

### Oil, gas drilling applications

A total of 2,716 drilling applications were processed by the Railroad Commission in January, according to Chairman Mack Wallace. In December, the commission processed 2,967 applications, and 3,479 were handled in January 1983.

The January 1984 total included 2,059 applications for permit to drill new oil and gas wells, 35 applications to deepen existing holes, 238 applications to plugback existing holes, and 12 applications for service (non-producing) wells. Operators also filed 322 amended applications to deepen existing holes, 238 applications to plugback existing holes, and 13 applications for service wells.

There were 325 amended applications for new oil and gas holes in January. Applications included 272 in the San Antonio area (District 1), 79 in the Del Rio area (District 2), 157 in Southeast Texas (District 3), 128 in deep South Texas (District 4), 48 in East Central Texas (District 5), 80 in East Texas (District 6), 341 in West Central Texas (District 7), 127 in the San Angelo area (District 7), 308 in the Midland area (District 8), 114 in the Lubbock area (District 8A), 256 in North Texas (District 9), and 189 in the Panhandle (District 10).

The commission also reported 45 oil and 102 gas discoveries in January, 195 discoveries in December, 96 oil and 106 gas discoveries were reported.



Winners of the annual basketball free-throw contest, sponsored here by the Knights of Columbus Council 4843 of Eagle Lake, took a moment Sunday to have their picture taken before competing in the district tournament in Columbus. Twyman Boone, third from left in the front row, was the district winner in the 14-year-old age group and will compete in the Austin regional tournament on February 25. Others who made the district trip Sunday are from left Ray Sykowski, sponsor; Shalanda Williams; Boone, and Clarence Weeks. Back row from left is Jeannette McTear, Marsha Norris, Brian Amos, Viola Cordova and Marla Thomas.

### Soil Conservation News

Mike McGlothlin, a district cooperorator of the Zimmerscheidt area, is shaping an eroded area which will be established to coastal bermuda to control erosion. He is also clearing brush and the cleared areas are to be established to coastal bermuda.

District cooperorator Carl Milents of the Rock Island area plans to construct a pond.

District cooperorator Jim Boyd of the Weimar area plans to shape eroded areas.

Sam Hromadka, a district cooperorator of the Weimar area, is planning to construct a pond.

Louis Epps of the Eagle Lake area plans to construct a pond.

Erwin Cloot of the Frelsburg area plans to construct a pond.

District cooperorator H.J. Chavanne of the Frelsburg area plans to construct a pond.

Clarence Hallman of the Frelsburg area plans to construct a pond.

Dr. John Milligan is planning to construct a pond on his ranch in the Bernardo area.

E.H. Bigert is constructing a pond with a pipe drop structure and is also shaping eroded areas to control erosion on his farm in the Weimar area.

The regular monthly meeting of the Directors of the "Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District" was held on January 17.

The conservation plan on R.B. Beaty has been written. Mr. Beaty plans to clear brush, plant coastal bermuda grass and construct a pond on his place near Rock Island.

The conservation plan on Hugo Helmeck, who owns a place south of Weimar, has been completed. Hugo is clearing brush and planting coastal bermuda grass on a portion of this place.

Conservation assistance was provided to Herbert Engstrom on irrigation water management techniques.

A conservation plan for Thomas "Mac" ... was written to reflect his decisions for applying conservation practices over the next few years.

The conservation plan on Hugo Helmeck, whose place is near Borden, has been written. Hugo plans to plant some grass and build a pond.

The program "America the Beautiful" was presented to the Columbus Rotary Club and was enjoyed by those in attendance.

Conservation assistance was provided to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stowers on control of McCartney rose and also on planting coastal bermuda grass.

The conservation plan on Erwin Cloot has been written. Mr. Cloot plans to deepen and enlarge his pond.

The deadline for the annual Colorado Soil and Water Poster and Essay contest was January 13. 140 students entered the essay contest and 84 students entered the poster contest. Students who had the winning poster and essay entries will be named in March.

Conservation assistance was provided to Fritz Leopold of Nada. Information was also gathered for adding 25 acres to his conservation plan. His plan is being updated to reflect this additional acreage.



All smiles! Jack Grammer was all smiles last Friday night after winning the District 24-3A basketball crown on a shot at the buzzer. He was interviewed on KULM by Terry Wooten, while Bill Appelt, who helped with the broadcast, listened.

### Texas purebred cattle alliance meeting called

A formal organizational meeting of the Texas Purebred Cattle Alliance has been called for Friday, February 24, 1984 at 5 p.m. in Meeting Room D in the Astrohall at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

The Purebred Cattle Alliance idea was conceived this past summer during the brucellosis crisis. This alliance will be a non-profit organization and its purpose will be to form an alliance of all purebred associations and purebred breeders to promote and protect the purebred cattle industry in the state of Texas.

There have been three meetings thus far and at the last meeting in Houston, the organizing group adopted a constitution and by-laws. A charter for this alliance has been registered with the state of Texas. This meeting that is being called will be a general membership meeting to finalize the organization of the alliance and to elect a board of directors and officers. At this time, several cattle organizations in the state have joined this alliance. The alliance welcomes all state associations in Texas to join.

The Texas Purebred Cattle Alliance will become a powerful organization and will create a unity within the purebred cattle industry in Texas. It will not only be an effective way for the purebred breeders of Texas to deal with legislative problems in the state, including the animal health issues, but it will also keep us abreast of any problems the Texas cattle industry may encounter. If handled properly, this alliance can also be an effective way for Texas purebred breeders to market their cattle.

It is important that all purebred breeders in the state of Texas attend this important meeting and it is also important that they join this alliance by paying an annual membership fee of \$25/person or ranch. For further information regarding the Texas Purebred Cattle Alliance you may contact: John Joyce, Temporary Chairman at 1107 Cottondale Road, Wharton, Texas, 77488 (AC 713/342-2035 or AC 409/657-2212) or Margaret Watkins, Temporary Secretary at Star Rt. Box 47, Ganado, Texas (AC 512/782-3098).

### 1984 Houston livestock show recorded as world's largest

FFA and 4-H Club members throughout Texas are set to participate in the 1984 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, February 18-March 4. Early tallies of 1984 Show entries indicate that this year's Show will be larger than ever before, with more than 32,000 entries expected to fill the Astrohall during the two-week run of the Show.

"With new events added, this year's Show promises to be our best and most versatile ever," noted Don Jobs, Jr., assistant general manager. "It provides spectators with a truly unique opportunity to see some of the finest livestock anywhere, gathered all under one roof. New events include a dairy goat competition, a mule and donkey show and a miniature horse show.

The Rodeo, with 16 performances from February 22-March 4, presents the largest line-up of stars ever to appear at the Show and at 1983 ticket prices of only \$4 and \$8.

"While the focus for the next few weeks will be on the Show as the world's largest show and rodeo and an entertainment extravaganza featuring 21 star performers, Jobs pointed out that the Show is much more.

In the carcass competition, all first and second place winners in these three divisions will be slaughtered and their carcasses judged. "The thrust of the junior market competition is to develop the best market animal in terms of efficiency, profitability and consumer satisfaction," said Mike McCravy, assistant manager of the Show.

"By initiating these carcass contests and disseminating the results quickly after the Show, exhibitors and livestock producers know exactly which animal types are producing the best all-around market animal by Show and consumer standards." He added that the goal of market competition is to select a champion animal that is ready to go to market now and give the consumer the highest possible return for his food dollar, as well as providing the highest possible return for the livestock producer.

A new judging system in the junior market division will add a new dimension to the sharpest showing competition in the livestock industry. "By inaugurating a three-judge system in each of these junior market shows, the Houston Show is emphasizing its commitment both to quality competition and to the unimpeachable standards which reflect the most current trends in the industry today," McCravy said.

"With the caliber of judges we have and the new system being used, a Houston champion will be recognized as the best of the best competition in the world."

To facilitate the handling of the thousands of entries expected to fill the 25-plus acre livestock exhibition facility, a new method is

being used to handle junior market barrows. "We handle more barrow entries than for any other show division," McCravy noted. "Even with entry limitations in 1983, we still had more than 4,400 barrows entered. With all the entries we are trying to process and still at the same time, it can create a logistic situation that taxes even our facilities, which are generally regarded as the best in the country."

Junior market barrows will be "sifted" at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham on February 25 and 26. Sifted barrows are then loaded directly for sale through normal livestock auction consignments. Non-sifted barrows proceed to Houston and the livestock show competition.

The junior livestock show schedule has been changed to accommodate the procedure change in handling barrows. The junior market barrow auction now will take place on March 1, as the first of the junior auctions.

While the livestock show is in full swing in the Astrohall, the Houston Rodeo also is offering the biggest line-up of star entertainers in Show history. With 21 entertainers, rodeo fans are guaranteed of seeing a favorite star or two and at a price that rivals that of a night out at the movies.

Rodeo ticket prices have held firm at only \$4 and \$8, noted Jobs. "We make a point of offering the best family entertainment at a price the entire family can afford. And, to do that in 1984, we kept our ticket prices at 1983 levels and brought in more stars than at any other single event in the Gulf Coast area."

All rodeo performances are held in the Astrodome, where the Show uses concert quality sound and wide-screen projection so that every seat in the house offers a good view of rodeo action and star entertainment. And, with the Astrodome's new DiamondVision replay screen, a spectator has never been able to see so much so well.

Tickets may be purchased at any Ticketmaster or Ticketron outlet.

The Houston Livestock Show opens on February 18; the rodeo begins the first of 16 performances on February 22; and all events conclude on March 4.

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**Rotary Club news**

Kent Caperton, prominent attorney from Bryan and Senator for the 5th Congressional District in Texas, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday, February 15, when he proclaimed that "the greatest failure of the Texas Legislature has been its failure to come to grips with the problems facing education in Texas." He also forecast that increase in some taxes will be essential to meet costs for this and other demands being made upon the state treasury.

"A child is entitled to all the tools of education... to them," emphasized the senator. He added that the Texas Legislature should go on record toward treating and paying the teachers as professionals should be. But he added that "we should demand more professionalism from some of our educators and require higher standards in educating our leaders of tomorrow... we have the ability and the people to upgrade our educational system... we can do it if we have the resolve and the will."

Caperton touched on another subject which he recognized as a sore subject—the increase of taxes. "We simply must face up to the reality that ten years without a tax increase in this state has got to come to an end." He commented that he would fight against any form of income or corporate tax, or any increase in property taxes. He predicted that an increase in the sales tax probably will be forthcoming as the most equitable form of taxation. The senator also predicted changes in financing the highway systems of this state and spoke about a possible percentage gas tax instead of a flat per gallon tax on gasoline. Also expected to be up before the next legislature will be increases in taxes on liquor and tobacco but noted that these two areas have some of the state's most powerful lobby groups and predicted that "increases in liquor or tobacco taxes will not come easy."

"I believe the people of this state are willing to pay additional taxes, provided that there is no waste," he stated. The senator also referred briefly to the audit now underway of the Texas prison system to determine if there has been wrongdoing.

The prison system was cited by the senator as another of the state's major problem areas. He noted that Texas judges and juries assess some of the heaviest punishment of any state and this has filled the prison system's facilities to overflowing. He stated that it might become necessary to put a "cap" on the number of prisoners incarcerated in this state.

"I'm proud of the reputation America and Texas have established with people around the world," concluded Senator Caperton, after he had discussed briefly some of the trips which he and other legislators have made abroad.

He concluded by offering his services to the people of the Fifth Senatorial District at any fund and pledge to be a working and on-time door on March 6th.

### Rodeo tickets available at M&M Western

Tickets for Colorado County Night, February 28, at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Houston are available at M&M Western Store in Eagle Lake. Roy Clark and Lee Grinstead will perform that evening.

A bus will be leaving the Courthouse square in Columbus at 4:15 that afternoon.

Bus tickets are available at County Judge Lester Cranecki office in Columbus and rodeo tickets also are available at his office.

### Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrow and Dena recently spent three days in San Diego, California.

Mr. and Mrs. David Fuller, Tammy and Nickie, spent Sunday in Moulton, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Liebich.

Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. Ruth Haines who is a patient in Gulf Coast Medical Hospital in Wharton. She was to undergo surgery early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodriguez, Oscar and Bruce Tesch and "Punky" Fuller were in Houston Saturday night to enjoy the tractor-pulls in the Astrodome.

Mrs. Lloyd Criswell was in Houston last week to attend the funeral for her aunt.

Several residents received damage to trees or out buildings during the early hours Sunday when a front came through with tornado like winds. Mr. and Mrs. Goats who live north-west of Sheridan lost a large tree near their mobile home. Donnie Lillie, south of Sheridan lost eight large live oak trees that came up by the roots. Two barns that lost 2 x 4's and the roof blew debris into a new barn, heavily damaging it. A camper shell was picked up by the wind lifted above the chain length fence and set down inside the yard, but it was not damaged.

Mrs. Alice Schillab lost her electricity for several hours when a large cedar tree fell on the power line leading to her house.

Mrs. Janell Klein left Wednesday for a flight to Michigan to be with her mother who underwent emergency surgery.

Rev. Bernie Helge and Linda and Scottie of New Gulf spent Friday night through Saturday evening with Mrs. Lizzie Fuller, while his family enjoyed having Leslie Helge stay with us. Bro. Bernie was guest speaker at the Adult Sweetheart Banquet held at the Baptist Church, Friday evening. Gilbert Hollub opened the program and announced the king and queen and prince and princess, whose status was determined by perfect Sunday school attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bauer were crowned king and queen. O. L. Botard and Mrs. Blanch Johnson qualified as prince and princess. The theme was an "underwater" one which was carried out in the menu consisting of "Chicken of the Sea," seaweed salad, shipwreck salad, peg leg potatoes, sea biscuits, seashell tea, clam coffee and deep sea desserts. The church annex was decorated also in the underwater theme. Five seagoing strangers entertained, approximately 50

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