Assessor and Collector Henry J. Hajovsky to begin plans to move his office and equipment from the first floor of the county courthouse into offices in the basement of the courthouse. The move will become effective January 1st, 1982 at which time the Colorado County Central Appraisal District will move into the present tax offices space in the courthouse.

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Billie Talafuse Honoree At Bridal Shower

Miss Billie Dale Talafuse of Wharton, bride-elect of Frank Becak, was honored with a miscellaneous shower on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Nada Parish Hall.

Special guests were the future bride's mother, Mrs. Gilbert Talafuse; the prospective groom's mother, Mrs. Frank Becak, Sr. and the grandmother, Mrs. Joe Becak.

The gifts were registered by Miss Theresa Becak. The bride's chosen colors of various shades of blue were carried out in the corsages and decorations on the registering and serving tables. Refreshments of assorted sweet rolls, mints, fruit juice and coffee were served to the guests.

The hostesses gifts to the bride were a blender, electric frying pan and cash.

The couple will exchange vows at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Nada on Saturday, November 28.

Mrs. Laura Church, Mrs. Nellie West of Houston and Mrs. Mable Trice of Abilene visited with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harry one day last week.

Cellar Door Homemakers Meet

The Cellar Door Extension Homemakers Club went to Columbus, Monday, October 26 for the Achievement Day program held at the Veterans Community Center.

Each member was asked to bring a covered dish for the luncheon.

Guests speakers included Representative Saunders, Judge Lester Cranek of Nada, and Johnny Engstrom of Garwood. Following the program Mrs. Cathy Leopold was awarded an Outstanding Club Member Certificate in honor of her achievements during the past year.

Demonstrations were held during the afternoon which included making strudel, decorating for Christmas, and bread making in a plastic bag.

The next microwave cooking class will be held on Mon., Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. in the home of Karen Popp. The class will be on holiday cooking.-Reported.

Grand Jury

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$685.88 to Eagle Lake Auto Repair and Body Shop for services rendered on Nov. 1, 1981;

- Richard Shell, forgery, for forging the name of Patricia Hardesty to a Live Oak Trucking Co. check in the amount of $533.10 on July 10, 1981, drawn on the Columbus State Bank;
- Georgia Bowen, theft, for theft of currency over $200 from Larry Austin April 17, 1981;
- Ediberto Martinez, theft, for theft of currency over $200 on April 5, 1981 from Austin Grocery;
- Eddie Mueller, cri