Rail crossing work promised

The State Highway and Public Transportation Commission approved a program which will provide funds for the replanking of 134 railroad crossings for Texas' State Highway System in 1985. According to Carl V. Ramert, district engineer, the replanking program is estimated to cost $3.5 million per year to replace rough crossings. There are approximately 2,400 crossings on the state's roadways. Highway department engineers estimate that a 16-year replacement cycle — whereby approximately 150 crossings are replanked each year — would be effective in providing smooth roadway crossings.

The following crossings in Colorado County will be replanked: FM 155 and SPTC RR in Weimar and FM 3013 and SPTC RR at US 90A in Eagle Lake. Others in surrounding counties include: Fayette County, LP 222 and SPTC RR in Schulenburg; Austin County, SH 159 & AT&SF RR in Bellville, and Wharton County, US 59 Bus. & AT&SF RR in Wharton.

In approving the program, the commissioners directed that engineers use whatever innovative designs would be most efficient while providing smooth roadway surfaces.

Seven farm bureau leaders attend conference in Austin

Seven Colorado County Farm Bureau leaders attended the three day leadership conference held January 27-29 in Austin. Those in attendance were Bob Stallman, president; Bobby Hunt, policy development chairman; Paul Causey, state affairs chairman; Russell Trefny, young farmer and rancher chairman; Al Mahalitc, feed grains commodity chairman; Billy Hefner, membership chairman, and John Engstrom, county and state rice commodity chairman.

During such conference county farm bureau leaders reviewed the legal and corporate structure of county and state farm bureaus. Part of the session involved specialized training for presidents and other leaders in their respective county farm bureau roles.

Governor Mark White spoke at the legislative night dinner, January 29 at the Hilton. Texas Farm Bureau president S.M. True delivered farm bureau's legislative goals for the 1985 session of the Texas Legislature. Many state officials and legislators were in attendance.

COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS
FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
January 1, 1984 through December 31, 1984

Fund	Cash & C.D. Balance 1-1-84	Transactions 1-1-84 thru 12-31-84: Cash Received	Transfers between Funds: In	Transfers between Funds: Out	Cash Disbursed	Cash & C.D. Balance 12-31-84
Road & Bridge Funds:						
R&B Class 2	$ 110,878.91	283,236.62	11,919.49	40,000.00	229,373.29	136,661.73
R&B Special	25,458.24	148,563.15		147,183.82		26,837.57
Right of Way	17,761.83	61,615.40			67,568.80	11,808.43
Auto License	-0-	350,000.00		350,000.00		-0-
R&B Pct. # 1	5,581.25	5,906.10	163,326.20		152,571.31	22,242.24
R&B Pct. # 2	2,933.62	9,389.63	120,906.64		119,089.82	14,140.07
R&B Pct. # 3	58,062.37	8,861.13	152,940.68		185,010.36	34,853.82
R&B Pct. # 4	1,484.36	4,526.60	100,010.30		105,217.68	803.58
Lateral Road Acct:						
Lat. Rd. Pct. # 1	8,421.77	293.24	8,081.78		8,659.32	8,137.47
Lat. Rd. Pct. # 2	6,290.60	189.30	6,413.37		6,435.32	6,457.95
Lat. Rd. Pct. # 3	7,910.70	233.20	7,799.60		8,090.29	7,853.21
Lat. Rd. Pct. # 4	2,639.68	35.51	5,101.12		7,749.74	26.57
L.R. Unallocated	-0-	27,395.87		27,395.87		-0-
Total L.R. Acct.	$ 25,262.75	28,147.12	27,395.87	27,395.87	30,934.67	22,475.20
Total R&B Funds	$ 247,423.33	900,245.75	576,499.18	564,579.69	889,765.93	269,822.64
Revenue Sharing Funds:						
R. S. Pct. # 1	$ 23,353.29	1,774.31	20,090.40		45,218.00	-0-
R. S. Pct. # 2	15,617.41	1,201.55	14,830.20		29,647.44	2,001.72
R. S. Pct. # 3	2,726.24	176.02	18,790.20		21,650.07	42.39
R. S. Pct. # 4	-0-	163.77	12,289.20		12,428.13	24.84
R. S. General	21,519.75	143,460.57		66,000.00	76,111.28	22,869.04
Total Revenue Shar.	$ 63,216.69	146,776.22	66,000.00	66,000.00	185,054.92	24,937.99
General Fund	168,376.16	802,890.34	5,104.44	20,919.49	694,855.59	260,595.86
Permanent Improvement	47,524.66	8,204.21			13,021.00	42,707.87
Salary Fund	114,082.28	745,322.12			708,210.39	151,194.01
Jury Fund	9,303.98	48,204.09	9,000.00		48,841.42	17,666.65
Soc. Security Fund	5,120.10	468.26			207.50	5,380.86
Unemployment Fund	5,111.29	457.64			428.77	5,140.16
Check Coll. & Proc.	3,944.01	2,038.39			1,366.15	4,616.25
Prob. Trust Fund	10,575.04	444.71		5,104.44	5,915.31	-0-
Add. Ad Valorem:						
AAV Pct. # 1	80,153.14	18,493.17	208,639.50		204,583.43	102,702.38
AAV Pct. # 2	51,178.14	13,182.00	168,286.99		128,666.26	103,980.27
AAV Pct. # 3	11,163.48	7,406.65	199,009.54		215,409.43	2,170.24
AAV Pct. # 4	25,898.13	4,219.35	147,453.22		169,742.98	7,827.72
AAV Unallocated	104,447.49	753,546.18		723,389.25		134,604.42
Total AAV Funds	$ 272,840.38	796,847.35	723,389.25	723,389.25	718,402.10	351,285.63
Interest & Sinking	16,344.31	81,304.20			82,031.25	15,617.26
Payroll Fund	4,047.23	168.25		1,496,501.20		4,215.48
			1,496,501.20			
Colo. Co. Hist. Comm.	-0-	3,774.23			91.85	3,682.38
Total All Funds	$ 967,909.46		2,876,494.07		3,348,192.18	
		3,537,145.76		2,876,494.07		1,156,863.04

COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 1984

Current Assets:		
Cash in Columbus State Bank	$ 101,222.67	
Less Warrants Outstanding	32,035.11	
		$ 69,187.56
Minus Adjustments		2,224.52
		$ 66,963.04
Plus Cert. of Deposit in Columbus State Bank Dec. 31, 1984		1,089,900.00
Total All Current Assets		$1,156,863.04

The Fixed Assets of the County, unallocated, current and delinquent taxes, licenses, fines and fees, and interest and penalty thereon, are not included in the statement of December 31, 1984.

I, M. L. Briscoe, County Auditor of Colorado County, Texas, certify that the within and foregoing statement of beginning and ending balances, receipts, and disbursements for the Calendar Year 1984 and at the close of business December 31, 1984 is true and correct.

M. L. Briscoe
M. L. Briscoe, County Auditor
Colorado County, Texas

Homemaker's Reflections

By Peggy Kalina, County Extension Agent

Individual retirement accounts

An Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a savings or investment plan that lets you set up your own retirement fund and lets you delay paying federal income tax on the money you set aside as well as on the interest it earns, until you withdraw it. Before 1982, only employees not covered by employer-sponsored pension programs were eligible for IRAs. With passage of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, IRAs were authorized by Congress as an incentive program to encourage people to save for their retirement years. As of January 1, 1982, anyone who earns income from working can open an IRA even if they have other retirement plans.

We are living in an era when people should expect to rely more on personal savings and less on private pensions and social security when they reach retirement. Growing public skepticism about government's ability to provide income adequacy in old age should be matched by personal responsibility for retirement planning.

Too few people begin retirement planning early enough. Government data indicate that one out of every six senior citizens live in poverty. What cost $100 in 1967 now costs about $300. Assuming inflation averages 5 percent per year over the next 25 years, a person age 40 today who presently needs $1,000 per month to meet expenses will need $3,386 per month to achieve the same level of living at age 65.

Because of their tax advantages, individual retirement accounts should be considered as an important retirement planning tool. IRAs cannot provide all of the income needed at retirement time, but they can supplement other retirement income.

Money in an IRA grows fast because contributions can be deducted from gross income on your tax return and because earnings grow tax-free until withdrawn.

When withdrawals are made after retirement, they are taxed as ordinary income. By retirement, it is likely that most people's income will fall into a lower tax bracket, and so the withdrawals will be taxed at a lower rate. It is this tax deferral aspect that makes IRAs more advantageous than non-IRA investments.

For more information on IRAs, savings and investments attend the Financial Fitness Seminar this Thursday February 7 at 7 p.m. in the county agriculture building in Columbus.

WCJC lists academic achievers

Area students have been named to the roster of high honor and honor academic achievement for the 1984 Fall Semester at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton according to Albert Barnes, director of admissions and registrar.

To quality for high honors, a students must earn at least a 3.8 grade point average, on a scale of four, on all work completed during at least twelve semester hours of work. The "B" honor roll scholars have completed at least twelve semester hours with grade point averages of at least 3.5.

High honor students from this area include: Marilyn A. Mahalitc and Karen L. Rucka, both of Eagle Lake; Pamela K. Bornemann, William H. Raabe and Glen R. Walla, all of Columbus; Gary W. Stavinoha of Cat Spring; Clark A. Popp and Jesse J. Rodriguez, both of Garwood; Jeffery J. Dugie and Michele B. Genz, both of Nada.

"B" honor roll students from this area are: Renae M. Dierschke, Rodney M. McClintock, Roger A. Meinecke and Jacklyn M. Parker, all of Eagle Lake; Chandra A. Faldyn of Columbus; Shelia D. Dabney, Mark A. Eggemeyer, David L. Seifert and Martha A. Wright, all of Garwood; and Bert E. Fuller of Weimar.

Making plans for new pastures

County Agent's Notebook
By Leroy Hajdik

Winter is the time for establishing new pastures in Texas.

Although seed on sprigs won't be planted until early spring, the soil needs to be prepared early. Early plowing and disking enhances good stands of permanent pastures.

Seedbeds should be smooth, free of clods and weeds, and firm when seed or sprigs are planted in early spring. Plowing in December and January allows time for winter rains to soften clods and firm the soil. Early preparation also enhances weed control by shallow cultivation.

Many pastures come up to a poor stand because of last-minute plowing, disking and seedbed preparation.

Regarding the type of grass to plant, several species of perennial grasses are adapted to Texas. Gords bluestem, pensacola bahia, Kleingrass, or the several bermuda grass species are the recommended grass species for Colorado County.

When selecting a grass for permanent pasture, growers should decide what they want the grass to do. Factors such as yield, drought tolerance, earliness in the spring, soil type, internal and surface soil drainage, competition with weeds, quality and grazing tolerance should all be considered carefully.

Other important factors are adaption of the grass to soil and climatic conditions and seed availability and price.

Some perennial grasses have characteristics that may develop into potential hazards, such as during drought conditions and periods of stress.

Obituaries

Charlotte Jane Crutchfield

Mrs. Charlotte Jane Crutchfield, 85, of Eagle Lake, died on January 31 at the Bohne Memorial Hospital in Brenham.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 2 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with George Dumas officiating. Burial was in Wharton City Cemetery in Wharton.

She was born on May 11, 1899 in Murray County, Tennessee to William Clayton and Sarah Evelyn Leggett Harris. She was a member of the Church of Christ and an Eagle Lake resident for 30 years.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Annie Bond of Baytown, Mrs. Eva McSwain of Perryville, Arkansas and Mrs. Pauline Vonderau of Ganado; one brother, Turner Harris of Angleton, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of loved ones.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Garden Club to prepare food for shutins

Eagle Lake Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. E.R. Mooney at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12.

Please bring food to prepare plates for the shut ins.

Anyone who would like to join us, please feel free to do so.

Reporter

Office opens for stock exchange

A branch office in Columbus for Colorado County for a New York Stock Exchange firm was officially opened in ceremonies Monday, giving Colorado Countians a local office for stock transactions.

The firm is Edward D. Jones & Co., which it says has been in business for 114 years and is based in St. Louis, Missouri. Donald R. Howard is the firm's local representative in the office at 1211 Milam in the Stafford Opera House building. The Columbus office will be equipped with a computerized communications system to provide customers with stock quotes in the office just seconds after a request is made.

The equipment also allows retrieval of up-to-the-minute information from the firm's research department, including earnings forecasts, current dividends and earnings, most active stock, volumes, Dow Jones averages, and detailed information on current Jones' stock and bond offerings.

The Jones Co. extends to over 780 offices throughout the United States, of which about 75 are in Texas. According to the company, it has specialized in opening most of their offices in smaller towns serving rural communities.

Columbus area officials helped open the new offices there Monday of Edward D. Jones : Co., a New York Stock Exchange firm. Ribbon cutters from left are Bill Huth, president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Don R. Howard, office manager and registered representative for the firm, Mayor Richard Heffley, and Duane Kerr, president of the Columbus Rotary Club.

Stacy dam agreement signed; LCRA to share water

Boards of directors of the Lower Colorado River Authority and the Colorado River Municipal Water District announced that they have signed a letter of agreement which will allow CRMWD to build Stacy Dam and reservoir.

Terms of agreement provide, in general, that LCRA will share sufficient water to satisfy anticipated demands of the Stacy project, which will be built near the confluence of the Concho and Colorado Rivers near Ballinger. In return CRMWD will, under certain conditions, release water to LCRA.

"We consider this to be a fair resolution of the issue," said John Jones, chairman of the LCRA's board of directors. "We believe it will contribute to the further development of the water resources of Texas in the public interest."

"This agreement not only resolves past differences," said CRMWD president John L. Taylor, "but also indicates a desire of both groups to move cooperatively forward with other agencies on the Colorado River to develop, utilize and conserve the most precious of our natural resources — water.

"We are grateful for the concern of others who have shared our interest, and we want to move as steadily as possible through the remaining steps to accomplish this projects," Taylor said.

"This settlement follows extensive discussions with representatives and legislators from all areas of the lower Colorado River basin to consider their concerns and interest," said LCRA general manager Elof Soderberg. "Their input has been essential in arriving at this settlement."

ELMS Students of the Month

Thirtern students at Eagle Lake Middle School are being honored this month as "Students of the Month." They are chosen by teachers based on academic progress, attendance, citizenship, attitude, cooperation and dependability. Front row, from left and their grade, is Belinda Rodriguez 5; Lisa Droomgoole, 5; Belinda Navarro, 4; and Andres Cruz, 4; middle row, Rene Benavides, 8; Kim Corman, 7; Laurie Abel, 8; and Casey Clipson, 7; and back row, Angel Frick, 5; Noble Anderson, 6; Jackie Droomgoole, 6; Reginald Donner, 5, and Kelli Walker, 4.

COME WORSHIP WITH US

HOLY CROSS CHURCH — East Bernard, Texas. Masses: Saturday 6:30 p.m. fulfills Sunday obligation. Sunday: 7 & 9 a.m.; Weekdays: 6 a.m.; Tuesday & Thursday: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST — Columbus, Texas, Roy V. Palmer, Minister. 815 Milam Street. Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Service, 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH — Box 97, 758-3218, Nada, Texas 77460. Rev. Msgr. Victor G. Schmidtzinsky, Pastor; Most Rev. Hugo M. Gerbermann, M.M. (Retired). Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m.; Sundays at 7 and 9:30 a.m.; Confessions Saturdays, 4 to 5 p.m. and on Weekdays before the Masses. Visitors are always Welcome!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH — Rev. Paul Krupicka, Pastor. Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Church School; Divine Worship 10:30 a.m. The members and pastor of Grace Lutheran welcome you to come worship with them.

EAGLE LAKE GOSPEL MISSION — Rev. Emil Burger. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday at 8 p.m. Evangelistic Service

LISSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH — Lissie, Texas. Rev. E.B. Beasley, Pastor. Sunday: Church School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m.; Children's Fellowship, 6 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH — Rev. George T. Welsch. 10 a.m. Sunday, Holy Communion and Sermon; Wednesday 10 a.m., Holy Communion

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD — Brother Neal Mills, Pastor. Sunday Services: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Nightly Service 7 p.m.; Each Thursday Night: Book & Revelation Study 7:30 p.m.

SHERIDAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. Robert Hessong, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Training Union 6:30 p.m.; Evening Services 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

GETHSEMANI BAPTIST MISSION — 901 B. Street, Eagle Lake. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Preaching Services: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

GREATER MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. R. Kiser, Pastor, 705 Lake, Phone 234-3545, Eagle Lake, Texas. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Baptist Training Union 6:30 p.m.; Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Prayer Meeting & Teachers' Meeting 7 p.m.

EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. Autry Conn, Pastor. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Night: Training Union 6 p.m.; Services at 7 p.m.; Wednesday Night Service, 7 p.m.

ROCK ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH — 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; Evening Worship 5 p.m.

LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH — Garwood, Texas. Effie May Young, Pastor. 9:45 a.m. Sunday Church School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH — Rev. Charles E. Runk, Pastor. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Choir practice, 10:35 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m., Wednesdays: Youth Club, 3:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — 106 E. State Street. Rev. Michael Barron, Pastor. Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m. Church School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Senior Citizens Nutrition Program: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday

VINE OF THE LORD — Paul Aguilar, Pastor. Sunday School 1 p.m.; Sunday Preaching Service 2 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.; Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Friday

ROCK ISLAND METHODIST CHURCH — Effie May Young, Pastor. 9 a.m. Morning Worship

CHURCH OF CHRIST — Sheridan, Texas. Sunday Services: Bible Services 10 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Evening Worship 6 p.m.

SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD — 1140 Meyer St., Sealy, Clyde E. Drake, Pastor. Sunday: Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship 7 p.m. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study 7:30 p.m.; Auxiliary 7:30 p.m.

WALLIS BIBLE CHURCH Charismatic — Jerry C. McKinney, Pastor. 478-7534 or 478-6512. Sunday School, 8:55 a.m.; Worship and Children's Church, 10 a.m.; Sunday Home Meetings, 7 p.m.; Wednesday at 7 p.m., Children's Program, Youth Meeting and Adult Teaching; Last Thursday at 7 p.m., Men's Fellowship Supper; Women Alive Meetings announced prior to date.

BONUS BAPTIST CHURCH — Highway 102, Bonus, Texas. 409-234-2205. Pastor: Rev. Ronald L. Ebert. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

WALLIS BIBLE CHURCH — Pastor: Jerry McKinney, Phone 478-6512. Sunday School 9:20 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.; Home Meetings, 7 p.m. Wednesdays. (For more information on local meetings call 234-3164 or 738-3892); Youth Meeting 7:00 p.m. Tuesday; Spanish Language Services Friday, 7:30.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH — Rev. Ray Widecki, Pastor. Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.; Saturdays 7:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: 7 p.m.; Thursdays & Fridays: 7:00 a.m.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH — Rev. Ray Widecki, Pastor. Guadalupe Terrace Addition. Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.; Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP A/G — 501 Wallace, East Bernard. Fred Chambers, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 10:50 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study: Family Ministries, 7:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS — Landmark Bldg., Main St., Sealy, Texas. H.D. Deigley, Branch Pres. Sunday Services: Priesthood Meeting, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sacrament Meeting (Worship Service), 11 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Eagle Lake, Texas. Rev. J. Melburn Sibley, Jr. Sunday Services: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.; Training Union 6:30 p.m.; Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.; Choir Practice 8:30 p.m. Nursery facilities open.