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Did you know that the grapefruit was once considered a curiosity and called "Forbidden Fruit"? Later, it was given the name grapefruit because some said it tasted like grapes. Others said it was because the fruit grew in bunches. Despite how it got its name, the grapefruit has been around a long time. It was a favorite in 2000 B.C. when it graced the tables of the Chinese Emperors and the Princes of India.

It should not be "Forbidden Fruit" for your family. Look for grapefruit that is heavy for its size, firm, but springy to the touch, is well shaped with fairly smooth skin. Fruits that are somewhat pointed at the stem end are apt to be thick-skinned and less juicy.

Grapefruit comes with white, pink or ruby red meat. They generally have about the same nutritional quality. All citrus is considered a good source of Vitamin C and the ruby red ones are a good source of Vitamin A as well. One-half of a 7 to 8 ounce fruit contains 50 to 55 calories.

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Precinct 4 loses road funds

Judge recommends lower funding for Eagle Lake area due to Stiles voting record

A dull meeting became lively Monday afternoon when County Judge Lester Cranek recommended that funds to be split among commission precincts be lower than projected for the Eagle Lake area precinct, while higher for the others.

That brought an immediate and lively response from precinct four commissioner Billy Stiles who translated the suggestion as punishment for precinct four residents, rather than a form of censure.

The matter came up as commissioners were implementing the use of funds budgeted for 1983 according to the plans approved last fall during the budgeting process. The amount of money for operations in commissioner precincts is established in the fall and implemented each January.

Judge Cranek began explaining what the agenda item was and what could be done.

For the past several years, the money available for commissioners was divided by first giving each commissioner \$50,000 for his operating costs, then allocating the remainder by percent of county roads in each precinct.

That method was adopted because it gave each commissioner a "basic amount to cover those costs each precinct has to bear whether they have 50 miles of roads or 200 - like buildings, equipment, utilities, etc.

Cranek suggested however that the money be divided first by giving Stiles' precinct 35 percent more than last year, then dividing the remainder among the other three precincts.

Cranek said he recommended 90 percent of the time "Stiles voted no on budgets, but yet enjoyed the increased revenue because other commissioners voted to approve revenue increases. That is especially true during the most recent budget process when for the first time in several years tax revenues were increased more than 3 percent, a level which requires a public hearing."

Cranek described his recommendation on precinct four expenses as a lesson in learning "to pay the biller if you are going to dance."

Stiles reaction was to begin gathering the papers on the table in front of him then stand up as if to leave the meeting. He looked at Cranek and said, "You will do as you please," then walked around and took a seat on the wooden public bench in front of the court.

Why punish the people of my precinct, he asked during the discussion, why not vote to cut my salary or take me outside and thrash me if you don't like me.

Commissioner Otto Loessin concurred with Judge Cranek's suggestion, but never made a motion. Commissioner Rafael Vega suggested that the judge's suggestion "not be implemented. He suggested the \$50,000 basic amount be increased to \$60,000 because all precincts have machinery that needs to be maintained.

But, Cranek and Stiles continued their discussion. Cranek said that he had been accused of being too diplomatic in his position of county judge, and that his suggestion was purely of his own opinion.

"Since I have been here you have voted against 90 percent of the budgets," he told Stiles but you and your employees enjoy the increases.

"I haven't voted against 90 percent of the budgets," Stiles responded, "you street things far beyond what they are. He vetoed the fact that Cranek earlier in the morning said the Houston Galveston Area Council salary cost was around \$354,000 when Stiles was told when he called HGAAC to ask that it was more than \$12 million.

"Do you represent the people of precinct four," Stiles asked, "do you think having a conservative minority voice on the court is bad?" he asked.

When Stiles persisted in suggesting that commissioners cut his salary, rather than remove funds from the precinct budget that would be detrimental to precinct residents, Judge Cranek asked him if he thought he could operate the precinct on practically the same amount as last year, because that is what Stiles' no vote on the budget last fall meant to him.

"We need more repairs in precinct four," Stiles said, "the roads are not in good shape, and I can show you one bridge" that is in particular need of repair. But, Stiles explained his voting records as a statement on his position that the growth of government will cause "us to go down the tubes."

When Commissioner Loessin asked Cranek if he would like to make a motion on Cranek's suggestion, the judge said, "I would open a can of worms" when he brought the idea up, that it was a "radical statement."

Commissioner Jerome Wicks then began to suggest the court return to the old method of dividing funds solely by percent of roads in each precinct. After a short period of further discussion, Commissioner Loessin made that into a motion.

Cranek, thinking a negative vote would be forthcoming from Stiles and commissioner Veselka, who has the second least amount of roads (22.61 percent compared to precinct four with 18.59 percent), began to say it probably will be a 2-2 split vote which he would have to break with his vote. He was interrupted by Stiles who said he was not so sure.

They called for a vote, and the motion to divide funds on the percent of roads ratio was approved 3-1 with Stiles voting approval and Veselka the lone negative vote.

The court was talking about \$1.45 million, an increase of almost \$307,000 over last year. If the money was divided as in recent years, precinct four would have received about \$283,000, an increase of about \$65,000 over last year.

Under Cranek's suggestion, the precinct would have received only about \$7,657 more than last year, and under the system adopted Monday afternoon, will receive a little more than \$270,000, what Stiles thought was coming under the recent year division system, but still more than \$50,000 over last year.

Last year, precinct four had \$218,782 available for its income, for use in four budget areas: lateral roads, revenue sharing, road and bridge, and additional ad valorem. However, under Stiles management, \$40,000, was not spent and is available for use this year. "There was no paving last year" in the precinct, Stiles said. He said he is planning to use the left over 1982 funds with the 1983 funds.

By dividing the money as was done, Commissioner Loessin gained \$12,600 with his 30.32 percent of the miles in the county, and Commissioner Wicks gained about \$8,000 with his 28.48 percent, over the division method last year. Commissioner Veselka lost about \$6,500. There are 717.4 miles of county roads.

As a closing comment, made just before he voted approval, Stiles suggested that the people have some warning that something like this was going to happen. Earlier in the discussion he made reference to the ticking saw that it should have been there last year, when the people who elected him again in 1982 had time to make such a decision on his voting record. He questioned such action by Judge Cranek and the court, and suggested that if his record was not good, then a recall election was proper, not court voting.

County water study a topic

Rice production seminar here Friday

Rice producers of Colorado and adjacent areas are invited to attend the annual Colorado County Rice Production Seminar scheduled Friday in Eagle Lake at the Community Center. Seven speakers are on the program.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts. The program will start at 10 a.m. break for lunch on noon, and resume at 1:15 p.m.

Seminar speakers will include Dr. Ron Knutson, extension marketing economist, with a presentation entitled "Agriculture Policy and the Rice Farm," "Rice Production Costs and Economic Efficiency" will be discussed by Dr. Art Gerlow, extension farm economist. Bill Harrison, president of the First National Bank of Eagle Lake, will share his viewpoints as a banker in "The '80s of 1983."

Dr. Arlen Klosterboer, extension agronomist, will give his view points on "Agronomic Practices for Rice Producer Survival."

Dr. Walter Walla, extension plant pathologist, will share his observations on rice diseases in a presentation entitled "Rice Disease Control - Do You Need It?"

Water management and its cost are of major concern to rice producers. C. Wayne Keese, extension irrigation engineer, will address the subject through the topic "A Study of Irrigation Pumping, Costs and Water Distribution Losses." Richard Bettge, civil engineer with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, will present a paper entitled "Monitoring of Irrigation Water for Rice Production." Bettge's presentation will review a water management study that is underway in Colorado and area rice producing counties under a joint cooperative arrangement with Texas A&M University, USDA Soil Conservation Service, county soil and water conservation districts, Texas Rice Research Foundation, and respective landowners involved.

The seminar is being sponsored by the Colorado County Rice and Soybean Committee in cooperation with the Colorado County Extension Service.



Almost all the seats were taken Tuesday for the third seminar in a series on surviving the farm financial situation. Above, Dr. Charlie Bollich, supervisor in research agronomy with the Beaumont Experiment station, talks about new varieties. At left is Clarence Gilbert of the Lower Colorado River Authority as he talks about the state's water needs.

Chamber ticket deadline Friday

Ticket sales for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet are "lagging" according to secretary Fred R. Frank, and with a sales deadline of Friday, tickets need to be purchased so the proper audience can be accommodated.

Speaker for the 7 p.m. banquet next Tuesday at the Community Center is Joe T. Stevens, a native of Bandera, Texas. He was the past program leader of the statewide fur-bearer management program in Texas, and has presented more than 500 slide programs in Texas, Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana and North Carolina.

Last year more than 100 people attended the banquet, which signifies the end of a year for the chamber, and the beginning of a new one. It will be Roy Dean Van Nort's final meeting as president of the group as Jo Ann Mahalite becomes president.

Tickets have been available from chamber board of directors, but by Friday they will be available only through the Chamber office at 123 North McCarty, and from Van Nort.

The program should prove to be an interesting one, with Stevens being able to imitate most common mammals and birds in Texas. According to those who have seen him, "He makes wildlife and hunting come alive in an educational and entertaining way. Everybody gets excited about wildlife when Joe comes to town."

Stevens was raised in the heart of the Hill Country and received his degree in wildlife science from Texas A&M University in 1942.

He is a veteran of World War II, North African and Italian Campaigns, and has hunted wild animals in those countries.

He retired in 1966 from his career as a wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He has conducted research on bobwhite, turkey, bob white quail, doves and squirrel and assisted in the management of these species in northern Texas for more than 20 years.

Stevens likes to work with young people, and many of his presentations have been made in all levels of public schools.

Rice irrigation water rated as a fourth priority by state

The state water commission and the department of water resources has placed rice irrigation water fourth on a use priority, according to Clarence Gilbert of the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The LCRA has challenged the rating but warned those present Tuesday for another in the series of farm survival seminars here that metropolitan areas have more "votes." That means when areas with more population than rural farm communities want water for use as recreation, politicians may listen more closely.

Gilbert was one of several speakers Tuesday morning for the seminar sponsored by AgCenter, Agrichem. The subject for the day was cultural practices.

Bill West, director of operations for the LCRA was the scheduled speaker, but he was not able to leave Austin, and Gilbert came instead.

He was introduced by Jay Anderson, a member of the LCRA board who said the water authority was formed in the 1930's because people in Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties were seeking flood protection system.

Today, he said LCRA is the largest, best funded and most active such entity in the state.

"There is no topic water" more timely," Anderson said, quoting Bill Clements who has said that water for the lack of it will have more impact on the next generation than oil has on the past generation.

Gilbert added other comments indicating that water for farm operations might be somewhat endangered.

Conservationists, he said, think using water for rice

ELMS to hold basketball game against faculty

The faculty members of the Eagle Lake Middle School will get a chance to show their stuff when they play against the eight grade basketball team on Thursday, January 13, announces Charles Abel, principal at Eagle Lake Middle School.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy watching this match, announces the principal.

At 2 p.m. the women faculty members will play

Rice council to report rice consumption on rise

The fact that consumption of rice is increasing will be one of the highlights of the 32nd annual Texas Rice Council meeting scheduled Thursday, February 3, starting at 10 a.m. in the grand ballroom of the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and a luncheon will be served following the meeting. Rice farmers, spouses and others in the rice industry are invited to attend.

The program will emphasize the role of advertising and the progress that has been made in its consumption. Guest speaker will be Bob Mickels, senior vice president and management supervisor of N. W. Ayer ABH International in Chicago. That company is

Arson, theft investigated

Two pool tables and a juke box were pried open last week in a business near Garwood after someone pried open the door, according to Peter Casave who reported the theft to the Sheriff's Department.

He said two cases of beer and some chips also were taken from the business on FM 1693.

About 7:35 p.m. Monday evening, the sheriff's office was told a truck loaded with hay was on fire at the Poor-Boys restaurant east of Columbus.

Billy Zickuhr, 35, of Columbus, was charged with arson on Tuesday.

Council to allow 6 sales

The sidewalk sales or distance here will be amended at the next city council meeting to allow six sales per year, compared to the present allowance of three.

And, sales held in conjunction with civic events, like the Santa Parade or a city-wide festival, will not count toward the allowance.

Council met Tuesday night in regular session. A full report on the meeting will be in next week's Headlight.

Appraisal District to visit here

Colorado County Central Appraisal District has slated a Collection and Rendition Road Visit Schedule for the month of January, 1983, announces Chief Appraiser Billy Youens.

The district will have representatives at the City Hall in Eagle Lake on Monday and Tuesday, January 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and at Hopkins' Rice Office in