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Open House August 14 in Brenham

Social Security turns 50 years old

By Bruce Grady
 Social Security Manager,
 Brenham Office

Social Security reaches a major milestone on August 14. It was just 50 years ago that the Social Security Act was signed into law. It set into motion a major institution that is just as much a part of America for people who have grown up since the depression as public education or the post office.

On Wednesday, August 14, an open house is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Brenham Social Security Office, 702 West Adams. The public is invited.

Just about everyone is affected by Social Security. Over 9 out of 10 workers pay into the program. And well over 36 million people — more than one in seven persons — receive monthly disability, survivors and retirement benefits.

About \$1.54 trillion in retirement and survivors payments were made from 1940 through June 1985, and about \$191 billion in disability benefits were paid from 1967 through June 1985. The current value of just the survivor protection under Social Security is worth nearly as much as the face value of all private life insurance in force.

Under a pay-as-you-go system, Social Security taxes from today's workers finance benefits for current beneficiaries. Using Social Security as a mechanism, it's a way for one generation to care for another.

The impact of Social Security on the lives of our citizens has been nothing short of revolutionary. Benefits provide a modest base of income for most retirees who are able to live more independent lives. Millions of children can count on benefits should a parent die or start getting retirement or disability checks. And four out of five workers are insured for work for at least 12 months.

Social Security has come a long way in five decades. The program works because it reflects the needs of people. Social Security is sensitive to needed changes and responsive to challenges. It is a program all Americans can be proud of as it starts its second half century of providing service.

Association to prepare teachers for competency test

The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) second-largest teacher group, announced that it plans to prepare its members for the mandatory teacher competency test and will not oppose the exam.

ATPE officials announced the decision at the group's annual Leadership Workshop recently held in Austin and attended by more than 250 educators from throughout Texas.

At a special meeting July 21, the ATPE board of directors agreed that the association would not attempt to thwart the competency test but would instead accept the challenge posed by the examination, scheduled to be administered next March.

The teacher competency test was one of the school reforms mandated by House Bill 72, the education reform bill passed last year. Teachers must pass the test in order to remain employed as public school teachers in Texas under the law.

"We will support the competency test although we do not believe that it is a true evaluation of a teacher's teaching ability," said ATPE state president Sue McGarvey, a Hallsville High School government teacher. "But, ATPE has always acted in a positive manner. Competency testing is the

law, and we have always obeyed the law."

"Students must abide by no-pass, no-play and the exit level test," McGarvey said, mentioning other HB 72 reforms to which students must adhere. "How can we give tests to our students when we ourselves refuse to take them?"

In announcing its decision to support the test, ATPE elected not to follow the rival Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA), which has said it will go to court to fight administration of the test.

Texas and Mexico sign treaty on trade agreement

The teacher competency test was one of the school reforms mandated by House Bill 72, the education reform bill passed last year. Teachers must pass the test in order to remain employed as public school teachers in Texas under the law.

The signed treaty makes Texas the first and only state to have a separate bilateral trade agreement with Mexico. Mexico will buy Texas corn, sorghum, livestock and other products if commerce proceeds as planned.

For years, especially election years, farmers and ranchers have urged the feds to shore up farm prices by adding foreign markets. As often as not, the feds Hightower has been at the lead of such urgings.

With the treaty, our state government is not waiting on the feds anymore, but is going directly to the Mexican government. After all, it's the Texas border which is affected by peso devaluations, and which shares financial hardships with a slumping Mexican economy.

Treaty benefits Under terms of the treaty signed in Mexico City, a joint trade committee of 19 Texans and 19 Mexicans will be appointed to find ways to increase trade.

The trick, of course, is to keep incoming products from saturating our domestic market, but generally there has been little difference in the retail prices of Texas-grown and Mexican-grown produce. The Mexican growing season is earlier than in Texas, allowing a few weeks of decreased competition.

LET'S LOOK BACK...

48 YEARS

August 13, 1937
 On exhibition in the show windows at the Leck's Auto Supply, Mrs. A.J. Struss has a number of beautiful oil paintings. . . L.W. Stiles of the Colorado Operating Company this week shipped two carloads of popcorn from Eldridge to Kansas City markets. . . J.R. Wells of Columbus was a visitor here Tuesday. He, Mrs. Wells and their daughter, Miss Trula Joyce, are just home from a trip to Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Read

and son, Bobby, of Garwood left yesterday for Houston to make their home. . . Among the football players going to Sealy to take part in a game are Marth Grace Kilgough, Lydia Balusek, Evelyn Franks, Ruth Thomas, Ethel Wilson, Barbara Rosen, Jane Crim, Bobby Colly, Lydia Reuther, Grace Spianhel, Maurine Heffley, Gladys Mahalec, Margaret Arnold and Johnnie Balas. . . Calvin Gerton underwent an appendectomy in Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton.

Little Miss Penny Szymanski, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K.R. Szymanski, underwent surgery on her foot Friday at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. . . Deanne Van Nort was born on August 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dean Van Nort. Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Yoder of Weimar celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 31 and Mr. Yoder retired this year from 62 years of newspaper work.

Mike Bryant of Weimar won the championship of the open golf tournament Sunday at Eagle Lake Recreation Center with a par 70. Clyde Brown of Eagle Lake put together a 35 and 37 for 72 for second place.

Views On Dental Health
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BABY BOTTLE TOOTH DECAY
 From a dental point of view, nursing babies from bottles can cause problems. Dentally-speaking, what's the worst thing you can do to a baby? Stick him in his crib with a bottle at nap time and let him fall asleep with the bottle in his mouth. Milk or juice in the mouth and on the teeth turns to acid and causes teeth to break down rapidly. Many babies who sleep with a baby bottle develop severe tooth decay, often in their front teeth. The problem is not the bottle but what's in it. The sugar in the milk, formula, or fruit juices causes the decay. Sometimes, these teeth become so decayed they cause severe pain and may break off or have to be pulled.

During the day, a baby swallows the bottle quickly, so there is no damage to the teeth. But during sleep, the liquid pools behind the baby's teeth and keeps them bathed in sugar for hours.

One solution is to give baby the last feeding before bedtime. If your baby is still using a bottle when he starts to teethe, let him use it for short periods of time while sitting up. If he is using a bottle as a pacifier, put water in the bottle.

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County Courthouse Report

MARRIAGE LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Bobby Foster, 39, and Helen K. Krennek, 33, both of Schulenburg; 7-23-85.
 Ivan Earl Rannels, 28, Schulenburg, and Brenda Delois Williams, 25, Weimar; 7-24-85.
 Daniel Lee Frank, 21, Lubbock, and Mary Elizabeth Cryer, 18, Columbus; 8-1-85.
 James Steve Stock, 26, Weimar, and Monica Rose Dubala, 22, Garwood; 8-2-85.

DISTRICT COURT SUITS FILED

Cardio-Respiratory Management Systems Inc. vs. Progressive Medical Services Inc., a corporation, and Weimar Cardio Pulmonary Associates, an association; suit on contract; 7-29-85.
 Donna Faye Street vs. Floyd Lee Street; reciprocal child support; 7-24-85.
 Samuel H. Burford vs. Minnie Louise Burford; divorce; 7-29-85.
 Montgomery Ward and Company, Inc., vs. Larry Tietze; suit on account; 7-25-85.
 Peggy Wisbert vs. Kenneth Wisbert; divorce; 7-29-85.
 Norma E. Hooper vs. Robert James Hooper; divorce; 7-29-85.
 Gail Laraine Jaeger vs. Robert William Jaeger; divorce; 7-29-85.
 First State Bank of Weimar vs. Joe Wood; suit on note; 7-29-85.
 Margaret Pauline Tipton vs. Edwin Robert Ponitzsch; partition; 7-29-85.
 First State Bank of Weimar vs. Southwest Doser Inc. and H.L. Fox and Jean Fox; suit on note; 7-29-85.
 First State Bank of Weimar vs. Pete A. Pons; suit on note; 7-29-85.

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS

Sixto Alvarez Vasquez, charged with DWI 4-25-84; probation revoked; to serve weekend term.
 W.L. Murphy, charged with four counts of theft by check from September to November, 1984; pleaded guilty, ordered to pay restitution.
 Dale Wayne Little, charged with DWI 5-7-85; pleaded guilty; fined \$500 plus two years' probation on 30-day county jail sentence.
 Paul Ross Jr., charged with aggravated assault 6-12-85; found guilty; fined \$250 plus \$251.18 restitution.
 Andrew Martin Hemmen; charged with DWI 6-27-85; pleaded guilty; fined \$500 plus two years' probation on 30-day county jail sentence.
 Thomas Dean Oster; charged with driving while license suspended; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.
 Luis Ramirez Orosco; charged with DWI 6-27-85; pleaded guilty; fined \$500 and ordered to serve a 30-day county jail sentence; Also fined \$150 for driving while license suspended.

REAL ESTATE DEED TRANSFERS

Deed, Roy M. Hedley, Trustee to J. Frank Townsend, et al. Lot 23, Memorial Oaks Subdivision, Section 1, City of Columbus; 7-23-85.
 Deed, Joe C. Fling, Independent Executor of the Estate of Virginia Jans, deceased, to Leroy Alvarado, et al. 5213 acres, Patrick Healy Survey; 7-19-85.
 Deed, William Rankin Johnson Jr. to Marguerite B. Conover, Trustee, 22,0610 acres, Peter Piper League; 7-19-85.
 Deed, Merrill Lynch Real Estate Management Inc. to Dean Adamchik, et al. Lot 4, Block 111, Kasey Addition, City of Weimar; 7-22-85.
 Deed, Norman D. Craig to Everett Minerals Corporation, 220 acres, S.A. & M.G.R.R. Co. Survey; 6-19-85.
 Deed, Phoenix Energy Company to Everett Minerals Corporation, 220 acres, S.A. & M.G.R.R. Co. Survey; 6-19-85.
 Deed, Shalriver Corporation to Everett Minerals Corporation, 220 acres, S.A. & M.G.R.R. Co. Survey; 6-19-85.
 Deed, Murray A. Valenstein to Everett Minerals Corporation, 220 acres, S.A. & M.G.R.R. Co. Survey; 6-19-85.
 Deed, Louis Patis to Everett Minerals Corporation, 220 acres, S.A. & M.G.R.R. Co. Survey; 6-19-85.
 Deed, Dr. Charles A. Stantes to Everett Minerals Corporation, 220 acres, S.A. & M.G.R.R. Co. Survey; 6-19-85.
 Deed, Tommy R. Kaler, et al. to E. Yvonne, Lot 10, Block 124, Kasey Subdivision, Unit II, City of Weimar; 7-19-85.
 Deed, Jay Alvira, et al. to John N. Mullock Jr., et al. Lot 54, Block 3, The Falls Subdivision, Section 1; 7-19-85.

OIL, GAS LEASES

Marvin J. Scholter et al. to James G. O'Farrell et al., 143,999 acres, Lissa Oil & Gas, Inc.; 7-23-85.

Museum Notes

How good it is to know that more and more of you from the Eagle Lake community and other towns and cities are visiting our Prairie Edge Museum! Even Santa Claus and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. John Parker of Pasadena) were visitors Tuesday, August 3.

I am always so pleased to have people tell me that they want to loan or donate certain items. I believe that you can "honor" a certain object more by having it be on display than by having it stuck away in some dark corner of the attic or a closet. One reason I enjoy writing about items in our museum is that I am old enough to relate to the sight and use of so many of them, such as the old butter mold that Martha Duncan's grandmother used years ago. I do hope we can have the old pump organ repaired so that some of us can play it. We still don't have an old crockery butter churn with a wood dasher. I can recall having to churn when I had much rather been playing so I had that dasher "making good time." The fresh butter and butter milk, though, were ample rewards for my efforts.

Now, I want to give you readers another advertisement from the 1904-05 Directory and Yearbook of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Eagle Lake.

"Liverty Feed and Sale Stable, contracts for hauling building material, household goods, gives special attention. Single and double rigs, surreys and hacks. Special attention given drummers trade. Phone 18. John R. Thatcher, Proprietor."

The following items have been donated or loaned recently:

1. A 1940 Evinrude 910 H.P. motor for a boat given by M.M. Jones.
2. A curvy comb donated by Jack Hopkins of Garwood.
3. Ribbon barbed wire — courtesy of Dan Supak. Our barbed wire collection is really growing.
4. A single sharpener donated by R.H. Reese Jr. and Gordon Birdwell.

The five beautifully mounted species of waterfowl from the Thomas T. Waddell Collection are now in a special display case entitled "Prairie Edge Waterfowl." The five species are as follows: Northern Shoveler, Common Pintail, Fulvous Whistling Duck, Mottled Duck and Blue Goose. This case is next to the one honoring the memory of Thomas T. Waddell.

The cast for the melodrama to be presented November 8 and 9 is almost complete. Rehearsals are to begin about the middle of August. Help is still needed in the props and costuming departments, so call Helen Craig (234-2807) if you would like to help in one of these.

The museum is open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Elizabeth Boothe, reporter

4-H members begin fundraising

Colorado County 4-H members are planning to raise funds to promote educational activities in the coming year. Beginning September 9-18, members will be taking orders for the Delightful Delicacies from Hanco. The tin of cookies have changed slightly from last year, with better products offered.

This year's tin feature the following: rabbits, petite robin, mallards, the Bamboo Basket II, The Dancing Bear and Nature's Echo II. The various tins include these cookies: assorted favorites, butter pecan, chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin and cashew chunk cookies. With the purchase of two or more tins you can receive a free message board.

4-H members also will be selling fruit (apples, oranges and grapefruit) again this year. Orders can be placed with a 4-H member beginning on October 1 and until November 15. Please help these members raise money to support educational programs for youth in Colorado County.

For more information about 4-H, contact the county Extension office at 732-6994.

County Agent's Notebook

By Leroy Hajdik
 County Extension Agent

Summer often means lawn problems

Along with hot temperatures, the summer season in Texas may bring special lawn problems — drought, weeds, insects and disease. These lawn problems can cause concern for homeowners unless accurate diagnosis and proper treatment takes place before they become severe.

Dry spots, thin turf and weeds can result from improper watering, fertilizing and mowing practices. Follow recommended cultural practices before applying a chemical to correct lawn problems.

Drought stress most often occurs in mid-summer and shows up as wilted, discolored turf. Adjust watering schedules to wet the soil to a depth of four to six inches, and water only when grass shows symptoms of moisture stress.

Also, raise mowing heights one-half to improve drought tolerance in mid-summer.

Lack of nitrogen or iron often creates a law problem. Grass with a nitrogen deficiency may have a pale color and be heavily infested with weeds. A light application of a nitrogen fertilizer will improve the lawn's appearance.

Grass leaves that have yellow stripes parallel to the

Sheriff's Report

Colorado County By Jim Broussard
 732-2385 732-2535 Home: 732-3950

Effective September 1, 1985, a new law will be in effect on passing a school bus loading or unloading children. The law is the same as the old law requiring all vehicles to come to complete stop and remain stopped when meeting or overtaking a school bus that has flashing red lights. The bus is stopped for loading or unloading children. The fine for violating this law will be no less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

7-27-85: checked on a disturbance in Glidden; assisted at the scene of an inquest near Menta; checked on an abandoned vehicle near Eagle Lake; checked on a vehicle accident near Weimar.

7-28-85: checked on a suspicious subject near Glidden; assisted at the scene of an accident on IH-10; checked on possible break-ins of three camp houses in the Bernards area; checked on an attempted burglary on School Road.

7-29-85: assisted a stranded motorist near Frelsburg; checked on the scene of an accident near Altair; removed livestock from roadways on School Road and on 71 North; checked on a criminal mischief near Sheridan; transported a prisoner to TDC in Huntsville; served five civil citations.

7-30-85: transported prisoners from Eagle Lake to Columbus; assisted at the scene of an accident on IH-10; had county courts; served three civil citations.

7-31-85: checked on a disorderly conduct incident east of Columbus; checked on a theft near Sheridan; checked on a family disturbance in Garwood; served two civil citations.

8-1-85: checked on a theft near Ramsey; removed livestock from the roadway near Hattermann Lane; posted two citations in the courthouse; responded to a disturbance in Altair; issued one traffic citation; served four civil citations.

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