

Fatal Hunting Accidents Up

Fatal hunting accidents increased significantly during 1981 over the year before, according to hunter safety education officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Hunting mishaps took the lives of 19 persons, an increase of six over 1980. Officials recorded 72 accidents in 1981, three more than were reported in 1980.

Hunter Safety Education Coordinator Darrell Holt said 83 percent of the accidents involved persons between nine and 29 years of age.

Deer hunters were the most accident prone during 1981, with 20 cases reported, seven of which involved self-inflicted injuries.

Only three of the victims of hunting accidents were wearing prominent bright colors in their clothing, and none had taken the department's hunter safety education course.

A total of 27 accidents were caused by errors in hunter judgment. The victim was shot by others swinging on game in 11 cases and six of the victims were out of sight of the

shooter.

To enroll in a hunter safety education training course in your area, contact a local game warden, department office, or the hunter safety office, Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, (512) 479-4999.

Carol Crabb On Univ. Of Tex. Dean's List

Carol Sue Crabb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Crabb of The Woodlands and former resident of Eagle Lake, is listed on the Dean's Honor List for the Spring Semester at the University of Texas.

"Please accept my warmest congratulations for your achievement. I hope your work will continue to meet such a high standard," said George Kozmetsky, Dean.

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1981's Severe Weather Killed 25

Last year (1981) severe weather claimed at least 25 lives in Texas.

March is the beginning of the annual tornado season. The season continues through September.

Major Joe Mladenka, regional commander of the Department of Public Safety, stated that during periods of severe weather, persons in the affected area are urged to monitor the local radio, television or NOAA weather radio station for the latest national weather service bulletins.

"NOAA weather radio will announce a tornado or thunderstorm watch when conditions are favorable for

tornado or severe thunderstorms to form," said Major Mladenka. "A watch alerts you to keep on with your normal routine but to be ready to respond to a warning."

"When a tornado or severe thunderstorm has been sighted or indicated by weather radar, your local weather bureau facility will issue a tornado or severe thunderstorm warning," he said.

"Persons close to the storm should take shelter immediately, and remain there until the danger is past. Others should be prepared to take cover if threatening conditions are sighted," Major Mladenka concluded.

The Texas Department of Public Safety urges everyone to use caution during periods of severe weather, when tornadoes are likely to form.

Take Part In H.H. Talent Show



Residents and staff enjoyed putting on a Talent Show at the Heritage House nursing home last month. Pictured above are the participants in the show. The residents enjoyed the comedy and the singing that took place.

In the front row above are, left to right, Maude Michulka (resident), Earlyne Davis

[Food Services Supervisor] and Lillie Herron (Res.); back row, l. to r., Raymond Harper (Res.), Adolphus Dutton (Res.), John Teton (Res.), Beatrice Botard (Director of Nurses), Carolyn Ferrill (Soc. Activity Director) and Lois Mills, Administrator of the Heritage House. H.H. Photo.

Allens Creek Power Plant To Be Reevaluated

Change From Nuclear Power To Coal Being Considered

A power plant will be built at the Allens Creek site, but present licensing of a nuclear plant is making it uncertain about developments of that type. Houston Lighting and Power Company is awaiting the outcome of another U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission hearing which will begin in April in Houston.

The company is not denying an alternative, a coal plant, according to Jim Parsons, director of public affairs with HL&P, who stated so in an informal get-together at Seely city hall Feb. 22nd. He and Ray Fiedler, Seely district manager, talked about the reevaluation of the project which the company announced recently.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has not issued a single construction permit since the Three Mile Island incident. Parsons said. Other proposed plant developments are also waiting.

Due to the fact that no nuclear permits are issued, HL&P could only sell its already constructed components designed for Allen's

Creek, to overseas builders. There is no potential here since no one can build such a plant in the United States. The French, German and Japanese are developing their own systems, and thus would probably not be interested in U.S. built components. Financing for nuclear plants will be extremely difficult to come by.

A coal plant is a possibility since financing for such is easier to get. Financing would have to be redeveloped in case of coal. It would take some five years to construct such a project.

The Allens Creek Nuclear powerplant project was first announced in 1972, and costs since then have escalated greatly. HL&P has had an application for a construction permit for the facility between Seely and Wallis pending before the NRC since 1977.

Time To Plant Permanent Grass

[By Soil Conservation Service]

If you are thinking of planting permanent grass this spring, now is the time to begin preparations. The grass planting dates in Colorado County are from February 15 to May 15. However, coastal bermudagrass can be sprigged from January 1 to May 15.

A firm, clean seedbed is a must if your grass planting is to be a success. Seedbed preparation can be done with a disk harrow, a moldboard breaking plow, or an offset disk. The seedbed must be prepared so that all existing vegetation is destroyed, thus cutting down on the competing vegetation and giving the new grass seedling a better chance of survival. Think of the seedbed preparation being done in the same manner as you would prepare for planting your garden.

When you sprig coastal bermudagrass, plant the dormant sprigs no deeper than two or three inches. Always plant them in moist soil, and be sure to pack the soil around the sprigs as they are planted.

Planting seed-type grasses is a little different. The seeds must not be planted deeper than 1/4 to 3/4 inch. Seeding rates on the different grasses differ depending on the species of grass and are based on the amount of Pure Live Seed (PLS) planted. Seed-type grasses may be planted with grass drills or may be broadcast. When broadcasting the grass seed, use a cultipacker or some type roller over the planted

February.

The amount of reduction in LCRA retail bills will vary from customer to customer, but LCRA retail customers who used 1,000 kilowatt-hours should see about a 7% reduction in their February bills.

LCRA was the only customer to win a court judgment against Coastal States, in 1975. Although that judgment was later reversed on appeal, LCRA officials believe it may have paved the way for the settlement agreement between Coastal/LaVaca and its customers.

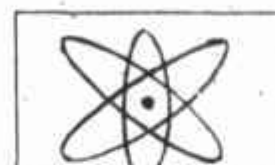
May 20th Is Cotton Plant Deadline

Farmers in the Upper Coast, including Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lavaca and Wharton Counties, must have all cotton plants completed by May 20, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown has announced.

"Planting dates are set in certain parts of the state as part of the control program of the Texas Pink Bollworm Act, administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture," Brown said.

The program includes planting and plow-up dates determined to be the most beneficial in fighting the pest.

Brown advised farmers in the area to complete planting as soon as possible so that desiccation and stalk destruction can be on schedule, which should reduce bollworm populations in future years.



Electricity from atomic energy was generated for the first time in the world at a laboratory near Idaho Falls in 1951.

Conservation Service office, can assist you in determining the grasses that are best adapted to your soils.

Cost-share for planting grass is available to those persons who qualify for it through the Colorado County ASCS office. This assistance provides cost sharing for seedbed preparation, the seed or sprigs, the springing operation for coastal bermudagrass, and fertilizer for establishing the grass.

If you have questions about planting grass, selecting the correct grass species, fertilizer needs, ASCS cost-share assistance, or other questions about proper grass management, contact the personnel of the Soil Conservation Service in Columbus, Call 732-2738 or come by the County Agricultural Building for assistance.

Ronald C. Lowe, D.P.M. Podiatrist-Foot Specialist Will Be At

Ugarte Clinic
in Eagle Lake
on

Thursday, Mar. 18
For appointment, call 234-5501

Heritage House Royalty



Activities this month at the Heritage House nursing home included the selection of a King and Queen. The retiring King and Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Uhlig (standing in back) crowned the incoming King and Queen, Marshall Montgomery and Lena Shackelford (l. to r., in front). The crowning of the King and Queen were the highlights of the Valentine Party for all the residents. The day was completed with a box supper served to all residents in boxes decorated by the residents carrying out the Valentine theme. Heritage House photo.

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4-H News

(By Cheryl Johnson, County Extension Agent)

Important 4-H Meets Thurs.

This Thursday, March 4th, the 4-H Council and the 4-H and Youth Committee will meet at the Agriculture Building in Columbus. A training session concerning the County Roundup and County Project Show will be held in conjunction with the two meetings.

A tentative time schedule for Thursday is as follows: 4-H and Council Meeting, 5:30; Training Session for County Roundup, 6:00; 4-H and Youth Committee Meeting, 6:45 p.m.

The president and a delegate from each club is responsible for attending the 4-H Council meetings.

Anyone interested in the Roundup and Project Show is encouraged to attend and we are planning to have a team share with us their presentation that won State. You can do many activities in the roundup and project show. 4-Hers, come Thursday and find out more about it. Members that attend the meetings and/or training session are to bring a dish for the covered dish supper. I urge all 4-H and Youth Committee members to attend.

So make an effort to attend the three events this Thursday, March 4th, starting at 5:30 p.m. We will be eating between meetings, so pack your supper and bring it along! These sessions will help our communication gap.

At the 4-H Roundup and Project Show, there are a number of areas in which 4-H members can enter. 4-Hers present method demonstrations, illustrated talks or "share the fun" (skits, games or songs) projects which they develop on their own and present at the County, District and state levels. A few of the project areas are: health, energy, safety and accident prevention, rifle, soil judging, and livestock judging.

Another area of competi-

tion is public speaking. Individuals present a 5-7 minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. Contact your leader for more information about the Roundup and Project Show competition.

New Indemnity Rates Announced For Brucellosis

New indemnity rates for animals slaughtered because of brucellosis have been adopted by the Texas Animal Health Commission on an emergency basis.

They are: grade beef \$50, compared to \$62 for the previous rate; grade dairy \$250, compared to \$368 for the previous rate; purebred \$500, this compares to an average rate of \$744 for the previous rate.

The indemnity rates are paid with federal funds; no state money is involved. These changes will allow the savings in the federal indemnity rates to be used in other phases of the Texas brucellosis program.

RECORDINGS FILED

REAL ESTATE. Deed, Stacy Mueller et ux to Telefont Hernandez et ux Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16 Bk. 10 Rock Island, Texas 11-25-81. Deed, Gulf Coast Savings Association of Richmond, Texas to Martin Herman et ux Lots 9 & 18, Bk. 9 Highland Park Addition 11-15-81. Deed, Arthur A. Gutierrez et ux to George L. Provine Lot 7 Bk. 22 Eagle Lake, Texas 11-25-81.

FROM OUR READERS

Concern Expressed For Lakeside Cemetery's Beautiful Oaks

[One of our readers expresses concern for the damage being done to live oak trees at the Lakeside Cemetery by ball moss. Evangelina Loesslin Whorton of Galveston referred to this serious situation in her letter to the Headlight Editor.]

Dear Mr. Franks: The enclosed article from your paper sometime ago might help the Lakeside Cemetery ball moss problem. The moss must be soaked.

Ball moss can be effectively controlled by spraying the moss well with a water solution containing 5 lbs. of Kocide 101 per 100 gallons of water. Kocide 101 is a copper-based fungicide. Local and area demonstrations have proved the effectiveness of Kocide 101 as a ball moss control agent. Report of Colorado County Extension Agent Leroy J. Hajdik.

The article to which she refers follows:

Orientation Meet On Foster Parenting In Hempstead Mar. 18

Foster homes are needed in Austin, Colorado, and Waller Counties. Interested families are sought for children in need of a temporary family who can give them the love, attention, and help they

require. The foster family provides substitute family care for children separated from their parents because of abusive treatment or because they are unable to care for them.

An orientation meeting is scheduled Thurs., Mar. 18th at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 811 14th Street, Hempstead, Texas beginning at 7:00 p.m. The orientation meeting will explain in detail, the pre-service (NOVA) training for licensing. We are happy to be able to offer this program to prospective foster parents.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or would like to know more about the foster care program, then please make arrangements to attend the orientation session on March 18, 1982 or contact Rosemary Gaskamp, Department of Human Resources, 20 South Holland, Belleville, Texas 77418 or call 713-866-9164.

Yoakum Hwy. District Is Expanded

Effective March 1, 1982, Austin and Matagorda Counties, formerly a part of the Houston highway district, will be transferred into the Yoakum district. This action, along with other boundary changes, was announced by Mark Goode, Engineer-Director of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Details of the change were given by Carl V. Ramert, local district engineer, to city and county officials and the media Feb. 24th at meetings in Bay City and Bellville. "The maintenance sections will continue to operate exactly as they have with the same personnel, the same equipment, and out of the same buildings," Ramert said. "About the only changes will be in the equipment numbers on the doors of their trucks and the district office their pay checks are issued from."

He added, "I have looked at most of the highways in these two counties and am very pleased with their overall condition and appearance. We recognize however that there are needs for rehabilitation of some sections and the building of some new Farm-to-Market roads. These needs will be studied as future program calls are issued by our Austin office."

The Yoakum district has maintained 2,780 miles of highways in its existing nine county district. Added by the change will be 313 miles in Matagorda County and 243 miles in Austin County, giving a new total of 3,336 miles.

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Land Reclamation Claims Biggest Share Of Budget

[By Cong. J. J. Pickle]

The increase in defense spending has been one of the most talked about items in the Administration's proposed budget, but it is not widely known that one domestic bureau would receive an even greater spending increase than defense.

President Reagan has proposed a 23 percent increase in money for the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Reclamation, which builds dams and irrigation projects for many western and southern states.

The money involved is only a fraction of what is at issue over at the Pentagon, but for many people, the increase is equally controversial. Environmental groups, concerned about destructive development in scenic and wilderness areas, think the money is a waste. A good many members of Congress from the north and northeast would rather see the money spent renovating antiquated urban water and wastewater systems.

Involved are \$950 million the Administration is asking for the Bureau of Reclamation, and about \$2.7 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers (which is also active in dam

and flood projects, including several in the Central Texas area: the Corps budget, however, is actually scheduled to be cut by about 6 percent in Fiscal Year 1983).

But what happens to the Bureau of Reclamation's budget in the long run will likely depend not only on regional differences in Congress, but also on the standing of the bureau's top boss, Interior Secretary James Watt.

Last week, the House Energy and Commerce Committee voted 23-19 to cite Secretary Watt for Contempt of Congress, charging him with obstructing a Congressional investigation which began last summer. If that vote is upheld by the full House, Watt could face a jail sentence and a fine of up to \$1,000.

Guests From Dallas Mr. and Mrs. Don Franks' guests for the weekend were her brother, Mark Roquemore, and Mrs. Roquemore of Dallas.

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Public Hearing On Wharton Senior Citizens Mar. 16

A public hearing will be held March 16 at 12:45 p.m. at the Pioneer Nutrition Center, 306 Southeast Avenue in Wharton, to hear the needs of Senior Citizens in Wharton County.

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