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1 Legal/Public Notices

Public Notice
Notice of Proposed Change in Schedules

To the Customers of Entex, Inc. in the unincorporated environs of the City of Eagle Lake, Texas;

Entex, Inc. hereby gives notice to the public that it has filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas proposed changes in its Schedules of Rates for natural gas service in unincorporated environs of the City of Eagle Lake. The proposed changes represent an increase in rates to certain customers of Entex.

Copies of the proposed changes may be inspected by any affected person at the business office of Entex in Eagle Lake, Texas or at the Railroad Commission of Texas, Gas Utilities Division, William B Travis Building, 17th and Congress, Austin, Texas. All persons interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto by communication directed to the undersigned at the address shown below.

Entex, Inc.
Guy Dawkins
Vice President and
Texas Coast Division Manager
PO Box 2628
Houston, Texas 77252-2628

NOTICE OF BUDGET MEETING

A budget meeting has been scheduled for the United Way of Eagle Lake on Tuesday, August 11 at 8 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital conference room.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals, plainly marked, addressed to the Commissioners' Court of Colorado County, Texas, will be received at the office of the County Judge at Columbus, Texas, until 10:00 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 10, 1987, and then publicly opened and read before the Commissioners' Court at the regular meeting place of said Court in the County Courthouse at Columbus, Texas, for the furnishing of the following:

(1) Malpractice Coverage for Five Units of the Volunteer Ambulance Service of Colorado County, Texas; and,
(2) Vehicle Liability and Collision Insurance - Volunteers' Blanket Accident Policy for the Volunteer Ambulance Service of Colorado County, Texas.

SPECIFICATIONS TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE.

A certified or cashier's check or bid bond for 5 per cent of the amount of bid, payable to Colorado County, Texas, must accompany each proposal as a guarantee that bidder, if successful, will comply with statutory requirements and with the requirements of the Commissioners' Court. The Commissioners' Court reserve the right to waive all technicalities and the right to reject any and or all bids.

By order of the Commissioners' Court dated July 13, 1987.
Lester J. Cranek
County Judge

2 Personals

Thank you, St. Jude. C.P.

4 Cards of Thanks

The family of Faustino Salinas express our appreciation to everyone for the kindnesses shown in the passing of our loved one. Special thanks to John Sealy Hospital in Galveston and to the doctors and staff at Eagle Lake Community Hospital for their care. Also, special thanks for the flowers, cards, food, visits, phone calls and other acts of kindness shown. May God bless you all.
Family of
Faustino Salinas

5 Miscellaneous

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al Anon meeting Monday 8-9 p.m. Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

For Rent: 120x40 shop building with large parking area. 600 E. Main Street. Call before 5:00 p.m. 234-2704 or 234-2526.

SUBSCRIBE NOW!!! HOUSTON POST
Call Anytime...
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5 Miscellaneous

The drawing for the Raffle
being conducted by
Jennifer Torres
Candidate for Our Lady of Guadalupe Princess
has been postponed from July 18 until August 2 after 1 o'clock Mass.
You need not be present to win.

Need an Alternative to Nursing Home!
•Private Home
•24 Hour Care
•Immediate Occupancy Available
Call
234-5870

Mexican Dinner
Date: Saturday, August 1, 1987
Place: Andrew Hall
Time: 11 a.m. until
Amount: $3.50/plate
For: Our Lady of Guadalupe Princess Candidate Miss Stacy Betancourt
Your Help Is Appreciated!

6 Entertainment

Circle G Danceland
Altair, Texas
Saturday, Aug. 1
TEQUILLA
Country/Western
9 to 1

Dance The System
Friday, July 31
Sealy KC Hall
9 to 1

7 Child Care

If you need a good, dependable babysitter call 234-5224.

Will do baby sitting in my home from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 234-3902.

8 Help Wanted

HIRING! Government jobs. Eagle Lake area. $15,000-$68,000. Phone call refundable. 602-838-8885, EXT. 2667.

Interviews being taken for parts trainee and parts clerk. Apply in person at Eagle Tractor, 908 East Main, Eagle Lake.

NEEDED: Persons or companies to clean lots in the City of Eagle Lake. Contractor must supply own equipment for mowing and cleaning lots. Call city manager (409) 234-2640.

Parts man needed. Experience necessary. Come in for interview, Eagle Tractor, Inc., 908 E. Main. 234-2516.

Wanted: Ladies to show gifts and toys at House of LLoyd home parties in your area from now to December. Average 10hrs. per week. No experience necessary. Free $300 kit, supplies, hostess gifts. No investment. 713-342-7352.

8 Help Wanted

HOMEMAKER'S DREAM
Christmas Around The World is looking for a sharp lady to hire, train and manage a group of demonstrators. Free kit, training and supplies. No investment, collecting or delivering. Flexible hours, work part time from home. Earn high income and bonus trips. Fun and rewarding.
For local interview call collect (512) 573-0640.

Dozer operator with five years experience, clean driving record, some out of town jobs; live within 30 minutes of Eagle Lake. 409-234-5194, leave message.

10 Business Opportunity

Own your own apparel or shoe store. Choose from: Jean/sportswear, ladies apparel, mens, children/maternity, large sizes, petite, dancewear/aerobic, bridal, lingerie or accessories store. Add color analysis, Brands: Liz Claiborne, Gasoline, Healthtex, Levi, Lee, Camp Beverly Hills, St. Michele, Chaus, Outback Red, Genesis, Forenza. Organically Grown, over 2000 others. $13.99 one price designer, multi tier pricing discount or family shoe store. Retail prices unbelieveable for quality shoes normally priced from $19 to $80. Over 250 brands, 2600 styles. $14,800 to $26,900. Inventory, training, fixtures, grand opening, airfare, etc. Can open 15 days. Mr. Keenan (305) 366-8606.

11 Pets & Livestock

To good home: extremely friendly black and white female cat; soon to have kittens. Come see at Eagle Lake Veterinary Clinic, 1006 East Main.

12 Farm Equip. & Supplies

For Sale: David Brown tractor with front end loader. Goats for sale. Call 234-2621.

13 GarageSales

Antiques, housewares, tools and bedding at Vera Dornaks house, one mile south of Nada Catholic Church.

Garage Sale items. Flea Market. Used Furniture. Layaways. Will sell on consignment. M & M Resale Barn, Hwy 71, Garwood. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 758-3426.

Garage Sale: 301 Church Street. July 31 and August 1, 9 to 4. August 2, until dinner. Miscellaneous items.

Garage Sale: Thursday and Friday, 8-5 and Saturday, 8-1. Clothes, books, crocheted items, miscellaneous. Austin Rd. Look for sign.

Porch Sale: Saturday, 9 to 1 Carter Walker Road, beige house. Baby to Size 2 for little girl. Cancel, if rain.

Three family patio sale: July 31 through August 3. First right off Cat Spring Rd., red building. Lots of kid's clothes, lots of curtains furniture, 1972 Shasta motorhome, set of antique chairs, ducks and roosters, lots of miscellaneous.

Yard Sale: 711 East A Street. Friday and Saturday from 8 until ? Clothes and miscellaneous items.

Garage Sale: Monday, August 3; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Household items and clothing. 420 Old Altair Road.

14 Articles for Sale

Black pearl drum set: 8 drums (2 bass, Zildjian Hihat, 5 symbols-2 of these are Zildjians). Call 409-234-5210 after 4 p.m.

Boxes for Sale: Good packing boxes for moving or storage. Call 234-5521.

Classic Coke
Diet Coke, Sprite, Minute Maid Orange
24-12 Oz. Cans (Hot)
$5.95 plus tax
Classic Coke Only
2 Liter Size (Hot)
99¢ plus tax
Austin's Grocery
505 E. Main 234-2574

19 Houses for Rent

For rent: Three bedroom house, one car garage, large fenced in yard, located in the Garwood area on Hwy 71. To inquire call (409) 758-3515.

Two bedroom, one bath; window AC, ceiling fans. Brick home; fenced yard on two acres in Nada, Tx. Call 409-543-3373. Trochta Zalman Realtor.

Special Rates on Classified *Contract* Advertising!

25 Real Estate

TRULY PROPERTIES
REALTOR 123 N. McCarty 409-234-3776

ON THE SQUARE: 40X80 Business bldg. Excellent location.
PARTRIDGE LANE: 4BR, 2-1/2BA, large den with fireplace, office, hot tub.
WEST PRAIRIE: 2BR, 2BA, large den, frame with aluminum siding, formal living/dining, CA/CH, 2-car garage, sprinkler system in exceptional condition.
CEMETERY ST.: Price Reduced.... Mint condition, 2BR, 1BA frame, outstanding starter home or for retired family.
PRICE REDUCED.... Now Low 70's, owner moved, 3BR, 2-1/2BA brick, large den with fireplace. Excellent buy.
US 90 WEST: 3.22 AC mobile home park, restaurant, some trailers and other bldgs.
PRICE REDUCED.... W. PRAIRIE: 2 story frame; 3BR, 2BA. Good opportunity for handyman to renovate!
NU COURTS 2: on Ave B; 8 units. Excellent buy.
N. McCARTY: 2-story frame; vinyl siding; 3BR, 2BA, TV room. Low 40's.
FOREST OAKS: 3BR, 2BA, den with fireplace on 2-1/2 Ac.
EAST PRAIRIE: 2BR, 1BA frame. Low 20's.
FOREST OAKS: 2 - 5 acre lots. Owner will finance.
MURPHY ST.: Two 2BR, 1BA brick homes. Mid 20's.
FM 102: 1 mile west of Eagle Lake, 3.65 acres. Excellent building site.
PARTRIDGE LANE: Lot with slab for house and garage already poured with plumbing.
COLORADO RIVER: 1/2 ac. lot with river access & mobile home hook-ups.
RIDGELEA ADDITION, Approx. 19 acres of prime land ready for development.
DONOVAN STREET: 75'x198' lots.
JUST OFF CALHOUN ROAD: 2 ac. wooded tracts.

LAND...
197 Ac Rice & Milo Land; 1-1/2 mi. W. of Eagle Lake, 1/2 mile rail trackage. Good hunting!
44 Ac River Frontage, Pecan Trees, Prime location!
GONZALES COUNTY: 280 AC Ranch, 7 mi. NW of Waelder; large barn, working pens, some permanent pasture.
SOUTH OF LISSIE: 640 Ac. rice land, canal, well, excellent hunting.
NEAR CHESTERVILLE...
640 Ac rice land, 2 story Spanish style house, 3 large steel bldgs., 12" well, pond, irrigation canal.
1130 Ac of rice land, SP rail trackage, watered by canal.
860 Ac of rice land, irrigation, well, creek. Excellent hunting.
290 Ac of rice land; watered by canal
181 Ac of rice land, fronts FM 1093.

RALPH TRULY 234-7514 SANDY BENDY 234-3925

14 Articles for Sale

PUBLIC AUCTION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 at 1 P.M.
Glen Flora, Texas (6 miles west of Wharton, Texas on FM 102)
!!!NEW — GENERAL MERCHANDISE — USED!!!
PARTIAL LIST: 1 W.x. refrigerator, washer & dryer, dinette set, beds, chest of drawers, assorted tables, chairs, lamp, pictures, brass items, stoves, glass, china, figurines, costume jewelry, Mexico items, some antiques, office furniture, school desks, bug zapper, metal cabinets & shelves, bulletin boards, bar-b-que grill, wheelbarrows, weeder, chain pull, air compressor, vises, grinders, hand tools, air tools, air hoses, metal detectors, bicycles, pickup tool boxes, C.B. & radio items, radios, boxes and boxes of assorted items, lots of odds and ends, and much, much more!!!
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2 Bedroom Apartments $200 per month 234-7341 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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1 bedroom apartments for *Senior Citizens and Handicapped*
Rent Based on Income
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(409) 234-2855

20 Houses for Sale

PRICE REDUCED PRICE REDUCED
HOUSE FOR SALE
Brick home located at 714 Partridge Lane, Eagle Lake. Home has **2191 sq. ft. of living area**; 620 sq. ft. garage and storage; 310 sq. ft. covered porches; 288 sq. ft. seperate building. 4 Bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, living room, dining area, kitchen and game room. *Several high energy efficient features.*
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Call 409-234-5888
Case or Carol Hollub

25 Real Estate

TEX-ANNA REALTY
REALTOR 108 W. Main, Eagle Lake 409-234-5420

Cat Spring Road: 3BR, 1B, excellent condition. Metallic shop building and carport.
Mobile Home Parks: 14 trailer spaces with hook-ups; 6 mobile homes; 3BR, 1B home with carport.
Donovan Street: 2 Lots: .279 and .325 acres. *Financing available to qualified buyers.*
Mills Street: 3BR, 2B, appliances, large corner lot. *Excellent condition... Move in today!*
9 Miles N. of Eagle Lake: 2BR, 2B, swimming pool, tub; on 1.4 acres. *Priced for quick sale!*
Murphy Street: Two 2BR, 1B, brick homes. *Financing available to qualified buyers.*
Airlane Road: 4 BR, 1-1/2 B, carport. *Owner will finance.*
E. Stockbridge: 3BR, 1B, frame. Central A/H, garage, nice yard.
Lorraine St. in Lissie: 3 BR, 1 B home on large corner lot, fenced back yard, garage and storage areas.
Corner Stevenson & W. Main: 2 BR, 1 B frame house with 1 car garage and 1 BR, 1 B frame house with garage. *Will sell seperately or together.*
West Main: Two 2 BR, 1 B furnished apartments *for rent.*
Warwick: 3BR, 1B, frame. Guest house; large corner lot.
South McCarty: 3 BR, 2-1/2 B, brick, fireplace, enclosed breezeway. *Price Reduced!*
Glen Flora Road: Several large lots available. Nice building sights. No restrictions.
State St.: 3BR, 1B frame on large lot; fenced yard.
E. Prairie: 3BR, 1B, carport, large lot, fenced yard.
Lissie: 3BR, 1B, frame to be moved off lot.
Forest Oaks: 1-1/2 story 2BR, 1B, on .8+ acres.
South McCarty: 2 BR, 1 B, frame, brick trim. *Price reduced!*
State Street Duplex, easily converted to 2BR, 2B with garage; large lot; low 20's.

LAND
640 Acres Rice land; water well; canal; good hunting
10 Acres: South of Altair; pasture; scattered oak trees.
14 Acres on Eagle Lake; excellent building site.
1130 Acres Farm land, irrigation well, canal system. All adjoining RR frontage. *Terms!*
50x75 metallic barn on 2+ acres: Water well and electricity, in Lissie.
5 Acres: FM 102; with 3BR, 1B home. 500 sq. ft. office bldg; 1,000 sq. ft. storage & shop area; large hay barn; storage shed & stock pens.

COMMERCIAL
East Main: 4 lots approximately 29,000 sq. ft.; 4,300 sq. ft. shop and/or storage area.

Ernie Rodgers

25 Real Estate

Century 21
Brown & Associates
Columbus, Texas 78934
732-8333

Center Street: *Price Reduced!* One Bedroom, one bath; excellent starter home. $15,000.
Forest Oaks: 12 acres, fenced. Oak trees and barn.

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45 Acres: $2,000 per acre. Wooded, fenced, electricity.
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409-732-3302

20 Houses for Sale

For Sale 308 Burns Street. Call for details. 713-494-6812

House for sale: 601 Pendleton. Recently updated, 3-2-2 on approximately two acres; barn. 177 foot frontage on Post Office Street (FM 102). Call for details. 713-494-6812.

New home for sale: two bedroom, nice kitchen and dining area with custom built cabinets, utility room with washer and dryer included, double glass windows, ceiling fans. Fully insulated, vinyl and carpet flooring throughout. Fenced yard with treated deck and porch. Located on Seaholm St. Call 234-5438.

Newly remodelled home: two bedroom, one bath, new vinyl and carpet throughout. Custom cabinets. Fenced yard with porch. Located on Seaholm St. Call 234-5438.

Three bedroom, one bath; large fenced yard; two car detached garage. 804 Church Street. Call 234-3012.

Two bedroom, two bath on 1.4 acres, 7 miles north of Eagle Lake. $45K and financing available. 234-2691 or 732-6502.

House For Sale
601 Clark, Eagle Lake
Large lot with oak trees, central airheat, 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, detached garage. Near Eagle Lake Middle School.
We're Moving!
234-2243
EVENINGS

21 Mobile Homes for Sale

4-Bedroom 14x80, big spacious home with 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, new carpet, free delivery, assume $259 per month! Rosenberg Factory Outlet 713-342-5681.

Doublewide SALE-New 1987 FLEETWOOD 3-2, nice modern all-electric kitchen, vaulted ceilings throughout. Only $26,900, payments only $315 a month. Rosenberg Manufactured Homes 713-342-6181.

FLEETWOOD—Beautiful New 16 and 18 wides. Largest 2 and 3 bedrooms. Rosenberg Manufactured Homes 713-342-6181.

FLEETWOOD—Brand New 1987 "Factory Fresh" 3 bedroom, 2-bath, SPECIAL SALE, only 239 a month! Rosenberg Fleetwood Factory Outlet. 713-342-5681.

For Sale: Used Mobile Home. Two bedroom, partly furnished. $3500. 206 W. Davitt. Call 234-5052.

New 16 Wides. Huge Rooms. Free washer and dryer. Holsworth's-Brookshire. 713-391-3195. Open 'till 6 Monday-Friday. 'Till 5 on Saturday.

New 18 wide. Free washer and dryer. Don't miss this one. Holsworth's-Brookshire. 713-391-3195. Open 'till 6 Monday-Friday. 'Till 5 on Saturday.

Reduced used mobile home, 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath, furnished, on wheels. Call 234-3762 for information.

Three bedroom, 2 bath, 14x80, clean and nice, new GE stove and refer., CA/H, free delivery to your lot, only 13,900. Take over payments of $255 per month. Rosenberg Factory Outlet. 713-342-5681.

Used Homes. 12 to choose from. Free washer or dryer. Low down, low monthly. Holsworth's-Brookshire. 713-391-3195. Open 'till 6 Monday-Friday. 'Till 5 on Saturday.

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21,600.; 10% Down, 240 mos., @13.0% APR.

Classified Ads Continued...

22 Mobile Homes for Rent

Efficiency trailers for rent in Altair. Furnished, $160/month; references. Call Clifton Tyler, 732-6502 (office) or 234-2691 (home).

For Rent to responsible person, three bedroom, two bath, CA/CH, Doublewide mobile home. Three miles north of Eagle Lake on FM 102. 8 to 4:30. 234-3578.

23 Mobile Home Lots/Spaces

One single trailer space located at 309 West Waverly. Call 234-3093 for information.

Trailer space on Alamo Street. Call between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 234-2704 or 234-2526.

24 Acreage for Sale or Rent

3.5 Acres on Glen Flora Road. 210 ft. road frontage. Call 234-3102.

For sale: Airport property. Approximately two acres on runway; 1.8 acres on Waverly. Call for details, 713-494-6812.

28 Cars for Sale

1979 Mercury Zephyr. Priced to sell. $1,000. Call 234-7514.

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Needed: Part time cook. Apply in person, Sportsman's Restaurant, 201 Bootne Drive or call 234-3071 for appointment.

Mac Sweeney backing legislation to pay feed grain farmers sooner

United States Congressman Mac Sweeney recently announced his co-sponsorship of legislation to provide deficiency payments to corn and other feed grain farmers sooner, affording feed grain growers the same advantage currently allowed to wheat farmers. Sweeney joins 34 of his colleagues in Congress currently backing the legislation.

The Food Security Improvement Act of 1987 would require the Secretary of Agriculture to move up the final deficiency payment for feed grain crops from 12 months after harvest to just five months, Sweeney said.

Under the current system, two payments are made to farmers yearly, one in the fifth month and another in the twelfth month, creating calculation problems due to fluctuations in commodity prices.

"Last year, the final payment for 1986 wheat was moved up to the fifth month after harvest to better meet the needs of farmers," Sweeney noted, "but corn and feed grain farmers, who need the earlier payment just as much as wheat farmers, still must wait a whole year to get the money they deserve."

Farmers receive deficiency payments in amounts equal to the difference between the loan rate for the commodity and its target price.

Making deficiency payments based on the first five months of the year, rather than for the full marketing year, will allow farmers to plan more efficiently, Sweeney said.

"The change in the payment scheduled will enable farmers to cut back on operating costs by reducing the amount they pay in interest," Sweeney said.

The legislation, which sailed through the House Agriculture Committee, should arrive on the Hous floor for a vote later this year.

Double subsidies

Mac Sweeney has joined a 45-member Congressional coalition endorsing legislation intended to help Texas farmers and improve the federal farm program by phasing out double subsidies currently available for farmers in California.

The Congressmen are sponsoring legislation in the House calling for an end to double subsidies that allow California farmers to grow subsidized crops with federally subsidized irrigation water.

"The Irrigation Subsidy Reform Act of 1987 will help reduce surplu American farm products and increase commodity prices by ending an inequity in our farm policy," said Sweeney, a second-term Republican. "The production of crops with subsidized water not only adds to the farm surplus, but contributes to the federal deficit as well."

A 1982 Department of Agriculture study found that, of lands irrigated with water subsidized by the Bureau of Reclamation, 45 percent are used to grow surplus crops. The subsidy on most Bureau of Reclamation irrigation water is 85 percent — costing taxpayers about $840 million a year. Estimates place the total annual subsidy for irrigation water used to grow surplus crops as high as $376 million.

"These double subsidies are a typical example of one bureaucratic arm of government not knowing what the other is doing," Sweeney said. "The Bureau of Reclamation encourages farmers to grow more crops by providing cheap water while Federal Commodity programs pay them not to grow those same crops."

"It's not fair when you get down to it," said Harry Shannon, Matagorda County rice farmer. "Rice farmers in California get the same farm subsidies as us plus get subsidized water," he said. "If they do it for one they ought to do it for all."

Sweeney, who represents the fourth largest rice-producing district in the country, said the Irrigation Subsidy Reform Act eventually reverses the unfair advantage now afforded California rice growers.

The proposed legislation calls for the gradual elimination of double subsidies by requiring farmers who receive new or expanded benefits from the Bureau of Reclamation to pay full cost for any water used to grow surplus crops.

"What we have are two government-funded, government-run programs which conflict with each other to produce subsidized and surplus crops," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the House Interior Subcommittee. "This is not rational."

Proper grass management essential on rangeland

Proper management of range grass plants is essential if these plants are to remain healthy, vigorous and thrifty. Understanding how these grasses grow is also essential in order to properly manage these plants, according to the Soil Conservation Service.

The leaves and green stems are the factories of grass plants. In fact, 95 percent of the total plant food is called photosynthesis which converts solar energy from the sun into simple sugars in the plant.

When the leaves of the plants are grazed too short, the ability of the leaves to make food is greatly reduced. This results in loss of roots, and a reduction of plant vigor, thus making the plant weakened.

If grazing of the grass plant persists, the end result will be death of the plant simply because it cannot make any food to keep alive.

When continuous overgrazing occurs, this results in less available forage for livestock, and poorer quality forage. The final result of overgrazing is higher feed bills and less profit.

Undesirable plants replace the grass, and eventually bare grounds is the result with ugly scars of erosion showing up on the face of the land. This is why proper grass management, and proper grazing height of grass plants are important.

As rule of thumb, the amount of percentage of grass plant which can safely be grazed is about 50%. Using this rule of the thumb, and depending on the growing season, i.e. rainfall, climate and other factors, the plant will have enough leaf surface remaining to adequately produce forage, and keep itself healthy.

Storage batteries

The roots of the plants are used as storage batteries, so to speak, so that the food reserves can be used to put out new growth the following spring.

Another factor to consider in grass management is that about one-half of the roots of a plant die each year and need to be replaced.

The best way to achieve proper grazing of grass on rangelands is to stock the livestock numbers according to the available forage produced. Periodic periods of rest from grazing are needed to allow new plants to start and develop. This will help to maintain a healthy, vigorous plant community.

Deferred grazing is another valuable way to improve all rangelands. It gives the land a rest for certain periods of time such as three months each year during the growing season.

This will promote natural revegetation by increasing the vigor of the grass stand and permit desirable plants to produce seed. It can provide a food reserve for fall and winter grazing or emergency use. It will improve the appearance of the range, and help prevent soil and water loss.

For assistance in determining range conditions, grass plant identifications, livestock stock rates, and suggested systems of grazing, contact the personnel of the Soil Conservation Service in Columbus at 732-2773 or write to 316 Spring Street in Columbus.

Conservation assistance

Soil Conservation Service provided conservation assistance to the following:

Raymond Kasmiersky has completed construction of a pond on his farm in the Frelsburg area.

Dr. Warren Parker, of the Bernardo area, is constructing a pond.

Larmar Jobe, of the Frelsburg area, has completed construction of a pond.

Clarence Arikoda, of the Rocky Hill area, is planning to construct a pond.

Columbus Livestock Market

The market this week took a turn downward in price making it in line with all major markets. Most of the decline was seen on heavier weight and plainer quality classes at $2 to $4 a hundred lower, says George Hagan and Don McAlister.

If we can be of any assistance in marketing or hauling your livestock, call collect 409-732-2622 or 409-732-5841. We have top market sales at Columbus Livestock Market every Thursday.

Cattle on hand, 1596; hogs, 10; sheep, 7; horses, 4.

Packer Cows: higher dressing utility and cutter cows, 43 to 48 cents per pound; lower dressing utility and cutter cows, 37 to 42 cents; light weight canner cows, 33 to 37 cents.

Packer Bulls: heavyweight bulls, 55 to 58.5 cents per pound; utility and cutter bulls, 52 to 55 cents; light weight canner bulls, 44 to 50 cents.

Butcher Calves and Yearlings: good and choice, 60 to 66 cents per pound; standard, 50 to 60 cents.

Stocker and Feeder Calves and Yearlings: steer and bull calves 150-300 pounds, 90 cents to $1.38 per pound; 300-400 pounds, 85 cents to $1.15; 400-500 pounds, 70 to 88 cents; 500-600 pounds, 63 to 76 cents; heifer calves 200-300 pounds, 75 cents to $1.10; 300-400 pounds, 70 to 85 cents; 400-500 pounds, 66 to 76 cents; 500-600 pounds, 62 to 73 cents; replacement heifers, 60 to 80 cents.

Stocker Cows: good stocker cows and heifers, 50 to 55 cents per pound; medium stocker cows and heifers, 43 to 50 cents per pound; good cow and calf pairs, $650 to $700; medium cow and calf pairs, $550 to $650; common cow and calf pairs, $475 to $525.

Hogs: No. 1 butchers, 57 to 59 cents per pound; No. 2 and 3 butchers, 55 to 56 cents; feeder pigs and shoats, 75 to 95 cents; sows, 40 to 42 cents.

Sheep: ewes, 18-22 cents per lb.; lambs, 50 to 65 cents; bucks, 15 to 18 cents; pairs, $25 to $45 per pair.

Major hunting season dates for 1987-88

For those who just can't wait for the fall hunting seasons to begin, here is a roundup of major season dates and some of the new regulation changes for 1987-88.

The 1987-88 hunting regulations, except migratory birds, will be published in the department's hunting guide which will be available from TPWD offices and license outlets in early August. Migratory bird regulations will be covered in other guides.

Uppermost in the minds of many Texans is the white-tailed deer season. Deer hunting kicks off with the archery season, October 3-November 1. The firearms season is November 14, 1987 through January 3, 1988.

Deer hunters may recall that the firearms season started earlier last year and lasted 58 days. This year's season is 51 days because of calendar differences associated with starting the season on the second Saturday in November each year.

Hunters should note that special antlerless-only whitetail seasons have been proposed for two widely-separated areas of the state. One would expand the early antlerless season to include all of Polk, Trinity, Houston and Angelina Counties, plus the portion of Nacogdoches County south of State Highway 7. The dates would be October 17-November 1 if adopted by the Parks and Wildlife Commission on July 23. Last year the early season involved only portions of Polk and Trinity Counties.

A similar expansion of an antlerless-only season is proposed, adding Frio, LaSalle and McMullen Counties to the January 9-24, 1988 season. The late season already was in place in Webb, Maverick, Duval, Zapata, Zavala and Dimmit Counties.

Deer hunters also should note that there will be 80 counties in which no antlerless permits or tags will be required. Hunters should obtain permission from landowners to take antlerless deer, and then affix the proper tag from the hunting license to the carcass of any antlerless deer taken.

Law enforcement officials remind hunters that the head of any deer harvested must be retained with the carcass until it reaches its final destination. The head need not be attached to the rest of the carcass, however.

The mule deer archery season will be October 3-November 1 in all counties having a mule deer season. The firearms season in Panhandle Counties is November 21-29, and the Trans-Pecos season is November 28-December 6.

The fall turkey season, where provided, is concurrent with the white-tailed deer season. In specified East Texas counties, a spring gobbler season is set for April 2-17, 1988. The spring season for Rio Grande turkeys will be April 2-24, 1988.

Hunters also are reminded they must possess a lesser prairie chicken permit while hunting during the two-day season, October 17-18, in the Texas Panhandle. Permits may be obtained free of charge by contacting a department office.

Other species and season dates include: pheasant (Panhandle), December 12-27, and (Coastal) November 14-December 13; pronghorn antelope, October 3-11; javelina, no closed season in 50 counties and October 3, 1987, through February 28, 1988 in 37 counties; squirrel, no closed season and no bag limit in some counties and May 1-31 and October 1, 1987, through January 15, 1988, in other counties; elk, no closed season, bag limit of one elk by permit only; aoudad sheep, October 31-November 13, 1987 and January 2-17, 1988; quail, November 7, 1987 through February 28, 1988; and chachalaca, December 5, 1987 through January 31, 1988.

Dove, teal and other early-season migratory bird regulations were adopted July 23 in Austin, and late season (duck and goose) seasons will be set in August.

Romo to be pinned at WCJC

A pinning ceremony for the 1987 class of the radiologic technology program at Wharton County Junior College will be held Wednesday, August 19 at 8 p.m. in the Outlar Auditorium of the Johnson Health Occupations Center.

Students who will be awarded their school pin and a certificate of completion are Michael Romo of Eagle Lake, Terrance (Terry) Henderson of Weimar, Pamela Woytek of Columbus, Heidi Pettit of Bay City and Marjorie Treumer of El Campo.

These students have successfully completed a two year program curriculum which is a balance of general educational and technical courses as well as supervised clinical work at local hospitals. These courses provide the student with an opportunity for educational development as well as occupational competence.

Sidewalks, West A parking on city council agenda

Downtown business and property owners will be asked to attend the next meeting of city council to discuss possible joint participation in repairing curbs and sidewalks in front of stores.

At council's meeting this past Tuesday night, Case Hollub announced he was resigning his council seat. Several months ago he left the First National Bank here and became an officer in a Weimar bank.

Parking on West A St., and the hiring of a part-time person to collect outstanding municipal court warrants, also was on council's agenda.

Council also learned that the final preparation is underway of the contract to sell city airport property to the Phillip Ferguson interests. That transaction may be completed in two weeks leading to widening and paving of the main runway at the Municipal Airport. The transaction also requires Ferguson to sell some of the land to others who plan airport improvements.

The sidewalk subject, discussed at previous council meetings, included a recommendation by city manager Robert Klockman that business and land owners downtown work together to share the cost of repairing curbs, gutters and sidewalks that have become possible danger spots.

Councilman Larry Dulany brought up the subject at the last meeting and since then Klockman has done additional research. Traditionally, he said, the city has considered curbs and gutters as the responsibility of landowners because they tend to enhance the value of adjacent property.

But, since downtown sidewalks are used by the population as a whole, the city could share in the cost of their repair.

Mayor Lanny Powers suggested each person involved be invited to the next council meeting to discuss the situation. Klockman suggests that the city pay the cost of repairing curbs and gutters downtown, and that landowners be responsible for sidewalks abutting their property. He also suggested the city adopt an ordinance to enforce this policy in areas where sidewalks are considered dangerous.

Klockman identified several dangerous areas, and estimated repairs might cost the city $5,000 and sidewalk repairs might cost $11,700.

The discussion of the no parking ordinance on West A St. was the second time resident Bea Kuykendall was on the agenda. She said she could not understand why the parking ordinance was adopted, and disagreed that traffic had increased because the narrow street was paved. Residents now have to park in their yards.

She suggested council would better serve public interests if it posted speed limit signs. Mayor Powers agreed with that point and ordered that a 30 MPH limit sign be posted on the street.

Ms. Kuykendall also asked why residents were ticketed for parking on the street when patrons of the McCrary Auction Barn were not ticketed. She was told that the parking ban would be enforced at the auction house, and that the owner, Joe McCrary, has been asked to help enforce the law.

After other discussion, police chief Ben Johnson suggested that the speed limit on that street be reduced, by