

Comm. Court OK's \$9,713.34 Payment On Courthouse Work

\$25,000 Still Withheld Until Successful Completion Of Alarm

The long over-due final acceptance of the Colorado County Courthouse restoration project moved another step closer to reality Monday when the Commissioners Court approved payment of \$9,713.34 due to the contractor, Circle Double (C) of Conroe for work which has been completed on the project. This leaves a balance of \$25,000 which the court is holding until successful completion of the fire alarm system of the courthouse. The court also received a report on allowances made in the contract for such work as wallpapering, for the stained glass in the dome, tile flooring, carpeting, benches on the courthouse lawn, etc. and Willrodt reported that the county had a total of \$4,785.20 in credits coming back from the allowances made in the contract to the contractor.

Final tabulations of the costs of the project to date were made by Willrodt as follows: contract price was \$687,200, changes previously paid \$40, credit from allowances \$4,785.20, addition of \$12,059.80 for the change orders; less court expenditures made by the county totaling \$9,713.34 due to the contractor. He had been paid \$654,000 prior to Monday and with the payment of \$9,713.34 Monday, the balance retained until completion of the alarm is \$25,000.

Judge Crane said that a certificate of obligation for \$10,000 will be approved and

payment made to the contractor in the amount of \$9,713.34 prior to Dec. 20th. Some of the problems with the alarm system have been determined to be caused by the presence of silverfish in the detectors. It was the recommendation of the Benne Freeze Termite & Pest Control firm of Rosenberg (he was contacted since he formerly served on the Texas Historical Board) the entire building, attic, all three floors and the basement "be given a general fumigation with EPA approved insecticides." Last month it was recommended by the electronics engineers checking the alarm system that the fumigation be made prior to installation of the new sensors or detectors.

Freese said the fumigation will leave a residue which will remain effective from 60 to 120 days and added that the building be treated for silverfish and other insects annually.

His company offered to do the work for \$950. The court considered asking for quotes from other pest control firms in the county but because of Mr. Freese's experience in these matters and because of the limited time element, voted to authorize Judge Crane to contract with Freese for the work, provided however that a sufficient guarantee or warranty be made that the fumigation would be effective.

It is anticipated that the work will be done during the Christmas holiday weekend since the courthouse will be closed all on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th and also for the Dec. 25th holiday and the normal weekend of Dec. 26th.

New Asst. Extension Agent



Donella Paster, Colorado County Extension Agent (Home Economics), left, is shown welcoming Cheryl Johnson who will graduate at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos this Saturday, who was elected the new Assistant Extension Agent (H.E.) at Monday's meeting of the Commissioners Court. Ms. Johnson arrived in the county just in time to greet guests at the Extension Service Christmas Open House in the Agricultural Building Monday.

Cheryl Johnson Is New Assistant County Ext. Agent

Miss Cheryl Johnson, who will receive her degree at Southwest Texas State University this Saturday (Dec. 19th) has been named the new Assistant Extension Agent (H.E.) in this county. She will fill a position left vacant by the transfer earlier this year of Shirley Brown to another county.

Ms. Frederica Seaman, District Extension Agent, met with the Commissioners Court Monday and recommended the appointment of Miss Johnson. Miss Johnson

will receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics and has been a student teacher in Gonzales. A native of Ganado, she served for one summer as a counselor at a Girl Scout camp and after receiving an associate degree at Wharton County Junior College was in business before deciding to continue her career in home economics.

Seaman said that Cheryl's experience in the past will be valuable in her work with the youth of this county. She will fill the position of entry trainee in the position in this county with work primarily with the youth organizations and activities.

Minority Applicants Severe County Judge Lester Crane noted that this position has been filled in the past by a person of minority race, since the county's population is now reported to be 15% Spanish, 23-24% Black and the rest White citizens.

Mrs. Seaman explained that every effort had been made to find a replacement in the minority races, but only two were accepted applicants and one had too much experience to qualify for the position and the other decided to work in a larger county. "It's hard for this county to compete with larger counties and with industry for qualified minority applicants," added Judge Crane.

Mrs. Seaman concluded by saying that Miss Johnson was the best qualified candidate for the position in this county and was sure that she would do an excellent job in her work with the youth.

The court also approved the re-appointment of Dr.

Raymond R. Thomas of Eagle Lake as the County Health Doctor for the next 2 year period; and re-appointed John Hancher of Columbus as the County Service Officer and Tye Holman of Weimar as the assistant County Service Officer for 1982.

Reads Accepted The court accepted deeds from Crockett Leyendecker for two roads in new subdivisions in this county, on the recommendation of Commissioner Jerome Wickes in whose precinct 3 the roads lie.

One of the roads is in a

subdivision behind Pool boys just east of Columbus and the 60-foot gravel road will be known as Commerce Lane. The other 60' road is a subdivision near Bernard and four miles from New Elm and will be known as Black Forest Road. By accepting the roads, the county will now assume responsibility for maintaining the roads.

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Pickle Reports Good News, Some Bad

[By Cong. J. J. Pickle]
This week, a little good news and a little bad from Washington. The good news is that the Congress is moving closer to consideration of accelerated decontrol of natural gas. The bad is that "experts" say we won't get decontrol without

another odious windfall profits tax. It's like Dolly Parton and bad jokes - it seems you can't have one without the other.

Some members of Congress, myself included, feel strongly that we should simply let the free market do its work, and have full decontrol without any unfair tax.

I fought the windfall profits tax on oil when Carter pushed it through Congress last year, and I sure don't favor any so-called windfall tax on gas if the Reagan Administration goes through with a proposal for one.

Many of us believed the new Administration would bring an entirely different philosophy to this area of government intrusion into the marketplace. But now there are disturbing signs that President Reagan's top advisors are indeed advocating a new windfall profits tax.

Howard Baker, GOP leader in the Senate, two cabinet officers, and a number of lesser Administration leaders have all gone on record testing the waters for a windfall profits tax on natural gas. Officially, the White House is sticking to a campaign promise to veto any such tax.

But when queried about a July letter in which the president had reiterated the veto promise to Rep. Glenn English of Oklahoma, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan told reporters: "I wonder how it will taste if you cut it up in pieces and put mustard on it. A letter is on paper, it's not in cement."

Next day Regan said he didn't mean anything by the comment. But independent producers and small royalty owners were left wondering.

The problem, of course, is that the Administration needs money. With the deficit for 1983 now projected at nearly \$150 billion, some budget bureaucrats can hardly resist the \$20 billion or so a profit-tax on deregulated natural gas would offer.

Many of us in Congress are still willing to fight any windfall profits tax proposal. But realistically speaking, the Administration has proved very effective at getting what it wants. And with decontrol as the bait, if it decides it wants a windfall tax on natural gas, the country will probably get one.

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COLORADO COUNTY Sheriff's Report

A Weekly Report of Activities by Sheriff Jim Broussard

If You Drink, Don't Drive During Holidays

The Holiday Season is fast approaching and there will be many parties to attend. Just about every organization and office will be having a Christmas party. We hope that everyone enjoys them, however, we do not wish to lose any of our family or friends. When attending these parties, if you have too much to drink, please have a friend drive you home. If that is not possible, call the Sheriff's office and we will make every effort to get you home safe. If you drink, don't drink; if you drink, let someone else drive. Let us all be around to bring in the upcoming New Year.

Dec. 7: Checked a suspicious vehicle at Rice High School. Assisted the Eagle Lake police with a disturbance. Assisted at the scene of an accident near Rice High School. Worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Had district court this date. Issued 9 traffic citations and served 12 civil citations. Arrested two for contempt of court.

Dec. 11: Assisted with a domestic disturbance. Checked on a suspicious subject near Hatterman Lane. Check-

citations and served 10 civil citations. Dec. 10: Investigated the theft of a dog. Investigated a disturbance east of Columbus. Had county court this date. Investigated a disturbance in Alleyton. Worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Had district court this date. Issued 9 traffic citations and served 12 civil citations. Arrested two for contempt of court.

Dec. 13: Investigated a disturbance near Columbus. Had JP court in the A.M. Checked on a suspicious subject near Ramsey.

Jim Broussard, Sheriff
Deputies Phones: 732-2388 & 732-2535 Home Phone: 732-3950.

Barbara Baker Honoree At Coffee Shower

Miss Barbara Baker, bride-elect of Mark Holderman of Los Angeles, California, was complimented with a Coffee Shower in the pretty Lake-side Drive home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mahalite on Saturday morning, Dec. 12th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Hostesses for the social were Mrs. Mahalite, Mrs. Ted Brunner, Mrs. Lee Roy Guthman and Mrs. Butch Seymanski.

The home was beautifully decked in the holiday motif. Refreshments of sausage rolls, kolaches, cranberry loaf, cherry roll, spiced tea and coffee were served from the bride's table by Mrs. Bud Kopezynski and Miss Penny Seymanski.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Maile Hicks of Edna; Mrs. Marvin Morrow and Mrs. Jon Thomas of Ganado; Mrs. Bruce Walters of Clute; Mrs. W. W. Lee of Bay City; Mrs. Larry Baker of Houston and Mrs. Dutch Hansen of El Campo.

The couple plans a January 9th wedding in The United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake.

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ed on a suspicious subject in the Frelsburg area. Assisted in checking a possible burglary in progress in Columbus. Checked on a suspicious subject near Garwood. One unit to Huntville with a prisoner. Worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Issued 8 traffic citations and served 4 civil citations.

Wendy Tant Is WCJC Christmas Sweetheart

"Joy, happiness and good luck" were the holiday wishes extended Tuesday, December 8 by Wendy Tant of Wharton after being elected Wharton County Junior College Christmas Sweetheart.

The Christmas party was the last "fun-event" at WCJC before students concentrated their full attention on final exams week, December 14-18. Fall semester classes end December 18 and spring semester begins January 18.

Registration of new students for the spring semester is scheduled, by time permit.

Study Club Has Chalk Talk On "The Ageless Story"

The Eagle Lake Study Club met in the Eagle Lake Community Center, December 9 at 2 p.m. with Mrs. A. F. Wiese, president, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Robert Wilcox, secretary; and the treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Herman Bothe.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Loree Priesmeyer of Austin who intro-

duced Mrs. Weldon Byrd of Austin who did a chalk talk on, "The Ageless Story" correlating art, literature, and music. She was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Clara May Nash. The picture was done in warm browns and yellows depicting the Christmas theme of the Shepherds tending their flocks and watching the heavens. To close the program Mrs. Herman Bothe sang "Silent Night" accompanied by Mrs. Nash on the piano. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served and a period of fellowship enjoyed by all attending. Reporter.

January 12-14. College offices reopen, following the holidays, January 11.

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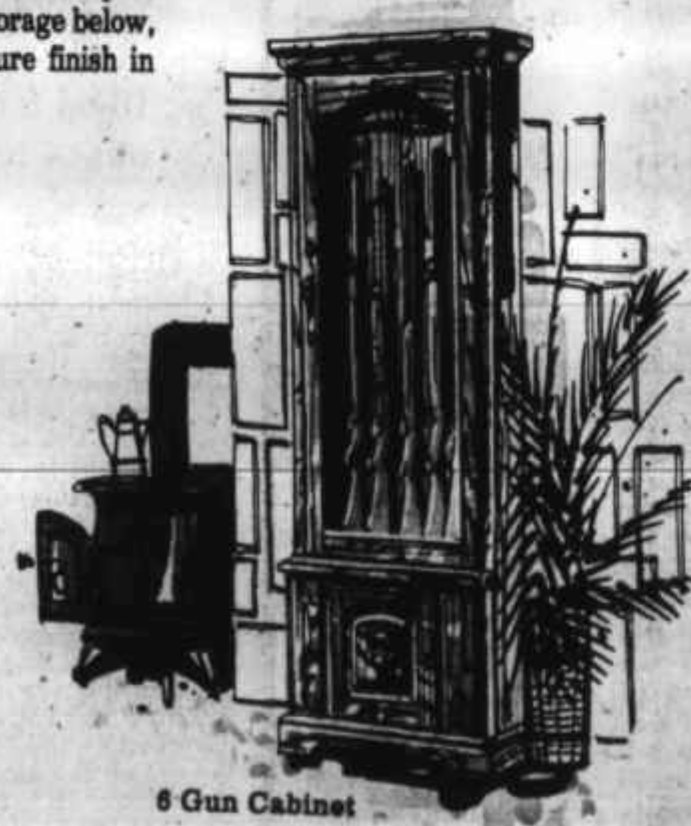
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