

## New Officers Of Xi Psi Sorority



New officers of Xi Psi Sorority of Beta Sigma Phi were installed May 11th and include, left to right in back: Jean Williams, treasurer; Diana Brunner, vice-president; Cherry Corman, president; Ernie Sommer-

## Xi Psi Psi Holds Officer Installation

The Xi Psi Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met May 11 in the home of Glenda Blair. President Kay Clipson conducted the ritual of officer installation. New officers for 1982-83 are: President, Cherry Corman; Vice-President, Diana Brunner; Record-

ing Secretary, Kay Clipson;

Corresponding Secretary, Mary Lou Szymanski; Treasurer, Jean Williams; and Extension Officer, Ernie Sommerlatte. The newly installed president, Cherry Corman, conducted the business meeting. The chapter welcomed three transfer members who progressed from the Alpha Delta Phi Chapter. They are Sandy Bandy, Linda Bala, and Jean Wiesse. Vice President Diana Brunner presented each with

## Michael Thomas Gets Radiologic Technology Degree

Michael Blaine Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Thomas of Eagle Lake, received his AAS Degree in Radiologic Technology at the Twentieth Commencement Program of the Houston Community College System at the Houston Music Hall on Friday, May 14th.

Michael is currently employed at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston.

Attending the commencement program were his parents and sister, Gayle Lynn, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Johnson.

## County Historical Comm. Program On Wildflowers

The Colorado County Historical Commission held its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 20 at the campus of Dr. and Mrs. Willis Youens. Members and guests arrived early for a tour of the arboretum.

A covered dish dinner was served and the regular business meeting was held with Mrs. James Hopkins, president, presiding. Mrs. Hopkins announced that she has recently learned that bound copies of the Colorado County Citizen for the years 1876 through 1900 are in the Texas State Archives.

Dr. Youens showed slides of wildflowers of Colorado County and Orville Burg, a guest from Houston, showed slides of Texas wildflowers.

The next meeting will be held on June 19, 1982.

## Nada Catholic Life Insurance Meet Scheduled

The Nada Branch of Catholic Life Insurance Union will hold their annual branch meeting and social Sunday, June 13.

The activities will begin with a 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church, followed at 11:00 a.m. by the social and meeting at the KJH Hall in Nada. Refreshments and barbecued chicken will be served.

In addition, the branch will elect new branch officers. Officers of the 560 member branch are: Mgr. Victor Schmidtsinsky, Spiritual Advisor; Albert C. Leopold, President; Louis V. Leonard, 1st Vice-President; Leonard F. Staff, 2nd Vice-President; and N. J. Schneider, Secretary-Treasurer.

Catholic Life, a fraternal benefit society, was organized in 1901 to provide low cost life insurance protection for Texas Catholics and their families. 38,000 Catholics in 88 branches throughout Texas benefit from the full line of life insurance protection Catholic Life offers.

Refreshments were served to 15 members by Miss Gertrude Igrig, Mrs. Mossie Dayvault and Mrs. Homer Kolbe.

The September 9th meeting will be a brunch at the home of Mrs. James Cranek at 10 a.m.-Reporter.

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## Bishop Grahmann To Be Installed In New Diocese Sat.

The pruned history of nearly 300 years continuous presence and influence for the Catholic Church in the Texas Crossroads area reaches a new height May 29, 1982. On that day, the diocese of Victoria will be formally erected with a native son, His Excellency V. Grahmann, D.D., as the first Bishop.

Bishop Grahmann was born in Hallettsville, a Lavaca County, Czech-German community. Today, more than 115,000 Catholics from many ethnic backgrounds reside in the 10 counties of the diocese. Sixty-nine priests, 142 religious women, 2 brothers, 3 deacons and 5 seminarians reside in the diocese area

together with 47 parishes, 22 missions, 15 parochial schools, one mother house and one Catholic hospital. The new diocese was selected primarily from the archdiocese of San Antonio, but includes counties now in both the Corpus Christi and Galveston-Houston dioceses.

Church, governmental and community leaders from throughout Texas will join with the people of the diocese of Victoria in celebrating the erection of the diocese and the installation of the Bishop on Saturday, May 29, 1982. The ceremonies and following reception will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church in Victoria, which will become the Cathedral of the diocese on the same day.

## Sacred Heart Church 100th Anniversary Picnic Sunday

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hallettsville will hold its Centennial Picnic this Sunday, May 30th and citizens of the area are invited to participate in the activities of the day.

The picnic will be held at the K. of C. Hall in Hallettsville. A stew and fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings will be served beginning at 11 a.m. for \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

Other activities of the day will include an antique auction, a country store, arts and crafts, old-time music, kiddie rides and cold drinks of all kinds. The event will end with a dance from 3 to 12:30 featuring music of Kross Country and Gold Dust. Featured artists will be John Wesley Ryles and Becky Hobbs.

Shrovetide-Upton Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, met in the host room of Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan in Colorado, May 19.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Bill Ruita, chapter president. Homes tour arrangements were reported by Mrs. J. R. Grubbs and Mrs. Jack Draper.

Mrs. James Cranek announced plans for the Col. C. W. Tait Chapter, Children of the Confederacy to host the Texas Division Convention in Salado, Texas in June. Melissa Parks and Harriet Cranek will be presented as Magnolia Belle at the Homes Tour, sponsored by the Children of the Confederacy.

Officers for 1982 were installed. Mrs. Oscar Schade, newly elected president, named the following committees: program and yearbook: Mrs. Clyde Gold of Eagle Lake, Miss Lee Nesbitt and Mrs. R. J. Mainer of Columbus, Mrs. David Gunn of Weimar and Miss Arlene Treibig of El Campo; patriotic service: Mrs. Homer Kolbe of Columbus; museum: Mrs. Jimmy Simmons and Mrs. Jack Draper of Columbus; publicity: Mrs. Nona Etheridge; finance: Mrs. John Mattern; U.D.C. magazine: Mrs. Claude Hardy; telephone: Mrs. A. W. Willford of Columbus, Mrs. W. R. Frnka of Garwood and Mrs. Henry Selfert of Weimar.

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tion. "What was the first newspaper in Eagle Lake?"

An informal social followed the closing ritual and mishap. The last regular meeting of the year will be held on May 25 in the home of Brenda Corman-Reporter.

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The 44th Annual Frnka Family Reunion will be held at the home of Mrs. Pauline Frnka in Frelsburg, June 20.

Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. with lunch at noon served by the Ladies of St. Ann's Altar Society at the price of \$4.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children; drinks will be provided.

The business meeting will follow the lunch with various activities scheduled for the afternoon.

All family members are urged to attend, say Diane and Gary Sena of Sealy, current officers of the association.

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**You must buy tickets in advance by June 8th**

## Cong. Pickle Reports On ERISA

[By Cong. J. J. Pickle]  
Last week we held a formal hearing on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, better known as ERISA.

The result, I hope and believe, will be that billions of dollars in capital will become available for the housing market.

Our large national pension funds, you see, are regulated by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

While the economy was booming, and even after things slowed down some, no one much noticed or cared that a source of finance for homebuilding had been lost.

People were still clamoring for new homes, using inflated wages to meet the high prices, and homebuilders had no trouble finding money to finance homes as fast as they could build them.

But with the national recession, the homebuilding industry has fallen into a deep depression. Savings and loans, a traditional source of finance, are also in trouble, and financing for middle-class new homes is well nigh impossible in many parts of the country.

On the other hand, rising prices and high interest rates have made home mortgages a better investment for pensions. So, more than six months interpretation that would make it possible and practical for pensions to invest in the housing market. That will help not just homebuilders, but all the many related fields, create new jobs, and make it easier

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## Harvest, Store Fresh Potatoes Properly

[By Leroy J. Hajek, County Extension Agent]  
Fresh potatoes can be stored for several months.

Reduced and storage quality is lowered by harvesting potatoes before they begin to dry down. Potatoes harvested early (immature tubers) have thin skins which allow fairly rapid water loss, causing them to shrivel and become soft shortly after storage.

Once harvested, proper storage is important to maintain the quality of the fresh potatoes. One should store the potatoes in complete darkness in moist air at about 60 degrees F. for several weeks. Lower temperatures to 38-40 degrees F. for long-term storage. Colder temperatures prevent sprouting while warmer temperatures encourage it. Whatever the storage temperature, keep potatoes in complete darkness. Exposure to light causes freshly dug potatoes to turn green and to develop an undesirable bitter flavor.

Digging potatoes at the right time and storing them properly can mean a supply of top quality potatoes for some time.

Layering is a method of growing more of your favorite landscape plants. This is done by notching a stem and placing it in soil to root while still attached to the parent plant. Once a root system is established, the new plant can be removed. Layering can also be used to propagate container plants.

To begin, select a vigorous, one-year-old stem 12 to 24 inches long. Remove all leaves on either side of the stem where you plan to cut or notch it. Make a slanting cut or notch about 2 inches long to about the center of the stem. Dust the cut with root hormone, then insert a toothpick, match stick or wood sliver into the wound to keep it open.

Next, cut a hole in the bottom of a plastic coated cottage cheese container or plastic margarine tub, making it slightly larger than the size of the stem being layered. After inserting the stem, tape up the hole with waterproof tape. Then set the container on several blocks or bricks to support it next to the parent plant. Fill the container with moist potting soil to cover the cut or notched portion of the stem. Keep the soil moist but not

for families to afford a home of their own.

Pension investments will still be closely protected by strict ERISA "prudent investment" rules. But a counterproductive layer of red tape has been set away, opening new chances for a housing market recovery.

## Row Crop Demonstration Established

[By Leroy J. Hajek, County Extension Agent]  
Five row crop demonstration plots have been established this spring in preparation for the annual county row crops tour and barbecue to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 1982.

The demonstrations include a grain sorghum variety and disease evaluation tests formed by Edward Gold on a site located 1/4 mile west of Nada on county road 118.

The corn variety and disease tests are located on the Gifford Hill Plant road approximately 2 1/2 miles west of Matthews. They are being formed by Arthur Mahallie and Scott Kenneth Mahallie is farming a corn fertilizer rate test in the same vicinity.

## Last Rites For Mrs. Henry (Patricia) Foster, 75

Funeral services for Mrs. Henry (Patricia) Foster, 75, of Columbus were held Saturday, May 15, from Hubbard Funeral Chapel in Weimar with the Rev. Clarence James officiating.

Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery. Mrs. Foster died May 14, at Columbus Community Hospital, after a lengthy illness.

Born April 8, 1907, at Hotie, Arkansas, she was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sarah (Webb) Marchbanks. She was married to Henry Foster.

A former beautician, she lived at Weimar for ten years. She had also lived at Houston, Columbus and Eagle Lake.

Mrs. Foster is survived by her husband, of Columbus; two daughters and a son-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Veruac of Weimar, Mary and Leon Herring of Columbus; five grandchildren, Larry Herring of Columbus, Rick Herring of Bay City, Mariely Schobel of Columbus, Patsy Kainer of Cuero, and Jimmie Veruac of Yoakum; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Avis Spencer of Galveston; and several nieces and nephews. Two brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Serving as pallbearers were Larry Herring, Rick Herring, Jimmie Veruac, Davis Kainer, Mike Spencer, and Bill Spencer. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Schobel, George Matt Fuller, Charles Fuller, and Sean Schobel.

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**4-H News**  
(By Cheryl Johnson, County Extension Agent)

Tri-County Recreation Lab  
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The day's plans are: 9:30 a.m., arrive and register; 9:45, first session; 11:00, demonstration, wooden belt buckle; 11:30 - 12:15 p.m., lunch (sack lunch); 12:15 - 1:45, second session; 2:00 - 3:30, third session; 3:45, closing, clean-up.

The Recreation Lab will be held at the W. E. Hill Center in Seely Saturday, June 26. I will be leaving here at 8:30 a.m. and arriving back in Columbus around 5:00 p.m. If you want to ride with me you can or I will meet you there!

Cost will be \$3.00; bring a sack lunch (drinks will be sold at the lab) hammer, scissors, pencil, paper, camera (if you want to take pictures).

4-H members 12 years and up, leaders and parents are invited!

Fifteen or more from Colorado County can go. It will be a great day to make new friends, learn new crafts and have lots of fun.

Clothing Mail-Out Series  
Soon 4-H members and leaders will be involved in clothing projects, and perhaps preparing for the county Fashion Revue (July 1).

A Clothing Mail-Out Series is being sent to individuals and groups who want to make new friends, learn new crafts and have lots of fun.

Equipment, tools, supplies, and creative ideas. The information will include a list of equipment, tools, supplies, and creative ideas. The information will include a list of equipment, tools, supplies, and creative ideas.

Once the stem becomes well rooted, cut it from the parent plant as close to the bottom of the container as possible. Once the new plant becomes well established, shift it to a large container.

Thus, with a little effort and patience, you've got a new container plant.

stems where you plan to cut or notch it. Make a slanting cut or notch about 2 inches long to about the center of the stem. Dust the cut with root hormone, then insert a toothpick, match stick or wood sliver into the wound to keep it open.

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## Six Hurt in Three Interstate Wrecks

Six people were hurt — none seriously — in three wrecks involving seven vehicles Monday and Tuesday of last week on Interstate 10 near Columbus.

Investigating Trooper Gary Eden said the two May 17th wrecks occurred back-to-back and about 100 feet apart in the area where highway repairs are going on east of Columbus.

The first of the three May 17th wrecks involved a car, a gravel truck and a cement-mixer truck. It occurred on the westbound side of Interstate 10.

The second wreck involved a car and a cement-mixer truck. It occurred on the eastbound side of Interstate 10.

The third wreck involved a car and a cement-mixer truck. It occurred on the westbound side of Interstate 10.

The motor home, westbound, was driven by Randall Sealy of Lake Jackson. Passengers were his wife and another couple. His wife was hurt.

Family in Van  
The loose trailer hit a Ford van parked on the shoulder, also westbound, whose driver was George Mehaffey, 40, and his family of Wetmore, Texas. The passengers were his wife

and three children, sons Brannen, 5, and Shawn, 11, and daughter Kelli, 12.

The van and trailer wound up in the ditch. A Columbus ambulance took the whole family to the hospital, where they were treated and released. Their injuries were dislocations, cuts and abrasions.

A 1980 Ford pickup driven by Clarence Bosman, 45, of California and a 1981 Buick driven by Melba Ellington, 37, of Seely were both westbound when the Buick rear-ended the pickup.

Mrs. Ellington was thrown against the windshield, getting many glass cuts on her forehead, and suffered a shattered right ankle. She was transferred to Houston after treatment at Columbus.

Trooper Eden said the construction and activity from the previous wreck may have been a distracting factor in this wreck. Mrs. Ellington was ticketed for failing to control speed. Weimar Mercury.

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