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House speaker catches fire on South Africa from some lawmakers

Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis returned last week from his controversial trip to South Africa and remains opposed to ending state investments there to combat racial separatism. He immediately caught renewed fire from some

lawmakers critical of state law allowing investment of tax dollars in that troubled nation's economy. Black lawmakers, in particular, have pushed past legislation banning such investments as a means of com-

bating apartheid, defeated in part by Lewis' disagreement. Lewis said he and sidekick state Rep. Charles Evans talked to blacks and whites on the "far left, far right and everybody in between" and he believes that investment of U.S. investments



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION
would hurt struggling South African blacks more than it would help them.
Legislative outcome?
How Lewis' trip will affect the outcome of divestiture legislation next session remains to be seen, but the fact that he took the trip at all signifies the Legislature's interest in the issue, perhaps brought on by its growing minority membership. Lewis seems more convinced than ever that his stance is correct.

Nazi comparison
Rather than ignoring the plight of South African blacks, he sympathizes with them in his own style. "The people pushing for divestment are hurting the people they are trying to help. When you start shutting down factories, the people in those factories are not white, too."

His sharpest criticism by a black leader came from state Sen. Craig Washington, who compared Lewis' trip to a 1930s House speaker who traveled to Germany as a guest of the Nazis.

Moral obligation?
But Washington and Lewis have one thing in common: they

both see South African blacks in the same situation as American blacks before the great strides in civil rights. Lewis says it compares with the American '60s.

Washington speaks for American blacks who hate racism so much they want to wipe it out in every corner of the globe, at least in an official form.

To them, we have a moral obligation as a freedom-loving nation to combat it however we can, and so they introduced the divestiture legislation. They want something done now.

Lewis obviously feels some moral obligation, too, or else he wouldn't have gone. Maybe he went in hopes of finding a better line of attack, and is still

formulating it. Maybe we'll find out next session if an alternate plan emerges.

"White OK"
Some 12,000 wells in the Panhandle oil field are affected by a recent federal ruling some say will spark bankruptcies and other economic hardships there.

The feds used new Texas Railroad Commission regulations to rule that some 35 producers illegally diverted supplies from another company by drilling "oil" wells into gas reservoirs then capitalizing on the higher prices available for "white oil," or casinghead gas. Some 1,000 wells are now expected to be retested soon.

LET'S LOOK BACK...

24 YEARS

July 27, 1961
Three prominent citizens died recently. Alvin R. Glueck, 77, a native of the Bernardo area and a resident of the Eagle Lake area for the past forty-four years, died on July 19.

Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery. Armit Thomas, 63, of Lissie died last Sunday. He was buried in Lakeside Cemetery. Roger Killough, 81, died of a heart attack Tuesday. He also was buried in Lakeside Cemetery. H.L. Popp of Garwood has been officially sworn in as Garwood's new postmaster. Bill Hendrix took over as manager of the Skull Creek Lakes at



Gallery saved in Columbus Fire

The fire early last Thursday morning that destroyed Mark's Corner Pharmacy and the Columbus Chiropractic Clinic was kept away from Patsy Hodge's Gallery by the hard work of the firemen and the fact that there was no north wind to blow the flames across a three-foot walkway between the buildings. Firemen fought the blaze from about 5:15 a.m. to 9

a.m., aided by area restaurants that sent coffee, kolaches, iced tea and barbecue. A report from the Houston Fire Marshall's office said the blaze started in a smoldering waste-basket in the fountain area of the pharmacy, and spread into the common attic shared by the clinic. Both businesses resumed limited operations Monday at new locations.

Letter to the editor

Not amused!

To the Editor:
I always look forward to catching up on the news about Eagle Lake from your paper. I was amused at your editorial about the pot holes at the local D.W. I thought it was funny and clever. I would have given to the Dairy Delite because the ice cream is better (especially the chocolate). I was not amused by the description of Amy being jarred from her seat in paragraph two and her hitting her head on the dash in paragraph five. Why was she not seat belted in? The injury or loss of a child due to not wearing her seat belt was

(or could have been) far greater than the damage to your car and ego.

You see - prior to reading your article - I read and praised the Headlight for the article "Facts and Myths about Child Car Safety!" Editor beware - practice what you print!

Luanne Zacek
6521 Patricia
Katy, Texas 77449



Community cooperation

When Colorado County Sheriff Jim Broussard, left, and Eagle Lake reserve officer Bill Chavis, visited recently with Eagle Lake Police Chief Ben Johnson, they stopped for a moment for this picture. A noteworthy event in itself, no, but area residents and taxpayers should be aware of the new era of community cooperation that exists between law enforcement agencies, working in the county. Although there are several, separate agencies at work in the county, they work together as a team. We think they should be commended for providing a greater protection, at lower cost, with swift administration of justice.

—John Fearing, editor

Modern Farm Management

It's not just production any more

by JAMES M. CONNER
(Mr. Conner is president of Doane Farm Management Co., St. Louis, Missouri.)

Despite the popular image, today's farm manager does not spend all of his time out of the field on a tractor. Increasingly, he or she is just as likely to be found inside working at a personal computer on a complex spreadsheet analysis of possible crop production, marketing and cashflow projections.

Today's farm manager wears many hats. No longer is skill in crop or livestock production alone enough - effective, modern farm management requires training and expertise in the areas of financial management, marketing and land conservation as well. The list of skills which a farm manager must master will continue to grow through the end of this century at the pace of technological change.

Historically, improving production methods has been a major concern of farm managers. Over the past 50 years, advances in fertilization, the use of herbicides and the development of new hybrid seed varieties, improvements in



ON THE HORIZON

Looking to the future in Business

Profit margins are slim, with only five percent to ten percent of gross income remaining as net after expenses are deducted. Capital investment is so high, and margins are so slim, that farm owners cannot afford to be without financial planning advice which can prevent their making costly, avoidable errors. Today, the farm manager's role is increasingly to counsel the farm owner to seek sound financial planning assistance.

The farm manager should be familiar enough with the basics of financial planning to advise the farm owner should, for example, a problem arise involving an attorney, an accountant and a lender who each offer different - and perhaps conflicting - advice.

Budgeting is crucial to a successful farm operation. It is foolish to operate a farm today without a plan including detailed cash flow budgets and close monitoring of actual performance compared to the budget during the year. This, plus a wider variety of financing alternatives, more complex tax laws, and a greater number of alternative investments in the marketplace, and the im-

portance of the farm manager's financial management skills becomes clear.

Today's farm manager must also be skilled in agricultural marketing. Prior to the grain deal with Soviets in the fall of 1972, price fluctuations of five or ten cents per bushel were considered a major price change. Today, however, prices fluctuate almost daily, and there is quite a bit of hedging activity in the futures markets.

The more knowledgeable a farm manager is, the better his operation's chances of profiting from transactions in the world marketplace.

Soil conservation may be one of the biggest challenges facing agriculture in the coming decade. Professional farm managers, long considered soil conservationists, today have the opportunity to take on a leadership role in promoting the adoption of new conservation practices. The coming decade is expected to see more emphasis on no-till and minimum-till farming, as well as greater concern with the effects of chemicals on soil and groundwater.

Farm management is a relatively young, growing industry. It has evolved from a company founded in Missouri by D. Howard Doane, in 1919. Doane Farm Management, headquartered in St. Louis, continues as a major participant in an industry which today includes some 200 companies doing business in 47 states. It is an industry managing farms with a combined total of more than 50 million acres. According to a survey of America's top management firms conducted in 1984 by AgriFinance, professional farm managers manage about 18 percent of all U.S. farmland.

There is no question that the farm management industry is growing and that growth is expected to continue. What remains to be seen is the direction that growth will take.

The two most likely avenues of expansion for the farm management industry are through serving new clients as well as providing additional services to existing clients.

Traditionally, a farm manager's clients have been landowners (typically property heirs) and outside investors. Today, however, the potential exists to broaden the market for farm management services

beyond those two groups to include banks, insurance companies and law firms - those who loan money or who are involved with bankruptcies and reorganizations, but who lack working knowledge of the field.

In addition to serving new clients, there is a growing potential for farm managers to provide consulting services. Among the areas in which farm managers might assist farm owners are: 1) obtaining and administering debt and equity financing; 2) implementing farm management information systems; and 3) participating as a member of a team with a lawyer and/or an accountant to advise clients.

The bottom line on farm management seems to be that the field is fast becoming more professional, with managers who are better trained in a variety of disciplines than they were even five years ago. Greater professionalism means better qualified people in agriculture and therefore, more efficient production. And that benefits farmers in terms of higher incomes, as well as consumers in terms of more affordable prices at the checkout counter.

County Courthouse Report

MARRIAGE LICENCE APPLICATIONS

James Michael Costley, 25, and Jeanie M. Marshall, 37, both of Eagle Lake; 7-18-85.
Marty Abbit Lee, 51, Altair, and Barbara Ann Schmitt Hunt, 47, Houston; 7-18-85.
Francisco Solis Santiago, 30, and Estrella Rodriguez Aviles, 31, both of Houston; 7-18-85.
James Benwell Howell, 24, and Janice Diane Beisert, 19, both of Houston; 7-18-85.
Candido Segura Jr., 21, Schulenburg, and Jane Rollins, 19, Weimar; 7-18-85.
John Brzovakis, 41, and Elizabeth Ann Hopkins, 29, both of Columbus; 7-18-85.
J. Anson Perez, 22, and Yolanda Salas, 54, both of Eagle Lake; 7-18-85.
Lester Davis, 36, Lubbock, and Beth Ann Hough Davis, 22, Weimar; 7-10-85.
Ray Thomas Brown Jr., 22, Columbus, and Charlotte Ann Barton, 29, Glidden; 7-18-85.
Joseph Lee Till, 38, Weimar, and Mae Lee Jackson Del Dot, 39, Altair; 7-12-85.
Carl Gene Brown, 19, Eagle Lake, and Michelle Lynn Lasseter, 21, Waco; 7-12-85.
Gene Autry Hasty, 42, and Susan Lynn Abrams, 25, both of Weimar; 7-18-85.
Kenneth R. Johnson, 21, Columbus, and Gloria Jean Boutte, 26, Houston; 7-18-85.
J. C. McKee, 59, and Hallie Johnson McKee, 60, both of Center, Texas; 7-19-85.

DIVORCE GRANTED

Clifton H. Tyler and Susan Bell Tyler, 25 acres, James Bowie Survey 6-18-85.
Anthony John Kubiek and Mary Ann Kubiek.

REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Deed, Lester Vernon Parker, Independent Executor of the Estate of Berle Lee Parker to Margaret Parker, 228 acre, T. & N.O.R.R. Survey, 489 acre, T. & N.O.R.R. Survey, 1 acre, Jax Earl and T. & N.O.R.R. Co. Survey, 7-18-85.
Deed, Lester Vernon Parker, Independent Executor of the Estate of Berle Lee Parker to Gloria Jean Boutte, 1.00 acre, T. & N.O.R.R. Survey 7-18-85.
Deed, George A. Gerbermann Jr., et al to George Gerbermann 10 acres, Ann McClure Survey 6-18-85.
Deed, Charles Dudley Price et al to Forrest Price Et Ux 10.000 acre, Bernard Sherrer Survey 7-18-85.
Deed, Laura Zickuhr Burris to Linda C. Bridges, et al, 9.557 acre, S. Beaman League 7-18-85.
Deed, Mary B. Schollmann, et al to Walter Frederick Schollmann, 2.5 acres, John Richard Survey 7-18-85.

Garwood & Nada Community News

By Mrs. J.F. Struska Call 758-3352

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baw of Humble visited Mrs. Mollie Hunt last Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. David Kudelka and children, Duane, Becky, Ryan and Rachael and Mrs. Carl Kudelka and children, Carrie and David of Ganado and Rex Shoop and Tarrah Fay of Garwood visited Mrs. Vera Shoop last Saturday.

Mrs. Viola Schilling and Mrs. Rhonda Ernst visited Mrs. Ella Struska and others last Monday and Tuesday. They are both from Huntsville. Dana Struska from Wharton also visited her Monday.

Mrs. LaVerne Hebert from Welsh, Louisiana is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Schilling this week. She is Mrs. Schilling's niece.
Rudolph Buzek and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Powell from Houston visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Richter and Mrs. Joe Novavita Saturday. Mr. Buzek came to help his sister, Mrs. Novavita, celebrate her 93rd birthday.

On Sunday, those coming to help her celebrate her birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kubala, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kubala and children, Mrs. Pat Kubala and children and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Novavita and children, all of Jones Creek community. Mrs. Andrew Shubar and children, Mrs. Mary Sahrt, Mrs. Lawrence Back and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell Novavita and children, Mrs. Albina Yockey, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Richter and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sellers and children, all of El Campo; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Struska of Houston; and Mrs. Edith Malburger of Hillji.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Mary K. Wanjia of Columbus who died at the age of 92. The Wanjias lived for several years in Garwood and were well known here. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Harry, Mrs. Marjorie Kuhn and Gladys Rau, all of Columbus. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kristynik of Garwood and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bartos of Rosenberg announce the arrival of their first grandchild, a boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Rick Kristynik of Rosenberg on Monday, July 15. The young man weighed ten pounds two ounces and measured twenty-two inches at birth and has been named Kyle Anthony.

County Agent's Notebook

By Leroy Hejdlk County Extension Agent

Steer is not all saleable beef

Why does a producer receive only \$65 per hundredweight for a steer when the consumer pays \$2.99 a pound for sirloin steak at the store?
It's due largely to the fact that only a part of the steer ends up as saleable beef.
Marketing of livestock requires a change of form, a substantial decrease in weight, and a high degree of perishability, he says.

Let's start with a 1,000-pound choice steer. When slaughtered, it yields about a 600-pound carcass. The remaining 40 percent is killing loss, by-products, hide and offal.

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Historical commission holds program

The Colorado County Historical Commission met on Thursday night, July 18 at 7 p.m. at the Parish House of Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake with a covered dish and program thereafter.

President Edward Woolery-Price of Columbus opened the meeting with the Rev. George Weisch of Eagle Lake giving the invocation. After brief business reports by president and secretary, Mrs. Otto Loezin, the program chairman Henry Potter announced the next meeting would be in Weimar with hostesses to be announced later.

The program was presented by W.H. Harrison of Eagle Lake on "Churches of Columbus County" - shown by film and narrated by Mr. Harrison. Much research went into this fine program as date of each church, when organized was given, membership and

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