

THIS WEEK IN
COMMISSIONERS
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COUNTY CLERK RESIGNS. . .

COMMISSIONERS ASK FOR 16% RAISE & 10% FOR NON-ELECTED COUNTY EMPLOYEES

(NE)

County Clerk Jim Thornton has resigned, effective March 31. The resignation was turned in during an executive session of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court bimonthly meeting Monday. The court has hired Mrs Helen Blakeway as temporary help in the clerk's office until April 1.

Thornton had presented a claim to the court asking for back pay of \$200 a month since January 1976. The claim rose from the fact that the former county clerk had received an extra sum of money as Veterans Service Officer in addition to his regular salary. However, when Thornton was elected county clerk, he was not given the extra job of Veterans Service Officer and the extra \$200 a month.

During their last meeting, the court commissioners referred the problem to the county attorney, T. P. Robinson, in the event that a law suit was brought before the court. They also turned down the claim.

As of Tuesday morning, no other action has been taken by Thornton. He said he is still waiting for legal advice.

In other court business, the commissioners scheduled three hearings on March 28 for county employee salary increases, bids on leasing public land in Gaines County and bids for a new county truck.

The court is asking for a 16 per cent wage increase for all elected officials and a 10 per cent wage increase for all other county employees. The increase would be for the next nine months, and the funds would be taken from the revenue sharing bonds.

According to County Judge Bob McWhorter, this would mean about \$18,600 a year increase in the county payroll.

The hearing on leasing land owned by Schleicher County Independent School District followed a letter by Hoyt C. Doss who asked to lease the land in Gaines County.

The court will also hear bids on a new tank truck for the county. The new truck is expected to cost over \$9,000.

The commissioners court also decided to purchase a new purification system for the swimming pool. This action was prompted by a letter from the supplier of bromine, which has been used by the pool since its construction in the 1950's. In the letter, the manufacturer told the court that because of economic and environmental reasons, they would no longer be making bromine and that another method of purification would have to be used.

The firm which also built the pool, explained in the letter that the chlorine gas system could be easily used in the pool. The court approved the purchase of the gas system, which will take \$654 from revenue sharing bonds. The court noted that there is two months supply of bromine left for this summer, whereas the season is regularly three months long. They are hoping to purchase one month's supply of bromine to use this summer and then install the new system in the fall.

The court also discussed the possibility of the city of Eldorado becoming unincorporated. The commissioners also asked that city secretary Phil Olson meet with the court at the next meeting to see what the responsibilities the court would assume should the city become unincorporated.

"If we would have the city to work for, also," said McWhorter, "We should set up the ground work now."

Meeting with the court was Odus McDonnell, president of the Summer Recreation Program. McWhorter and Thornton explained the provisions of the \$1,000 the court awarded the program during their last meeting. The court will give the money to the program when they have made certain improvements to the infield, replaced light bulbs and built two benches in the baseball field in the city park.

McDonnell expressed his gratitude to the court for helping with the program, saying "Thank you for giving us this money. I don't know if we could have raised it this year." He added that the group is trying to buy new equipment and uniforms.

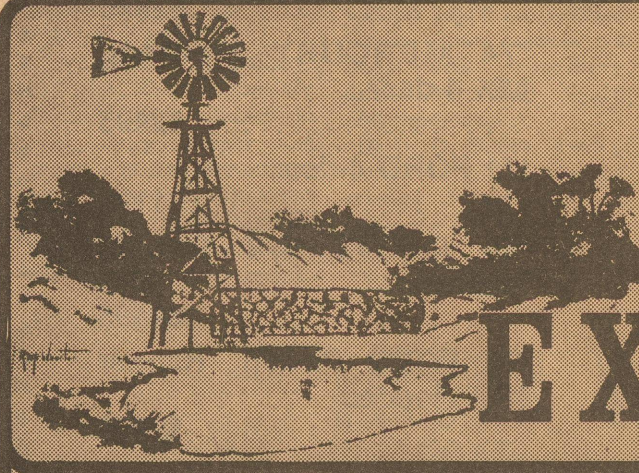
The court also discussed requests from local business firms to use county equipment for leveling and paving their driveways and parking lots. The court decided to deny all requests because of maintenance problems.

McWhorter read a letter received from a representative of the Concho Valley Council of Governments in regard to the criminal justice plan. The group offered to make a study of the jail needs of Schleicher County in accordance with Texas standards.

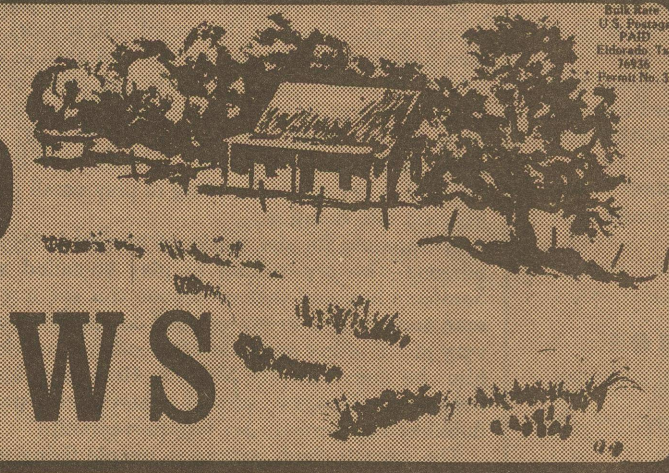
Commissioners also hired an audit firm which will review county books this summer. This firm is Jones, Hay and Sanders in San Angelo.

McWhorter told the court that the county has received a United States Treasury note for \$11,000 and refunding for \$15,000. Both will be reinvested in the public school fund.

A long discussion on the revenue sharing bond funds was held. McWhorter noted that the court will receive \$14,851 in both April and July. He said \$56,000 of the revenue money is either obligated or spent for new lawn mowers, the swimming pool system, salary increases, and the tank truck.



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*Something
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by Jannette Wilkerson

"GO FLY A KITE"

No one knows for sure who first invented the famous flying device. Some say it was a Greek in the 4th century, B.C., and probably before that in Oriental countries. In China, the ninth day of the ninth month is Kite Day. Kites have been used by most weather bureaus and in 1752, Benjamin Franklin made his "enlightening" discovery with a silk kite and a brass key.

We've come a long way from the good old homemade brown paper stick kites with rag tails. Once my big brother made me a kite out of left over Christmas wrapping and the tail was made from the silk lining of an old coat. I'll never forget that marvelous kite. I ran backwards through mesquite bushes, and stepped in gopher holes to launch my festive flying Merry Christmas in the dusty West Texas sky. To me it seemed to hover on the edge of heaven.

Gone are the days when big brothers and Daddys get the ball of string from the kitchen drawer and take the time to build a kite with [that's WITH - not FOR] the children. Because, like everything simple and fun, progress and inflation has taken over and turned it into a commercial profit. Now you go down and buy a plastic monster with "Fonzie" or "King Kong" painted on it. After you break a fiver for the kite, then you need the package containing two balls of string [10 lb. test], a red plastic string grip, and line winder, a safety flying booklet and a license. They don't use tails so much anymore, so when you look up you just see a huge bat circling overhead with blood in its' eye, or a transparent object with U.F.O. in bold letters floating over your yard. If homemade kite "building" is a lost art -- kite flying is still a national passtime, and the March winds seem to trigger a desire in the young and not-so-young to "go fly a kite".

So if you would like to pull some strings, buy yourself a "Jimmy Carter" kite --- Who knows? You may end up in high places!!

And that's something to think about this windy week.....

MEMBERS NEEDED Tennis Club Re-organizes

The Eldorado Tennis Club was organized and held its first meeting last Thursday night at the Memorial Building. The group voted on a name for the club and discussion was held as to the purposes of such a club. These were set forth as follows:

1. To assist in creating increased interest in tennis in Schleicher County.
2. To provide more opportunity for individual and group play.
3. To develop specific skills relative to the game of tennis.
4. To promote an organized approach for sharing responsibility.

Jim and Holly Brame were selected president and Jim

TO BENEFIT LITTLE LEAGUE BAR-B-QUE

Supporters of the Little League program are urging everyone to remember the beans and cornbread supper Saturday night.

To be prepared by Orland Harris, the supper will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building. Tickets for \$1 are on sale now from any member of the Summer Recreational Program board of directors. They may also be purchased at the door.

Members include Odus McDonnell, Jim Head, Ronnie Sauer, Albert Torres, Bill and Charlene Gunstead, Zane and Jan Miller, A.G. McCormack, Betty Romero, Betty Cavaness and Juanice Orr.

The supper will include beans, cornbread, onions, jalapenos and iced tea plus slices of homemade pie for 40 cents each.

Proceeds from the supper will be used for buying equipment and uniforms, in addition to making improvements.

'UNITED WE STAND'

by Billie Porter

All my life I've heard the expression "United We Stand". I believed it and thought nothing more about it. Wednesday, February 23rd, I truly experienced "United We Stand". The entire city of Eldorado, the County of Schleicher, the Concho Valley area and many surrounding counties were united.

At the first report of the tremendous fire East of Eldorado, fire trucks, ranchman with sprayers, and others started rolling. The townspeople pitched right in to do their part. I visited the sheriff's office around noon and have never witnessed such precision. (Those girls are great.) Charlene and Dorothy were on the radios and Betty on the telephone, a constant job for all three. I was really proud of them, they are well trained.

"Love Lady" was super with round the clock help on her CB. Everyone was great. Two relatively new ladies in Eldorado helped make sandwiches and were on the road to find "Toe Nail Trail" before noon. They passed out all their food and came home to gather up more. While they were preparing food, half the people in Eldorado must

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and Frankie Hardy secretary/treasurer for the first term. The committees chosen to serve are:

1. By laws--Ken Thomas, Nancy Thomas, Ruthie Dacy
2. Membership--Jo Fatheree, Lynn Meador, Christy Meador, Buddy White, Pam White
3. Tournament Play--Robert Jay, Pansie Jay, Barbara Schroeder, Penfield Barker

There will be a Play Night each Monday at 7:00 p.m. All interested individuals, members and prospective members should be on time to play. There will be a 50 cent light fee.

Membership in the club will be open to Schleicher County residents only. Dues are \$5.00 per family per year, payable through March to be a charter member. These may be paid to any officer or committee member through March, then only to the secretary/treasurer.

Range Fires Extinguished

(NE)

Ranchers and volunteer firemen are hoping for cool, calm weather this week after fighting a wild rash of fires during the last two weeks.

One of the more recent fire victims was the Billy Gene Edmiston family who lost their home Sunday night. The fire broke out about 10:30 p.m. and gutted the older part of the home which Edmiston had just completely remodeled. The fire destroyed three bedrooms and a television viewing room. Also damaged was the dining room, kitchen, utility room and garage.

The Edmiston home was the only home to be damaged by fire during the numerous grass fires that destroyed thousands of acres of ranchland last week, although several were threatened.

February 23, seven fires began in midmorning along the Toenail Trail. High winds pushed the fires along and sent them out of control. Sheriff Orval Edmiston, who directed the firefighting operation, reported that about 50 sections of land were scorched.

Edmiston said Monday morning that law officers were almost certain that the fires had been deliberately set. However, no suspects had as yet been arrested.

Before the fires were controlled Thursday, hundreds of volunteer firemen from all neighboring towns arrived on the scene to help the Eldorado department. In addition an untold number of ranchers and farmers helped fight the blazes with sprayers and other equipment.

Water trucks from Haley transport, Permian Oil Company, B.J. Service Company and Kothmann Commission Company in Menard as well as others helped. Also on the scene were the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, a detachment from Goodfellow Air Force Base, the Civil Defense and the San Angelo Emergency Corps.

Eldorado citizens who were unable to help fight the fires sent drinking water and food while others monitored CB radios to direct help for firemen.

The fire blackened land on the Womack, Sam Williams,

CITY COUNCILMAN Pat Ragsdale Files For Mayor's Post

(JMcW) City Councilman Pat Ragsdale announced his candidacy for Mayor of Eldorado this week.

Ragsdale, 39, was elected to the City Council in April 1974. He is serving in his second term on the Council.

Ragsdale told the Express News, "I am running for mayor for one specific reason. That is, I feel there are a sufficient number of signatures on the petitions to dissolve the City of Eldorado. I support it wholeheartedly, and believe the question will be approved by the city voters in April, because the City has no current indebtedness except utility revenue bonds. These revenue bonds are paid by utility revenue, so the County will not inherit any indebtedness."

"I feel that the City needs a mayor who is familiar with the city government, a mayor who can work with the County during the pos-

sible upcoming transition. "If the City residents decide to unincorporate Eldorado, this will end the dispute on jurisdiction in the County."

"I am looking forward to the shortest term as City Mayor, and want to help with the smooth transition."

Ragsdale and his family moved to Eldorado in 1970, as the Minister of Youth Music at the First Baptist Church. In 1972 he was hired as production clerk of the Eldorado Atlantic Richfield Production Office.

Pat Ragsdale's wife is Dianna; his daughters are Annette, 14, and Becky, 12.

Ragsdale is a member of the First Baptist Church, a Sunday School teacher, and was a lay minister for The Baptist Mission in Sonora. He is also a past president of the Eldorado Lions Club. He attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood.

Bud Upton, Bob Sykes, Ben Epps, Rocking Chair, Jackson, Head of the River, McAshan, Oran Enochs and Isaacs ranches, to name a few.

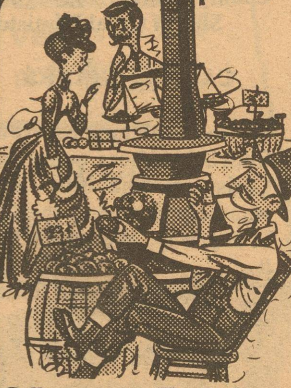
Edmiston reported that the fire almost reached several homes, coming closest to the Myrtle Williams home. However, he said the biggest damage was done to fences with little or no stock or property damage reported.

While the fire east of town raged, another fire broke out west of town on the Henry Moore and Bob Oglesby ranches, burning off about 600 acres.

Several firemen were called away from the first fire to battle the second alarm and were aided by Ozona volunteers and others.

They were also called to answer a call about a burning barn about 11:00 a.m. However, it was a false alarm.

Home Front News



Visitors in the home of Mr and Mrs Bruce Lambert over the weekend were their daughter and granddaughter, Jan and Jamie Gower of Lubbock.

Mrs Charles Barrett of Harper and Mrs Harry Davidson of Fredericksburg visited the Ray Gentry's Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Ken Peters spent the weekend with his parents, the E.C. Peters.

Visiting the Jerry Edmiston family Sunday were her parents, Mr and Mrs Roy Fischer, her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Edward Glass, her brother, Rodney Fischer and Debbie Matthews all of San Angelo.

Mrs Keith Wyatt was honored Monday evening with a baby shower. The shower was held in the home of Mrs Jo Ed Hill.

Mrs Rick Boswell, Ricky, Justin and Rodney spent last week with her parents in Spur. Boswell was in Fort Worth last week for a training program with the Western Company.

Mrs Jimmie Martin of Abilene is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs Keith Wyatt. Rev Wyatt has been in Dallas for a seminar.

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

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
I am a newcomer to Eldorado and I have never seen or heard such togetherness as went on in this community last Wednesday. People did not sit back and say, "It isn't my ranch on fire," they just went to help their neighbors. There were men that didn't even live around here that were helping. One man radioed on his CB, "I have a sprayer, where is the fire?" Pickups parked on the side of the road were serving cokes, tea and water. Also, sandwiches were being handed out. It goes to show that this old saying, "I don't want to be involved" is not true like we read everyday in the paper.
If everyone would take the smaller communities as examples of what you can do when you work together, this old world would be a better place to live in, and I am certainly happy to be part of it.

Yours truly,
Mrs R.E. Griffith

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have been preparing some too. I've never seen so much food, pop, ice and water, all donated by the wonderful people of Eldorado. Food stands were showing up all over the countryside. The Salvation Army, Red Cross, Emergency Corp and many, many, others too numerous to name were in full swing.

I was left at the office "to hold the fort down" while others were cooking for our men who were fighting fires. I was told that the Methodist Minister joined our men in their effort to help put out the fire and after many hours he returned home smelling pretty strongly of burned wood and smoke. His little daughter, Amy, said "Daddy, where's the meat".

My neighbor was one of the first to go to the fire and about dark he came home with red eyes and a blistered face. An hour later he was on his way back to the fire.

It was just a wonderful job on everyone's part. I can't say enough for our firemen, the ranchers, the Fire Departments from far and wide who came to our aid, and the townspeople. The hours some put in were just tremendous, as were all other efforts.

I knew our Firemen were behind us, now I know our people, as well as our entire area, are behind our Firemen. I'm proud of our men and most of you have shown that you are proud of them too.

I knew I was part of "We" and also part of "stand", but today I am proud to say I am part of a community that believes in "United We Stand".

School Board Filing Closes With Four Names

There will be four names on the April 2 ballot for school board trustees. Having filed are Lynn Meador, Ted Short, Mrs Kay Patton and Billy Williams.

Meador has served one full term and has been secretary for two years. Williams is finishing the

unexpired term of Dan Griffin who resigned this fall.

Other members of the board are Mort Mertz, president; Dr Jim Brame, vice president; Kenith Homer, Earl Lloyd and Bill Ray.

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"PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE"

During my early school years I was fortunate enough to have been selected to play the leading role in a dramatic presentation. This, of course, made me happy and I did my very best. I also learned at the same time that lesser parts were also very important and harder to fill than the leading roles. God gave each of us different talents and we should put our very best into each. It takes all to complete the task.

When Kermit Roosevelt was at college and his father in the White House, the President made a statement which excited controversy. Kermit's friends were discussing the affair and Kermit defended his father. "Dad's all right," he said. After a little reflection he added, "The trouble with Dad is that he's got to be either the bride at the wedding or the corpse at the funeral!"

Theodore Roosevelt was a FIRST violin player. He would have been unhappy playing any lesser part in any orchestra. Often you and I criticize certain persons for being too aggressive. But often such people have the qualities of leadership, and in every department of life we need competent leaders.

One of the born leaders of men was Phillips Brooks, the great churchman whose statue may be seen today outside Trinity Church, in Boston, Massachusetts. He once said, "I would like to have been Captain of a great ocean liner." He would have made a great skipper; with him on the bridge, crew and passengers would have felt they would reach harbor safely.

No tribe can be all chiefs. There must be some braves to do the work. Much of the world's best work is done by men and women who are willing and able to play second fiddle. Sir Henry Irving was sure that much of his success as an actor was due to the fact that he insisted that small parts in his plays should be well played. "I can get anybody to play good parts," he said, "but it is extremely difficult to get an actor willing to play small parts and put his best into doing it."

Fortunately for the world of human beings, there are persons who are willing to play so-called small parts. Someone has said that whenever you see a gentle, meek man married to a strong-minded domineering woman he is very proud of her and that while others may feel sorry for him, he does not pity himself. He knows his place and keeps it. Danger comes when two strong-minded domineering persons get into partnership!

The Apostle Paul, writing to people living in the city of Philippi asks to be remembered to friends and names many of them by name. Then he appears to have forgotten the names of others, and tactfully writes, "My other fellow laborers, whose names are in the book of life."

Some of the happiest and most useful people are second fiddle people. Persons much in the limelight pay a price, sometimes a very high price for their prominence and responsibilities. Thomas Carlyle said of a genius: "he is a ship on fire at sea for the benefit of the spectators on the shore."

If you have to be a member of the crew and not the skipper, don't downgrade your significance. A distin-

guished American actor saw his obituary and was very pleased to read "never a great actor, he was invaluable in small parts."

Why not volunteer your services to the church today? You may have a talent that is invaluable and, in addition, it will mean so much to you.

THIS WEEK'S BRIDGE

Duplicate

Winners last week were:
Winnie Helen Hilliard & Flora Hubble - 1st
Helen Blakeway & Jack Bebee - 2nd
The Griffiths and Zeila Baker & Imogene Edmiston tied for 3rd
Ethel Olson, Sonora & Jan Mobley - 4th
Lottie Puckett & Fred Adkins, Sonora - 5th

New Tuesday

Sheila McClure was high winner during competition in the Tuesday Bridge Club this week. Yvonne Kerr was low scorer. Mrs Steve was hostess and Janette Wilkerson will be hostess for the next meeting.

Eldorado Bridge

The Eldorado Bridge Club met in the home of Mr and Mrs Phil Olson Saturday evening. Members attending were: Mr and Mrs Hollis McCormick, Mr and Mrs Clay Porter, Mr and Mrs Weatherly Kinser, Mr and Mrs P. S. Dudley. Guests were Mr and Mrs Fay Hilliard. Mrs Phil Olson won Ladies High, Mr Weatherly Kinser won Men's High, Mrs Weatherly Kinser won Ladies Bingo and Mr P.S. Dudley won Men's Bingo.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society will meet Monday March 7 at 7 p.m. in the Museum. Meet with us and enjoy the additions made during the past weeks. We are interested in idea's for security gates or locks for the Museum doors and windows.

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Wednesday Bridge Club met Feb 23rd for dessert bridge at the ranch home of Mrs Jimmy West. There were three tables of players with one guest, Mrs Jerrold Sanders. High prize was won by Mrs Joe M. Christian and Mrs Fay Hilliard won Bingo.

COUPLES BRIDGE

Mr and Mrs Bill Hubble entertained the Couples Bridge Club Friday night with a dinner party. Mr and Mrs Clay Porter won high and Mr and Mrs Earl Yates won Bingo.

Eldorado Men Receive Sentences

Two Eldorado men have received probated sentences after appearing before two different judges this week.

Given 90 days in jail, probated for one year, was Johnny Joe Factor, 19, who was charged and found guilty of possession of marijuana. He was arrested by law officers in Sonora Sunday night and appeared before a Sutton County Court.

Gilbert Arispe pleaded guilty of robbery before a San Angelo jury Monday morning. He was given a seven year probated sentence. The plea stems from an incident in November when Arispe was apprehended after robbing two San Angelo men in Eldorado.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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As the result of action by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission is responsible for the setting of seasons, bag limits, and means and methods of taking the wildlife resources in Schleicher County. All interested persons are urged to attend and comment upon the proposed regulations.

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CARD OF THANKS

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CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank everyone from Schleicher County and Christoval and this area who helped during the fire in any way. We appreciate it. The Whitehead Ranch

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A thank you just really doesn't say what I want to to each of you. Until I can see you personally, would you please accept this as a small token of my love and gratitude to all of you. Thanks for your prayers and your concern. It's so good to be back home with people who care.
God Bless Each of You
Mary Hext

OBITUARIES

Jesse C. Roberts

Funeral services for Jesse C. Roberts, 81, were held here February 24 in West-side Church of Christ. Burial was in Eldorado Cemetery, directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

A Sutton County native, he had ranched and farmed here until his retirement. He had lived in Hudspeth Nursing Home in Sonora the last four years.

He was survived by two sisters, Mrs Ida Mae Neal of Granbury and Mrs Myrtis Smith of Cisco and several nieces and nephews.

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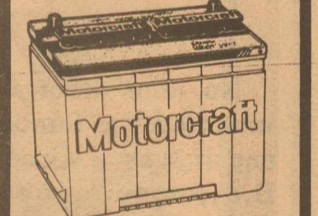
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The First Baptist Church of Christoval will be the setting for the June 3rd wedding of Miss Charlene Necessary and Mr Gregory Paul Wilcheck.

Parents of the bride-elect are Mr and Mrs Ralph Necessary of Christoval. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr and Mrs Casper J. Wilcheck of Bera, Ohio.

The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of Christoval High School and is employed by the Jones, Hays, Sanders & Co. of San Angelo.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1967 graduate of Bera, Ohio. He is employed by the Kelly-Moore Paint Co. of San Angelo.



MISS NECESSARY

Watching Washington

Under current sentencing laws Richard Speck, the convicted murderer of eight nurses in 1966, is now eligible for parole. Whether he will continue serving his prison sentence or be released is at the discretion of the parole board.

With the system of "indeterminate sentencing" that has existed in our country during the past decade, people who have committed minor offenses may be kept in prison, while dangerous prisoners are often released on records of good behavior.

The federal government and every state now employ "indeterminate sentencing" for most serious crimes. For example, judges are allowed to set prison terms for bank robbery at anything from zero years to 20 years under current federal law. And, at the discretion of the parole board, often only one-third of the sentence is ever served.



Senator Lloyd Bentsen

sent his reasons for doing so in writing, subject to appellate review.

The presumptive sentence increases sharply for repeat offenses.

Too often too many officials are too hesitant to even face the issue of criminal justice squarely, preferring to speak in terms of "rehabilitation" rather than "punishment." There has been too much concern for criminals and too little thought for the victims of crimes.

We should work toward a system of criminal sentencing that is, as John Greenleaf Whittier once described justice, "The hope of all who suffer, the dread of all who wrong." This legislation is one step forward.

Short Notes

Mr and Mrs J.T. Rouse visited in Forsan last week with their daughter Margaret Cannon and family, and with Betty Caston and family also of Forsan.

The "Flu" in Christoval is on the wane for which we are thankful. Spring seems to be not far away. We are having beautiful weather, old "Sol" looks good.

The 4-H Club parents and young people are taking off to Houston this week for their show. Wishing them all the luck, we've sure been proud of all of them. Lots of hard work goes into these projects.

Several of the Golden Years Rest Home residents were taken on a tour of the burned out areas that were burned Wednesday and Wednesday night. The sight is just almost unbelievable. The fire was tremendous due to the high winds.

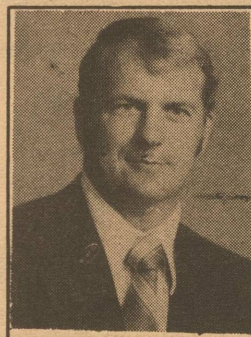
Friends and neighbors of the "Horse Trader" want to thank everyone who gave blood in his behalf here in Christoval. We wish Harvey a speedy recovery.

Clayton and Diane Parker and son Bradley visited in Christoval Saturday with Clayton's uncle, Travis Parker and family. Bradley was proudly sporting his first two teeth.

William and Maude Gaston and granddaughter Sylvia visited at the ranch Monday afternoon with the Travis Parker family. They were delighted at the antics of "Cynthia Ann," the buffalo cow who is quite a "Ham" for visitors. The weather was lovely and a good time was had by all.

The Art Class met Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church with the largest crowd ever, thanks to an excellent teacher, Maude Gaston. Much thanks, Maude.

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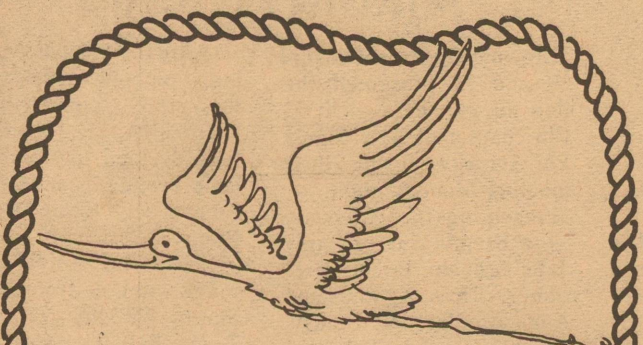
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The Weather complied by Mrs Jack Wade

DATE	HIGH	LOW
February 19	59	29
February 20	68	33
February 21	69	39
February 22	80	38
February 23	68	36
February 24	82	42
February 25	78	30

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This means that the amount of time a convicted criminal will actually serve is ultimately determined—not by the legislature or the sentencing judge—but by an administrative agency or parole board.

Our judicial system lacks standards and guidelines. The disparities in the sentences imposed under the present system force us to recognize that the use of indeterminate sentencing is neither fair nor effective. By all accounts the concept of trying to rehabilitate by promises of early parole for good behavior is not working.

What it all boils down to is that punishment for the criminal offender in this country is no longer swift and by no means sure.

An adult burglar knows that he has only one chance in 412 of going to jail for any single burglary he commits. The robber arrested in England is more than three times as likely to go to jail as the robber arrested in New York.

Because I believe the concept of indeterminate sentencing has helped make punishment for criminal violations far from certain, I introduced a bill last year to provide for tougher sentencing in federal courts. I am reintroducing the bill in the new Congress.

My proposal is for a new system of presumptive sentencing. In addition to a maximum sentence, this approach sets a middle or "presumptive" sentence to create a uniform standard of justice for all.

For example, under my plan, a four-year presumptive sentence would be set for first offense bank robbery, with virtually no eligibility for parole. If the judge goes above or below this "presumptive" sentence, he would have to pre-

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Appendix A

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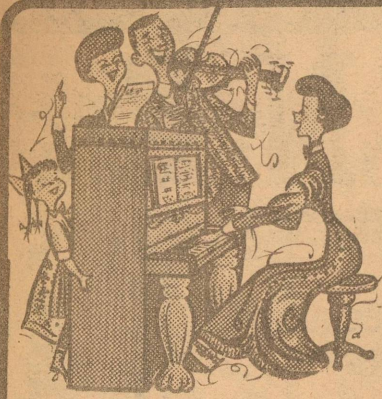


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AROUND The HOUSE and OTHER PLACES

by Nancy Lester
County Extension Agent - Home Economics

The Young Homemakers Home Demonstration Club will meet next Wednesday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Ester Bumgardner. The program will be on making handbags. All members are urged to attend.

Any home demonstration club member in the county can get a subscription to the Messenger from Geneva Wade. The Messenger is the official home demonstration publication in this state. Geneva is district Messenger chairman, so if you want to subscribe you need to see Geneva. The cost is \$1.50 for four issues.

Joyce Drake, home economist with West Texas Utilities, presented a laundry workshop here yesterday. This was an extremely interesting program. We are very lucky to have Joyce serving our county.

4-H clothing projects will be beginning very soon. Any girl or boy who is interested in learning how to sew should call the county extension office. We need leaders also!

The Schleicher County 4-H Club will meet Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Building. The program will be on Method Demonstrations. We need leaders to help 4-H members with their demonstrations.

I made a mistake on one of the recipes I published in my newsletter last week. It was the recipe for oatmeal cake made by Vikki Cavaness for our county 4-H Food Show. In the ingredients for the cake I listed 1/4 cups oatmeal and 1 cup oats. The 1/4 cups oatmeal should have been 1 1/4 cups boiling water. The entire corrected recipe is listed below. The frosting recipe can be doubled if you like your icing thick!

OATMEAL CAKE

- 1/4 cup boiling water
- 1 cup oats
- 1 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 stick oleo
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp salt

Pour water over oats and set aside. Mix and cream sugar and butter. Beat in vanilla and eggs. Add oat mixture. Stir in remaining. Beat well. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes in oblong pan.

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Frost while hot.

- 1/4 cup oleo
- 1 cup oats
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup coconut
- 1/2 cup nuts

Heat oleo and milk till oleo melts. Add all other ingredients and spread evenly on cake. Place in broiler till brown.

March is "nutrition month" so I thought you might like some information on vitamin A.

The value of Vitamin A has been known for centuries. Hippocrates knew that eating liver was treatment for night blindness. Vitamin A, since its discovery in 1931, has been found to be necessary for good vision, maintenance of health of mucus membranes and growth.

What is commonly known as Vitamin A is actually found in two forms. The term Vitamin A is applied to the form found only in animal sources and is called preformed Vitamin A. Pro-vitamin A, or carotene is found in both plant and animal sources. Carotene is not absorbed as well as preformed Vitamin A; therefore, more is needed to meet the daily requirement. Carotenes are bright yellow pigments which give color to fruits and vegetables, such as carrots (from which carotene was first discovered), apricots, squash, peaches and sweet potatoes. Green vegetables also contain carotenes, but the yellow pigment is covered or masked by the dark green chlorophyll pigment.

Vitamin A is fat-soluble. This means that it dissolves in fat, but not in water. Therefore, it is not destroyed readily by high heat, nor by cooking in water.

FUNCTIONS OF VITAMIN A IN THE BODY

VITAMIN A AND VISION Vitamin A is united with protein in the retina of the eyes to form the pigment visual purple. Visual purple is bleached in strong light with some Vitamin A lost in the process. Visual purple is quickly regenerated and the eyes adjust quickly to subdued light whenever sufficient reserves of Vitamin A are present. Low stores of Vitamin A cause visual purple to regenerate slowly; thus, the eyes adjust poorly to light. This results in night blindness. This type of night blindness is successfully treated by increasing the intake of Vitamin A through diet or in a concentrated form.

VITAMIN A AND HEALTH OF BODY TISSUES

Vitamin A is necessary for the maintenance of mucus membrane linings of the skin and the linings of body passages and cavities. Membranes are moist and pliable when sufficient amounts of Vitamin A are available from the diet or from stored resources in the liver. Vitamin A helps to provide a protective covering for the organs and to resist bacterial invasion in the organs. A deficiency of Vitamin A causes the membranes to become thin, dry, porous and flaky. Thus, bacteria have ready access to unprotected membranes and certain infections result. Dermatitis, a skin disease, produces dry, rough and itching skin. Hair follicles become infected on the surface of the skin, often appearing on the back of the upper arm.

VITAMIN A AND GROWTH

Vitamin A is necessary to maintain optimum growth. An inadequate intake of Vitamin A stunts the growth of bones and can eventually lead to the development of nervous lesions.

GETTING ENOUGH VITAMIN A

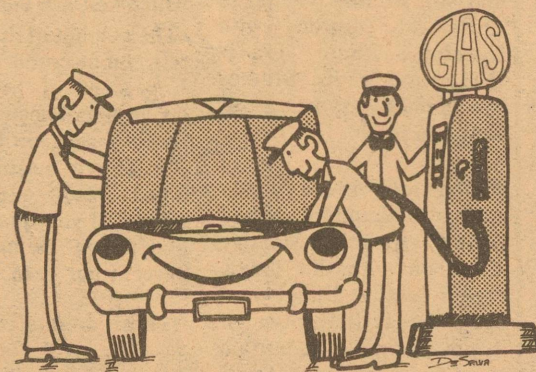
Animal sources of Vitamin A are more readily utilized by the body and should therefore be included in the diet. The most important sources are liver, dairy products, including milk, cheeses, ice cream and margarine.

Green and yellow vegetables and yellow fruits are the best sources of Vitamin A. These foods provide an inexpensive source of Vitamin A and should be consumed at least every other day.

Eating a variety of foods from the fruit and vegetables, bread and cereal, meat and milk groups daily can help to insure an adequate intake of Vitamin A.

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DISTRICT 4-H FOOD WINNERS--Pictured are three 4-H Club members who placed in the district VII 4-H Food Show in Fredericksburg, Feb 19. They are, from left, Danette Crewelge of Gillespie County, first place winner; Judy Pitts of Schleicher County, second and Susan Wolfenbarger of Iron County, third. Miss Pitts prepared a Sweet Sugarplum Black Forest Torte for the meet. She will be the first alternate to state competition.

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SORORITY NEWS

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Presenting the ceremony were Brenda Suarez, Amy Jane Arebalo, Pricilla Rodriguez, Chris Aguilar and Anna Aguilar. Pat Gentry, Neighborhood Chairman, Janie Arebalo, Troop Leader and Louis Aguilar were guests.

During the business meeting, members discussed the state convention in Waco in April. The Members decided to sponsor a little League Team for the Summer Recreation Program.

The group received a thank you note from Shelly Smith, director of West Texas Rehabilitation Center in San Angelo for its donation.

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The Consumer Alert
by John L. Hill
Attorney General

plant sections in department and grocery stores, with merchandise brought in from distant sources. There are plant store and nursery chains that operate growing farms at a central location which may serve several states. And, of course, there are local nurseries that grow their own merchandise.

Any and all of the above sources may be satisfactory if they are run by persons who care about providing top quality, healthy plants. But, because of amounts of money that can be involved, and because of the chances for dissatisfaction, consumers should be as careful about selecting a plant shop as they are about selecting an appliance dealer or other merchant.

Ask friends, relatives, or co-workers with "green thumbs" where they trade. And ask them to recommend types of plants they have successfully grown in environments similar to the one you have in mind.

When you visit a plant store, also ask for recommendations, being sure to describe accurately the growing conditions you will supply. Some experts suggest that you or the seller "knock out" the plant from its container before buying. That way you can see if it is potbound, only partially rooted, or if there are any insects in the soil. Check in advance on return or refund policies. In many places, all purchases are considered

final, since the seller has no idea of how you will care for a plant after it leaves the store. But if a plant dies or appears noticeably unhealthy within only a few days after purchase, many reputable sellers will replace it.

Some of our plant-loving lawyers say you might also want to follow the advice of veteran horticulturists: Find out what you grow well, then grow lots of it.

School MENU

- MONDAY MARCH 7th
- Burritos
- Spanish Rice
- Whole Kernel Corn
- Lettuce & Tomato Salad
- Ice Cream
- TUESDAY MARCH 8
- Turkey-A-La-King
- English Peas
- Sliced Peaches
- Sugar Cookies
- WEDNESDAY MARCH 9
- Bar-B-Que on Bun
- French Fries
- Pork & Beans
- Brownies
- THURSDAY MARCH 10
- Turkey & Dressing
- Giblet Gravy
- Green Beans
- Fresh Fruit Cup
- Pecan Squares
- FRIDAY MARCH 11
- Sandwiches - Tuna, Chicken, Cheese, Ham,
- Peanut Butter
- Potato Chips
- Apple Sauce
- Banana Pudding

AUSTIN—So you're thinking of filling that vacant corner in your office or apartment with a good-looking plant? Unless you are willing to learn what that plant needs to stay healthy, you could find yourself out quite a bit of money, our Consumer Protection Division attorneys caution.

A large specimen of indoor plant such as a ficus benjamina, a schefflera, or some of the palms can easily cost as much as \$50 or more, without adding in the cost of a container. And without proper care and the right environment, that big, healthy plant could begin a slow, lingering death within days after you move it to its new home.

Fortunately for consumers, there are hundreds of books on how to care for plants in the home or office. And many places selling plants will provide detailed care instructions for any plants they sell.

Unfortunately, however, there are some unscrupulous persons in the plant business,

as in any other. Occasionally, the need to move merchandise will tempt a plant store to sell stock that is only partially rooted, suffering from pest infestation, or insufficiently recovered from a trip of several days in a hot dark truck. Even if you then provide ideal conditions for such plants when you get them to their final destination, they may go into a decline.

And with the number of variables in plant care—light, water, humidity, pot size, fertilizer needs, among others—the novice grower may never know just what it was that killed that plant.

Our Consumer Protection Division and many plant experts say you should be aware of the many different types of establishments that sell plants. With the tremendous increase of interest in plants and plant care, many new ones have sprung up. There are shopping center plant stores, where plants are sold but not grown, and there are seasonal

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JUDGES SHOW--Showing certificates received during a 40 hour Texas Justice of the Peace Training program at Southwest Texas State University are Frank "Pancho" Bradley of

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plained. Texas drylot sheep feeders with a capacity of 2,000 head or more had 75,000 sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter Feb 1, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. The Feb 1 total is also 21 per cent above January while placements in the first month of 1977 totaled 36,000 head. Sheep and lambs marketed for slaughter during January totaled 23,000 head, 35 per cent more than intended marketings but 53 per cent less than marketings during January, 1976. Lambing is underway on the Edward's Plateau and predator losses have been usually high, according to producer reports.

From The Horses Mouth
 by Jerry Swift
 Schleicher County Agriculture Agent

Animal agriculture representatives from throughout Texas are expected to register for the annual Texas Animal Agriculture Conference, April 4 and 5, in the Rudder Center at Texas A&M University. "A Look into the Future" will be the conference theme. Short courses in beef, dairy, horses and swine will be offered, as well as special programs relating to range, pasture, forage production and wildlife management, says L.

A. Maddox, Jr., beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Maddox, general chairman, said the conference will be keyed to producer profits. Short courses will deal with marketing, animal nutrition, health and reproduction. Dr. O. D. Butler, head of Texas A&M's animal science department, will moderate the general session which will open the Animal Agriculture

Conference. Five speakers will discuss key issues of concern of animal agriculture.

Dr. J. C. Hensley, president of Identronix at Santa Cruz, Calif., will speak on "Electronic Identification and Management for Livestock." Gen James M. Rose, Austin, special adviser to Gov Dolph Briscoe on natural resources, will discuss "Water Planning for Texas: Present Supply and Future Demand."

Dr. Jacob Mosier, head of the Department of Surgery and Medicine at Kansas State University, will talk on "The Future of Antibiotics in Livestock Feeding." The importance of the forthcoming beef referendum will be discussed by J. D. Sartelle of Houston, Texas chairman of the Beef Development Task Force.

Local 4-Hers Prepare For San Angelo Show

The San Angelo Stock Show will be held the week of March 8 - 11. Steers, heifers and lambs will be exhibited by the following 4-H boys and girls: Cindy Hausenfluck, Patti Hausenfluck, Dorothy Atkins, Martha Atkins, Todd Swift, Shanna Swift, Leonard Lloyd, Jimmy Lloyd, Mary Ann Valis, Susan Mertz, Tanya Leggett, Kelly Leggett, Danette Dunagan, Jed Edmiston, Gene Edmiston, Kelly Griffin, Curtis Griffin, Craig Griffin, Kirk Griffin and Lori Griffin.

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Sheep & Lambs On Feed Up 29%

Current sheep and lambs on feed estimates, which jumped 29 per cent from a year ago, reflect some feedlot operator optimism as markets begin a profit recovery, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

"But while lamb feeders have recently been experiencing some profit making fat prices, it will be some time before they can dig out from under their losses from 1976," White ex-

What Do The Environmentalists Want?

by Mike Molony from Rural Electric News Letter

A 184-page answer to that question was released here in Washington last week. The product of a \$60,000 grant from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Inc., the report, entitled "The Unfinished Agenda," is billed as a "consensus document." In it, the nation's leading environmental organizations, including Friends of the Earth, Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council, Wilderness Society, Zero Population Growth, National Wildlife Federation, Izaak Walton League, National Parks and Conservation Assn. and the National and Massachusetts Audubon Societies, reveal their collective perception of the critical issues of the next decade. To a great extent, most of the ideas in this "Citizens' Policy Guide to Environmental Issues" have been aired before in other reports, of other studies, by other task forces, funded by other foundations. Where this particular document breaks new and dis-

turbing ground, however, is in some recommendations which seem less concerned with the physical quality of our environment, and more related to our social and economic value system and the basic political philosophy of this nation. There is no attempt to mask this focus. "This book is about a world transition from abundance to scarcity," they say, "a transition which requires a profound change of human values." And what are some of these values which the environmental consensus feels must be changed? Here are a few:

- Establish a national goal of population stabilization or gradual decrease;
- Eliminate additional tax benefits for those with three or more children;
- Gradually reduce and stabilize quotas for legal immigration;
- All forms of foreign assistance should be brought into line with death rates;
- An all-out effort should be made to eliminate the most significant cause of human cancer-tobacco smoke;
- The U.S. must develop a "worthy" land ethic;
- Certain biological and genetic research should be banned entirely, and
- The Council on Environmental Quality should monitor and analyze the environmental message contained in all programming and commercials on U.S. television.

Now this is not to say that a connection of sorts cannot be made between some of these factors and the ultimate quality of the environment. But I fear that, using the same logic, just as good a case might be made for the environmental undesirability of many more of the personal freedoms we long have cherished as Americans. Could not a case be made about the negative environmental impact inherent in our freedom to travel where and when we wish? How about our freedom to make use of and enjoy the parks and other wilderness areas which our taxes help to preserve and maintain?

We now have the freedom to choose for ourselves how best we can balance our concern for the quality of the environment with our desire for a quality of life made possible by adequate energy supplies and an active economy. Is this right in the best interest of the environment? Perhaps not-but I would maintain that overall, it is in the best interest of the people. The environmental issue is an emotional one and is certain to spawn some who will propose, and wish they could impose, harsh and unjustifiable solutions to our environmental problems. To balance this, reasonable persons must never hesitate to speak out against unreasonable ideas for fear of being wrongly branded as not favoring a clean, safe and healthful environment for us all. Preservation of our environment must be a top priority-but not the only priority.

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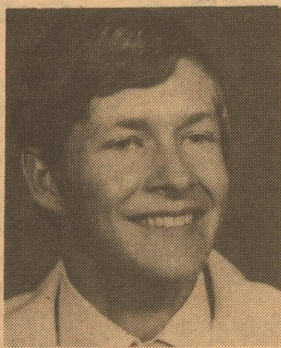
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Bumgardner Named Finalist



Matt Bumgardner, Eldorado High School Senior, has been named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation Competition. The selection of the National Merit Scholars from the group of 14,000 finalists is now in process. The winners will be announced nationwide during March and April of 1977.

'Reddy's helpful tips for your Home Laundry

PLAN AHEAD
 Sort clothes according to type of fabric, color-fastness, degree of soil and garment construction. You'll save both hot water and electricity by doing similar items together. Accumulate a full load before running your washer.

BE SELECTIVE
 Choose the cycle that is precisely appropriate for the clothes you are washing. Is a "hot" temperature setting really necessary? Except for heavily soiled items, most loads will come clean in either a cold or warm wash. Look into cold wash detergents.

Use the least amount of detergent that will get your clothes clean—most loads require only an ounce or less!

Overloading causes extra strain and wear on your equipment; check the manufacturer's recommendations for load weight. Balance your load by alternating small and large items.

FOR SAFETY SAKE
 Be sure control is "off" before reaching into your washer. If one is necessary, use only a heavy duty extension cord. Be sure your washer is grounded. Keep dry cleaning agents, color remover and Fibreglas out of your washer. It's a good idea not to wash clothes containing cleaning fluids in your washer.

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JUST JOGGIN' ALONG!

By Express News Publisher, ED MEADOR

Talk about capricious weather!! The Ides of March got here in February and made sure that the old saying that March comes in like a lion held true. Everything that isn't securely tied down seems to be moving from place to place these days, and the winds even play on peoples' disposition. I've heard more complaining the last five days than in a number of weeks. But its that time of year, folks, and the best we can do is hope that these winds bring more rain... and please, no more fires.

Last week's fires, bad as they were, brought out the best in people, and served to show how West Texans can pitch in and help one another. A lot of appreciation goes to all those who helped in controlling the fires from this and surrounding communities. I am sure it reminded the old-timers still around of how this country was built through cooperation and dependence on help from one another. That's something we seemed to have lost over the years, but last week's disaster proved that it still exists... and I'm willing to believe it will be around for a long time to come.

You sometimes wonder what makes our politicians tick... besides money. Recently the Congress voted itself a healthy increase in salary. Not a single Congressman or Senator raised his voice against the move, although many had indicated that they felt it unjustified. We, the people, had we raised a clamor against the move, would have had little success in stopping the move.

Now our County government seems to feel that they too are justified in asking the public to give them more financial support by voting themselves a 16% pay raise for all elected officials. They were kind enough to include a 10% raise for county employees.

Well, this time you can get in the act. These raises cannot go into effect until after a public hearing on the matter, scheduled for March 28th.

It's your money, folks, and this time you can have a say.

Summer Recreation Group Has Discussion

Buying uniforms for Little League players for Little League players was a major topic of discussion during the open meeting of the Summer Recreation Program Monday night.

The group decided to purchase the boys uniforms but will wait until next year to purchase the girls uniforms, because of the expense the group will incur making improvements to the girls field at the roping arena.

Improvements the group is hoping to make at the field include building a concession stand, fences and bleachers. This will be

in addition to making improvements to the city ball field which will be partially helped financially by the County Commissioners Court.

During the meeting, the group also discussed admittance of other teams in the Eldorado district.

The Summer Recreation program, which will include about 200 youths, will be selling tickets for one half of a beef shortly. This money raising project will follow the bean supper Saturday.

The meeting was attended by five board members and six parents.

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Memorials Aid In Cancer Fight
When cancer causes the death of someone close, the loss is painful. The local chapter of the American Cancer Society says, however, that many Eldorado persons are turning these losses into victories by making memorial gifts in memory of a loved one. These donations are called

living memorials, according to Mrs Charles Pfluger, memorial chairman of ACS, who said the memorial gifts received by the local unit are made, not only as remembrances of those who have died from cancer, but frequently honor happier events such as birthdays and anniversaries.

Each memorial gift is acknowledged with an appropriate card, naming the person in whose honor or memory the gift is made. This card is sent to the person designated by the donor, but it does not state the amount of the contribution. In turn, the donor receives an official receipt for his donation.

These memorial funds are used to support the society's three-fold attack on cancer -- research, education and service to cancer patients.

The process of making a memorial gift is simple. According to Mrs Pfluger, special envelopes are available from her and may be obtained by phoning 853-2233.

Those so desiring may send a memorial directly to the American Cancer Society in care of Mrs Charles Pfluger, Route 1, Eldorado, Texas, 76936.

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Field events will begin at 12:30 p.m., with running events set for 1:45 and finals at 6 p.m. Presentation of awards will be at 8 p.m.

In other track news, high school girl tracksters will travel to Robert Lee Friday and the boys will go to McCamey Saturday.

Cub Scout Packs Hold Banquet

Eldorado Cub Scout Pack 18 held its annual Blue & Gold Banquet last Friday, Feb 25th, at the Memorial Building.

An Awards Ceremony was held following the dinner. Cubs who received their Bobcat badges were Jesse Fuentes, Joe Fuentes,

Michael O'Connor, James O'Harrow, Ricky Bachleda, James Harlin, Richard Boswell, Mitchell Bradley, Russ Dacy, and Danny Kackley.

Receiving Good Conduct Awards were: Michael Ganschow, Michael O'Connor, and Jesse Fuentes.

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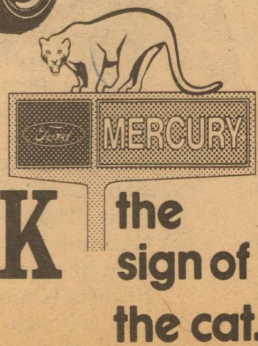
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