

Many Questions Are Raised Eldorado Must Vote On The Unincorporation Issue

by Jim McWilliams

The residents of Eldorado will soon be faced with a decision that will affect the future of Schleicher County as well as Eldorado. The question of unincorporation is not a new one, but this is the first time the question will come to a vote. And a decision should be made on the available facts; not on an emotional basis.

There are not many facts or certainties available. The ones that are available do not create a panacea for the city's ills. Most of the issues create more problems than an unincorporation would solve.

ONE GOVERNMENT

It is true that the unincorporation of Eldorado would create one government for the city and county. But the question is not whether the city and county should have a single governing body. The question is: "Will Eldorado have an EFFECTIVE government?"

Under present state law Schleicher County cannot undertake or regulate certain things a city government can. These areas according to the State Attorney General include gas and water districts, sewer systems, property zoning, buildings and housing codes, and public ordinances. Most of these areas can be performed by other bodies, but will cost the Eldorado citizen money.

UTILITIES

The county can operate a trash pick-up and disposal system. But the county citizens would have equal right to ask for trash pick-up. That means the county would have to pick up trash at every ranch in the county as well as in Eldorado.

The Commissioners' Court would probably elect to discon-

tinue trash pick-up, according to one county official, rather than trying to collect it on a county-wide basis.

No county may operate a gas or water service. A water district would have to be created to serve the citizens of Eldorado with water and sewer services. A board of directors would have to be elected, and they would set the rate. The rate could not be regulated by the County Commissioners.

The gas company would probably have to be put into receivership in district court. The persons holding the revenue bonds would then elect a board of directors to operate the gas system until the bonds were paid. Then the board could disband and walk away from the gas system.

One other fact is evident concerning the gas system. As soon as the city is unincorporated the gas contract would be void. The rate would have to be re-negotiated with a supplier. Gas bills for Eldorado residents would rise by 300 to 500 percent according to estimates by knowledgeable officials.

The City of Eldorado now pays 13 cents per thousand cubic feet of gas. A new contract would call for a rate of approximately 40 to 65 cents per thousand cubic feet. So the city would need to assign the gas system to a private company before the election takes place. They would have to do it next week. And that is too short a period to get it done. Thus a large gas rate increase is guaranteed if the city is unincorporated.

CONSTRUCTION

By law Schleicher County cannot zone property for residential or commercial use. Anyone may construct any type of building he

wants on his property. A building contractor, plumber, electrician, or other company cannot be required to be bonded or insured against claims of faulty workmanship.

TAXES

The only tax that will be dropped will be the city sales tax of 1 percent. The city property tax will probably remain the same even though it will be paid to the county. In other words, the county will probably have to raise the city's evaluation to the same level now assessed by the city. So no tax break will be realized by city property owners.

ROAD EQUIPMENT

Eldorado would receive no more use of the county's road equipment if the city unincorporates. The county cannot keep up with the needed work now. So the residents of Eldorado could not expect to see any more work done than has been done in the past.

According to county officials the road equipment is being used as much as possible now. The problem is the lack of personnel on the road crews. And that is due to the lower wages the county pays compared to private industry. So Eldorado would not be benefited by having the county government responsible for maintaining city streets. There is too much county work to be done outside the city.

There are several other minor areas that need to be presented before the election. But the major questions have been presented. The electorate needs to decide what effect the unincorporation would have on the future growth of Eldorado.



Summer Youth Program Is Ahead of Schedule

Progress is being made on the summer youth program according to board of director member Zane Miller. "We're way ahead of where we were this time last year, and all of us are enthused and excited about this year's program," Miller said. The board of directors, headed by Odie McDonnell, has been busy soliciting funds for this year's program for the past month. Miller indicated that "we're real happy with the response the public has given us. We have a total of 10 local teams all of which now have a sponsor."

Much of the funds received thus far have been and will be used for improving the local playing facilities. The girls' playing field south of Eldorado near the roping arena has received most of the attention. The field has been used the past two years by the semi-pro team and last year by the girls' summer league. Projects currently under way on this field include enclosing the field with fencing, concession stands, bleachers and work on the field surface. Miller emphasized that the semi-pro team has been responsible for the majority of the work done on the field thus far.

In addition, Legion field has received attention with most of the county's donation going to the reworking of the field surface and replacement of some of the light fixtures.

Miller also stated that the Eldorado League will be joined this year with teams from Wall. Organization of this addition is already under way with a joint board of directors being formed. The league champion will be supported by both groups, Wall and Eldorado, on a share basis, league organizers said. As it stands now there are three boys major league teams, four girls softball teams, two minor league boys teams and one pony league team with the possibility of another pony league team being formed if enough interest is shown. In addition to these Eldorado teams the teams from Wall are also involved. Miller stated that the Texas league officials are investigating the possibility of changing the district alignment so that the Eldorado-Wall teams will not have to travel so far for district competition. Last year's play offs were held in Killeen. Miller hopes that possibly San Angelo will be the site this year.

Concerning the program overall, Miller said, "We are pleased at our progress so far this year. We feel that the community and especially the kids will benefit from it." He also added that donations, labor and material are appreciated if someone wants to contribute.

and has lived in Schleicher County most of his life. He taught school in the local system for four years. He is a member of the Lions Club and attends the United Methodist Church. Lynn graduated from Eldorado High School and has a degree in Real Estate and Finance from Southern Methodist University. He is active in oil and gas leasing, ranching and real estate businesses. He has served on the School Board for three years. Concerning his reason for running for reelection, Meador said, "I base my decision to run for reelection on three things. "First, I believe that the experience of my first term has provided me with the working knowledge of the business portion of school administration. "Secondly, I feel that in being a certified teacher with experience in that area, I have the background and training that can be of assistance in that area of the educational process. "Most importantly, I have a genuine concern and interest that the children of Schleicher County receive the best possible education, and in that regard, I would like to continue to contribute what I can to achieve that goal."

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Auxiliary Presents Lab Equipment



Mrs Winnie Jackson (L) of the Schleicher County Hospital Auxiliary presents a \$940 Spectrophotometer to Lab Technicians Avis Anderson (C), and Fay Reynolds (R). The new machine gives blood chemistry read-outs.

Atterbery & McWilliams Make Music on TV

If you missed the Pat Atterbery program on Channel 8, KCTV, Tuesday, March 22nd, you missed a treat. Our own Jim McWilliams was on for a good portion of the program singing and playing his guitar. Jim provided very good entertainment and we enjoyed every minute of his fine performance and hope all you viewers did too.

Sunday Break-in At Westerman Drug Store

Sheriff Orval Edmiston said Tuesday that he was still conducting an investigation into the burglary of Westerman Drug Store that occurred Sunday. The break-in was discovered late Sunday evening and the inventory taken Monday showed a substantial amount of drugs had been taken. A small amount of cash was also reported missing. Sheriff Edmiston said that entry into the store was through the rear door. This is the second burglary of Westerman's in less than a year. In June last year a similar incident occurred where access was gained through a front plate window.

Hospital & School Candidates

With most of the public interest focused on the City election on April 2, the Express News felt it important to also inform you about candidates running for office in the Hospital District and School District races which will also be held on that date. The following information is for the benefit of you, the voter, so that you might be better informed.

HOSPITAL BOARD

Running unopposed for the three open positions on the hospital board are Ruben Minor, and incumbents Mrs Winnie Jackson and Mrs Evelyn Wimer.

Reuben C. Minor

Reuben C. Minor, well known in our community, has elected to run for a place on the Hospital District Board. He and his wife, Clementina, have 5 sons, Jaime, Benjamin, Tommy, Stevie, and Homer.

Reuben has been a farmer the past 5 years and has lived in Schleicher County for approximately 45 years. The Minors attend the Baptist Church.

Mrs Winnie Jackson

Mrs Winnie Jackson is running for reelection to the Hospital Board. She has served six years on the Board. Mrs Jackson has one son, Edwin M. Jackson, Jr., and three grandchildren. She attends the Presbyterian Church and is Memorial Chairman for the Heart Association. You can find Winnie at the Auxiliary Stand at the Hospital almost every afternoon.

Mrs Evelyn Wimer

Mrs Evelyn Wimer is a current member of the Hospital Board and has served on the Board for the past two years. She has three sons, Kenneth Paul, Jerry Lynn and Mickey, and two grandchildren. Mrs Wimer is a member of the United Methodist Church and is an active member of the Duplicate Bridge organization.

SCHOOL BOARD

Four persons have announced for school trustee. There are two positions up for election the term of which is three years. Running for reelection are incumbents Lynn Meador and Billy Williams. Also running are Ted Short and Mrs Kay Patton.

Billy Williams

Billy Williams, Schleicher County farmer, lives 15 miles NW of Eldorado with his wife Peggy and their children Tanya, Jeff, Kelly and Doug. Billy is 38 years old and has lived in Schleicher County all of his life. He graduated from Eldorado High and attended Southwest Texas Jr. College at Uvalde. The Williams' attend the United Methodist Church and are active in 4-H. Billy is Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee and a member of Schleicher County Cotton Association. He decided to run for reelection to the School Board "to get informed on how the school system is run and contribute to a high quality school with the best of my ability."

WEATHER LOG

compiled by Mrs Jack Wade

Date	HIGH	Low
March 12th	72	30
March 13th	82	42
March 14th	85	45
March 15th	72	45
March 16th	78	48
March 17th	77	46
March 18th	78	48

Something To Think About

by Jannette Wilkerson

"THROWING MY HAT IN THE RING"

With so many elections "up in the air" and "down the drain" the past few months, I've decided to get involved and announce my candidacy for WIZARD.

After much thought and consideration for my other obligations as wife, mother, and concerned citizen, I feel my qualifications will enable me to do a 'bang-up' job as Wizard for this area.

At this point in time, it is my opinion the people have not had proper representation in this office, and the need for a really good Wizard is felt on every level. My record speaks for itself: I'm a public spirited, middle class American; I'm over 21 [Ha! Ha!]; I've served the community through Girl Scouts, concession stands, painted my trash cans red, white and blue; and I've received the purple heart for being a Den Mother and participating in Pep Rally skits. I was born in a log cabin, chopped down a cherry tree, have a toothy smile, and eat peanut butter. That takes care of my qualifications to run for public office. Now I would like to expound on my qualifications as a Wizard.

I'm always stuck at home -- I mean, I will always be available to my constituents. I can put two pairs of socks in the washing machine and retrieve three socks [and we all know, three out of four, ain't bad]. I can be talked into serving on ANY committee, baiting a hook with a live worm, having a Stanley Party, and popping pop corn at 11 o'clock on Saturday night [that shows I'm flexible]. I can stretch a can of tuna fish into a dozen sandwiches and make a birthday cake that looks like a bunny [that demonstrates my creativity]. And finally, I've watched "The Wizard of Oz" nineteen consecutive years on TV [that proves my consistency].

If elected Wizard, I promise to dedicate my term to maintain the high standards and integrity as stipulated by the Council of Wizards. I also promise to make it rain, reduce the price of coffee, wash your car, and buy Ed Meador a new pair of jogging shoes.

On April 2 -- Go to the polls and vote! And remember, a vote for me is a vote for ---- on second thought, I think I'll run for King!!!

And that's something to ponder this week!!

Your Social Security

Peter Gonzales, social security representative for the San Angelo Social Security office, has scheduled his April visit to Eldorado. He will be at the Fire Station on Thursday, April 21st from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the

Social Security Administration may contact him at this time. Persons who are unable to meet with him are encouraged to call the office in San Angelo.

If you plan to retire soon, please bring your latest W-2 form or tax return to prove your last year's earnings.

Home Front News

Call me your Home Front News items. 853-2688 or 853-2032. Billie Porter.

Miss Linnie Harris of Austin spent part of her spring break from the University of Texas with her

parents, Mr and Mrs R.E. Griffith, Rick, Mike and John.

Mr and Mrs Harry Mercer visited last week in College Station with Rev and Mrs Roy Shilling, Dr and Mrs H.W. Van Cleave (A & M), Miss Diana Van Cleave and Mr and Mrs John D. Gibbs. Mrs Van Cleave is the former Beth Shilling and John is the son of the former Sue Shilling, Mrs John L. Gibbs of Victoria.

Mrs Ethel Etheredge spent

Mr and Mrs Ronnie Williams, Shanon and Shane of Alpine spent the past few days with Mrs Williams' parents, the Clay Porters, and in San Angelo with Ronnie's parents, the A.D. Williams'. The Ronnie Williams' and the Porters' spent Sunday in Rankin with Carl Porter. Other visitors in Carl's home were Mr and Mrs Roy Johnson, Tammy and Gwen.

the weekend in Midland with her son, Mr and Mrs Sonny Etheredge and family.

Little Will Edmiston, son of Mr and Mrs Jerry Edmiston, is at home after a two week stay at Shannon Hospital. Will is getting along real well now.

Mr and Mrs Dave Williamson of Willis, Texas visited Mrs Ernestine Hext one day last week.

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Seagraves with her daughter and family, Mr and Mrs Roger Miller this week. Mrs Miller will undergo surgery on Thursday, March 25th.

Rev. Gene Stark attended his Doctoral Seminars at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas from Feb 7th to March 6th in partial fulfillment of his work on his Doctor of Ministry Degree. March 11th and 12th Rev. Stark led the Angelo State University Baptist Student Union Retreat at Lake Brownwood, Texas. Rev. Stark was the Evangelist for the Good News Texas Revival at the First Baptist Church at Sonora.

EDITORIAL

SCHLEICHER COUNTY "CITY HALL"

We have researched the issue of unincorporation as far as possible. We have talked with many state and local officials in our effort to find out whether it would help or hinder Eldorado.

We would never assume that people would subscribe to our point of view just because we own a newspaper. We are as apt to make as many mistakes as anyone if we don't investigate an issue as thoroughly as possible.

That is why we severely censure remarks that deal with the unincorporation question on a purely emotional basis. Remarks such as "You are going to let yourself in for a lot of legal problems that are not worth the trouble," or "The county hasn't ever done anything for the city, so let them work for us now" only serve to hide the problems.

The question cries for an answer. And there is no perfect answer. Our front page article tried to clear up most of the questions raised by Eldorado residents. And we admit that some of the questions were answered with "maybe" and "probably." But they came from public officials who were in a position to have an accurate appraisal of the consequences. Therefore, we urge you to consider the available information and draw your own conclusion.

We are opposed to the city unincorporating at this point in time. Our reason is not based on fear of "legal problems," nor on the NON-FACT that it is "not worth the trouble."

There is a move in the state legislature to allow county governments to pass ordinances, and probably own or regulate some utilities. It could become a reality within a year or two. This would increase the chances of a smooth transition from city to county. But the mechanics are not available yet. This is one reason to wait.

The city now has the mechanism to regulate the cost of sewer, gas, and water rates. If the city was unincorporated, the citizens of Eldorado would have to deal directly with the Texas Public Utility Commission and the Texas Railroad Commission to protest rate increases. Now all they have to do is appear at a city council meeting. I would rather deal with the city council than I would with the board of directors of Lone Star Gas Company.

We, at least, now have a regulatory body that has Eldorado's interest at heart. It's called a city council. A commercial gas company is motivated by profits...because it needs to make money for its' stockholders. As it is now, you and I own our gas company.

The city council should have assigned the public utilities to private companies in anticipation of a public vote. But they would not have had the interest of Eldorado at heart if they had done so.

We urge you to vote against unincorporation because:

1. Unincorporation would cause the loss of control of gas, water, sewer, and trash collection services.
2. No benefit would be realized from the county road equipment.
3. No zoning or construction ordinances could be enacted.
4. There would be no significant improvement of services to the citizens of Eldorado.

Our decision is based on information we have gathered and presented to you in our front page story. This editorial is our interpretation of the facts. You may come to another conclusion. But we felt obligated to present ours. Your letters and comments are always welcome.

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Mr M.M. "Pop" Schafer, 97, died at 9:35 a.m. Thursday, March 17 in Heart of Texas Hospital of Brady after a long illness.

Services were held Saturday morning in Colonial Chapel of Brady Funeral Home with Rev Evan Burleson of Walnut Baptist Church of Brady officiating, with burial in Voca Cemetery.

Mr Schafer was born Sept 8, 1879 in Blanco County. He moved to Voca at the age of 2. He was married to Georgia Francis Brown Dec. 24th in Voca. She died in 1949.

Mr Schafer was a Methodist and a retired stock farmer. His only son, J.P. Jr., died in 1936.

Survivors include four daughters; Mrs Marshall (Bernice) Goff of Brady, Mrs Dan (Evelyn) Botts of Fresno, California, Mrs Granvil (Mary) Hext of

Eldorado, and Mrs Dave (Ailene) Warnack of Albuquerque, New Mexico; three sisters; Mrs Oscar Sparks of San Angelo; Mrs Sid Lawson of Ackerly, Texas; and Mrs Tracy Beckham of Brady; nine grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

Pal bearers were grandsons Morris Hext of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Herman C. Walker, Jr. of Kerrville; nephews Odis Neve of San Angelo, Billy Beckham, Amos Lewallen of Brady, and J.P. Sparks of Melvin.

Those attending from Eldorado were: Mr and Mrs Ben Hext, Mr and Mrs Weldon Davis, Mr and Mrs Henry Moore, Mr and Mrs Carrol White, Mrs Evelyn Stigler, Mr and Mrs Herman C. Walker Sr., Mrs Nell Williams, Mrs Mary Adame, Rebecca, Rita and Roseann, and Mr and Mrs L.L. Watson of Christoval.

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Miss Patti Lou Olson of Lubbock and Mrs Mike Olson of Amarillo spent the weekend with Phil Olson and also visited their mother and mother-in-law, Mrs Phil Olson, at the hospital in San Angelo.

Jeffrey Lacy, young son of Mr and Mrs Jim Lacy, Jr. is convalescing at home after his recent tonsillectomy.

Mr Walter Donaldson of Baytown, Texas was visiting his mother Mrs E.G. Donaldson last week and was here to attend the wedding of his brother, Billy Dean on Friday.

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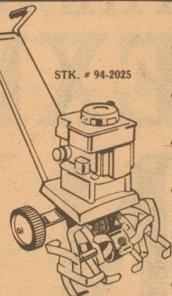
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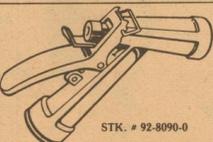
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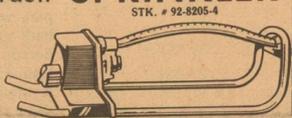
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Letters to the Editor

THE CITIZENS OF ELDORADO, TEXAS

I am not trying to cause anyone to vote for or against anything by publishing this information. It is to present my feelings as near as I know how concerning a subject I feel is very important to us all and certainly everyone should consider them as they apply to his or her situation.

I and the many people who helped circulate the petitions to get this election called thought it would be a change that would improve our present situation. The main purpose on my part was to give the people of Eldorado a chance to determine what they wanted to do themselves at the election.

In discussing the proposition of the Dissolution of the Municipal Corporation of Eldorado over about the last year and one half with many citizens, I have encountered many different opinions but no one has told me anything just terrible it would cause.

The change, if it occurs, will of course present some questions of a legal nature. None of these at this writing (2:30 p.m., March 21, 1977) seem impossible to solve in the opinion of our County Attorney, T.P. Robinson, Jr.

There is a good reason for the fact that it is hard to get absolute answers to some questions people have concerning how certain parts of city property will be handled. As every situation is different this consolidation is very close to unique in that it is not caused by any default in payments or defunct conditions. Crockett County and Ozona are about the only pattern in Texas to study, if the change occurs. They didn't have to make the change since they have always been unincorporated. I feel if the County Government in Crockett County can handle an estimated ninety six million tax base operation, our county government will have very few problems running our estimated eighteen million tax base operation in Schleicher County and Eldorado.

I think the great majority of Schleicher County Citizens have a very high regard for the integrity and abilities of our County officials who will be handling the change over if it occurs. I regard their integrity and abilities very high. It is inconceivable to me that any utility bond owners would feel that their interest were not in good hands and unless there was an absolute legal necessity for a receiver I would think on investigation a receivership would be waived.

I simply feel that the change would be good for me and mine but am not suggesting that anyone follow my example as our situations are all different. These feelings are not all fact and they apply only to me. I will leave you with this admonition, free advice is many times only free if it is not used. Figure it out from your own viewpoint and your own situation.

Pancho Bradley

Mr Ed Meador,

There are several things that I do not understand about the Christoval portion of your paper, especially since I have worked for another paper and do understand the procedure and reason behind a publication such as yours.

On several occasions the business places (Nita's, Larry's) who sell this paper have not received any papers to sell from Mr McWilliams until they asked for them. Once after several days they finally received some on Mon. of the following week after I asked the Eldorado Flash if he would leave some for them on the CB. He said they had apparently sold out and he would take them some more. They had not had any and he knew the Rogers were out of town and he was to leave them himself. This week he brought only a very few (less than half of the usual) and said the paper was cutting down. Do you not want to sell your papers here? If not why not?

He also told Mrs Rogers not to fool with the school news. They want it in and we get it. Do you not want news from this school?

Some news and other articles never show up in the paper and is apparently "Lost" somewhere which makes it hard to ask for more articles when the writers know it has been turned in and has not appeared.

When the newstands get papers they are soon sold out. (People

like to see their name in print). Then they are out for days. Why? Do you not want to sell additional papers?

How well I know that ads support and pay for the papers. San Angelo ads are usually given with Christoval customers in mind as we do not have the shopping opportunities that Eldorado does. I personally gave Jim a list of businesses and told him to use my husband's name where ads could be sold. These businesses were not contacted. Do you not want ads?

Now Mrs Rogers has been told that we have to take the news to Eldorado and to the stands. Why? Doesn't anyone come right by Larry's and Nita's and 1/2 block from Ann's. No person in this town receives a salary for their donated work but Mr McWilliams does. Is this not his job?

While your newspaper is your business and you being the owner I felt sure all these happenings or lack of happenings had not been brought to your attention, for surely your reputation as a fair but efficient businessman belies such a lack of organization as I describe and invite you to check out. As a journalist and Christoval citizen I sincerely hope your paper remains a moving and inspiring part of Eldorado and Christoval and I hope this letter will help iron out the problem spots that seem to be developing.

Sincerely Yours,
Lorraine Parker

Dear Mrs Parker,

I am sorry you feel the way you do about our paper, and about Mr McWilliams, but you're right, you DON'T understand.

We all feel we have tried to be very fair to Christoval. This is not a large operation. In fact, it is quite small. I'm sure you can see that it is virtually impossible for us to be everywhere and do everything in the communities we serve. The people here in Eldorado contribute their news items, some on a weekly basis. I can assure you that they are not paid either.

Mr McWilliams DOES do his job! If you have worked for a newspaper before, then you should be able to realize just how much of a "job" it is. I can promise you he works every day and some nights getting this paper done, every week. I would also like to add that it was Mr McWilliams who suggested including Christoval news in this newspaper to begin with. No, we don't always get it all in, but sometimes, believe it or not, we run out of room. That's when our editor has to make decisions on what to run and what can wait until the next week.

Our San Angelo advertisers know this is an Eldorado newspaper. I can assure you they are trying to get Eldorado's business as well as Christoval's.

Papers are left at newsstands in proportion to what has been sold there within the last month. We keep the figures on sales at these newsstands, and that is how we decide how many to leave. Yes, we are trying to cut back, on waste that is. It makes no sense at all to leave 25 newspapers at a place where, for the last month, only 10 have been selling.

Maybe you have worked for another paper, Mrs Parker, but no, you do NOT understand the procedures and reasons behind a publication such as ours!

I am very aware of what is going on concerning the Express News in Eldorado, Christoval, and San Angelo!

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Home Front Continued from p.1

Mr and Mrs Milton Doyle of Roby, Texas visited with Ray Doyle last Sunday, and with his sisters, Mrs Ruby Damron and Mildred Roach, and with other relatives. Kenneth Doyle of San Angelo visited Ray on Saturday, and then left for Saudi Arabia on Sunday.

Jan and Jamie Gower of Lubbock spent a few days recently with their parents and grandparents, the Bruce Lamberts.

Mrs Bernice Sweatt is at home after a stay in the local hospital and at Shannon Hospital. Mrs Sweatt is much improved and glad to be home.

Marylue Olson was transferred to St John's Hospital in San Angelo after a short stay in the local hospital. Mrs Olson is reported to be improving at this time.

Mr and Mrs Houston Thigpen spent the weekend with Mrs Thigpen's sister and family, the B. Arthurs', in Abilene.

Mr and Mrs A.A. Cooper of Big Spring spent the weekend with Mrs Cooper's sister, Bernice Sweatt and Louise Logan.

Mrs Ray Standeford is at home after a 21 day stay in the hospital. Jenny is much improved and plans to be up and about town in a few days.

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Short Notes

Mr and Mrs Ron Copeland and children Nichole and Jeffery returned home to Odessa after a week's visit with her parents, Lester and Ann Rogers. While visiting here, Ron enjoyed the fishing at Lake Nasworthy and caught a good size stringer of crappie. He also fished in the Concho River in Christoval with real good luck with 14 pounds of Black Bass.

Mr Ray Doyle is home after a week's stay in the Eldorado hospital. Glad to have him home again.

The CKCIG emergency ambulance made a run last week to take Mrs Pauline Turnbo to Shannon Hospital. Mrs Turnbo had emergency surgery and is improving.

Mr Charles (Wild Horse) Wallace was admitted to Clinic Hospital in San Angelo last week with an infected hand from a cedar bush sticker.

The Christoval students who were in the Robert Lee Relays last week were: Mile Run; Arange, 3rd, Byron Sawyer, Shot Put, 43-7/4 and Pole Vault, Robert Wilson, 11-02 for a total of 24 points.

The Travis Parker's Ranch House boomed with family reunion sounds this weekend when all the in-laws and out-laws gathered round for a sing-along with the "Fun Machine," and devoured mountains of Mexican food and other goodies. The "Fun Machine" is a smart aleck organ that mimics an entire orchestra. "Home on the Range" never sounded so good.

The mesquite trees are leafing out in downtown Christoval, giving hope for fruit crops and early gardens.

Zane, son of Mr and Mrs Top Arrott, called to report to his parents that he is now a Sergeant. Zane is attending the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico. Zane is already enrolled again for next year. Contratulations, Zane!!

Mr Henry Cypert is on the sick list this week, but is improving.

ONE TO ONE

Several ladies are meeting on each Tuesday at the Golden Years Nursing Home at 2 p.m. Each Tuesday a different Leader has her program planned. It has been varied from listening to the record player, singing, watching beautiful slides, talks, reading short stories to exercising. The patients participate and seem to enjoy these Tuesdays. After the program everyone then visits or plays dominoes. Next Tuesday is the Birthday Program honoring all patients that have birthdays in March.

ADVANCED FIRST AID CLASS CELEBRATES GRADUATION

Tuesday night, March 22nd, the Advanced Class, now qualified as emergency ambulance attendants, celebrated with a party after the ambulance inventory and practice session which ended the 40 odd hour course. The Instructor, Buddy Conners, was presented a plaque of appreciation. Those who graduated were Rena and Garland Gaines, Travis and Lorraine Parker, Karen Ball, Beverly Dennis, and also Gary Coates who assisted with some phases of instruction. Special Instructor, John Guckin, conducted the C.P.R. course included in this advanced class.

Laura Jones of Christoval was honored on her 75th birthday over the weekend with a family reunion and birthday party. Ten of her children were present plus a host of other relatives. There were 41 guests for dinner Saturday evening. Country & Western music was enjoyed by all, provided by family musicians. Mrs Jones is the mother of Mable Walker and "Farmer" Jones of Christoval.

Engagements



Mr and Mrs Roy Johnson of Rankin announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tamara Kay to William Carl Porter of Rankin, formerly of Eldorado. Carl is the son of Mr and Mrs Clay Porter of Eldorado.

The couple is planning a May 29th wedding at the First Baptist Church in Rankin.

Eldorado HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society met March 19, 1977 at the Museum to hear a presentation by Mr Dave Turner of Lubbock who is with the County History Division of

18 CHS Students Compete at Big Lake

Eighteen Christoval High School students competed in the Reagan County U.I.L. Practice Tournament at Big Lake Saturday, March 19.

Kyle Green won a first place trophy in News Writing event. Janelle Billingsley won a first place trophy in Informative Speaking.

Kelly Turnbo received a second place trophy for Editorial Writing. Sue Booth received a second

place trophy for Feature Writing.

Terri Martin earned a third place trophy for Persuasive Speaking.

Placing fourth in Informative Speaking was Jimmy Caddell; in Poetry Interpretation was Kelly Baker; in Science was Darren Green. John Clark placed fifth in Science and Becky Fuentes placed fifth in Poetry Interpretation.

Nine schools in Class B, A, and AAA were competing for

Individual and Sweepstakes trophies.

District U.I.L. Competition will be held at Christoval High School March 30.

Others who participated were Lisa Green, Tonda Gaines, Tresa Erickson, Vickie Martinez, Barbara Herrara, Roylan Neill, Jo Vance, and Marie Booth.

Sponsors accompanying the contestants were Mrs Nelda Nallen and Mrs Barbara Barton.

MOTHERS CLUB MEETING

The next Mothers Club meeting is set for April 4 at 2:00 in the school lounge. All members are urged to attend

as further plans for the banquet will be made and officers for the up-coming year will be elected. Please come.

OLD LEVIS NEEDED

The Christoval Mothers Club is in need of old Levi material. This will be a good time for some spring house cleaning. Any pair of Levis with fairly good legs will be of great help to us. They may be left at the school or contact any Mothers Club member and we will be happy to pick them up.

OBITUARIES

D.B. HILL

Duward Belmont Hill, 65, of Christoval, died Tuesday in Shannon Hospital.

Graveside services were held Thursday in Fairmount Cemetery under direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mr Hill was born March 30, 1911 in Bonham and had been a resident of Christoval for 10 years. He was married to Beatrice Haynes July 28, 1934. He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife; one son, Curtis W. Hill of Dallas; one sister, Mrs Luther Wigington of Brady; and one grandson.

Rountrees Honored By 1st Baptist Group

The Dorcas Ladies' Class and the Fellowship Men's Class of the First Baptist Church honored Mr and Mrs Bill Rountree with a farewell party at the ranch home of Mr and Mrs Weidon Davis Thursday night,



JUST JOGGIN' ALONG!

By Express News Publisher, ED MEADOR

Little as it was, it sure was welcome! That little shower this morning sure helped the looks of things even if it didn't get very wet. Hopefully, it's a harbinger of things to come. There's a lot of somber faces around these parts that would sure turn into smiling ones with the advent of one good rain.

We've changed our style...and doing our jogging early in the morning. You can't believe how nice it is to fill your lungs with that cold, clean air. It brings on a tremendous exhilaration that lasts all day long, and makes a lot of work even verge on the point of being pleasurable. I know most of you find it hard to believe...but I dare you to try it!

As we have pointed out before, we are proud of the work we have done with this paper, and feel like your support is more than ample evidence that we're doing a good job. We are trying our best to give you the best of news source, and our advertising people the best of exposure to our reading public. If you really appreciate this paper, take a moment to tell those who advertise with us that you appreciate their efforts too. This is all a joint effort to make Eldorado a better community. Thanks for the help!

Elsewhere in this issue is presented our feelings on the proposition of unincorporation. Jim McWilliams has done a commendable job of investigative reporting, and has presented the facts as nearly as they can be presented on the question at this time. We believe that in a community such as Schleicher County, one well-managed governmental body would certainly be enough. However, under the situation where nothing has been done to secure the uninterrupted continuation of services the public has become accustomed to and expect, and with the prospect of the state legislature taking action in the near future that would enable communities our size to come under a single county government where public service functions could be carried on, it seems the wiser judgment would be to await that event.

Jerry Frederick Lincoln Mercury has been one of our most consistent advertisers, and Jerry has commented again and again that he receives some great support from our readers.

Right now, Jerry and Bill Alewine are trying to win a sales contest...so if you like what they sell, go by and let them know you saw their ad in our paper!

In that connection, it's a pleasure to welcome Buddy White and John Callison and their Western Auto Store as regular advertisers. They are doing a great job with good prices on a tremendous variety of selections. In case you hadn't noticed, they are community builders, too.

March 16th. Bill and Margaret have moved to Stephenville, Texas after residing in Eldorado for more than 29 years.

A "Wishing Well" filled with love offerings was presented to the couple that

they may select the gift of their choice to remember their fellow members.

Thirty seven attended the party, for an evening of fun and visiting. They were served chips 'n dips, sweets and coffee.

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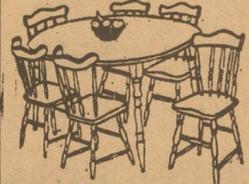


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new Crockett County History and encourage Schleicher County to try and get one together.

There were only fifteen present at our meeting Saturday evening but Mr Turner gave us a very thorough run through of what their company could do for us and we were all impressed. Mr Turner does most of the publicity for this project but there would still be a lot of work for everyone in the county to do, i.e. get your family histories written up and back this project if we go through with it. Mr Turner had many county history books on display and they were all beautifully illustrated histories.

Our next meeting will be April 4, 1977 and we want every interested citizen to try and come to this meeting and give us your viewpoint on taking over this project. We taped Mr

Turner's presentation and will play this tape at our April 4th meeting, so we want to invite everyone to come out and help us, whether you are a member of the Historical Society or not...As a matter of fact, we would like for everyone in the county to belong to our Society and the dues are only \$2.50 a year, so if you can't make the meeting mail your membership dues to Mrs Wenona Isaacs to show your interest.



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Jr. High Boys Win At Rankin

The Eldorado Junior High boys Track teams attended the Rankin Junior High meet last week, and brought home some favorable results. The 7th graders placed third in the meet while the 8th grade won their division. Results of the Eldorado participants are as follows:

880 yd Relay - 3rd place - Same as above
440 yd Dash - 2nd, Rojelio Adame; 3rd, Shane Wells;
4th, Nickey Robledo
60 yd Dash - 3rd, Eddie Montalvo
100 yd Hurdles - 1st, Bobby Hurley; 2nd, Eddie Montalvo; 3rd, Brad Thomas
880 yd Run - 2nd, Jimmy Lloyd; 3rd, Andy Bosmans
8th Grade
440 and 880 yd Relays -

1st, John Paul Joiner, Juan Arispe, Eddie Scott, Tommy Martinez
60 yd Hurdles - 4th, John Paul Joiner; 5th, Trey Jackson
440 yd Dash - 6th, Jay Cash
880 yd Run - 1st, Ronnie Hall
100 yd Hurdles - 1st, Juan Arispe
50 yd Dash - 1st, Tommy Martinez

EXPRESS NEWS SPORTS

PAR-TEE

This weekend will see our first tournament of the year, The Eldorado Club Championship Tournament. All members can qualify anytime Saturday so get up a team and come on out.

Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. the covered dish supper will be held, so fix your favorite dishes and come on out. We always enjoy these affairs. After our supper, each member will be fought for Sunday play. Sunday afternoon play will start at 1:00 p.m.

We're hoping all members will enter this first tournament.

Remember our monthly bingo party will be held March 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the club house. Come out and bring the family and friends.

The Womens' Golf Auxiliary met last Thursday afternoon with 14 members present. Plans were made and committees were appointed for the Ladies Partnership Tournament to be held here April 30.

Also the ladies voted to have a bake sale on April 6, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the club house. Forget your Easter baking and come out and try all the good things these ladies will have.

EAGLES Take

5th Place

at Sonora

The Eldorado Varsity and Junior Varsity track teams attended the Sonora Track Meet last Saturday. The Eagles found competition rather tough after having won the Iraan Relays the previous week. The Eagles finished in fifth position overall and the junior varsity finished seventh.

In the varsity division the 440 yd. relay made up of Walling, Whitten, Robledo and Harlin finished 2nd with a time of 45.1. Harlin placed 2nd and Whitten 3rd in the 100 yd. dash. Short placed 5th and Franklin 6th in the 120 yd. high hurdles. In the 220 yd. dash, Whitten placed 3rd and Harlin 5th. Walling finished in 5th place in the 440 yd. dash. Kuykendall ran 6th in the 880 run while Fay came in 4th in the mile. The mile relay team finished in 5th place and that team is composed of Short, Robledo, Franklin and Walling. In the field events Robledo finished in 4th place and Holley 4th place in the broad jump and discus respectively.

In the junior varsity division the 440 relay team made up of Faries, Mertz, Bradley and Nixon finished in 6th place. Minor finished the 440 yd. dash in 6th place. The mile relay team of Mertz, Bradley, Doran and Minor came in 5th place. Doran finished 6th in the 880 yd. run. Nixon, Morrison, and Mertz tied for 4, 5, 6th in the pole vault.

Call me your Home Front News items. 853-2688 or 853-2032 - Billie Porter.

Tennis Club News

Twenty-six persons participated Monday night in the Tennis Club play night. There has been such enthusiastic attendance the past few weeks that this week's play was divided into two sessions. In the first group that played Buddy White won the most games and Shirley Jackson

the least. In the second group Mrs Chris McCravey was high and Lisa West low.

New members this week include Marvin McAngus, Sr., Jack and Sarah Moore, W.G. Crippin, Jim Barker, Charles and Helen Pfluger, Mike and Becky Moore, and Carolyn Chapman.

High School Tennis

At the Ozona Tennis Tournament last Saturday Larry Fatheree placed 2nd in boys singles and Lori Powell placed 2nd in girls singles. Making the semifinal round was Jill Yates and Mary Kay White in girls doubles and Gynna Jay in girls singles.

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WEDDINGS

Mr and Mrs Milton Harris announce the marriage of their daughter, Vicki, to Mr Randy Van Hardesty of Sonora. Randy is the son of Mrs Lila Mae St Clair.

The couple was married March 11 at the home of the groom's mother, and they are making their home in Sonora.



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BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE SET FOR APRIL

The 3rd Council Camporee of Boy Scouts of America will be held at Camp Sol Mayer

the Weekend of April 22-24, 1977, announced Rushing Sheffield, Council Camporee Chairman.

The camporee will have special activities for Cubs, Webelos, Scouts and Explorers Sheffield added. The last Camporee was held in 1975 at Junction with some 1,200 participants.

For Scouts there will be a Patrol Scout Skill Events in

Flag Pole Lashing and Knot Relay, First Aid, Log Sawing, Orienteering and Metrics. In addition there will be a "Heritage" wide game and Operation Hit The Goal Awards Campfire.

Webelos Scouts will cook and camp out with their Dads and participate in a kit-flying contest, tour Ft. McKavett and watch the camporee events.

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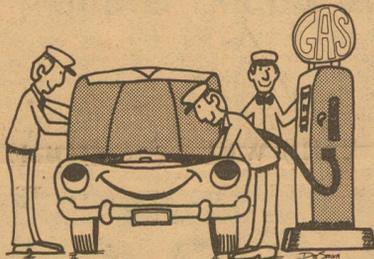
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by Jannette Wilkerson

"FROM DUSTING TO KNUCKLEBUSTING"

As I approached the entrance to the gym I saw sweatshirts and levi cutoffs silhouetted against the disappearing sun. "These are our uniforms, 'till we get some real ones!" explained Candy Richards, who, I've observed as an enthusiast for life and every phase of it that offers her a challenge. She enjoys sewing and as anyone can tell you who has ever looked in her cupboard, her home canning skills would make 'Del Monte' green with envy. Candy is the mother of three cute pixies who share her energy. Tracey, Sonja and Brooke were at home with their father, Jerry. Fathers and Husband's play a major part in the success of this aspiring volleyball team, and without who's cooperation the team wouldn't be possible.

The Knucklebusters meet on Monday nights for serious practice and after meeting their inspiring coach, captain and teacher, Ilse Williams, it's easy to see why these lovely ladies can be transformed into competitive "Knucklebusters". Ilse spent the first twenty years of her life in West Germany and after two years of college came to America to study at Vassar in New York. She was introduced to West Texas and her husband, Steve, by her roommate and decided to finish school at A.S.U. She now holds a major in Physical Education. Ilse loves sports and helps Steve on their farm. "Volleyball is a very good sport for all ages and all skill levels. I like to play Volleyball and would like to see this team get some real support and accomplish something the team members and Eldorado will be proud of," said Ilse. She participated in various athletic events at A.S.U.

"Oh, i donno, Candy came by one day and asked me if I wanted to play Volleyball and everytime a car door opens, I'm the first one in" says Betty Kay Lacy as she giggled while curling in a wad on the folded bleachers beside me. Betty Kay works with her father, Bob Bradley, and has a 3 year old athlete of her own, Jeffrey. Along with Betty Kay's job, and small son, she manages to be a heck of a good bridge player. The other man in her life, Jim her husband, supports her Volleyball effort.

There are two sister teams to make up the Knucklebusters. Flora Hubble and Melissa O'Harrow. They represent the oldest and youngest in their family. Flora is the proud grandmother of four grand daughters and being physically fit is becoming and admirable. She is employed by C.C. Lease, a member of Beta Sigma Phi, Little League Coach for girls, enjoys sewing and canning. Flora and her

sister, Melissa, have been long time volleyball players. Melissa played in High School and college and teaches 4th grade here. She has two children, Mary Lisa and Jay, and enjoys ranching with her husband, Jimmy.

Randy Mason and Sherry Lux also "keep it in the family". Sherry is playing for two and after talking to her and her pretty four year old Teresa (who, by the way, prefers puppies to a baby sister or brother) - I pulled the plug on an old wives tale, 'A Lady-in-Waiting doesn't HAVE to sit on the bench'. Sherry is a bookkeeper at the Hospital. "I started playing volleyball last year mainly for the exercise, and it's good adult recreation." Sherry and her husband, De, ranch near Eldorado. It's agreed that "little sister", Randy, is special! Before Randy got to the gym I heard things like '4 feet 11 inches of Dyn-o-mite', "real hustler", and "she's plowing"! Randy and Sherry are Eldoradoans born and raised, and after attending school here, Randy came back to become the Jr High P.E. teacher. "About 1960 Volleyball went out and basketball came. Volleyball took a back seat and has pretty much stayed there until the last year or so. We want to bring the Knucklebusters and volleyball up front again".

Sheila McClure takes care of her two Sam's - Sr. and Jr., and is a professional volunteer. She enjoys bridge, public affairs, and started playing volleyball for fun. Sheila went to school here also and would like to see some Knucklebuster support. She's the bridge partner that sports a big smile and likes to play a long shot.

We would like to see some real backing. It's really not so easy to keep house, hold a job and practice two nights a week, then play in a tournament. But we love it, and we'd make a sponsor proud.

When I left the gym I felt a bit envious of these dedicated and determined young women who display fitness, discipline and courage with grace and energy. They NEED a sponsor. They NEED uniforms and equipment. They NEED our support. In my opinion, they deserve it. Get behind their effort - be a KNUCKLEBUSTER BOOSTER -- and you'll get a chance March 31st to April 5th at Wall. Let's take a part in the pride you'll feel when you see the sign welcome to ELDORADO-HOME OF THE KNUCKLEBUSTERS"-----

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Rapid weight loss is dangerous

Too-rapid weight loss by athletes diminishes strength and endurance, Mrs Mary Sweeten, a foods and nutrition specialist, says.

She specifically cautioned against "too-rapid weight loss by starvation, dehydration, super vitamins and fad diets.

"Instead, the best way to reduce body weight--and achieve a maximum ratio of muscle strength to body weight--is by eating a lower-calorie balanced diet and increasing exercise moderately," the specialist recommended.

"The only way to increase muscle mass is by exercising more and eating appropriately, because no food vitamin, drug or hormone alone will achieve this increase in muscle mass. Also, a higher calorie diet to increase muscle mass should be low in animal fats and cholesterol." However, whether the athlete wants to lose or gain weight, the daily diet should include at least two 2-3 ounce servings of Meat Group Foods, two to three servings of Milk Group Foods, and four or more servings daily from Fruit and Vegetable--and Bread and Cereal Groups.

Prior to an athletic event, very modest intakes of foods are permitted, supplemented with at least a gallon of water in a 24 hour period, she said.

Hicks and Donaldson Wedding Held Last Week

Miss Kathy Hicks and Billy Dean Donaldson were married during a Friday evening ceremony in the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs E.G. Donaldson. The Rev Keith Wyatt, pastor of the United Methodist Church, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mrs Erlene Hicks and Ed Hicks of San Angelo. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs E.G. (Sandy) Donaldson and the late Mr Donaldson.

Matron of honor was Mrs Raymond Grantham of San Angelo and flower girl was Cary Jo Donaldson, niece of the

groom, also of San Angelo. Raymond Grantham of San Angelo was best man and ring bearer was Reid Donaldson, nephew of the groom and also of San Angelo.

A reception in the home followed the ceremony. The bride is a 1975 Lake View graduate and is employed by Ethicon, Inc. The bridegroom is a 1975 Eldorado High graduate and has attended Angelo State. He is employed as a painter.

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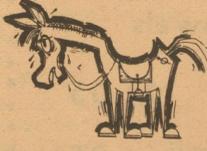
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 by Jerry Swift
 Schleicher County Agriculture Agent
SPRAY EARLY FOR POWDERY MILDEW CONTROL



Powdery Mildew can be controlled on woody ornamentals such as Euonymus, Photinia, and roses. It is important, however, to begin spray applications in early spring before heavy infection occurs. On shrubs such as Euonymus, a fungicide should be applied when new growth appears and then repeated on 7-14 day intervals until the first new leaves are fully expanded. A protective layer of fungicide will then have been applied to the leaves which will inhibit germination and penetration of mildew spores.

According to Dr George Phillee, Area Plant Pathologist for the Agricultural Extension Service, satisfactory control is often difficult to obtain once a plant has become heavily infected with powdery mildew. Therefore, check plants regularly throughout the summer and fall for new outbreaks of the disease and apply fungicidal sprays as needed.

Not all fungicides will control powdery mildew. Check chemical labels for diseases controlled as well as for dosages, suggested spray intervals, and precautions. Fungicides containing Benomyl, Dinocap (Karathane) or Sulfur will generally be labeled for powdery mildew control. Wettable sulfur should not be applied when temperatures are greater than 85°F because foliar burning can occur on some plants.

When applying a fungicide be sure and use a wetting agent. Wetting agents reduce surface tension, thus allowing the spray solution to spread out easily on the plant surface instead of balling up and rolling off, as is often the case on waxy coated plants. Household liquid detergents make good wetting agents when added to the spray solution at the rate of 1 teaspoonful/gallon.

Certain cultural practices also help reduce powdery mildew severity. Pruning out heavily diseased stems and raking and destroying falling leaves removes the key over-wintering source of the fungus. Reducing humidity levels by pruning, planting on the sunny side of the house, not crowding plants, and not sprinkling the foliage when watering will deter the infection process.

Although cultural practices are helpful in controlling powdery mildew, fungicides are often needed. Remember, spraying early when the disease is at a low ebb will achieve the best results.



HOME GARDEN PROGRAM

There will be a program on Home Gardens at the Memorial Building on Wednesday, March 30, at 2 p.m. The program will be presented by Sam Cotner, Horticulturist; Dr. Jerral D. Johnson, Plant Pathologist; and Dr. Nick Wilson, Area Entomologist. They will be discussing planting, diseases, varieties, and other aspects of Home Gardening. This program is open to the public and there is no charge. Programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all people regardless of race, color, creed or socio-economic level.

home front

Christy Webster, 5 year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Webster, has been in the local hospital for the past few days. She is feeling somewhat better and hopes to be able to go home very soon.

Mrs Phil Olson underwent surgery at St. John's Hospital on Wednesday, March 23. Mrs Olson is reported to be doing fine and expects to be home next week. Mrs Jimmie Martin of Abilene and Lt. Col. and Mrs Joe Wyatt of San Antonio are spending a few days in the Keith Wyatt home.

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ACP SIGNUP

Beginning April 1, producers may signup to aerial spray mesquite. Tordon and 2,4,5-T are the two most common chemicals used in controlling mesquite. Tordon is especially used when you have prickly pear, tasajillo or other brush besides just mesquite. Tordon is usually twice as high in price as the 2,4,5-T.

Spraying cannot be done earlier than 40 days or later than 90 days after the first leaves appear on the trees in the spring.

COTTON TRANSFERS

May 2 is the deadline to transfer cotton from one farm to another. This is also the last day to release your allotment if you do not intend to plant cotton.

WHEAT OR BARLEY DISASTER

If you have wheat or barley that fails due to drought, wind or some other disaster, you need to have it appraised before grazing or plowing it.

WOOL INCENTIVE PAYMENTS???

No rumors have been heard about the prospect of an incentive payment on the 1976 wool clip. Within the next several weeks an announcement will be made regarding such a payment.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WYATT GIRL

Rev. and Mrs Keith Wyatt are the proud parents of a new daughter born March 23rd around 5 p.m. at the Shannon Hospital. The young lady has been named Katherine Leigh and she weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and is 20 1/2 inches long. Katherine Leigh has a three year old sister, Amy. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Jimmie Martin of Abilene and Lt. Col. and Mrs Joe Wyatt of San Antonio.

LACKEY BOY

Mr and Mrs Glenn Lackey of Victoria announce the birth of a son on March 18th. The young man weighed 8 lbs. and has been named Kerry Eugene. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Gene McCalla of Eldorado and Mr and Mrs Bill Lackey of Aspermont.

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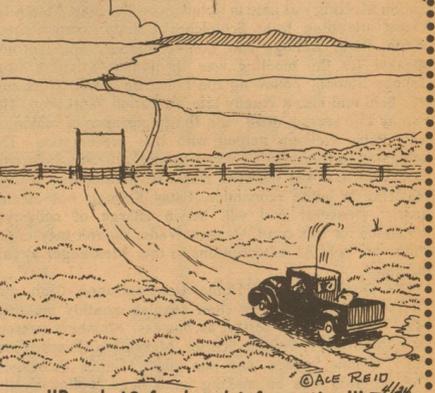
THIS WEEK'S BRIDGE

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
 Winners last week were: June Jones & Frankie Williams; Marilyn Adkins & Vivian Mears, Sonora; and Winnie Helen Hilliard & Helen Blakeway; Tied for 1st Billie Andrews & Hollis McCormick; and Lottie Puckett & Fred Adkins, Sonora Tied for 2nd We will have our Swiss Team Tournament next week, March 31st at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY BRIDGE
 Mrs Raymon Mobley was hostess for a luncheon Tuesday, March 22 for the Tuesday Bridge Club. Ethel Olson of Sonora won high score, Liz Bradley won low the Fay Dell Derrick won bingo.

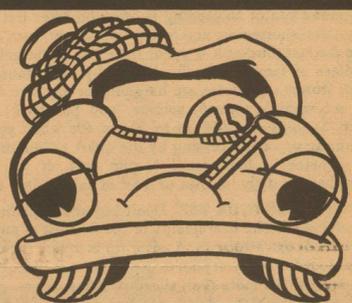
WEDNESDAY BRIDGE
 The Wednesday Bridge Club met March 16 in the home of Mrs Frankie Williams at 12:30 p.m. for a luncheon and bridge. There were three tables of players with two guests, Mrs Wal-

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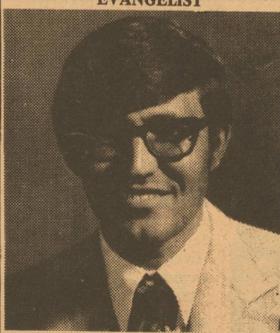
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ter Ray and Mrs Thomas Richard Jones. High prize was won by Mrs Fay Hilliard, high guest was won by Mrs Walter Ray and Mrs Mary Davis Coupe won bingo. Sure, people are interested that your son or daughter is home for a visit, even for a few days. Tell the Express News.

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by Nancy Lester
County Extension Agent - Home Economics

The District Seven Texas Home Demonstration Association Meeting was held in Coleman on Tuesday, March 15. Those attending from Schleicher County were Geneva Wade, Patsy Kellogg and Connie Spence. The morning speaker for the meeting was Dr. Jennie Kitching from College Station. Following the luncheon a 4-H Workshop was held and also a Family Life Education Workshop. The Family Life section dealt with the importance of making a will. Patsy Kellogg helped with this presentation. The delegates to the meeting voted to give a \$250 scholarship each year to a 4-H member from the district who will be majoring in home economics. Patsy Kellogg was elected district treasurer and will be in charge of collecting donations for this fund. Geneva Wade, district messenger chairman, sold 33 subscriptions to the Messenger at this meeting.

The Good Neighbor Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, March 17, for their regular monthly meeting. Miss Connie Spence served as hostess. Members present were Ruth Baker, Frankie Schrier, Margaret Gillaspay, Flora Riley, Connie Spence, and one guest Maudie Bassinger. The program was on making hand bags. Following the program the hostess served cake and lemonade.

The Reynolds Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday, March 22, at the Country Store for their regular monthly meeting.

4-H clothing project meetings have started this week. If you forgot to send in your form and you do want to sew, be sure to call and let me know.

On Wednesday of next week, March 30, we will have a Home Gardening Program at the Memorial Building at 2 p.m. We will have three horticulture specialists here to present the program and to answer your questions on gardening. I hope many of you will plan on attending.

Last week I started a series of money-saving food ideas. The first seven were given in last week's column. The final six are listed below.

8. BUY IN QUANTITIES TO SUIT YOUR FAMILY. Keep in mind how much your family will eat. A bargain for your neighbor is not necessarily a bargain for you. A small can is often the best choice for a two-some, for it gives mealtime variety and eliminates left-overs. A large size is not an economy if any of it is wasted or thrown out. For example, a three-pound can of shortening is often on sale. But if you seldom use shortening and a big can might turn rancid before the last third of it is used, then it is no bargain. But regardless of family size, the 1 1/2 to 2-pound transparent bags of frozen vegetables are bargains for any size family. Take out what you need, re-close, and put back in the freezer. Savings can add up to 30c to 40c when you buy mayonnaise or salad dressing by the quart rather than the same amount in four small 1/2-pint jars. If you make sandwiches for daily lunches or a lot of salads, buy big.

9. BUY TO SUIT YOUR USE. Don't buy more quality than you really need. The best quality or the fanciest of anything may be sheer extravagance. A wiser tip is to buy the quality you need for the way you plan to use it. For example, canned peach halves cost more than sliced peaches. If you plan to make peach cobbler, sliced peaches are a better buy. Budget-priced canned tomatoes are perfect for stews, escalloping, or spaghetti sauce, while the fancy firm whole variety is better for serving as a vegetable or salad. Penny-savings shoppers learn to choose one quality for the table, another thrifter quality for cooking. Savings may be as much as ten cents a can.

10. BUY BY BRAND. It's a good shopping practice to make a mental note of the national and store brands you like. Brand identification speeds shopping and assures uniform quality.

11. LEARN TO READ LABELS. Take time to read labels for here are the keys to many savings. It's wiser to read them in the store before you buy, but if that isn't convenient, do read them at home. Most modern labels give a wealth of information including brand, ingredients, size, weight, price and often serving ideas. If a clerk stood beside each product he couldn't tell you more.

12. CONSIDER THE DIVIDENDS OF CONVENIENCE FOODS. Convenience foods pay big dividends in time, effort and money saved. Government and university studies show that many convenience foods cost the same as or only slightly more than home-prepared foods. Dozens are actually cheaper! When you buy partially prepared ready-to-eat or heat 'n eat foods you're actually buying time-saving, waste-saving products. In some cases you are also buying skills like baking bread, making a pie crust or cake, canning fruit, making cheese. To many women the convenience of having someone else do the work is well worth the few extra cents. However, if you have more time than money, you can make your food dollars buy more and perhaps gain a feeling of achievement by buying basic ingredients. Each woman must evaluate her time in terms of money.

13. THINK TWICE ABOUT SHOPPING SEVERAL STORES. A penny saved isn't always a penny gained. You don't gain anything by driving a mile to save five cents on a jar of mustard that you buy once a year. Time, energy and gasoline have value, too. Usually the best savings come in shopping carefully within one store to find the products which meet your own needs most satisfactorily. If you feel like a treasure hunt limit it to one store and in all probability you'll come out better every time.

School MENU

MONDAY MARCH 28th

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TUESDAY MARCH 29th

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Pinto Beans
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Cornbread or Crackers
Brownies

WEDNESDAY MARCH 30

Sliced Turkey/
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Candied Sweet Potatoes
Whole Kernel Corn
Fruit Cup
Iced Cupcakes

THURSDAY MARCH 31st

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Spring Activities In Full Swing At EHS

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Several local speech students participated in the Abilene Speech Meet Saturday. The Meet is one of the largest meets in the area and provides good competition in preparation for the district speech and literary meets that will be taking place in the next

several weeks. Two students, Donna Casbeer and Carl Igo made the semi-finals in their individual events at Abilene, while Cleve Clark made the finals.

The Eldorado Eagle Band participated in their annual Concert and Sight Reading Contest in Coleman last week. And once again the "Go in Band from Eagle Land" did it by bringing back the Sweepstakes trophy. Sweepstakes is won by achieving a one rating in both sight reading and concert together with a one rating in marching. The marching portion of the contest was held last fall. This sweepstakes win gives Mr Mac, the band director, a total of seven in his career.

The annual Senior Kid Day was held Tuesday, and Student Council elections of officers for next year was held yesterday.

Upcoming district contests are debate and ready writing which will be held in Robert Lee Tuesday, March 29. The district journalism contest will be held in Junction Wednesday, March 30 and on Thursday, March 31 the district One Act Play will take place in Big Lake.

The spring break will begin at the end of regular classes April 1 and will run until April 11 when classes will resume. The district track meets and literary meet will be held shortly thereafter.

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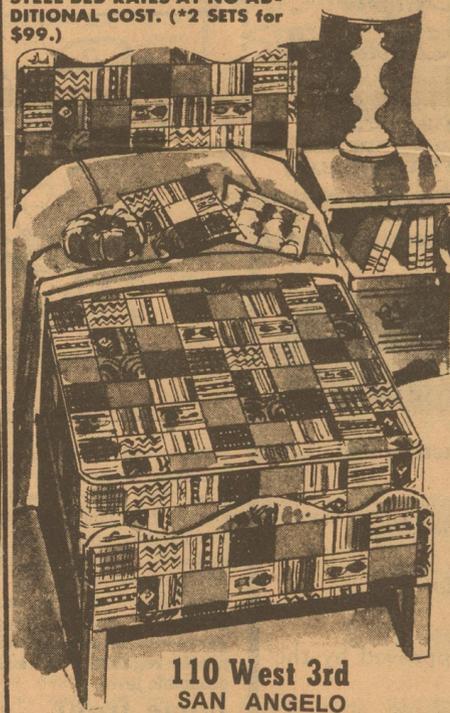
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The report shows how much was earned in wages and self-employment income last year by people who got monthly social security payments--as well as how much they expect to earn this year.

Good Neighbor

Club Meets

Connie Spence was hostess when the Good Neighbor Club met in the home of our agent, Nancy Lester. The time was 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 17th.

Reported were given from the District meeting held in Coleman March 15.

The Demonstration given by Nancy Lester was the making of a handbag. These may be made of a washable material such as mattress ticking, drapery material, denim, complete with pockets, handles and lined with the same material, they are certainly a convenience for carrying your hand work or shopping for small items. They are well made and you can soon make one on your sewing machine.

Others present for the meeting were Frankie Schrier, Flora Riley, Margaret Gillaspay, Ruth Baker and Maudie Bassinger was a visitor.

Vehicle

Registration

Deadline Nears

The deadline for 1977 vehicle registration is April 1st and Sheriff Orval Edmiston has announced that his office will be open tomorrow, March 26, until noon for those who have not received their tags. The new 1977 tags are red and should be placed in the upper right hand corner of the rear license plate.

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Baptist To Hold Youth-led Revival

Rev. Bill Stancil, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Burleson, Texas will be the evangelist for the "Good News Texas Youth-led Revival" to be held at the First Baptist Church

March 27 thru 31. Bill and his wife, Patricia have a daughter, Emily Marie. Bill graduated from Memphis State University, Tenn. and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He is currently in

the Ph.D. program there. Bill was assistant pastor at Oak Grove church 1 1/2 years and has served as pastor about a year.

Ken Craig, youth director of the First Baptist Church, will be leading the music.

Ken is a student at Angelo State University.

There will be a Youth Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday, and Evening Services at 7:00 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday.

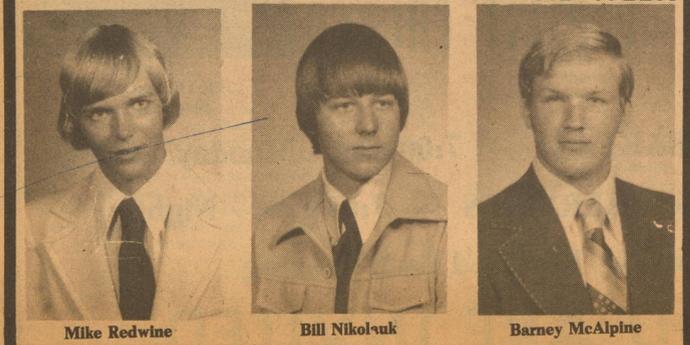
Everyone is invited to attend.

TREASURY NEWS

January sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Schleicher County were reported March 14th by County Bond Chairman Leslie L. Baker. Sales for the first month period totaled \$961 for 4% of the 1977 sales goal of \$25,000.

Texas sales during the month amounted to \$21,030,227 with 8% of the yearly sales goal of \$276.9 million achieved.

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