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Hightower Speaks To Japanese Agriculture Leaders

Congressman Jack Hightower told a delegation of Japanese agricultural leaders that the United States must continue to pursue a strong and expanded agricultural export policy.

The delegation, including four members of the Japanese Diet and representatives of the Japanese Embassy, met with Hightower in his Washington office. They requested the meeting because of the Congressman's membership on the House Agriculture Committee. The spokesman is Secretary General of an organization comprised of some 200 members of the Diet who are concerned with Japan's agricultural industry.

The Japanese spokesman, speaking through an interpreter, told Hightower that increased imports of United States wheat and beef had changed the eating habits of the Japanese people. He said a growing number of Japan's population is eating bread and beef and that the demand for both is growing at a dramatic rate. The result has been a significant decline in the nation's centuries-old mainstay of its agricultural economy—rice production.

The Japanese representatives strongly emphasized that the increased wheat and beef imports from the United States translated into major political problems for the Liberal Democratic Party, the majority party of the Diet.

They said the Japanese government is encouraging farmers to convert from rice to livestock and citrus production, but the farmers were reluctant to change. "We have been growing rice for more than 3,000 years," the spokesman said, "and farmers are wary of the market uncertainties and different technologies involved in livestock and citrus production."

He said that Japan's opposition party is telling farmers that the best way to increase rice production is to reduce beef and wheat imports.

"At a time when the Japanese government is encouraging our farmers to produce more livestock, the United States government is encouraging Japan to accept greater imports," the spokesman said, "and that creates a political time-bomb for us."

Hightower told the Japanese representatives that he understood their problem, but that he could offer little encouragement.

"Farmers in my own district are striving at this very moment," Hightower said, "because market prices for their products, particularly for wheat, are below what it costs to produce them."

He said the best way to increase market prices for United States farm commodities was to expand the world market for them. He said he had great difficulty explaining to agricultural producers in his district why Japan could not accept more American agricultural imports when any of his constituents could walk into almost any store and purchase products made in Japan.

Hightower told the Japanese

Barbara Baranson Funeral Services Held At Oklahoma

Funeral services for Mrs. Barbara Jean Branson, 49, of Oklahoma City, were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Classen Boulevard Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Rev. Marion Beene officiated, assisted by Rev. Wallace. Burial was in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Okla. City.

Mrs. Branson, a sister of a McLean resident, died Saturday at her home.

Born in Woodward, Okla., she moved to Oklahoma City in 1941, where she had worked for Aetna Life & Casualty Insurance Co. She was a Baptist and a graduate of Central High School in Okla. City.

She was married to Judge Orville Branson on Feb. 9, 1946.

She is survived by her husband of the home; two sons, Richard Orville and Jarrett Cooper, both of Oklahoma City; a daughter, Pamela Sue Rodriguez, of Tinker Air Force Base; two sisters, Deloris Bailey of McLean and Phyllis Stringfellow of Oklahoma City; her father, Richard O. Pound of Edmond, Okla.; and seven grandchildren.

Texas Auditions To Be Held Saturday, Jan. 14

It's time for "Texas Auditions! The directors of the famous musical drama which played to 8,000 people in its 12th season last year, will be hearing talent for the new season on Saturday, January 14, 1978. They will be in the Branding Iron Theatre on the campus of West Texas State University from 1 to 5 p.m. Dancers will audition at 4:00 p.m.

The first audition is set so that singers, actors and dancers who are in the Panhandle for their Christmas vacations will be able to try out before returning to school.

There are 140 salaried positions in the company ranging from \$700 to \$1500 for the season; 3 1/2 weeks of rehearsal starting May 21, 1978, and eleven weeks of performance ending August 26, 1978.

Singers and actors should prepare short materials for auditioning in both fields. The directors will be looking for a command of the stage, for voice which can be heard outdoors, for actors who understand character motivation and can convey a variety of emotion.

For further information write: Auditions, Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015 or call 806-655-2182.

that he had confidence in Bob Strauss, the President's chief international trade negotiator. He said Strauss was a long time friend who completely understood the problems confronting farmers in his district and throughout the nation.

"I understand what you are telling me," Hightower said. "It is an extremely complicated problem, a problem shared by both nations, but I believe that men of good will from both sides of the Pacific Ocean can sit down and negotiate a satisfactory balance."

V.A. Pension To Show Increase

More than a million disabled veterans and 1.3 million widows and their children will receive a 6.5 percent increase in their January pension checks, Jack Coker, Director of the Waco VA Regional Office said.

The increase was contained in legislation proposed in May by VA Administrator Max Cleland and signed into law by President Carter on December 2, 1977.

It comes exactly a year after the date of the last VA pension increase and is the tenth increase granted by Congress since 1960.

Pensions are paid to wartime veterans with other than dishonorable discharges if, before they reach age 65, they are totally disabled from non-service-connected causes and have no more than \$3,770 in annual income if single, and \$5,070 if they have dependents. After age 65, only the income limitation is considered.

Veterans with service-connected disabilities had already received a 6.6 percent increase in their VA compensation checks by virtue of other legislation that went into effect October 1, 1977.

The new legislation sets the basic pension rate from \$5 to \$222 per month, according to income.

Coker said it also insures that no one will lose a pension solely because of this year's boost in Social Security benefits.

The legislation raises the basic monthly pension rate for veterans whose health requires the regular aid and attendance of another person from \$155 to \$165.

Permanently housebound veterans not requiring the aid and attendance of another person will receive an additional \$61 per month.

The new pension bill also includes a 6.5 percent increase in payments to parents of deceased veterans receiving dependency and indemnity compensation payments. Nearly 64,000 parents are on VA's DIC rolls.

The five year cost of the pension increases is estimated at just over \$789 million.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Don Smith, Stacy and Donnie spent the New Year's holiday at Red River, N. M. They reported that they were able to do some skiing while there.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bible and Karie and Jason of Ft. Worth visited over the holidays with the John Bibles and the Jame Barkers.

Neville and Ruby Back had all of their family with them for Christmas, Barbara and J. D. Richards from Farmington, N.M.; Douglas, Teresa and son Roger from Phenix, Ala.; St. Sergeant Randy and Sergeant Debbie Richards, Brandon and Shania Lynn from Air Force Base in Ft. Worth; Vola Gaye Richards from Tulsa, Okla.; Mary Richards, John D' Mother from Dumas and her grandson from Amarillo.

Staff Sergeant Randy Richards has been transferred to Alaska.

Farmers Helped Census Bureau Prepare Forms

A shorter and less complicated report form to be used for the 1978 Census of Agriculture is the result of farmers and farm organizations participating in meetings and test surveys throughout the country during the past 18 months to advise the Bureau of the Census.

The Bureau, part of the Department of Commerce, reports that farmers have taken part in planning the report form during nearly 20 conferences in more than a dozen states. They have participated in the first of two national sample test surveys to help determine the value of specific questions.

On the report form, each farmer will need answer only those questions that apply to his operations. The inquiry is arranged so that he can skip questions, or even entire sections, dealing with other crops, livestock or types of farming.

"The good business records that most farm and ranch operators normally keep will make it easier for them to complete the report form for the 21st nationwide Census of Agriculture," a Bureau spokesman said.

The 1978 Census report form were mailed out the last week of December 1978. Each person receiving one will be urged to "fill it out and mail it back promptly, to give all agricultural producers and the Nation a needed, accurate measure of just what the situation is in every county in or 50 states."

When farmers do not respond quickly and accurately, the Bureau must spend additional funds and time in efforts to get a complete census.

In developing what the Bureau feels is "the simplest and easiest-to-answer report form we have used in a long time," the Bureau has obtained the advice of farmers, along with representatives of farm suppliers, agricultural universities, Congress, and State and Federal program agencies.

The date items were then field tested last summer by 8,500 farmers who filled out proposed report forms of varying nature. They made comments and suggestions. In addition, Bureau employees visited more than 1,000 of these farmers to get their suggestions in detail.

Published reports from the Censuses of Agriculture consist of statistical totals only. All information obtained from a farm operator is confidential by law, and can be used only in combination with data from other farms, individual reports cannot be used or even seen by anyone but sworn census employees who are subject to fines and prison terms for disclosing them.



More songs were written about Abraham Lincoln than any other secular individual.

Boy Scouts To Have Paper Drive

Saturday, January 21 the Boy Scouts would like to urge everyone to save all paper such as magazines, newspapers, tissue papers and papers of all kinds.

Please tie in bundles or put in a box so that the Boy Scouts might pick it up. Contact Neal Middleton for more information.

Hospital Board Members Replaced

Three members have been replaced on the Highland General Hospital and McLean General Hospital Board of Managers.

Warren Chisum and Dr. M.C. Overton, both of Pampa, have been named to two-year terms as replacements for Suziee Wilkinson and Bill Tidwell. Dr. Harold F. Fabian of McLean replaces John Haynes for a one-year term.

Pampa Police Gets PRPC Grant

Governor Dolph Briscoe has approved a criminal justice grant affecting Pampa.

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is recipient of the \$5,643 grant for law enforcement technical equipment throughout the region, including the Pampa Police Department.

The grant was among 83 approved statewide by Governor Briscoe from Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) funds under the Crime Control Act of 1976.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams visited relatives in McLean and Borger over the holidays.

Texas Ranks Third In Ag Export Sales

AUSTIN—Texas moved from fourth to third rank nationally in agricultural export sales of \$1.5 billion during fiscal 1976, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has reported.

Last year Texas shared fourth place with Kansas when sales reached \$1.342 billion. "The substantial increase this year is significant when you consider the embargoes on grain shipments that hampered trade."

Illinois was the leader in fiscal 1976 with \$2.4 billion, and Iowa ranked second with \$1.7 billion.

U.S. agricultural exports in fiscal 1976 were at a record \$22 billion, 3 percent over fiscal 1975. Export tonnage at 108 million tons was 22 percent above that of a year earlier, offsetting the effect of lower prices for some items.

Texas feed grains

Growers Accept Bids On Cotton

Trading was moderate again this week with growers accepting bids on about 25 percent of the cotton being offered for sale. Prices rose 50 to 100 points from last Friday's levels with mixed lots containing mostly 32 and shorter staple cotton selling for 43.00 to 44.00 cents per pound. Lots predominating in 33 and longer staples brought 46.00 to 47.00 cents. Growers received 62.00 to 67.00 dollars per ton for cottonseed at most gin points.

About 19,000 sample were classed at Memphis for the week ending Friday, December 30. This brings the season's total to 259,000 compared to 197,000 as of this date last year.

The predominant grade was 42 with 37 percent followed by 32 with 32 percent. Staple 32 was the major length, comprising two thirds of the total classed. About one fourth staples 31. Micronaire readings were in the desirable range of 3.5-4.9 on 84 percent of the total classed. Thirteen percent miked 3.4 and lower and three percent miked 5.0 and higher.

Pat Miller Employed At Beauty Shop

Pat Miller is now employed at Billie's Beauty Shop. She went to the School of Hairdressing in Pampa and recently passed her exam in Austin.

She will be taking appointment Tuesday thru Saturdays. Pat has three children and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Pennington of McLean.



The first police force in America was formed in New Amsterdam in 1658.

TIGER RAG

SPONSOR Virginia Holwick
 CO-EDITORS Gina Layne & Jeree Boyd
 REPORTERS Sam Haynes,
 Brian Stokes, Ken Parker, Glenn Oldham, Sandra
 Keeton, Scott Raines, Steve Ellison, Kelly Moore,
 Leslie Cunningham, LaDonna Keeton, Jimmy Carr.

McLean Tigers Play Miami

The McLean Tigers traveled to Miami December 20. Although they sustained a 66-57 loss, the Tigers played well. High pointer for the Tigers was Randy Suggs with 19. Other scorers for the Tigers were Sam Haynes with 17, Tom Eck with 11, Carter Trew with 8, and Jay Killham with two.

Tigerettes Defeat Lakeview 64-59

The Tigerettes defeated Lakeview's girls Friday night in a non-district contest at McLean by a narrow score of 49-43. The Tigerettes had the upper hand most of the game but were outscored 13-6 in the final quarter. The Tigerettes were led in scoring by Billie Lowery with 21 points and Melinda Hunt with 19.

Tigers Beat Lakeview 64-59

The Tigers got their third win of the season last Friday night as they defeated Lakeview 64-59. The black and gold were ahead the whole game and Lakeview never caught up. The scorers for the Tigers were Randy Suggs with 24 points, Tom Eck with 19, Sam Haynes with 14, Brad Melton with four and Jay Killham with three points. The Tigers are now 3-13 for the season.

Tigerette Teams Suffer Losses

The Tigerette Varsity and Junior Varsity teams both suffered losses December 20 in a district contest at Miami.

The Tigerettes, now 5-12 on the year and 0-2 for district, were smashed by 30 points, 54-24. They were led in scoring by Melinda Hunt and Joy Rhine with 10 points each.

The Junior Varsity, in their third outing of the year, were also smashed by Miami's JV 64-24. Jill Trew led the Tigerettes in scoring with ten points.

Clarendon College Representatives Visit School

On Wednesday, December 21, representatives from Clarendon Junior College and West Texas State University addressed the senior and junior students at McLean High School. The students were given catalogues from the schools, and also filled out forms to send to the schools to receive information about certain fields. The students should be receiving information from the colleges in two to three weeks.

The state of Alabama got its name from an Indian word meaning "to pull or reap vegetation."

X's and O's

by Bill Coward

I trust everyone had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. How about those bowl games! I guess this was the year for up-sets as nearly every major team in a bowl was up-set this go-around. I was pleased to see Arkansas win like they did. Not because it was Oklahoma they beat, but because of the actions of Lou Holtz in suspending three of his starters for violating team rules. This shows that it takes a team to win and no one is above the team. I also appreciated the apparent attitude of the three when they saw their suit against Holtz would gain them nothing. All three stated they would be back next year and do the best they could. I believe Holtz is a fair coach and will not hold a grudge against them.

The McLean basketball teams have entered district play now and the season is already half over. This year is really going by fast. The girls record in district still enables them to win the championship and they have really improved since the beginning of the season. If they keep playing like they have the last two games, look out district opponents. The boys will have to step up their intensity if they win the championship. This year, the team with the best over-all district record wins the title. The Tigers and Tigerettes are still in the running so let me urge you to come out and support these two teams.

The McLean Junior High Tournament will be held next week. The first games will begin on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. The tournament proceeds through Friday and concludes Saturday evening. Both the Jr. High girls and boys from McLean are participating. I would like to thank those businesses

and individuals who have contributed toward the trophies. The names will be posted in the gym during the tournament.

The following was copied from the U.I.L. publication, "Interscholastic Leaguer" for December, 1977. It talks of Bronte, Texas and the success they have enjoyed as a school. It is entitled "Bronte's Secret to Success, Combining Community Support, Student Dedication."

"Competitors insist it has something to do with the water. Or maybe the air. Fact is they can't put their finger on the culprit, but one thing's for certain something sure causes it.

The it: Three state Championships, a second place finisher, and a pair of bronze medal winning students, all at the 1977 U.I.L. academic and literary state meet.

That's not to mention the state qualifying one-act play troupe and the third consecutive regional literary championship captures.

The school: Bronte High School.

And the reason: The system. Jack Asbill, school principal, explains, "Bronte is very fortunate in that it has the support and backing of the community in all activities involving its students.

"The Board of Trustees and the superintendent support the expenditures involved in coaching, transportation and entry fees in the various events," he continued. "The emphasis to WIN is stressed in U.I.L. events just as it is in athletics and band. We feel that pride in success builds more pride and success."

I thought that the same statement could be made in McLean.

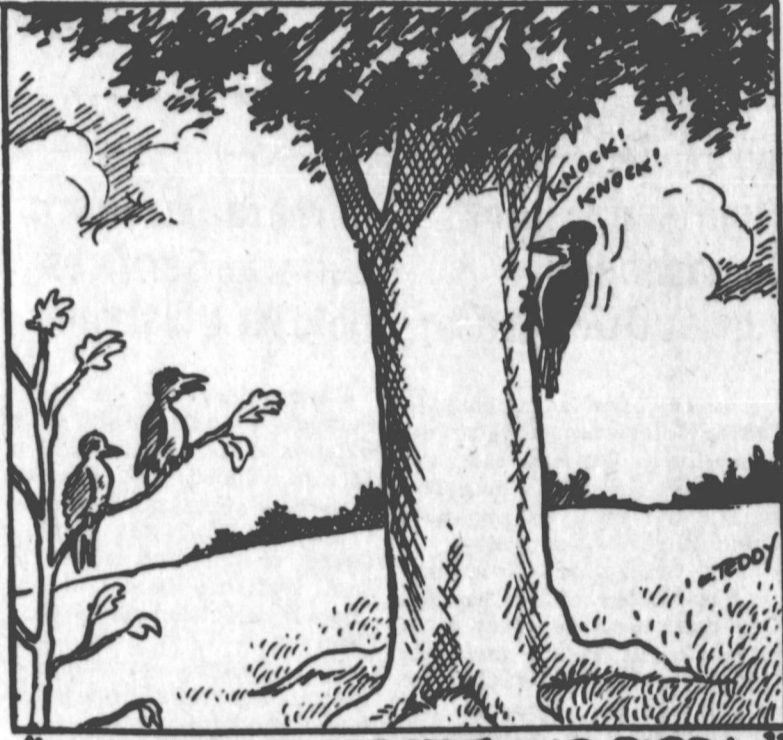
Copies from Readers Digest November issue: "The present is the past rolled up for action -- and the past is the present unrolled for understanding."

Belgians claim that "French" fried potatoes actually originated in their country.



According to the F.B.I., most burglaries occur between 6 p.m. and 2 in the morning.

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Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available at the office of Henry L. Gallegly Resident Engineer, Dalhart, Texas, and State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin. Usual rights reserved. 52-2c

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank and express our deep appreciation to our ministers, Rev. James Merrell and Rev. Buell Wells, dear friends, neighbors and loved ones for their prayers, floral offerings, memorials, food from the Methodist and Baptist church ladies and friends, cards, visits, phone calls and other acts of kindness at the loss of our dear loved one.

Also our thanks to Wanda and Creed Lamb and doctors and nurses at the McLean Hospital.

May God bless each one of you with his richest blessing. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Mrs. W. R. Cullison and The Cullison children and families.

County Agricultural Agents Texas A. & M. College Extension Service

FARM LEASE SEMINAR

Farm operators and landowners who are interested in up-dating their crop share lease will want to attend a meeting Friday, January 6 in Amarillo at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. The program from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. will be presented by Dr. Ray Sammons, Area Extension Economist-Management.

Dr. Sammons will explain the difference between the conventional crop-share lease. The economics situation is creating new difficulties for farm renters, especially for irrigated farmers in the area of credit.

Tenants and landlords will both want to attend along with their spouses. Information

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES R. SCOTT, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James R. Scott were issued on September 27, 1977, in Cause No. 5038, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to: JAMES GARY SCOTT.

The residence of such Executor is Gray County, Texas. The post office address is: James Gary Scott, 1116 Sierra, Pampa, Texas 79065.

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 28th day of December, 1977.

JAMES GARY SCOTT
 Independent Executor
 By: JOHN W WARNER
 Attorney for Estate

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone who helped to make our Christmas a happy one.

Besides the personal gifts, we also appreciate the beef certificate from the Texas Cowbells, and the food baskets from the Lions Club, the Beta Sigma Phi, the Baptists and the Methodists.

Mrs. J. A. Wheeler and Dick

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By Howard L. Weatherly
 Branch Manager

Pampa Social Security Office
 The social security disability benefits program has stricter eligibility requirements than many other disability programs, Howard Weatherly, social security branch manager in Pampa said today.

Some programs pay benefits based on occupational disability; social security does not. Some programs pay benefits based on percentage of impairment; social security does not. Some programs pay benefits based on short-term disability; social security does not.

What social security does is to pay benefits to severely disabled workers who have worked long enough and recently enough under social security and to certain members of their families.

To be disabled under the social security law, a worker must have a physical or mental impairment so severe that it prevents him or her from engaging in substantial gainful work for a year or longer or is expected to result in death.

The amount of social security work credit needed to qualify for benefits depends on the worker's age at the time he or she becomes disabled. It ranges from 1 1/2 years of credit earned in a 3-year period for a worker disabled at age 24 or earlier, up to almost 7 years of credit (with 5 years of credit earned in the 10-year period before disablement) for a worker disabled in his or her late 40s or later.

No benefits are payable during the first 5 full months the worker is disabled; the first possible payment is for the 6th full month of disability.

When a worker is found disabled under the law, benefits can be paid to certain dependents. These include:

Unmarried children under 18; 18-22 if full-time students; over 18 if disabled before 22.

A wife under 65 caring for an entitled child under 18 or disabled.

A wife 62 or older even if there are no eligible children.

A husband 62 or older.

Generally, once disability payments begin they will continue as long as the disability prevents the person from working. Also after receiving benefits for 24 consecutive months, the disabled person becomes eligible for Medicare health insurance.

The Pampa social security office has several free pamphlets that describe the disability benefits program. The office is located at 1641 North Hobart St. The telephone number is 806-669-3381.

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 Mrs. Claude Hendricks
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 Beth Hambricht

JANUARY 8
 Mrs. Joe Graham

JANUARY 9
 Jackie Loyd Johnston
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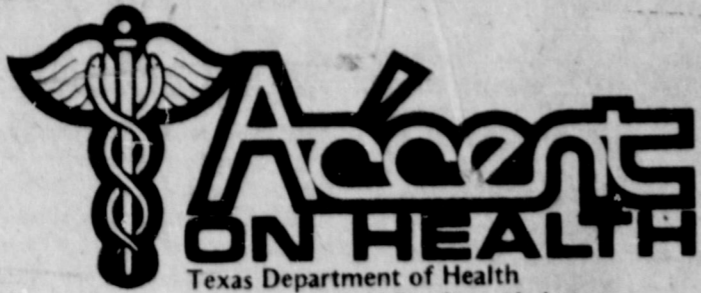
JANUARY 10
 Mrs. W. W. Boyd
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Some people don't like to smoke. Others don't like to talk about it. But many who ignore the issues are unaware of the insidious trends in smoking-related diseases.

Dr. C. R. Allen, Jr., director of the Chronic Disease Division, Texas Department of Health, speaks highly of the educational work done by the Smoking and Health Program at the Department.

When asked how serious a health risk smoking is, Dr. Allen quoted a World Health Organization report stating that "smoking-related diseases are such important causes of disability and premature death in developing countries that the control of cigarette smoking could do more to improve health and prolong life in these countries than any single action in the whole field of preventive medicine."

January 8-14, 1978 marks the fourteenth anniversary of the first report of the Surgeon General on the health consequences of smoking. National Education Week on Smoking has been noted in a proclamation by Governor Dolph Briscoe, who encourages all Texans "by example, encouragement, and self-assertion, to make your feelings known about smoking and support those close to you who want to kick the habit."

Though we have long known smoking was harmful to men, recent studies indicate smoking may be just as dangerous to women. In the last decade, the proportion of men smokers has declined, while the proportion of women smokers has increased. This dramatic escalation in female smokers only reinforces the advertising point, "You've come a long way, baby." But the way is tragic. For the first time ever, there were more lung cancers among women age 35-44 than among men in one of our states. Those data, from the American Cancer Society's Blue Ribbon Commission on Tobacco and Cancer, are thought to be only the beginning of an unfortunate reversal.

Women over 40 years of age who smoke heavily and use oral contraceptives seem to run a greater risk of stroke from heart attack and death than women who use the pill and do not smoke, or women who smoke but do not use the pill. In fact, reports the National Cancer Institute, the use of oral contraceptives by smokers over 40 is now considered more hazardous than the risks associated with pregnancy and childbirth for women of that age.

Pregnant women who smoke face increased risks, too. Studies show that infants of smoking mothers are smaller on the average, particularly in head size and overall length. Other studies show significantly lower birth weight among infants of smoking mothers, and the heavier the smoking, the greater the deviation from the norm. The abortion rate and stillbirth rate increase with the amount of smoking by the pregnant mother, according to a Columbia University

study. The reproductive system is not the only area affected by smoking. Smokers require more vitamin C, larger doses of pain-killing drugs and anxiety-reducing drugs. Mix smoking with alcohol consumption and the synergistic effects dramatically increase the risk of cancer of the lung, esophagus, and larynx.

And what of the rights of nonsmokers? People are continuing to speak up when bothered by tobacco smoke in public places, their homes, and their cars. More city ordinances have been passed restricting smoking in various public settings. The Civil Aeronautics Board, after a series of hearings, has banned cigar and pipe smoking on U.S. airliners. Airlines must now provide seats in the nonsmoking section to any passengers requesting them, even if it means enlarging the nonsmoking section.

What are the answers to these problems? Many of the precise components in tobacco smoke which do the damage are still unknown, so developing a less hazardous cigarette remains very difficult. Quitting is also difficult for most smokers, but it is possible. Since 1974, the Smoking and Health Program has provided materials or conducted smoking cessation clinics for hospitals, local health departments, student health centers and other interested groups throughout Texas. It is possible to become a nonsmoker; more than thirty million Americans have done it.

It all comes down to responsibility. Kicking the habit, or not taking it up in the first place can prevent serious problems later, said Dr. Allen. But it won't happen until each of us decides to give ourselves the best health possible. Until individuals are willing to assume primary responsibility for their own needs and wants, little change can be expected in our current health status, or in the escalating costs of health care. We can choose better health, if we want it, he said.

Visiting Virginia Dalton on Christmas Day were Forrest Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leathers, Brandon and Robin; Mr. and Mrs. Brad Dalton; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lowe and Tami; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Lowe, Carry and Jamie; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Lowe and Shana; Sherry and Kristis Glover; Eddie Lowe; Ava Matney; Soprina Winegart and Danny Bradshaw all of Pampa.



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Attracting Birds To Your Backyard

In spite of cats, pesticides, neatly trimmed lawns and few trees, it would be hard to find an area of the South Plains or Panhandle that doesn't have birds of some type during the winter months, but all neighborhoods can have more birds of a wider variety with just a little planning and work.

Duplicate nature as closely as possible having both open areas and densely planted areas to provide cover which birds need to protect them from enemies. Since foliage attracts different birds, vary your plantings and include such trees that fruit, shrubs, vines and flowers that provide natural fruits and seeds.

For example, the ornamental flowering dogwood attracts over 90 species of birds to its branches and of these, at least 28 species are known to eat its red berries.

In addition to trees, your bird area should contain some of the fruit producing shrubs and vines. Members of the honeysuckle family--elders, snowberries, honeysuckles and viburnums--are a good choice. They all produce berries which can be eaten and the foliage provides good cover and nesting habitat.

If you have difficulty in deciding which plant to put in your bird area, contact your local nurseryman who will know which species will grow best in your area.

In addition to natural food, supplemental bird feeding might be necessary for survival of your bird friends.

If you plan to put out food for birds, be sure it is done twice a day as the birds will become accustomed to the food and depend upon you for their dinner.

Eating habits of birds can generally be divided into two groups: a diet primarily of insects and other small organisms, and a diet mainly of seeds.

The various sparrows are the most familiar seed eaters and a display of commercial bird seed, grain crops, sunflowers, or a mixture of these ingredients will draw the birds along with aggressive bluejays. For troublesome birds, place a separate feeder some dis-

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tance away allowing the smaller birds a chance at the food. The insect eaters such as swallows and chickadees prefer suet (all-fat trimmings from meat) or table scraps placed in an aerial feeder.

Another part of the bird's diet that is overlooked is grit. Sand particles and crushed shells help grind the food in the bird's crop and provide useful minerals. A cupful of grit on the bird food platter would be welcomed by your feathered friends.

As spring nears, ease off slowly on the bird feed but do not stop suddenly. A transition period between the winter and spring feeding habits will occur but even April and May could be critical as long, rainy days and low temperatures keep the birds from finding natural food.

With a variety of foods to utilize, the only remaining requirement is water. You may wish to include a pool or birdbath in your bird area and it should be flushed clean every two to three days and refilled with clean water.

When you have provided food, water and shelter, it is time to set back and enjoy the fruits of your labor--the joy of watching the different species of birds use and enjoy your little sanctuary.

IRS Requires Occupational Tax Of Wagerers

Washington, D. C. -- The Internal Revenue Service today cautioned bookmakers, numbers, and policy operators and others engaged in the business of accepting wagers that they are required to pay a special Federal occupational tax of \$500 per year.

Persons in the business of accepting wagers on sports events or other contests and operators of wagering pools or lotteries conducted for profit also have to purchase the \$500 gambling tax stamp.

Another provision of the law requires that each person liable for the special occupational tax register with the IRS. In addition, the law imposes a 2 per cent excise tax on wagers.

Special Agents of the IRS Intelligence Division are responsible for enforcement of the Federal wagering tax laws. Persons liable for the special occupational tax who fail to purchase the stamp or comply with the other wagering tax provisions face criminal prosecution in addition to civil penalties and upon conviction are subject to fines and imprisonment.

Wagering tax information may be disclosed outside the Treasury Department only in connection with civil or criminal matters arising under any provision of the Internal Revenue Code, the IRS said.

Compliance with the Federal wagering tax laws does not excuse persons from not complying with other Federal, state or local laws.



The largest living bird is the ostrich, which doesn't fly.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

Political announcements appearing in this column are subject to the action of the Democratic primary May 2, 1978. All announcement fees must be paid in advance.

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CANCER ANSWER LINE American Cancer Society
M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute

A postal worker asks: "What is 'Make Today Count'?"
ANSWERline: "Make Today Count, Inc." is a national organization for advanced cancer patients and their families which was formed in 1974 by Orville E. Kelly, a journalist, a year after he discovered that he had cancer. The group, which has a number of local chapters throughout the country (some of which work with American Cancer Society units in the community) offers emotional bolstering and the chance to share problems among people confronted by cancer. Kelly himself travels widely and speaks to the public frequently about his own emotional reaction to cancer and the importance of living to the fullest, regardless of how long one has to live. He is a spokesman for more honesty when dealing with patients. He believes that many patients don't realize that medicine can often extend their lives even if they cannot be cured. He also has called public attention to the sellers of unproven remedies who prey on frightened cancer patients and their families.

A housewife writes: "Several years ago my cancer was treated by a physician called a therapeutic radiologist and now I know someone who is being treated by a radiation oncologist. Are they the same?"
ANSWERline: Yes. The terms therapeutic radiologist, radiotherapist, radiation oncologist and radiation thera-

pist all have the same meaning: a physician who has received specific training in therapeutic radiology; one who is certified by a recognized medical specialty board, and usually limits his or her practice to radiation therapy. The radiation oncologist has a particular interest in cancer, although the others also treat the disease.

A man in his 40's explains: "I am a bartender and my work puts me right in the middle of a lot of cigarette smoke. Is there anything that I can do to protect myself?"
ANSWERline: First, it is important for you to be a non-smoker because if you smoke you will compound the harmful effect of inhaling your customer's tobacco smoke. Second, try to make sure that your work area is well ventilated. A study done at the University of Cincinnati showed that bartenders inhale the equivalent of 36 cigarettes during an eight-hour shift if they work in a stuffy area but that number drops to the equivalent of 12 cigarettes if the area has a good air flow.

Do you have further questions? Call your local unit of the American Cancer Society or call M. D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Institute's Cancer Information Service, 1-800-392-2040 toll-free in Texas, 792-3245 in the Houston area.

669-3381 (area code 806) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except national holidays).

A representative is available to explain the provisions of the Social Security Act and answer questions at meetings of farm groups, unions and other interested organizations. There are no charges for any of these services of the Social Security Administration.

Some ancient people believed that their spirits would be born as flowers.

Auto Visitors Come To Texas

Texas proved to be a bargain vacation mecca in the fall of 1977 for auto visitors from other states and foreign countries.

In fact, they apparently liked Texas' more-for-your-money offerings so well that tourists stayed considerably longer last autumn than during the same period in 1976, according to comparative figures in a quarterly visitor industry study compiled by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Lower expenses per group per day, coupled with a concerted campaign by state tourist bureau personnel to convince out-of-staters to "stay a while, stay a little longer," apparently helped induce last autumn's average tourist party to linger in Texas 10.16 days compared with a stay of 6.39 days in the fall of 1976.

Although tourist expenditures were less per day, the hefty increase of 3.77 days stay boosted total spending per group by 23 percent over the autumn of 1976.

Other comparisons with the previous year's averages show a slight increase in miles driven in Texas, 1,120 over 1,098, and the continuation of a trend toward smaller traveling groups, 2.28 persons in 1977 compared to 2.40 in 1976.

The comparative statistics comprising the fall quarterly summary were obtained from a survey of 4,508 auto visitors to Texas who were here during September, October and November.

The quarterly report for the fall of 1977 is a segment of a continuing seasonal study made by the Travel and Information Division and can be obtained by writing Fall Quarterly Visitor Summary, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Box 5064, Austin, Texas 78763.

The summary provides an interesting miniprofile of the average visitor to Texas during the autumn of 1977. The mean "group" consisted of husband and wife, each over 50 years of age, who call California home; they spent 26 cents of each vacation dollar on food, stayed in motels, make over \$15,000 a year and have been to Texas more than once.

The "new money" which out-of-state and foreign visitors infuse into the Texas economy makes the tourist industry a viable and increasingly important source of revenue. Auto visitors alone pumped \$3.1 billion into the state in 1976. A total of \$3.8 billion was spent by all visitors.

So, anything the Texas travel industry can do to entice tourists to "stay a while, stay a little longer" is well worth the effort.

The first shorthand system was published by Dr. Timothy Bright in 1588, under the title "Characterie: the art of short, swift and secret writing."

Tips On Care For Hunting Dogs

Many hunting dogs are confined most of the year in pens but during hunting season in Texas, contact with other dogs, disease, poisons, and wild animals and birds constitute a possible health hazard.

Prevention of the more common dog diseases is far more fruitful and many times less expensive than attempting a cure if possible. Giant strides have been made in recent years in the development of immunizing agents for dogs, the most recent involving methods highly advanced in their effectiveness and safety.

Most veterinarians recommend two shots or hunting dogs in West Texas. They include the DHL-P (distemper, hep-

atitis, leptospirosis and parainfluenza) and rabies vaccinations.

Distemper is so widespread that few unvaccinated dogs escape exposure. The disease results in a high death rate, and dogs that survive are often afflicted for life. Other animals that may spread distemper are skunks, foxes, and raccoons.

Infectious hepatitis causes death in about 25 percent of affected dogs, with the highest death rate in recently weaned puppies. The disease damages the liver. Recovery in non-fatal cases may be quite slow. Following recovery dogs spread the virus in their urine for months.

Leptospirosis is increasingly a problem as one study indicated 11 percent of the dogs were carriers of the disease. Dogs that survive leptospirosis often have per-

manent kidney damage. Infected dogs (and also rats) may transmit the disease to man.

Kennel cough, the fourth part of the combination shot, is a mild, self-limiting disease of the dog's throat and lungs. It is encountered in dogs kept at home as well as in hospitals and kennels. The main symptom is a dry cough which usually convinces the owner that the dog has something caught in the animal's throat.

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Social Security Representative To Be In Shamrock

A field representative of the Social Security Administration will be at Shamrock on Mondays at the Senior Citizens Building. He will help you on any matters relating to social security supplemental security income or Medicare.

You can also obtain service by coming to the Social Security Office at 1541 North Hobart St., Pampa or by telephoning

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New Year Resolution For Health

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--Get physical check-ups regularly.

Most people take special care with car check-ups, but their bodies are their most important investment. Regular checks will determine if the body is "running smoothly."

--Regular brushing and flossing--and dental check-ups--help insure the continued good condition of teeth.

--Get your body in shape and keep it there.

Being overweight can contribute to health problems, such as high blood pressure, hardening of the arteries and various forms of heart disease.

Improved eating habits and a regular exercise program will avoid an overweight condition.

--Stop smoking.

Evidence that links smoking to lung cancer and heart disease is still mounting. For those who are still smoking, now is the time to stop.

Immunizations are the most effective way available to prevent diseases. Take advantage of this. Check to see that children and adults in the family have full protection.

Each person's medical history is one of the most valuable records he owns. Keep up-to-date information on such things as lab-test results, hospital experiences, drug allergies and chronic diseases.



MRS. CARL WAYNE CARTER

Kathy Lynne Raines and Carl W. Carter Exchange Wedding Vows Dec. 29

Kathy Lynne Raines and Carl Wayne Carter exchanged

wedding vows in a candlelight ceremony Thursday, December 29, at the First United Methodist Church in McLean. Officiating for the double ring ceremony were Bright Newhouse, Church of Christ minister from Clarendon and Joe B. Sherrod.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Haynes of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carter of Clarendon.

The bride wore a formal gown of candlelight chiffon and venetian lace designed with a pleated victorian neckline. The empire bodice was accented with venetian lace appliques and the full sleeves fell in flounces over her wrists. The A-line skirt swept to back fullness and cascaded to a chapel train. The bride wore the traditional blue garter, a shilling in her shoe and a French lady's watch which Mrs. Samuel Morse wore on

her wedding day in 1902.

The bride's attendants were Sally Haynes, maid of honor and sister of the bride; Sheri Haynes, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Richard Evans, sister of the bride. They wore high necked red velour dresses accented with candlelight lace at the neck and sleeves. They carried white fur muffs trimmed with holly.

Flower girl and ring bearer were Dollie Haynes, sister of the bride and Calle Holwick, cousin of the groom.

Candlelighters were Shawn Ann Barnes of Dumas and Darren Johnson of McLean.

Best man was Steve Carter, brother of the groom. Grooms-men were Steve Adams and David Shields. Ushers were Danny Hill, Jeff Howard, Thacker Haynes, brother of the bride and Richard Evans.

Mrs. Jake Hess II and Scott Raines, brother of the bride, sang "Colour My World" and "The Wedding Song". Gay Simpson sang "You Light Up My Life" and "Evergreen". Organist was Mrs. John M. Haynes.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the ceremony. Baskets filled with red satin roses accented the room. The bride's table was covered with white lace and trimmed with fresh holly. The three tiered cake featured a water fountain and was topped by ivory organza bells. A silver punch bowl and flatware completed the setting.

The groom's table was covered in red velvet and featured a gold coffee service and a red velvet cake in a gold motif.

Following the reception the couple left for a wedding trip to Arkansas.

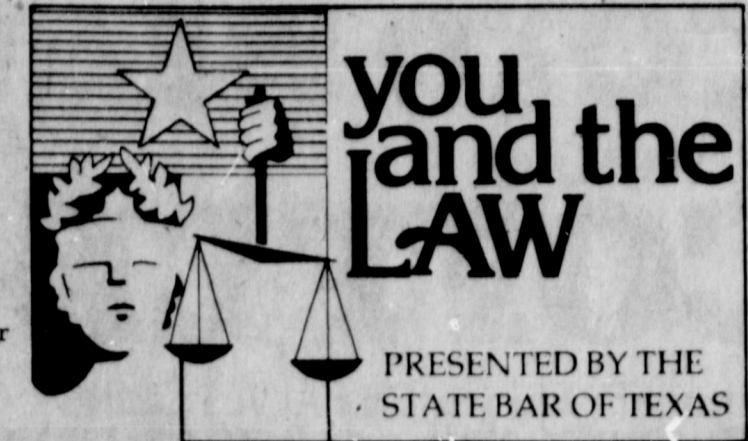
Farmer's Union Support Cotton Recommendation

The Texas affiliate of the National Farmers Union has announced support for a cotton recommendation issued last week by the nationwide farm organization's Board. Texas Farmers Union, in a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, has called for a minimum 20% set-aside for cotton with diversion payments. This is a policy recommendation that will be updated when the Texas Farmers Union meets in its annual state convention in Austin, January 20 and 21.

The state office, headquartered in Waco has issued an endorsement of the National Farmers Union views on cotton and termed the recently announced cotton program "illogical and inconsistent".

Jay Naman, President of the Texas Farmers Union, says that the Secretary of Agriculture should be reminded that we have a price depressing surplus now. The 1978 cotton program will encourage expansion of cotton acreage when expansion is not needed. Naman said: "The new cotton program assures over-production and low prices for cotton in 1978. It encourages cotton farmers to expand their production at a time when expansion is contrary to the producers' interest."

Under the new law a cotton farmer may reduce his planted acreage 20% below last year and be entitled to full payments on his planted acres. He may



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Q: I got a divorce in May and remarried. My ex-husband sends the child support payments only when he wants to. My new husband supports my children and I feel he should be their father instead of my ex-husband. Is there a way he could adopt them? If I die, would my ex-husband gain custody of them?

A: A child cannot be adopted by a step-father unless the natural father consents or loses his parental rights by order of a court. Persistent non-payment of child support is one ground for seeking termination of parental rights. A natural father who retains parental rights cannot be denied possession and control of his children if his former wife dies, unless a court finds that he is an unfit parent and that the children's best interests would be served by having them become wards of the state.

Q: My husband has willed his business, a rent house and several bank accounts to his children by a previous marriage. We've been married one year, and the will was made before we met. If he should die, would I be entitled to any of his property?

A: A will made prior to marriage is not revoked by a subsequent marriage. A surviving spouse's rights in the estate of the deceased spouse may include the homestead, a family allowance, or, either property exempt from forced sale for payment of debts, or allowances in lieu of such property. Any property acquired after marriage, except by

gift or inheritance, is community property in which the surviving spouse has a one-half interest.

Q: We recently purchased a new home. After we noticed cracks in the corners and loose bricks in the fireplace, we discovered the foundation is not level. Do we have any legal right to sue the builder or the previous owner?

A: The Consumer Protection Act applies to real estate just as it does to purchases of products or services. If you were led to believe there was no structural defect in your home at the time you bought it, the law allows you to sue the person who misled you at the time of the sale. You may sue to recover three times the actual damages you prove you have suffered as a result of the structural defects.

Q: After the seller and I signed a contract to buy a house and put up earnest money for the sale, then the seller decided he wanted to keep the house. What about my earnest money?

A: The law allows you to obtain the refund of your earnest money in a case in which the seller breaches the contract of sale. Another alternative generally allowed is suit for specific performance, which is an action to compel the seller to convey the property to you. Remember the real estate contract can set forth the remedies available to both parties if a breach of contract takes place.

Send your questions to "You and the Law," State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, 78711. Answers may appear in columns in hypothetical terms; personal answers not possible.



"If you'll just sign here we can consider this whole business just a loan."

in favor areas where there is unlimited opportunity to expand production and where cotton has not been previously grown.

Cotton producers who attend TFU's Austin convention on January 20 and 21 are expected to be quite outspoken over the current cotton program and reiterate the message to Secretary Bergland is modifications are not made. Both the state and national Farmers Union organizations will be exerting full pressure on the USDA to substitute a minimum 20% set-aside for the program which was announced and to add to it a program allowing for diversion payments. This, according to the letter to the Secretary, would be the most economical approach in terms of costs and the most beneficial to family farmers.

HOW ABOUT YOUR LIFE?

The average citizen of 70 years spends: 24 years sleeping, 14 years working, six years eating, four years conversing with others, three years learning, three years convalescing, five years traveling and eight years amusing himself (or herself). IF he spends five minutes each morning and evening in prayer and three hours per week in the worship assembly--this would amount to 20 months spent on religion!

Beware how you spend your life! "I beseech you therefore, my brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a LIVING SACRIFICE, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). No where does the Bible commend "the average citizen."

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PINTO BEANS

2 LB. BAG

79^c

4 LB. BAG

\$1⁵⁵

SHURFINE DISHWASHER

DETERGENT

35 OZ.

89^c

\$1¹⁹

SHURFINE LIQUID

DETERGENT

22 OZ.

59^c

DETERGENT

BOLD -3-

GIANT BOX **\$1³⁹**

KING SIZE **\$2³⁵**



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