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24 Years Ago
 Let's Look Back

March 24, 1960
 Mr. and Mrs. James Gertson are the proud parents of a son, Mike Everett, born March 17 in Laughlin Hospital. Jo Ann Sens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Sens and Guy Burkhart of Corpus were united in marriage March 12 in the First Baptist Church.

Miss Gini Pendergrass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Pendergrass of Eagle Lake, was one of nine students at Baylor University, where she is a freshman, winning in the Southern Literary Festival Contest. Miss Glenda Altman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Altman, was elected best dressed cowgirl during the Wharton County Junior College western week activities.

Mrs. C. H. Radack passed away Tuesday evening in Houston. Mrs. Radack is the mother of E. A. Radack, son-in-law of Publisher and Mrs. Fred G. Franks. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky attended the 90th birthday anniversary party held Sunday for Mrs. Mary Macha, great aunt of Mrs. Pustejovsky.

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Opinion

Doggett gets AFL-CIO endorsement

State Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, picked up a little momentum for his U.S. Senate campaign this week by gaining the endorsement of the Texas AFL-CIO.

Meeting in Austin, delegates to the two-day labor convention gave Doggett their endorsement despite an attempt by supporters of former Congressman Bob Krueger to block the endorsement.

Doggett picked up 73 percent of the vote in a straight up-or-down roll call on whether to support the endorsement of Doggett.

Doggett needed only a two-thirds margin to win the groups approval. Despite strong opposition to Doggett by electrical workers and other labor factions, the Krueger people could only muster 26 percent of the vote, far below the 33 percent needed to block the Doggett victory.

The endorsement is expected to be a major boost to Doggett's campaign, which was given little chance of success when he began last year.

Doggett supporters also expect to see a considerable sum of dollars flowing into their candidate's war chest as well.

Krueger has generally been acknowledged as the front-runner in the race for the Democratic Senate nomination, but Doggett has been gaining ground.

Last month, Doggett succeeded in blocking a Krueger endorsement by the Mexican-American Democrats.

After the roll call vote, Krueger released a statement castigating rank-and-file labor people for "blindly" following the positions of the State AFL-CIO leaders.

While labor was in Austin trying to ignite the Doggett campaign, education officials were meeting in Dallas, where the real fireworks were expected.

The Select Committee on Education chaired by outspoken Dallas billion-

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 By Lyndell Williams
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the elected panel scrapped because no group of elected officials who are responsive to the needs and desires of the people' would go along with some recommendations.

Those recommendations have included requiring public school teachers to pass a basic skills test and replacing the elected State Board of Education with an appointed board.

The proposal to abolish the 27-member, elected board in favor of a seven-member, appointed panel has caused friction among members of the education community.

Members of the board, including board chairman Joe Kelly Butler of Houston, the patriarch of Texas public education, blasted Perot for trying to grease the skids for his committee's recommendations.

Board member Wayne Winkle of El Paso told reporters that Perot wants

Under the plan to make teachers take basic skills tests, those teachers who fail the test would not have their contracts renewed when they expire.

Tower speaks up for farmers

Farmers always have been the backbone of this nation. Today agriculture is vital to a healthy American economy as well as necessary for our sustenance, said John Tower, U.S. Senator for Texas, in a news release talking about the many accomplishments of American agriculture and National Agriculture Day observed on March 20.

Considering the difficult time our farmers and ranchers have been experiencing, it is more important than ever to reaffirm our commitment to a healthy agricultural industry, he wrote. Farmers have met the adversities with courage and can be proud of their accomplishments.

Modern agriculture requires an understanding of a multitude of scientific skills, business principles and sophisticated techniques. American farmers and ranchers have built an industry in this country unsurpassed anywhere in the world. Mean while, productivity rates in other nations continue to decline.

American agriculture produces almost one-twelfth of the total output of the world's major agricultural commodities. We feed not only our own population but also much of the rest of the world as well, he said.

Agriculture is this country's largest industry. It is estimated that 2.4 million farmers and ranchers across the country have assets of more than \$1.1 trillion committed to agricultural production. More than one-fifth of the nation's total workforce, 23 million Americans, is employed in agricultural production.

Texas is America's largest producer of beef, cotton, sorghum, sheep, goats, watermelons and oilseed crops. It is among the top ten states in the production of 16 of the nation's top 25 commodities, supplying 37 percent of the nation's cotton, 11 percent of the cattle on feed, 30 percent of its grain sorghum and 24 percent of its onions.

Texas is a unique agricultural state because of its many soil types, climatic conditions and available water levels. Texas places second among states in diversity of agricultural products.

The value of farm assets in Texas totals more than \$62 billion. This amount is equal to three-fourths of the total assets of all of the state's banks. In fact, every dollar in farm sales puts more than \$3.40 into the Texas economy.

The total estimated economic impact of agriculture and agribusiness on the Texas economy is about \$3.4 billion a year.

48 Years Ago
 Let's Look Back

March 20, 1936
 Five-mile canal extension will furnish water for new rice territory on north prairie. Jerome Banks, 11, son of Joe Banks killed by car near Taverner. Eagle Lake's new bakery is expected to open for business some time during the coming week. H. J. C. Brown, is out of school on account of a sprained leg and possible dislocation of her shoulder. Monday, in company with her younger brother, Birgina was doing a few Buck Jones stunts and was painfully injured in a spill that followed.

A low water bridge, built to temporarily replace the bridge over the San Bernard river, between Kentleton and Hungerford, destroyed by fire, was opened to traffic last week.

Tom Denson's vocational agriculture boys of the Garwood school defeated the Wharton five Thursday to win the Gulf Coast banner. Oscar Morse has rented the former barbecue stand near the A. B. Store.

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

DISTRICT COURT SUITS FILED
 Marie C. Gentry vs. Ronald Lee Gentry; divorce; 3-13-84.
 Ruth Neuenendorf vs. Anthony W. Turner and Britt Hughey; seeking claimed damages; 3-14-84.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED
 Frank Joe Andrew, 38, Columbus, and Suzanne Morgan Peikert, 35, Columbus 3-14-84.
 Enemencio Villarreal Castillo, 21, Eagle Lake, and Cynthia Ann Leal, 17, Eagle Lake; 3-15-84.

COLORADO COUNTY COURT ACTIVITY
 (March 1984)
 Charles Setz Farrar, listing the address of a Columbus attorney; court finds defendant guilty of driving while intoxicated charge filed Dec. 29, 1983; fined \$250 plus court costs and given six months probation on a 30-day jail sentence.
 Leman Dancy, no address listed; pleaded guilty to criminal trespass of habitation charge filed Feb. 9, 1984; sentenced to 6 months in county jail with a 5-month suspension and 1-month credited for time served.
 Kenneth James Hodde, no address listed; court finds defendant guilty of driving while intoxicated charge filed on Feb. 9, 1984; fined \$750 and given a 72-hour county jail sentence with time served credited.
 Debbie Thurmann Billeck against you; pleaded guilty to the charge of selling beer to a minor paid on Feb. 9, 1984; paid fine of \$250 plus court costs.
 Roy Lee Coleman, Sr., no address listed; pleaded guilty to theft by check charge filed Feb. 10, 1984; paid fine of \$50 plus court costs and restitution.
 Arnoldo Gonzales, no address listed; court finds defendant guilty of driving while intoxicated charge filed on Feb. 21, 1984; fined \$700 plus court costs and given one year probation on a 30-day county jail sentence.

REAL ESTATE DEED TRANSFERS
 Deed, James D. Gertson Jr. et ux to Jerry L. Fink, et ux lot 11 and 12 block 7, Highland Park Addition, 2-25-84
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 Deed, Alice Reichardt to Harold A. Lott, 80.689 acres, Peyton Neal League, 2-25-84
 Deed, Raymond K. Burger to Henry Burger, Jr., undivided interest to parcel of land in James Cummins Survey et al. 11-12-82
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 Deed, Eddie Lee Mareth et ux to W.B. Dickey, lots 7, 8, 9 & 10 block 74, Sheridan, Texas, 2-17-84
 Deed, Eugene R. Shelley et ux to Richard C. Schmidt et al. 5.297 acres, J. Tumlinson Survey, 3-1-84
 Deed, James R. Mikuliska to David Divin et ux, 3.844 acres, R Dowdy League, 3-1-84
 Deed, Laurence W. Reed to First Baptist Church of Sheridan, Texas, 118.8 acres, S.W. N. 1/4 of lot 13 block 69, Sheridan, Texas, 10-1-83
 Deed, William A. Miller to Virgil W. Cleveland et ux, lot 125, Lake Sheridan Estates Sub. 3-6-84
 Deed, Joe J. Kallins Sr. et ux to Larry W. Smidove et ux, parcel of land in Preston Gilbert League, 3-6-84
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 Deed, Harold James Untermeyer to Louise Untermeyer, 1.0 acre, James Cummins League, 7-19-83
 Deed, Otto E. Kahlden Jr., Trustee, to Veterans Land Board, 10.0 acres, I & G N RR Co. Survey, 2-7-84
 Deed, Veterans Land Board to M.B. Adams, 10.0 acres, I & G N RR Co. Survey, 2-29-84
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 Deed, James J. Thompson to Robert A. Soap, 80 acres, Cane Belt RR, 2-2-84

4-H News
 County Roundup is Monday, March 26
 By Cheryl Johnson
 County Extension Agent

Are you ready to participate in our County 4-H Roundup? All you have to do is plan a talk on some area that you are interested in or show us how to make something that you have learned in your project work. In other words, participate in a Method Demonstration or Illustrated Talk. Ask your leaders about them!

There is a contest called "Share-the-Fun." It involves a skit, dance or song-sharing your fun with others. The bigger the group the more fun.

Our County Roundup is Monday, March 26, 7 p.m. Pre-registration is 6 to 6:30 p.m. (you must be registered before 6:30 p.m.), Columbus Elementary School Cafeteria.

4-H pointers on coping with stage fright. Although there is no cure-all for stage fright, there are ways you can channel your nervous tension in useful directions, making it work for you rather than against you. 4-H members enrolled in public speaking projects have learned some of the ways to deal with pre-speech butterflies.

These include the following: First, stage fright is a normal reaction; even experienced speakers have it. — Your nervousness usually doesn't show as much as you think it does. — A certain amount of tension is actually desirable; it can help "psych" you up for a speech. — Minimize stage fright by preparing thoroughly for any public speaking occasion. Plan, research, write and rewrite your speech; then rehearse until you feel comfortable with it. — Remember, no one is perfect. If you lose your place or train of thought while you're speaking, simply pause, recapture your thoughts and continue. Few people in the audience will notice your error unless you draw attention to it.

In the national 4-H public speaking program, conducted by the Extension Service and supported by Union Oil Company of California, 4-H'ers learn by doing to make their voices heard and their thoughts remembered through polished speeches and effective public debates.

As they master public speaking skills, 4-H members can earn awards provided by Union Oil and arranged by the National 4-H Council. Recognition includes \$1,000 scholarships for six national winners, expense-paid trips to National 4-H Congress for state winners, and four medals of honor per county.

Girls and boys 9-19 can learn more about the 4-H public speaking program by contacting the County Extension office.

The 4-H program is open to all boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 19 from all ethnic, racial, cultural and economic groups, regardless of geographic location.

National Honor Society

Ten junior and sophomore students were sworn into the National Honor Society at Rice High School. They include, from left, Mary Hernandez, Teressa Havens, Tina Grahmann, Beverly Rucka, Janice Hyek, Laura Appelt, Vickie Darden, Valerie Benge, John Adkins, and Peter Canaris. Conducting the ceremony are, from left, Douglas Wright, counselor; Shawn Spanish; and Fred Grahmann, principal.

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