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COMMISSIONERS' COURT

ANNUAL HARVEST DAY CELEBRATION

In observance of its Annual Harvest Day, St. John Baptist Church will observe the holiday with a musical, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th at 3p.m.

Mrs. Norma K. Perry of the Rose of Sharon Church, San Antonio will be guest soloist.

Public is invited to attend this celebration.

Kinney County LIBRARY

Dear K.C.,

Watch for specifics about the up and coming Book Fair. It will be in a central location with great fanfare--to be announced later. Used books will go at incredibly low prices. For more, read next week's K.C. column.

Meanwhile, back at the library essays are coming in for the November Thanksgiving essay contest. Will the turkey really get the axe? Is the stuffing really for the birds? Read the K.C. Column of the Kinney CAVALRYMAN's Thanksgiving edition and find out.

Ask your librarian about the many services available to you! Do you want a film for a program, do you need vocational guidance do you have a friend with a special need??? or little ones who would enjoy regular trips to the library. Ask about our special programs for children. Of the K.C. Library does not have what you want, it can borrow from the San Antonio Area Library System with a phone call on the systems' Watts line. The newly acquired microfiche film reader will help us help you find the material you want. ASK! Come in and pick up one of our service description pamphlets!



George Washington had a childhood ambition to go to seal

Norman Hooten won the position of Chief of Police of Brackettville by a vote of 3 to 2 over Paul Flores at the Monday night meeting of City Council

Hooten will replace the present Chief of Police Morgan Bailey in January when Bailey takes the post of Sheriff and County Tax Assessor/Collector.

The City's Attorney, Ralph Brown of San Antonio, was present at a closed executive meeting of the Council. During the executive meeting the question of retaining City Manager Tim Ward was discussed. Since Ward won the seat on the Kinney County Commissioners' Court, the question was raised as to whether he could still serve as City Manager for the City of Brackettville.

After the executive session, Councilman Lingo Sandoval made a motion to retain Ward as City Manager. The resolution passed unanimously. After the vote Mayor Chris Gomez stated that this was on the condition that there was no conflict of interest between the City and the County or Mr. Ward could be immediately dismissed. Ward was not pleased with the latter statement of the Mayor and said he would consider the proposal.

In an interview later with one of the Councilmen (who requested that his name not be mentioned) the statement was made: "Why should we ask this of our City Manager when no one questioned the Mayors' previous position with the State of TEXAS or his present position with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as a possible conflict of interest."

LIMERICK
By: jo breaux

There was a manager of note,
Elected to the County by vote.
When conflict was a strain,
He simply would abstain,
So was still there to keep the
City afloat.
Until, He got tired of being
the "Goat".

JAIL REPAIRS TO BEGIN

A contract for \$55,000 has been let to La Bahia Construction Co. of Goliad, Texas for repairs to the Kinney County Jail. Repairs and modifications of the building will start in December, according to County Judge Albert Postell.

The Jail, which has never met State or Federal Standards, has been the subject of criticism by local area residents.

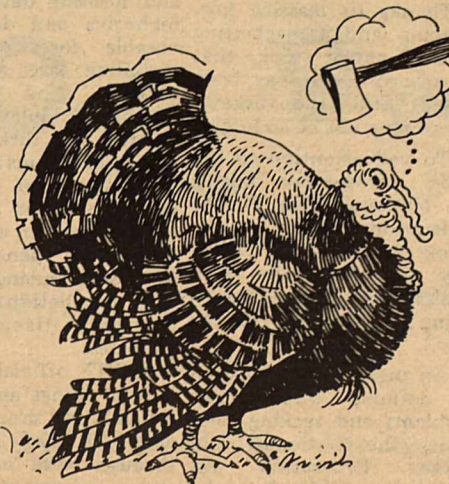
Repairs should be completed within 30 days to 90 days.

SCHOOL BOARD DISCUSSES BUILDINGS ---BREAKFAST---GIFTED CHILDREN

At the regular Tuesday night Meeting of the Brackettville School Board, one of the main topics was the necessity of improvement and additions to the present school systems buildings. It was decided that an architect should be contacted regarding the necessary additions and improvements.

Another matter of discussion was the required state law that the Brackettville school comply with in supplying breakfast by next September. Eligibility of children to receive the free breakfast would be determined in the early part of next year.

A program of instruction for gifted children passed by a unanimous vote of the board members.



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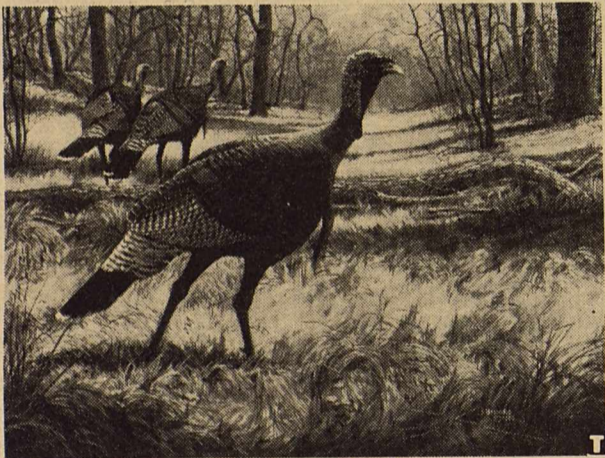
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LOOSISM:

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of want of opportunity."

AMERICA'S HERITAGE

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY WEEK: NOV. 16-22



"The Silent Stroll," a painting by American
artist James A. Brooks, depicts America's
majestic big-game bird in a wooded river bottom.

Until lately the wild turkey as a valuable national resource. It once, however, numbered in the millions.

Thanks to massive live-trapping and transplanting of wild native stock, that downward trend has been halted. Still, the turkey's future may not be so bright.

To call attention to the bird's present-day plight, the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) is sponsoring National Wild Turkey Day and Week the third week in November. (Thanksgiving is National Turkey Day.)

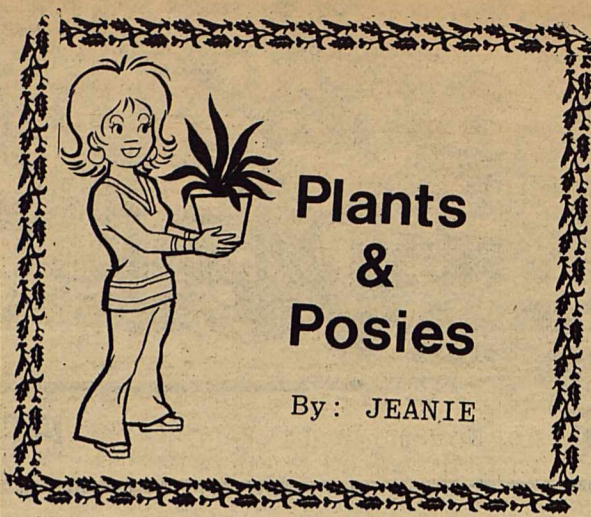
An organization devoted to defining wild turkey problems and seeking solutions, the National Wild Turkey Federation was founded in 1973. It is the only nonprofit organization dedicated to the wise management and conservation of the wild

turkey as a valuable national resource.

Economic progress, such as construction of industrial and housing developments, highways and dams, unfavorable forestry practices including large-scale clear-cutting, and increasing human population often destroy the turkey habitat on a tremendous scale.

Poaching of wild game is still a major problem in certain areas. In a few places releases of pen-raised turkeys still endanger existing wild populations by introducing diseases and parasites.

NWTf officials feel wild, natural things and areas are valuable and should be available to every American through wise conservation and management. Free leaflets may be obtained by writing the National Wild Turkey Federation, Edgefield, South Carolina 29824.



Plants & Posies

By: JEANIE

HERBS----

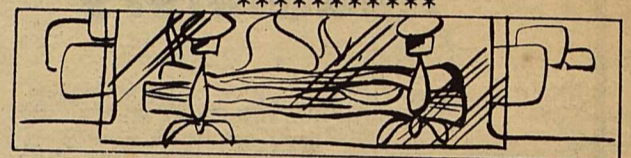
Through the ages, herbs have been used for many purposes of healing, as seasonings in the kitchen as well as perfume. They are beautiful plants, fragrant and useful. They can be grown outside or on the kitchen windowsill. For indoor plants, most like South or West windows, and the extra humidity in the kitchen also benefits the plant. Good inside choices are basil, chives, dill, mint, tarragon and thyme.

BASILS---is as herb native to India, with much symbolism behind it. In Italy, it was the spirit of life, in Greece it represented misfortunes and hate.

Basil grows to about 2 ft. tall have oval leaves of light green. It grows best in light soil in a moist, warm location. It has a slightly peppery and spicy taste. Good seasoning for spaghetti, fish, eggs, roasts.

MINTS-----There are many variety of mint available. It is a hardy plant, rampant grower and has a tangy flavor. Mints are perennials. In Biblical days mint was used as tax money!

Mints love shady damp areas and rich soil. The Greeks used mint as a smelling salt and to cure ulcers. For the kitchen mints have many uses. It is great in tea, jelly, vegetables and cabbage.



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TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Top level personnel changes in the Corpus Christi and Del Rio districts of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation were announced today by Engineer-Director Mark Goode.

Roger Q. Spencer Jr, a veteran of four decades with the department and now district engineer in Corpus Christi, will retire effective December 31. He will be succeeded by Secundino (Nino) Gutierrez, now district engineer in Del Rio.

Taking over January 1 as head of departmental activities in Del Rio will be James R. Evans now district maintenance engineer at San Angelo.

Spencer is a native of Waco and a graduate of A&M University. He joined the department in 1939, serving as a roadman in Fort Worth area.

He served in the army for four years during World War II, and remained in the reserv until 1970 attaining the rank of Colonel. After the war, he returned to the Department and served as a resident engineer, district maintenance engineer and in top level assign-

ments in the main office maintenance operations division in Austin. He was appointed district engineer at Corpus Christi in 1973.

Gutierrez was born at Harlingen and attended Texas Southmost College and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. An Air Force veteran he joined the department in 1958 at Raymondville.

In 1969, he was transferred to district headquarters at Pharr as senior maintenance engineer and was promoted to district administrative engineer in 1972.

He became head of departmental operations in the eight-county Del Rio district February 1, 1979.

Evans is a native of Odessa and attended public schools in Bronte and San Angelo. An army veteran, he received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech in 1958.

He began work with the department in Lubbock in 1955 and after graduation, he transferred to the San Angelo district and has served in various engineering capacities there. He was appointed district maintenance engineer in 1973.

The Corpus Christi district including Aransas, Bee, Goliad, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Live Oak,

Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio counties.

The Del Rio District includes Dimmitt, Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala counties.

LIMERICK
By: jo breaux

For a much needed change we voted
Now I don't want to be mis-quoted
Changes cause the pain
Which is not the aim
But myself, I prefer truth-not
pills suger-coated.

club notes

study club meets

"NEW WORLD STUDY CLUB"

Brackettville's Women Club

SANDY HERMAN, Reporter

On November 3, a business meeting was held at the New World Study Club. A discussion was held to find ways to bring more people to "the open to the public" meetings. Plans were also started for a Christmas party for Senior Citizens and young children. More to be announced about this at a later date.

On November 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. a program will be presented to the public about the Health Resources of Kinney County.

A fifteen member panel representing the different health organizations available to serve Kinney County residents. Each panel member will give a 5 to 10 minute explanation of what his organization furnishes and who may qualify for those services. Free Health Resources of Kinney County Directories will be handed out to the audience after a question and answer session. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Recently millions of radio listeners in Poland tuned into one of that country's hottest new weekly shows. Americans would take this kind of programming for granted. But for Poles, it's a novel experience—Sunday broadcast of church services.

During the recent Polish strikes, workers stood their ground and won the right for the Polish Catholic Church to use the airwaves. Until now, their communist rulers had banned religious

shows, ignoring the Church's plea to broadcast mass for sick, disabled or working people.

Many might think that the Polish government's backdown on this issue signifies a great leap forward for freedom of religion. But it more likely will be just a small step in a long march. After all, the Polish Catholic Church still is not legally recognized although 30 million or 90 percent of all Poles are Catholic.

The Polish constitution "guarantees" freedom of religion, but the provision means nothing. The practice of religion is banned "for purposes prejudicial to the interests" of the state.

Despite its de facto status, the Polish Catholic Church continues to thrive as a symbol of national unity. Pictures of Pope John Paul II—hang on the walls at entrances to factories and shipyards.

Each year, the Church's flock multiplies. In 1978, 94 percent of Polish infants were baptized. The vast majority of school-children attend after-school religion classes, which the state re-

fers to build houses of worship. The shortage of churches is felt most in growing urban areas.

Grave consequences are in store for those who evade the lengthy bureaucratic process of getting a permit. Those who run afoul of the law have been sent to jail for attempting to build churches without official government approval, which often takes years to receive.

Ostensibly, Poland's Minister for Religious Affairs serves as the liaison between government and religious interests. But the minister more or less serves as a "Big Brother" caretaker monitoring all religions to make sure they don't overstep their bounds.

For example, after delegates to a recent Catholic youth conference in Poland agreed to vigorously pursue issues concerning individual freedoms, the Minister for Religious Affairs remarked: "an organization of a clandestine youth movement along Boy Scout principles exceeds the liturgical roles of the Church and cannot be allowed to continue."

But Polish workers' recent proclamations of faith are bold proof that future religion ministers won't find it easy to dim religious ardor in Poland. The workers even have added a fresh and totally different twist to the old communist rallying cry: "Workers of the world unite, for the love of God."

In 1976, only 54.4 percent of America's eligible voters turned out for the Presidential election.

IT'S A FACT!



According to the U.S. Geological Survey, federal lands contain about 40 percent of America's undiscovered oil, 47 percent of its undiscovered natural gas, and 40 percent of the total known U.S. coal reserve base.

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Good News Department

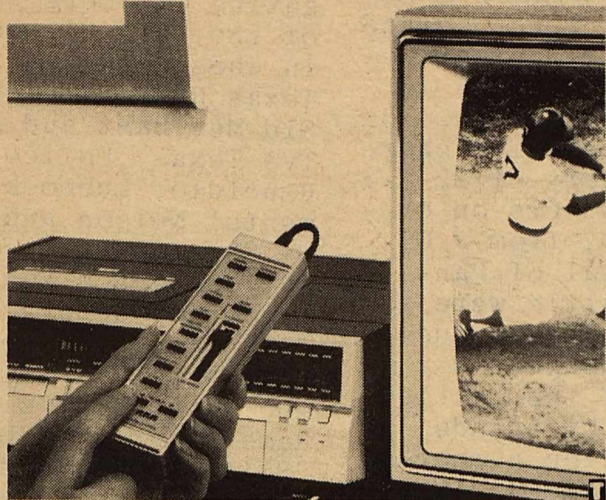
Television: Booming!

Television probably won't ever be the same again. They're getting better, more sophisticated and remarkably versatile.

Regardless of electronic advances (and there have been many), the anchor product of the home video system is—and will remain—the television receiver. New models, designed to provide automatic color control, extended life chassis and remote control, will also use less electricity.

A pleasant surprise for the consumer is price. The current models have not been downsized or shrunken in quality in order to maintain the illusion of holding the price line. Jack Sauter, Vice President and General Manager of RCA Consumer Electronics Division, pointed out recently that the price of a television today is almost identical to that of a set of comparable size and style five, six or seven years ago, while quality and features have been greatly improved.

Sauter forecasts that the television set will increasingly become the focal point of a multi-faceted home video system, which will provide a wide range of options. The video cassette recorders which are already on the market let you record shows that you can't watch at broadcast time. RCA's newest Selecta Vision 650 recorder can turn itself on and off and change channels up to eight different times over a fourteen-day period. It lets you record the same program daily or



Catch the action—and watch it on television!

weekly for as long as the tapes last. During a two-week vacation, you needn't miss your television favorites.

The Selecta Vision 650 has a double speed feature that lets you skim taped material in half the regular time. Stop-action lets you create a "photo-finished" on-screen picture. It freezes the action to let you examine the details you might miss in motion. The slow motion setting would let you study the fluid movements of a dancer—or a quarterback.

Another advanced home video option that is already available is the portable video cassette recording system. A portable recorder and video camera makes you, in effect, a television producer, director and actor—if you choose. You can carry the equipment

easily, catch the action wherever you go, and then play it back on your television set when and however often it suits you.

The beauty of video recording is that you can put as much recorded material on a single video cassette as you could on 144 rolls of super 8 movie film. You get six hours of recording time—without the interruption and fuss of changing reels every few minutes. You save time and money: there's no expensive film processing, and your "show" is ready for immediate viewing on your TV set. You won't have to dig through the closet for—and set up—the projector and screen.

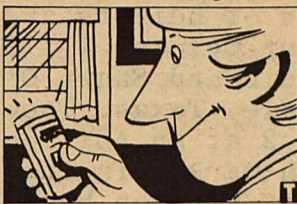
These technological advances of tomorrow—they're here today!

NEWS

OF HEALTH

Your Health And Yourself

A 1979 survey found sixty percent of the public do not take good health for granted. And 20 million joggers are a visible expression of the surge of interest in health and well-being.



Formal recognition of our willingness to take more responsibility for our own well-being was offered by a recent symposium, "Self-Medication: the New Era," sponsored by The Proprietary Association, the trade association representing manufacturers of non-prescription medicines.

In his presentation, "Self-Medication: the Social Perspective," Lowell S. Levin, professor of public health at Yale University, said that probably the most significant event in health care since the discovery of the germ theory of disease is the discovery of the "self"; the new awareness of the role of self-service in health.

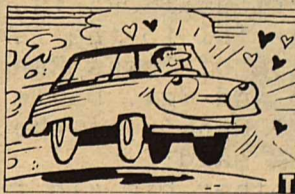
He pointed out that the home itself is being newly appreciated as a medical care facility. Not only are first aid materials commonplace, but recently blood pressure cuffs, pregnancy testing kits, do-it-yourself urine and throat culture kits have been added to many household dispensaries.

Self-medication is monitored by the government, too. Dr. J. Richard Crout, Director of Bureau of Drugs of the Food and Drug Administration stated, "Our philosophy in this country is that OTC (over-the-counter) drugs must do what they claim to do, must be safe when taken according to directions, and must be capable of being labeled in terms that can be understood by the general public."

People who take the responsibility for deciding what they can treat safely and what should be treated under the doctor's guidance, may find that taking more responsibility for their own care may be a healthy idea.

Triumphs Of Engineering

The first thing that a 20th century seer might see in his crystal ball—is that it's made out of plastic!



Plastics have made a material difference in our lives!

The kinds of plastics—and our uses for them—have burgeoned. Thick Molding Compounds, for instance, reduce the weight of cars by replacing heavy metals with lighter—but equally strong—plastics. A plastic that is biodegradable after prolonged exposure to the sun is being used in six-pack carriers.

So varied and practical are the uses of the new plastics that the International Society of Plastics Engineers will present a conference, "Progress in Processing Plastics," in Cleveland, from November 18 to 20. One aim is to bring businesspeople up-to-date on the state of the

THANK YOU

TO KINNEY COUNTY CITIZENS

I want to thank all who supported me for Kinney County Treasurer during the primary election and general election. I will do the best of my ability.

Sincerely,
CHARLOTTA DE LA ROSA

Thank You

The Family of Maggie Castro and brothers wants to express our sincere thanks for the kinds of expressions of appreciation during the loss of our beloved sister Emily. To all who helped in everyway, food, floral offerings, phone calls, words of consolation and to all who were present during the services. Our most sincere thanks to all.

Love,
Maggie Castro
& Brothers

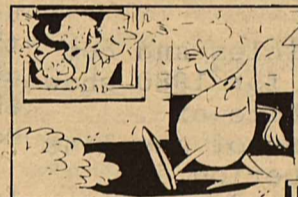
art, showing how they can achieve efficiencies, savings—and profits with the new materials.

Plastics, it seems, are undeniably "plastic" in adapting to society's needs!

ENERGY-SAVING IDEAS

TIPS TO HELP YOU

Groundwater is warmer throughout the winter months and cooler in the summer than surface air. This means that if you have a well on your property, or have one drilled, it may not only save you money on water bills, but also supply a significant source of heating and cooling energy.



Eighty-five percent of the nation's homes could obtain all their heating and cooling from groundwater heat pumps. Only three gallons per minute are required for each ton of air conditioning, or 12,000 BTUs of heat. The system is non-polluting

and the water can be replaced underground to be used again.

Considerably less electrical or fossil fuel energy is consumed with this system than with the more common air-to-air heat pump or conventional air conditioning and heating units. Manufacturers estimate that groundwater heat pumps can slash home heating bills by as much as 70 percent, and because of the rising cost of coal and oil makes its use an attractive alternative.

The initial investment in a groundwater heat pump system would normally pay for itself, as a result of a sharp drop in energy consumption, within two years if an existing well is available, or in four to six years if a new well must be constructed.

For literature on how water-to-air heat pumps can save you money, send 50 cents in coin to Dept. GHP, Ground Water Council, 221 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60601.

The Great American Forest

GROWING MORE TREES

The great American forest means trees for tomorrow and tomorrow and all the tomorrows after that. This article is part of a series based on information from the American Forest Institute to help keep people better informed on how important our forests are.

It's no accident that the most productive forests in America are those owned and managed by the forest industry.

Although they make up only 14 percent of the commercial forestland, they provide 29 percent of the annual timber harvest.

This is because the industry has learned that it's not only possible to grow more trees faster, but also imperative.

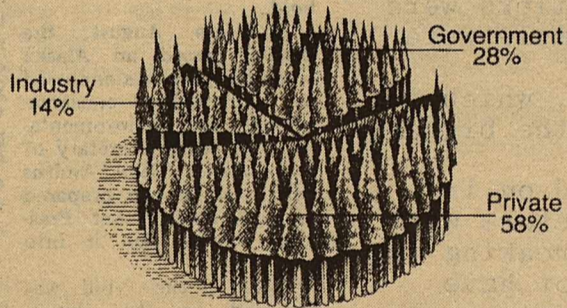
It's a race against time: Every year Americans need more lumber and plywood to build homes, more furniture to make them liveable, more paper and pulp to print the books and periodicals that educate, enlighten and entertain, more packaging and containers for thousands of essentials, from milk to machinery.

The sobering fact is that within 50 years U.S. demand for wood and paper products is expected to double, yet not all the nation's commercial forests are working equally hard to get ready.

Commercial forest, as defined by the U.S. Forest Service, is all forestland—whether owned by individuals, government or the forest industry—that is capable of, and potentially available for, growing repeated crops of trees for harvest. It includes land in National For-

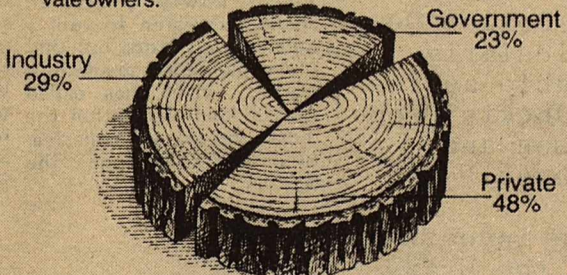
Who owns America's commercial forests?

Commercial forest acreage owned by the forest industry, government, and non-industrial private owners.



And how much do they produce?

Annual harvest from commercial forests owned by the forest industry, government, and non-industrial private owners.



ests but not in National Parks or Wilderness areas.

On all commercial forestland, tree growth per acre averages only 61 percent of potential, which is not good enough. The greatest room for improvement, however, is in National Forests, where trees now grow at only 48 percent of potential.

As the industry has shown, however, the growth cycle can be speeded by applying such techniques as: encouraging natural growth, planting superior seeds and seedlings, fertilizing, thinning and protecting

Since we clearly have the know-how to grow more and higher-quality trees, how soon can this nation get on with the job of increasing productivity on all commercial forestlands?

The first step is to understand the problem. If you'd like to learn more about the importance of America's forests and the challenges they face, you can send for a free booklet, "The Great American Forest." Write P.O. Box 37430, Washington, D.C. 20013.

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FACTS

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Thursday said during the past year gasoline consumption in Texas took a nosedive at a time when the number of vehicles on the state's roads increased.

He said the state's past fiscal year, which ended August 31, Texas motorists consumed 8 billion gallons of gasoline.

Figures from the 1979 fiscal year show that more than 8.5 billion gallons of gasoline were sold in Texas and about the same amount in 1978.

Bullock put total vehicle registration in Texas for the 1980 fiscal year at 11.9 million vehicles, compared to 10 million vehicles on Texas roads during 1979.

"A half billion gallon drop is significant at the time when the state's car and truck population is skyrocketing," Bullock said

"Our analysis doesn't show whether people are driving less or getting better mileage, but they are definitely buying less gas," he said.

Texas motorists used between 600 and 700 million gallons of gasoline a month, Bullock said.

Bullock said his office collected \$399.4 million in gasoline taxes during the past year, compared to \$417 million turned into the state during 1979.

He said three-quarters of the tax goes to the highway fund and one-quarter is put into the Available School Fund.

Gasoline is taxed at five cents a gallon and diesel fuel is taxed at six and a-half cents a gallon, according to Bullock.

Diesel fuel tax revenues amounted to more than \$78 million during fiscal 1980, compared to \$70.7 million during 1979.

About 5 billion gallons of diesel fuel were sold in Texas last year Bullock said.

A comparison of vehicles and consumption of gasoline for 1980 show the "average" automobile or truck used 680 gallons of gasoline during the 12-month period.

Registered vehicles and gasoline consumed during 1979 "averages" out to 843 gallons a year.

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers

The arrest of suspects in recent weeks will clear cattle and trailer thefts in eight Texas counties and six Oklahoma counties, says Don C. King, secretary-general manager of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association headquartered in Fort Worth, TCRA is a non-profit livestock organization with a 32-man law enforcement arm charged with the investigation of livestock and ranch equipment theft in Texas and Oklahoma.

Statements by the suspects are expected to clear up eight cattle, three trailer and saddle thefts in Texas and nine cattle, six trailer and saddle thefts in Oklahoma. More changes are forthcoming and more suspects are expected to be charged in the continuing investigation by state, local police authorities and TSCRA field inspectors, King said.

A total market value has not been placed on the stolen livestock and goods, but the value could exceed \$75,000, King added.

The string of thefts stretches from the Texas-New Mexico border to the Oklahoma-Arkansas border. At least 150 head of cattle, mostly stocker animals, have been accounted for and a portion have already been recovered. Most of the thefts occurred since August 1980.

The Carson County, Texas, grand jury has returned an indictment of theft of livestock, under \$10,000, against Stephen Paul Moffitt, 35, of Lubbock. The charges stem from the theft of 22 head of heifers and steers on or about October 1, 1980, from J.D. Shadid and Shawn O'Neal of Panhandle, Texas. The cattle were sold Oct. 2 at an Abilene, Texas, auction market in the suspect's name. Fifteen head of the cattle have been identified by brands and calfhood vaccination numbers. The owner also have made positive identification.

Moffitt, attested in Randall County, Tx., Oct. 16 is out on bond.

Also under arrest are Claude Davis, 40, who lists his address as Lubbock and Antlers, Okla., and Rodney Charles Hones, 28, of Lubbock. Davis was arrested in El Paso recently and returned to Seymour, Tx, on a theft of cattle charge by TSCRA field inspectors. He also charges of cattle theft in Carson County, larceny of domestic animals in Pushmataha County Okla., and grand larceny and larceny of domestic animals from Jefferson County, Okla. He remains in custody in Seymour at this time

Jones, who is in custody in Waurika, Okla., faces charges of larceny of domestic animals in Pushmataha County, grand larceny and larceny of domestic animals from Jefferson County.

Authorities suspected a link between the widespread thefts because of a similarity in theft methods. The suspects allegedly used rented pickups and stolen trailers from the vicinity of the cattle thefts. The trailers were abandoned after the cattle were sold.

"This investigation, which is far from over, may be the biggest

"bust" TSCRA has worked on in 1980/ Nine TSCRA inspectors were actively involved in breaking the theft ring. It could not have come about without the close coordination and mutual cooperation of the numerous county sheriffs' departments, the Texas Rangers, The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Lubbock Police Department. TSCRA is particularly grateful to the invaluable assistance of Texas Ranger Jackie Peoples and Sgt. Doyle Nelson and Earl Rankin of the Lubbock P.D." King said.

Another big aid to the investigation, King said, was the branding of the stolen cattle by their owners. TSCRA handles the brand inspection duties at all Texas livestock auctions. It was through this network of field inspectors and brand inspectors that many of the cattle were traced back to brand records at the auction sale.

In Texas, theft of livestock under \$10,000 is a third-degree felony punishable by confinement in the Texas Department of Corrections for any term not less than two years nor more than 10 years. In addition, there may be a fine of not more than \$5,000. If the value of the stolen property is \$10,000

or more, the offense is a second degree felony punishable by confinement in TDC for any term not less than two years nor more than 20 years. And, there may be a fine of not more than \$10,000.

A partial list of the investigating officers includes members of the various sheriff departments in whose counties thefts occurred, Texas Rangers Jackie Peoples, Sid Merchant and Dee Vickers; Tye Texas, Police Chief Joe Rzuclidlo; Lubbock Police Departments' Nelson and Rankin; Jayton Tx, Sheriff Raldo Goodall; DPS Officer Chuch Longfellow; TSCRA Secretary-General Manager King and TSCRA Field Inspectors Kenneth Chambers, Charles "Lucky" Thompson, H.F. "Son" Guin, Paul Wade, Joe Ramer, Larry D. Burnett, R.A. "Slim" Hulen, H.M. Moore, Jr. and Manford Elliot; and TSCRA Brand Inspector Joe Roberts.

WORD FROM WASHINGTON

RADICALS ATTEMPT TO BLOCK LANDS BILL

After 20 years of Congressional debate, Alaska lands legislation affecting about 100 million acres came close to acceptance by both houses of Congress before the election-time recess, only to be threatened again by the most extreme elements of the environmentalist movement.

While our costly and uncertain dependence upon foreign sources of energy and mineral supplies continues to affect every American's budget and life-style, Alaska offers this nation's greatest potential for energy independence. Yet, the extreme element in the environmentalist movement would lock up promising areas of Alaska from any ecologically protective studies to determine just what resources that state may hold.

In late August, the Senate passed an Alaska lands bill that was endorsed by reasonable conservationists and environmentalists, including Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus who said he was prepared to recommend that President Carter sign it into law.

When the bill was returned to the House, Representatives Morris Udall, John Seiberling and others yielded once again to the pressures of the environmentalist lobby. Their newly proposed changes threaten to ruin a long-delayed lands bill that is acceptable to the administration, which has called Alaska lands legislation the most important conservation legislation of the century.



Alaska offers real potential for U.S. energy independence.

Alaska belongs to all Americans, and all of us should have the right to visit and admire its pristine beauty—including those generations that follow us. But many feel we also should have the right to be able to develop the resources in one of our own states whenever the interests of all 50 states will be best served—especially when this Alaska lands bill is considered environmentally sound by all concerned except the radical fringe.

Concerned citizens believe Alaska deserves the lands it was promised when it became a state in 1959. They also endorse the Senate bill that preserves Alaskan beauty and wild life without locking it up to exploration for new sources of energy for all of us. They are writing their Congressmen to accept the bill. After years of wrangling, a legislative solution is possible this year, a solution that is in the recently passed Senate bill.



If you break a mirror and fear seven years of bad luck, here are three things superstition holds will keep you immune. Wait seven hours before you pick up the pieces. Throw the pieces into a deep, swiftly moving river where people do not swim, or bury them in a graveyard at midnight when there is no moon and no stars.

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FIELD DRESSING CRITICAL TO SUCCESSFUL DEER HUNT

(Editor's Note: This is the final story in a four-part series oriented to deer hunters. Previous stories have covered hunting equipment, deer habitat and shot placement.)

Stalking and shooting a prize buck (or doe) is a big part of the challenge deer hunting offers sportsmen. But there's a lot more to it than just "aim and shoot."

For the beginning or inexperienced hunter, the sequence of events occurring immediately after the kill can well mean the difference between taking home a handsome wall mount or returning with a severely butchered-up carcass and, perhaps little else to show for the effort.

Yet, performing this critical function correctly isn't as complicated as one might tend to assume, says Dr. Dwight Guynn, Texas Agricultural Extension Service wildlife specialist headquartered in Uvalde.

After the deer has been killed promptly tag and prepare it for field dressing by propping the animal on its back, using rocks or other available objects.

The initial step, according to Guynn, is to remove sex organs with a sharp knife. Next, cut down to the pelvic bone. Turning the knife blade up, use your other hand to hold the belly away from the intestinal organs and cut up to the breastbone.

However, avoid cutting the skin any further forward than the middle of the breastbone if the head is to be mounted, Guynn stresses.

continuing the process, hold intestines to one side while cutting the thin layer of muscle, or diaphragm, which separates the intestines from the chest area. Reach into the rib cage and cut loose the windpipe and esophagus as far forward as possible. Grasp the windpipe and esophagus with

both hands, pulling those organs out. The intestines can now be pulled free of the pelvic region.

Next, Guynn says to cut the skin and muscles around the anus, being careful not to puncture the bladder, and pull the intestine forward and free of the carcass.

In these few short minutes, the hunting cycle is complete. The animal has been shot, field dressed and is ready to be hung to cool.

Since the skin can be removed much easier while the carcass is still warm you may want to consider skinning the animal soon after field dressing.

If the head is to be mounted, Guynn suggests hanging the animal by its hind legs and skinning from the hind legs downward. You may want to consult a local taxidermist on the best method to use for skinning the head and neck of your trophy.

Guynn advises leaving the skin free of cuts forward of the front legs so the taxidermist will have enough hide to make a good mount. He says it's also a good idea to salt or freeze the head and skin until it is delivered for mounting.

But if the head is not to be mounted, hand the carcass by its head and skin it from the neck downward. The Texas A&M University specialist says the hide is easier to remove in this position. Next, cut the skin loose from around the neck, around the legs and down the inside of each leg. Grasp the skin in back of the head and pull down firmly with both hands.

Finally, hang the skinned carcass by its hind legs in shade to cool and age. If hung outside protective covering is needed to keep insects off the carcass.

The carcass can now be cut to preference or it can be commercially processed.

Handling techniques after the kill will greatly influence final meat quality. Guynn strongly encourages field dressing the

animal soon after being shot and hanging the carcass so it will cool thoroughly. He says skinning the animal soon after field dressing seems to enhance meat quality slightly. But if the animal must be transported or aged before processing, it's best to leave the skin intact to prevent the outer surface from drying out.

Texas Whitetail deer season opens at daylight November 15 and closes, in most counties at sundown on January 4. Good Hunting!

Texas Sesquicentennial Commission Plans Logo Contest

The Texas Sesquicentennial of 1986, Texas' 150th birthday celebration, is on the way, and all Texans are invited to the party. Preparations for the birthday are being kicked off with a statewide contest to devise an official logo -- a simple and readily-identifiable symbol, or trademark, of the Texas Sesquicentennial.

The logo contest is one of the first activities of the Texas Sesquicentennial Commission. Created by the 66th legislature in 1979, the Commission is charged to "coordinate celebrations of the 150th anniversary of Texas' independence as a Republic and progress as a state." These celebrations will highlight the "historic, economic, cultural, environmental and social aspects of Texas."

During the planning stages of the Sesquicentennial, the Commission functions as a clearinghouse of information between state and local levels. The Commission will also work to encourage state, national, and international participation, to develop standards for sanctioning local groups, and to plan for the creation of commemorative products, such as stamps and medallions.

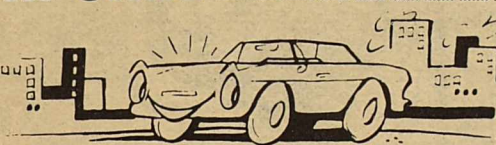
The Commission pub-

lishes a special newsletter of the Sesquicentennial, the *Texas National Dispatch*. The *Dispatch* is a revival of a newspaper published in the early days of the Texas Republic at Washington-on-the-Brazos, and will be available free of charge.

The contest to develop a visual symbol, trademark, or logo, of the Sesquicentennial is open to all Texans. Contest rules are as follows: (1) Only one entry per person; (2) All are eligible except Commission members, staff, and their immediate families; (3) Designs must be submitted on one side of a plain, white 8 1/2" x 11 paper; (4) Entrants' names, addresses, phone numbers, and school affiliations (if any) are to be printed on the back; (5) All entries must be postmarked no later than Texas Independence Day, March 2, 1981, and the winner and runners-up will be announced on San Jacinto Day, April 21, 1981.

For further information about the logo contest, the *Texas National Dispatch*, and the Texas Sesquicentennial in general, Texans may write: Texas Sesquicentennial Commission, P.O. Box 19860, Southeast Station, Austin, Texas 78760.

CAR CARE CORNER



Starting a dead car battery with a jumper cable can be dangerous to your eyes.

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- Put out all cigarettes and flames.
- Make sure cars don't touch. Turn off ignition.
- Add battery water if needed.
- Don't jump-start unless both batteries are negatively grounded and the same voltage.
- Clamp one jumper cable to positive (+) pole of dead battery; then clamp cable's other end to positive pole of good battery.
- At booster battery, connect second cable to nega-



tive (-) pole, then clamp other end to stalled car's engine block on side away from battery.

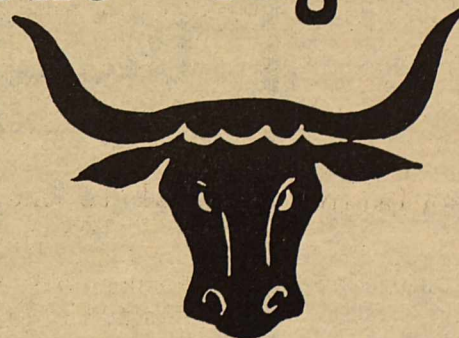
• First start car with live battery; then car with dead battery.

• After disabled car starts, remove cables—first from engine block and booster car's negative terminal, then from positive poles.

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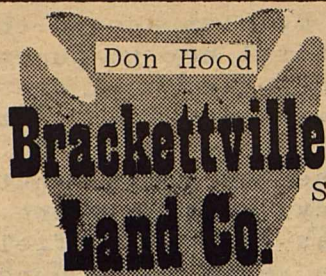
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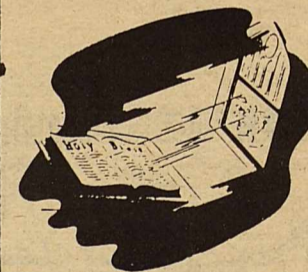
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