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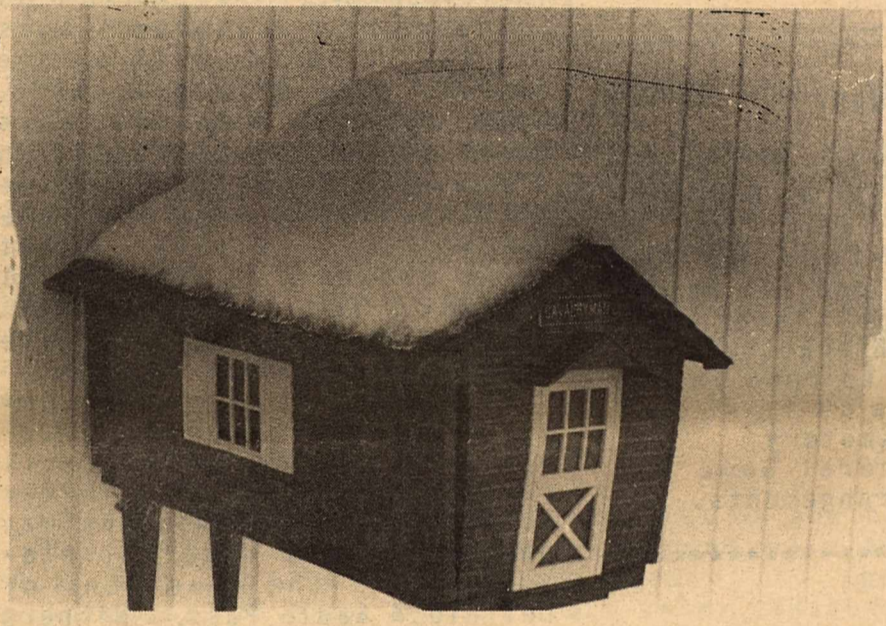
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## 16" RECORD SNOW



**MOST BUSINESSES WERE CLOSED DUE TO THE STORM!      ALL PROMINENT RESTURANTS WERE ALSO CLOSED !**

### RECORD SNOW HITS BRACKETTVILLE

OVER THE HUNDERED YEAR PERIOD THAT RECORDS HAVE BEEN KEPT BY THE WEATHER BREAU -- THIS PAST WEEK EXCEEDED THE TOTAL RAINFALL BY FIVE TIMES OF THE PREVIOUS RECORDED.

### KINNEY COUNTY BEAUTY PAGENT

Kinney county beauty pagent will be held Feb. 16, 1985 in the Civic Center.  
Dead-Line for registration is Feb. 1st. Age limit will be Sophmore thru Senior, please pick up entry forms at Brackettville high school or the Brackettville Chamber of Commerce. For more information call the Brackettville Chamber of Commerce 563-2466 or 775-7812.



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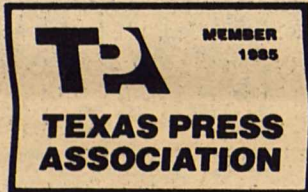
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..."Any erroneous reflection upon the character or standing of any person or firm appearing in this paper will be gladly corrected - upon being called to the attention of the management and to the article in question." ...

*Crystal Sez...*

WHEN YOUR NAME IS IN LIGHTS --  
AND THE POWER FAILS - YOU KNOW  
WHO YOUR FRIENDS ARE !



**TODAY'S HAIR SALON**

APPOINTMENTS: 563-9718/2007

"STYLES FOR TODAY'S FAMILY"

## LIBRARY NOTES

For those of you new to the community or who did not know the library has a video cassette recorder (VCR) which is available to the community for overnight checkout. If you would like to reserve the VCR for a particular date, please telephone ahead and have it reserved.

### NEW ADULT BOOKS

The Winds of War by Herman Wouk.  
A splash of Red by Antonio Fraser.  
My Sixty Years on the Plains by William Thomas Hamilton.

### NEW CHILDRENS BOOKS

Lady and the Tramp by Walt Disney.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. Dorothy A. Clements passed away in a Del Rio hospital Friday, Jan. 11.

She is survived by her husband Bruce, one son Dennis of Midland, one sister Mrs. Ruth Packer of Brackettville.

She was laid to rest in the Masonic section of Brackettville Cemetery.

Hillcrest Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### "THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

The local KC #8223 would like to take this opportunity to "thank" each and every one who participated in our First Annual Christmas Baskets for the Elderly & Needy during Christmas '84.

The project helped seven families in the Brackettville area with food & clothing.

Special thanks are in order for Mrs. Jon Held & C&L Minimax for their extra efforts in making this project a complete success.

Grand Knight #8223  
Chris Gomez

The local KC will participate in a Communion Ceremony along with their wives on Sunday Jan. 27, 1985 at the 10:30 a.m. mass. Another event, a pancake supper will be held on Feb. 3, 1985 at 6:00 p.m. at the

Parish Hall, future projects - Ladies Auxillary, Squires Circle.

The next regular KC meeting will be held on Tuesday Feb. 5, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

For more information contact: E. Garcia 3-2639 - G. Gallion 3-2562 - T. Boutwell 3-2179.

## FREE THROW CONTEST SCHEDULED

The Knights of Columbus of Brackettville, Council #8223 will hold its Annual Basketball Free-throw Championship contest on Feb. 2, 1985 at the Brackett I.S.D. gym.

The annual freethrow contest is a nationwide program in which boys & girls participate individually. The program is designed for youngsters ages 11, 12, 13, & 14, with an age cut off date of Jan 1, 1985. Boys compete against boys their own age group & girls do likewise. Each youth throws 15 basketshots from the free throw line. Whoever makes more baskets is the local champion for his age group. In case of ties, playoffs are held until a winner emerges.

Each winner in his or her age group will receive a trophy. All participants will receive certificates. After local competition winners may participate in district playoffs with the champions of Del Rio & Eagle Pass. Winners then may participate in regional and state competition.

The registration deadline is the same time & place. Proof of age and parental permission is required. Pre-registration may be made by calling event chairman Ken Mulligan at 563-9319 or Grand Knight Chris Gomez at 563-2588 after 5:00 p.m. daily.

The dates for district, regional & state competitions will be announced later. More information about the contest is available from each person listed previously. The event is open to all the youth of Brackettville that qualify in their age group.

This is one of the youth programs offered by the Knights of Columbus Nationwide. Others include vocations encouragements, squire circles, sponsoring of Little League and service to the deaf community to learn the word of God.

Cris Gomez - Grand Knight

**KINNEY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW**

The Thirtieth Annual Kinney County 4-H and F.F.A. Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday, January 18 and 19, at the Brackettville Civic Center.

Friday morning between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, the 4-H and F.F.A. Youth will bring in their livestock projects to be weighed, tagged and penned.

On Saturday morning, beginning at 6:30 a.m., there will be a breakfast for all exhibitors and parents involved in the show. The breakfast will be prepared by the Brackettville Future Homemakers of America under the directorship of Mrs. Wills.

Then at 8:00 a.m. the judging of the market lamb show will begin with the lightweight finewool lambs, followed by the mediumweight finewool lambs, heavyweight finewool lambs, lightweight crossbred lambs. This years lamb judge will be Preston Faris, Sutton County Extension Agent.

After the completion of the market lamb show, a Ranch Style Bar-B-Que will be held at 12-00 noon, under the directorship of the 4-H and F.F.A. mothers. The presentation of special and showmanship awards will be held at 1:00 p.m.

The Junior Livestock Auction Premium Sale will then be held at 1:15 p.m. sponsored by Joe Hargroves Southwest Livestock Exchange of Uvalde.

"The 4-H and F.F.A. Youth have been working hard for the last five months preparing their livestock projects for the Annual Livestock Show and we urge everyone to come out and support our 4-H and F.F.A. in Kinney County", states Carl R. Esser, County Extension Agent, Kinney County.

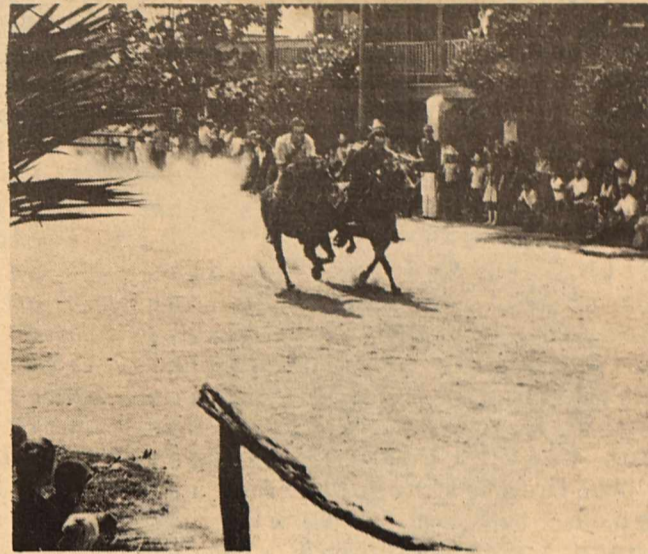
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**KINNEY COUNTY PROJECT SHOW**

All Kinney County residents are urged to participate in the Kinney County Project Show, January 18, at the Civic Center. The project show was planned as an activity which will allow residents to share their talents with others. Participants will be able to exhibit entries in Foods, Needlework, Leathercraft, Metal Work, Educational exhibits or any handicraft.

Entries will be classified according to age categories and entry classes.

The age categories include:

- Pee Wee 6-7
- PreTeen 8-10
- Junior 11-13
- Senior 14-19
- Adult

Each entry will receive either a blue, red or white ribbon based on the judges opinion. Entries must be submitted in writing on January 11, 1985 to the County Extension office.

For entry forms and additional information contact Carl Esser, County Extension Agent-Agriculture or Sylvia Baker, Extension Agent-Home Economics, at 278-9151 in Uvalde.

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Uvalde County Title Co. hereby requests permission from the Commissioner's Court of Kinney County, Texas, to cancel a sub-division of which it is the sole owner; which is known as "Plat of Unit No. 20, Fort Clark Springs Subdivision", the plat of which is recorded in Vol. 1, Pages 40-40A and 40B of the Plat Records of Kinney County, Texas; and thereby throw the lands encompassed in said subdivision into an acreage tract as the same existed before such subdivision was made.

Respectfully submitted,  
 UVALDE COUNTY TITLE CO.  
 s/s Denise S. Werst

This Public Notice is issued by the Commissioner's Court of Kinney County, Texas, on the 11th day of January, 1985.

s/s Albert Postell  
 County Judge,  
 Kinney County, Texas



An application for permission to cancel a subdivision has been filed with the Commissioner's Court of Kinney County, Texas, and will be considered by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 11th day of February, 1985. Any person or persons who are interested in the lands contained in said subdivision are hereby commanded to appear before this Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 11th day of February, 1985, to protest the granting of such Application, if they desire to do so. Said Application reads in its entirety as follows, to-wit:

"STATE OF TEXAS X  
 COUNTY OF TEXAS X  
 APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION  
 TO CANCEL A SUBDIVISION

### ELDERS BEWARE OF THE COLD

Everyone's sensitive to the cold - especially the bitter cold Texans experienced last winter. While we may have milder temperatures this year, older Texans will still need to be on the alert for potential health problems from cold weather.

With age, the body becomes less able to respond to long exposure to cold. The most severe danger in cold weather is hypothermia, a condition where the body temperature drops below about 95 degrees F. Accidental hypothermia can happen to anyone who is exposed to bitter cold without adequate protection. But some older people may develop accidental hypothermia after exposure to even relatively mild cold.

The chronically ill elderly, those who can't afford enough heating fuel and those who don't take normal steps to keep warm, are most likely to develop accidental hypothermia.

A small number of aged people have defective

temperature regulation. For unknown reasons, these people do not feel cold or shiver, so they can't produce body heat when they need it. So if you have "felt cold" for years, it may be a good sign that your temperature regulation is functioning.

Follow these simple precautions to avoid accidental hypothermia:

Set the heat at no lower than 65 degrees F in living and sleeping areas. If you are ill, you may need more heat. If you are trying to save on fuel costs, heat only one or two rooms of your home.

Dress warmly, even when indoors, eat enough food and stay as active as possible.

Since hypothermia may start during sleep, keep warm in bed by wearing enough clothing and using blankets.

If you take medicine to treat anxiety, depression, nervousness or nausea, ask your doctor whether it might affect the control of body temperature.

Ask your friends or neighbors to look in on you once or twice a day, particularly during severe

cold spells. See if your community has a telephone check-in or personal visit service for the elderly or homebound.

A special low reading thermometer is the only sure way to detect hypothermia. But a regular thermometer that has been shaken down well can detect a possible problem. If the person's temperature is below 95 degrees F, or does not register, get emergency help immediately.

Other signs of hypothermia include an unusual change in appearance or behavior in cold weather such as slurred speech, sluggishness and confusion. A slow, and sometimes irregular heart beat or shallow, very slow breathing can also be signs. Treatment consists of re-warming the person under a doctor's supervision, usually in a hospital.

Take the cold seriously and you can avoid the dangers of hypothermia.



### Your Savings Don't Stay Long

We make them available immediately in the form of loans to farmers, businessmen and individuals to buy a car, improve a home or for any of a thousand reasons.

That is why your savings are so necessary for the prosperity of the community. By investing your money at home, we can be sure our town will remain a good place in which to live and raise a family.

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OF BRACKETTVILLE**

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MEMBER F.D.I.C.

## TRENDS IN HEALTH CARE

### PHYSICIANS' RANKS GROWING

*This article was excerpted from a report compiled by Merck, Sharp and Dohme, a leading manufacturer of pharmaceutical products.*

The number of physicians in the U.S. is growing rapidly.

There will be more physicians than ever before in the 1980s, studies show, and they'll be specializing in new ways to meet the changing needs of their patients.

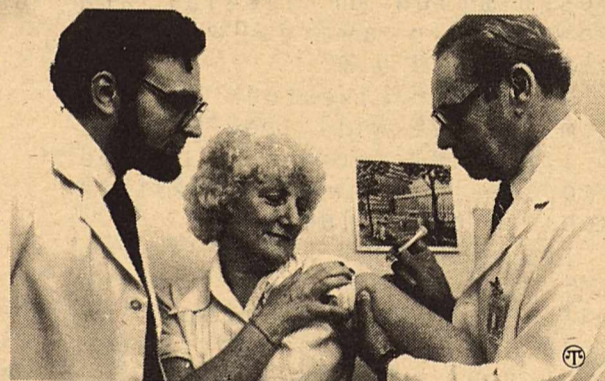
In 1982, there were 386,000 physicians practicing clinical medicine. Last year, medical schools in the U.S. graduated 15,700 new physicians — many more than the numbers who retired. There are 40 more medical schools today than there were just 40 years ago.

In 1990, the physician population is expected to approach or exceed 500,000 in the U.S. — about a 30 percent increase over 1982. Which specialties are expected to grow the fastest?

Here are the projected rates of growth:

Family practice—11 percent per year; internal medicine—4 percent per year; ophthalmologists—3 percent per year; cardiology—6 percent per year; infectious disease—12 percent per year; rheumatologists—10 percent per year; all physicians—3 percent per year.

Other projections are:



Doctors who want solo practices may have to move to rural areas. Specialists will turn up in towns that never knew a specialist before. More doctors will work in salaried positions — for hospitals and HMOs. Doctors will market their own services — advertising to the public. The face of medicine will change drastically in the next seven years — it will become competitive.

That's because the patient population will be changing too. In 1982, the population of the U.S. was 232 million. By 1990, there will be 250 million people — a 7.7 percent increase in just over seven years.

Which age groups will lead this growth? The two ends of the age spectrum, experts say — the under five population will grow by 11 percent. The

over 65 group will grow by 19 percent. The very eldest portion of our population — those over 85 — will leap upward by over 50 percent. We'll be seeing a growth of nursing homes and other facilities to care for the elderly, experts predict.

Not only will the profile of the health care professions change in step with shifts in the numbers of the very young and the elderly, but the need will grow for vaccines to prevent the more common childhood diseases and medications for such chronic disorders of advanced age as arthritis, hypertension and heart disease. Merck scientists are hard at work developing vaccines — for such diseases as chickenpox — and pharmaceuticals that will be the tools of physicians of the future.



**Notebook-size Computer Offers Desktop Performance**

A lap-size computer that fits in a briefcase is the latest in a new generation of portable computers that's changing the industry. While small in size, the new computers are big in ability. They can do almost anything a desktop computer can do, and then some.



**Going on a business trip? Small-size computers give working on the plane a new meaning.**

Portable computers can be used on business trips—on airplanes, in a hotel room—and can transmit data back to the home office. They can be used to draw up financial spreadsheets, or for word processing.

This new generation of portable computers has many new capabilities—more memory and new options, such as portable disk drives, battery-operated printers and direct connect modem for telecommunications.

One of the most popular portable computer models is the new Geneva from Epson, an 8 1/2 in. x 11 in. model that weighs only four pounds.

The Geneva offers a lot of computing power for a price of \$995. Word processing, scheduling and financial spreadsheet programs are standard. It features a flip-up display screen the width of a printed page, microcassette drive or data storage and a full keyboard with numeric keypad functions.

**health hints**

Encouraging news in the treatment of influenza, is an oral-dose antiviral which research has shown can reduce the symptoms and duration of flu by about 50 percent. Antivirals are prescription drugs that work quickly and appear to block the penetration of virus into the healthy cell.

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The important thing to do if you have the flu is to get to the doctor quickly. Physicians now have available the antiviral Symmetrel\* which is effective against all strains of influenza A, the most serious of the influenza viruses.

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Influenza can be prevented. The primary means of prevention is vaccination, but if you haven't taken a vaccination, an antiviral can be taken safely to prevent influenza in those not vaccinated.

**KIDS, COMMERCIALS, AND FOOD**

Probably every parent has, at one time or another, had to deal with a crying child who wants to buy some "crunchy munchies" cereal at the grocery store. Maybe it's too expensive, you already have cereal at home, or it isn't nutritious. But these arguments don't always make sense to youngsters - especially if they've seen the product advertised on television and they want it NOW.

Children see as many as 10,000 food and beverages commercials a year, and some are directed specifically at them.

Extension home economists at Purdue University did some research on these commercials aimed at children and uncovered some interesting facts. They found that 25% of the advertising is for candy and other sweets like cakes, cookies and fruit drinks. Another 25% is for cereals, many of which contain more sugar than most candy. About 10% of the ads are for fast food restaurants. The remaining ads are for toys, and these commercials are concentrated most heavily before Christmas.

That means almost two-thirds of the television commercials aimed at children are for snacks, candy and breakfast foods. Less than 2 percent of the commercials promote a well-balanced diet including fruits, vegetables, milk or meat.

Many nutritionists, dentists, doctors and parents believe that television's nutritional message to children encourages poor eating habits and tooth decay. It may also increase the demands of children for this type of food and contribute to parent child conflicts.

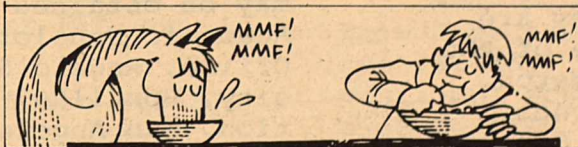
In response to the influence of television food advertising, parents need to provide nutrition education too.

Young children cannot easily distinguish between promotional material for marketing purposes and reality. But parents can watch for these commercials and talk about them with their children. For example, you might say, "those crunchie munchies sure look good on television, but they don't



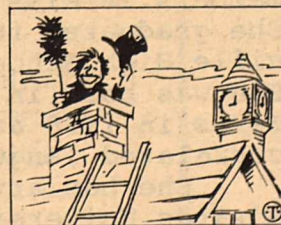
**SNOW MEN ABOUNDED--- ALONG WITH THE FLU**

have enough vitamins to make you grow up to be a big boy!" find ways to make your child feel good about his "big boy" cereal and you might have the next battle of the grocery store licked.



The word corn originally referred to all the grains that were used as food for men or horses.

**FANCY THAT!**



The English took over the custom from the Romans of cleaning the chimneys on New Year's Day. This is supposed to start the year with a "clean slate" and bring good luck.

Many people today like to start off the year with a clean slate by making New Year's resolutions. There's something that can help you keep



yours if you have resolved to give up smoking. Nicorette\*, a nicotine-containing chewing gum from Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals Inc. can help you stay smoke free in 1985. Available by prescription, it is made to help the body get over its craving for nicotine while breaking the habit of handling, lighting and smoking cigarettes.

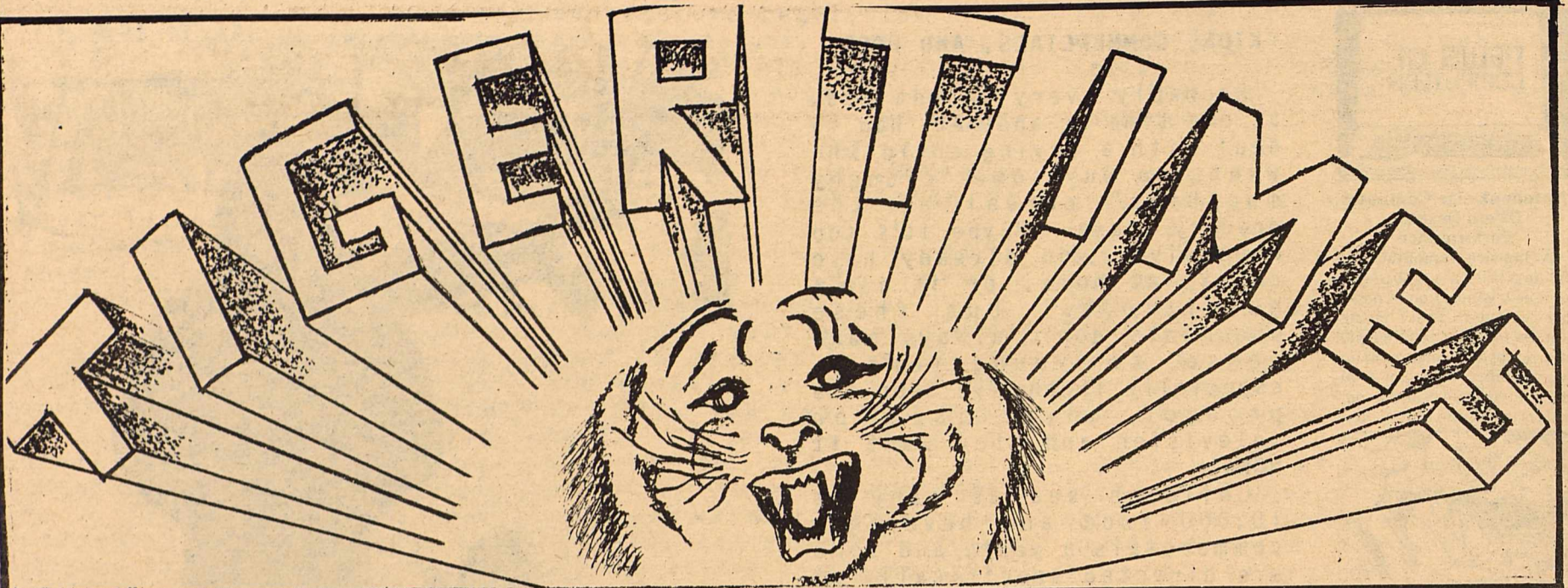
**WINTER Skin Care Tips**

Cold weather is not the time to give the cold shoulder to skin care. Winds and cold outside, overheated rooms inside can mean hands get sandpaper rough. Always protect your hands by wearing gloves when going outdoors.



Unlike the rest of your face, your lips have no glands or pores to provide them with natural oil and moisture. This lack of a protective layer makes them particularly vulnerable to damage from the environment. Lip Nourishing Treatment in stick form from Shiseido is designed to create a protective layer of oils and draw moisture from the air to keep lips moist and smooth. Shiseido's Facial Nourishing Stick uses a patented formula to moisturize the parts of the face that are particularly prone to dryness.

How do you protect your legs from icy chill without wearing pants all the time? Leg warmers can be two beautiful answers. They are available in a host of popular colors and patterns to help you fight Jack Frost in style.



## SCHOLARSHIP OFFER

Applications from high school seniors are being accepted by Angelo State University for approximately 400 Carr Academic Scholarships. These cover the 1985-1986 school year and range in value from \$1,000 to \$3,500. The deadline for submitting applications and all supporting materials is March 1, 1985.

High school applicants must normally have a high school average of 90 or above, rank in the top 10 percentile of their class, and present a composite score of 21 or more on the ACT or a combined math and verbal score of 900 or more on SAT.

Application materials and information regarding the Carr Academic Scholarships may be obtained from: Carr Academic Scholarship Program Office, Angelo State University, Box 11007-C, ASU Station, San Angelo, 76909.

Pictured left to right are; Sherri White, Manuel Pena, and Tammi Frerich.

## FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFUL

Sherri White, Tammy Frerich, Manuel Pena and Mike Broderich recently participated in the St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital Math-a-thon. They earned money by answering 200 math problems and sent it to the cancer-research hospital. Mike earned the most-\$155.00. Mrs. Mary Forrester, Brackettville teacher and program supervisor said, "We are very proud of each of these junior high students and wish to thank them for fighting childrens cancer".

## YEARBOOK PRODUCTION

All students interested in buying a yearbook must make their purchases before February 1. Yearbooks can be purchased from any journalism staff member. Prices remain the same as last year at 18 and 20 dollars.



Left to Right: Tanya Frerich, D.D. Frerich, Charles Frerich, Claude Gomez, and Katy Martinez.

## JONES SISTER SCHOOL INFORMS BRACKETTVILLE

These Elementary Students have been receiving letters from Brompton Primary School in Australia. They are pictured with some of the material from Brompton. Brompton is the Jones Elementary Sister School.

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The Tiger Times is a cooperative effort of the Brackettville High School Journalism class and the Kinney Cavalryman.

## FACULTY BEAT

One of our new faculty members is Miss Blasa Flores. She graduated from Brackettville High School in 1977. She was born in Del Rio, Texas in 1958 and teaches correlated language arts.

She has attended St. Edwards University, Southwest Texas Junior College, and Sul Ross State University where she got her degree granted this year. Her interests are in sports weightlifting, dancing, and cooking. She hopes to obtain an advanced degree in counselling in the future.

**CAGERS VIE FOR DISTRICT TITLE**

After staging a furious second-half comeback last Tuesday the Tiger bid to unseat Lytle from the unbeaten ranks fell short leaving the Tiger season record at 3-1 in district play. The Tigerettes had a close but successful game winning 37-31. Although dropping the game the boys remain in contention to win district. The girls are breathing heavily on first place team Natalia, as district play enters the final weeks of the season.

**BASKETBALL NEWS**

<b>BOYS</b>			
BHS	80	COMSTOCK	54
	71	UVALDE J.V.	58
	56	DEL RIO J.V.	58
	47	SABINAL	42
	39	COMSTOCK	35
	56	COMSTOCK	28
	45	UVALDE J.V.	43
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	64	ASHERTON	49
	45	ROCKSPRINGS	43
	42	D'HANIS	48
	70	KNIPPA	71
	59	UVALDE J.V.	47
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	71	UVALDE J.V.	58
	56	DEL RIO J.V.	58
	52	DEL RIO J.V.	60
	52	ASHERTON	48
	47	SABINAL	42
	53	NATALIA	49
<b>GIRLS</b>			
BHS	39	COMSTOCK	36
	53	COMSTOCK	30
	40	SABINAL	36
	36	NUECES C.	39
	51	ASHERTON	43
	30	ROCKSPRINGS	36
	70	D'HANIS	17
	50	NUECES C.	46
	58	LA PRYOR	39
	57	COMSTOCK	33
	56	UVALDE J.V.	33
	30	ROCKSPRINGS	40
	54	DILLEY	37
	52	ASHERTON	36
	61	SABINAL	38
	37	NATILIA	53
<b>Boys</b>			
BJHS	24	Comstock	21
BJHS	18	Leakey	35
BJHS	21	Center Point	27
BJHS	17	Nueces Canyon	24
BJHS	40	Rocksprings	33
BJHS	21	Sacred Heart	26
<b>Girls</b>			
BJHS	25	Leakey	29
BJHS	14	Center Point	31
BJHS	12	Nueces Canyon	18
BJHS	14	Rocksprings	28
BJHS	21	Sacred Heart	19

Mrs. Herman asks that any student having any suggestions about food to serve (like a salad bar or such) can use a little white box she has set-up for suggestions. She will take a vote on the salad bar.

**MONDAY:** Sausage on a stick, pork'n beans, corn on the cob chilly, orange slices, corn bread, and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Macaroni'n meat sauce, string beans, jello w/pineapple, bread sticks, and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Soup, grill cheese sandwich, french fries lunch bunch grapes, cookie, and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Beef'n cheese taco, Lettuce'n tomato, pinto beans, fruit mix, and milk.

**FUTURE FARMERS NEWS**

The Brackettville Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America are involved in the 30th Kinney County Stock Show today and tomorrow, January 18&19 at the Brackettville City Civic Center. The entries will be as follows: swine, sheep, and steers. The sheep are divided into light weight, medium weight, and heavy weight categories. Steers and swine have the same classification as t sheep.

FHA members are involved in project showings and cooking breakfast before the show for FFA and 4-H students.

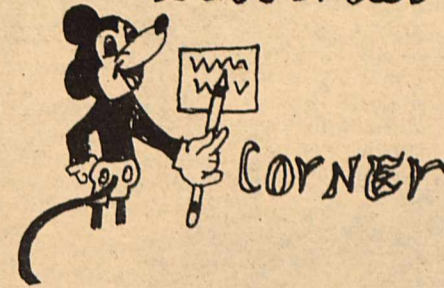
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*Editorial*



I would like to remind the student body about how important it is for us to behave when going on out of town trips. We are representing Brackettville High School, so set a good example by being courteous, polite, and respectful.

A parent contacted me and told me how well behaved the Uvalde Basketball Team was when they were here recently. They picked up their trash, were well dressed, and were polite. Let's all work to get a reputation we can be proud of.

By: Walter Dyer



Many of our students know Fred is an old, ugly, and fat dog. He likes to visit our school campus from time to time. One student suggested, that Fred comes to school, because he might learn something from our teachers. Some students don't like Fred because he has a smell that they can't stand. Other students say that he has beautiful sad eyes. Jesusita Lopez thinks he has pretty ears. Henry Schwander would like to see Fred with a new flea collar. Anyway, Fred has a lot of friends in Brackettville Schools. This reporter asks that ya'll please treat him with care, because your going to need a friend someday, too.

By: Ana Robledo



ANN ST. WAS A COLASAL MESS!

**CROP INSURANCE OFFICIAL CALLS "SELF INSURANCE" A BIG GAMBLE**

A farmer's decision to "self insure" against possible crop losses can have tragic financial results," according to Tom Jean, District Director of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. "Some farmers feel that if they've survived in the past without insurance on their crops, they can survive in the future without it. However, they neglect to take into account that a crop loss today is likely to have far more serious economic consequences than a similar loss as recently as four or five years ago."

There's also a tendency to think that it's possible to come out even or perhaps ahead over the long run by not paying an annual insurance premium. The fact, however, is that farmers who carry insurance are far better protected than those who, in effect, "self insure", Jean says. The crop insurance official gives five major reasons:

First, Federal Crop Insurance policies provide continuing protection; self insurance doesn't. Once personal savings earmarked for a poor crop year have been spent, the self insured farmer is left without protection

against the possibility of subsequent losses.

Second, crop losses not covered by insurance represent a permanent loss of investment capital which could otherwise be employed to produce income during future good crop years.

Third, a farmer's ability to borrow money can be significantly weakened when a loss of crop investment capital results in a reduction in his net worth. This can become a major problem if additional debt incurred to pay past expenses reduces his ability to borrow for future production expenses. In contrast, if crop losses are covered by insurance, his net worth and ability to borrow should remain unchanged.

Fourth, when a farmer "self insures," the financial impact of crop loss inevitably occurs in a year when he can least afford it. Federal Crop Insurance premiums, on the

other hand, are spread over the larger number of good years and can be paid out of crop proceeds. As a result, farmers who manage their risks by carrying insurance can do a better job of long range financial planning.

Fifth, Federal Crop Insurance is less expensive. The Federal Government currently pays up to 30 percent of the premium cost. The farmer's portion of the premium is tax deductible as a farm business expense and is not due until harvest.

Farming in South Texas is more than a way of making a living, it is a way of life. Federal Crop Insurance protection is available to farmers as a management tool to help protect their investment and their way of life.

A list of local agents that sell and service Federal Crop Insurance is available at county ASCS offices.

**FIRE SAFETY TIPS**

Are Your Home and Office Fire Safe?

Fires can start anywhere, but most often they start in the "activity" areas of a home or office; the areas used most. Whether it's your home, office, or boat you are protecting from fire, here are some expert fire protection tips from the National Safety Council:

- Old papers, boxes and rags have a way of piling up. They're fire breeders, so toss them out. Oily household or boat rags should be kept in tightly covered metal cans.
- Keep cleaning fluids, kerosene, paint thinners—any flammable fluid—in safety cans or their original containers and away from any heat source.

- Smoking is the cause of a great number of home fires. Use large ashtrays and never smoke in bed or while drowsy.

- Fuses are safety valves. If one blows, find the cause and correct it. Never run extension cords under carpets.

- Every home, office or boat should have a fire extinguisher. Experts at Ansul, whose two and a half pound Sentry extinguisher is considered the most rugged and dependable in its category, suggest that a UL rated extinguisher is ideal for use in those vital first seconds. The



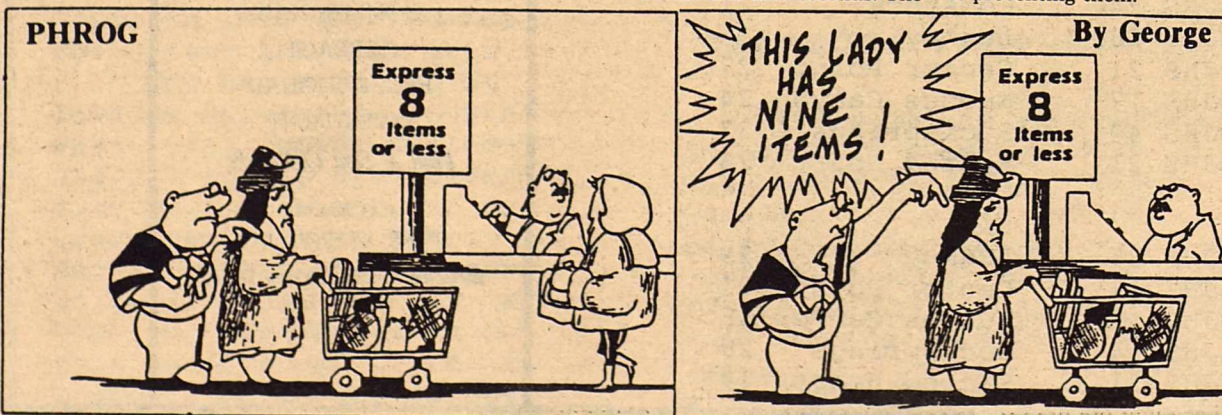
A dependable fire extinguisher can be important in those vital first seconds of a fire.

same company also makes a Halon 1211 extinguisher, which does not leave a residue.

- Look for the UL or AGA label before buying household appliances. Check any older ones you now have and replace frayed cords and cracked plugs.

- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of small children.

Remember, awareness of what causes fires is the key to preventing them.





# How To Encourage Your Child To Read

By Erma Bombeck

Erma Bombeck is a nationally syndicated columnist and author of "Motherhood: The Second Oldest Profession" and other perceptive books about family life. This article is part of a series prepared at the request of International Paper Company to help people read better, write better and communicate better.

When you stop to think about it, most of us were read to sleep. The faster we nodded off... the better the book.

We didn't know how good books could be until we grew up and started to read ourselves.

Well, most of us did.

One out of every five American adults is still being read to. They are functionally illiterate. According to the U.S. Department of Education, there are 23 million people who can't read a help-wanted ad or this article. Sad to say, many high school and college graduates can't do much better.

So, how do you get your kids to read? And keep on reading?

If you've read this far, you're halfway home. It means you, as a parent, like to read and want the same enjoyment for your children.

## When to start?

The sooner you get started the better. In our culture, you have to be able to read to get an education. The education starts sooner than you think. Scientists say that a child acquires 50 percent of the intelligence she'll eventually have by the time she's only four. She adds another 30 percent by the time she's eight. Fact is, between the ages of eight and eighty, there's less brain growth than from seven to eight. (As in the rest of this article, when I mention she or her, I also mean he or him.)

You're lucky. You have the child at home all to yourself during her most dynamic development years—the so-called "peak learning years" when she is bursting to grow.

Experts have discovered a couple of common threads among children who read well.

One was that their parents gave them things to read and to write with, like books, pencils and paper, just to get used to them.

The other thread they share is that their parents read aloud to them. Some parents started the day their babies were born.

I know newborns can't even see a book, but something happens when a parent reads aloud. The partnership be-



When you're reading out loud, ham it up—want to awaken her interest in reading, not put her to sleep. In my book, any book is a good book. Even Spider Man can eventually catch you in the web of War & Peace.

gins. It doesn't matter what you read the first few months, as long as she can hear your voice and feel your warmth.

I once read a steam iron warranty out loud. I was enlightened; the kid figured it was another fairy tale.

## Time for Mother Goose

Around six months, pick up *Mother Goose*. Nursery rhymes all have wonderfully pleasing word combinations to delight her. And when she's able to see well, make sure your book has pictures with large, colorful, easy-to-grasp illustrations.

Working mothers in the home and those who have a second job deserve a few minutes of quiet time to relax and share a story with their child away from the noise and interruptions.

When you move on to storybooks and children's novels, be sure they're right for both of you. C.S. Lewis, author of *Chronicles of Narnia*, said, "A book which is enjoyed only by children is a bad children's book."

Three-year-olds love *The Three Little Pigs*, *Little Red Riding Hood* and *The Gingerbread Man*. Stories like these tell a child that if you do what's right and are brave and smart about it, you'll come through.

But wait a year before you try the more sophisticated fairy tales like *Snow White* and *Rapunzel*, with their evil-minded people—a concept a tiny child isn't emotionally prepared to grapple with yet.

## Go ahead—ham it up

When you're reading out loud, ham it up. Use inflec-

Label things in her room, like "Bed," "Truck," "Doll," so that she may make the association.

Read street signs and names on packages in the supermarket.

As soon as she can write her name, get her a library card. And don't forget a trip to the local bookstore where she can pick out and keep her very own book.

And make the most of "reality reading." Leave handwritten notes for her on the refrigerator. Check road maps before a trip.

When all of the Bombecks went on vacation, we took turns reading from a book telling us where we were going and what points of interest to look for. It not only made better readers out of the

kids, it kept them from killing one another.

Newspapers are great incentives. She can read the weather map, TV listings, sports and comics.

## Pick the right books for her age

Keep stoking the fire. First and second graders like jokes, riddles, humor, monsters, mysteries.

Third and fourth graders like the same things a little more advanced. They're also ready for magazines and dictionaries.

Fifth and sixth grade boys go for sports and mysteries, but girls are getting into romantic novels.

What to do about her reading things you don't approve of—"trashy" books, comics and the like? In my book, any book they read themselves is

a good book. Even *Spider-Man* can eventually catch you in the web of *War & Peace*.

If your child doesn't respond to reading as early as you hope, don't be discouraged. Some are ready sooner than others. If your child has serious trouble reading in any grade, there are steps you can take, including remedial classes and reading clinics. Check your school for further help.

## Start an adventure

I cannot begin to tell you what the love of reading will do for your children. It will open doors of curiosity. It will titillate their desire to see places they thought were make-believe. It softens loneliness, fills the gaps of boredom, creates role models and changes the course of their very lives.

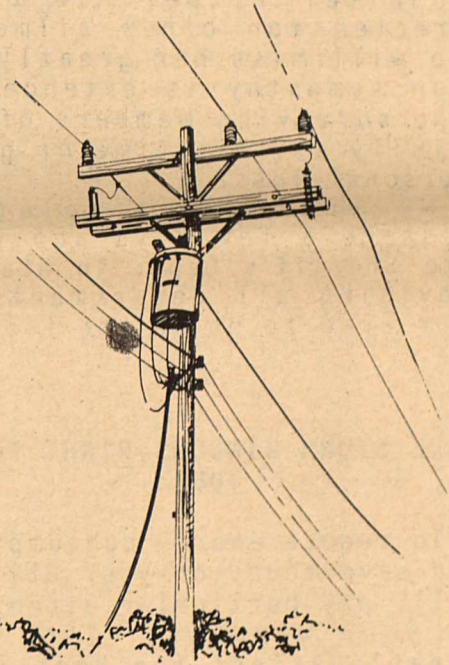
Stay alert and stay clear—

# AVOID POWER LINES

Putting up the antenna for your TV set or for the base station of your CB radio can be dangerous unless you take certain precautions.

Plan the project carefully if you install the antenna yourself. First, know where all the power lines are—then stay well away from them. Any contact between a power line and you or your antenna can be serious.

Make sure you locate your antenna (including the supporting mast and guy wires) at least one and a half times its total height from all power lines. For example, an antenna 30 feet high should be 45 feet away from power lines in all directions.



Don't use a ladder near power lines—during an antenna installation or while performing any other task. The danger from using a metal ladder is obvious. But a wooden ladder can conduct electricity, too, if it's damp or if it has dirt or paint on it.

Electricity brings a more comfortable life to all of us, but it must be treated cautiously. Stay alert—and stay clear of power lines!



## "What! Teach her to read?"

Most of us who aren't teachers are apprehensive about doing anything that might jeopardize the teaching process. Don't worry. Many educators say we can't do any harm, and it is far better to teach her at the time she's ready. So go to it. Besides, one-on-one teaching is the best kind. I love Dr. Seuss, who said, "You really can't teach reading as a science. Love gets mixed up in it."

## Other ways to help:

Encourage her to speak up. Good oral skills make good readers.

Open up her world. Give her something to talk about like a trip to the zoo, a concert, or a bus ride.



That troublesome garden pest known as the dandel-

ion was brought to America from Europe by the early colonists. The name comes from the French *dent de lion* and means lion's tooth.



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**THE SHERIFF'S CORNER**

by Norman H. Hooten, Sheriff

The heavy snowfall and cold weather we had the last few days caused a few problems around the county such as "fender benders", stranded motorists, power failure, and a couple of collapsed car ports. All in all we came through the bad weather in pretty good shape compared to some of the metropolitan areas where things move a little slower and most folks are friends and neighbors.

We lost another good friend last Friday night. Dorothy Clements, wife of Bruce Clements, passed away after suffering a heart attack while at Val Verde Memorial Hospital in Del Rio being treated for other ailments. We will miss her greatly and our sympathy is extended to the surviving members of her family at this time of great personal loss.

We received a teletype message a few days ago from the Sheriff's Dept. in Stanton advising all departments in our area to be on the lookout

for a group of men traveling around the country swindling people out of large amounts of money in asphalt paving scam. The group pose as contractors who have some hot mix left over from a large paving job and tell their victims that they will make them a good deal for a driveway paving job for \$1.25 per foot and after the job is done they charge the victims an outrageous amount and claim that they had agreed to pay per square foot. The group then threatens the elderly victims into paying and tells them not to call police. Should any of you be approached in such a way, contact my office as soon as possible and we will take appropriate action. This group has swindled victims in the Stanton area out of Approx. \$14,000.00. We certainly don't want that happening to any of our citizens.

That's about all I have to report this week. I hope to have a financial update on our jail operation soon. We are doing pretty well so far though we had a drop in jail revenue over the holidays, but this was to be expected as it happens every year. We are rebuilding numbers now and the revenue should increase substantially this month.

**ARE STORM WINDOWS RIGHT FOR YOU**

To reduce energy consumption and save money on your utility bill, pay particular attention to your windows. They can greatly affect the heat loss and gain in your home.

Clear plate glass windows can allow up to 20 times more heat to enter or leave a structure than a comparable area of well insulated wall. since utility bills are rising, this could be a costly and wasteful situation.

For the homeowner who has single pane windows, storm windows could be considered as one possible option to lower utility bills. However, in most of Texas it may take as long as 22 to 45 years to save enough energy to pay back the cost of the investment in storm windows. While storm windows may enhance the comfort level of your house by controlling noise and limiting dust, their energy saving potential may be too limited

for your financial planning horizon.

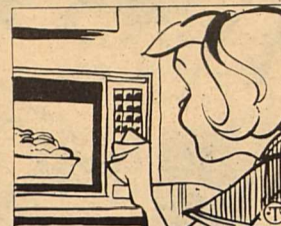
Before considering a purchase of storm windows, there are a number of important questions to ask yourself and your sales representative. to find out more about these questions and additional ways to conserve energy in your home, call the ENERGY HOTLINE 1-800-643-SAVE. Ask for Texas Energy Topics, Number 4.

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According to home economists from Whirlpool Corporation, it is important that the entire family becomes familiar with the microwave oven's operation. Here are some reminders for safe and efficient operation:

- Never start a microwave oven when it is empty.
- Paper can char or burn and some plastics melt if heated for more than four minutes.
- Never cook or reheat a whole egg. Steam build-up may cause it to burst.
- Over-cooking some foods can cause them to scorch or flame... especially foods like potatoes or popcorn snacks.
- Use hot pads. Microwave oven energy does not heat containers, but the food does.

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## American Legend Turns Twenty-Five

An American legend-in-his-own-time is turning 25. He is bald and brawny, wears a single earring and sailor's scrubs, and became an immediate hit in his first TV commercial.

He is perhaps best described by the theme song "... gets rid of dirt and grime and grease in just a minute ... will clean your whole house and everything that's in it."

Who is this man? Yes, you guessed—it's Mr. Clean, the character created to embody the qualities of the household cleaner that shares his name. He is a gentle giant who gets mad at dirt, but leaves everything in the home with his trademark shine.

Mr. Clean was created during the era of the "Mister." From "Mr. Baseball" Stan Musial to "Mr. Republican" Bob Taft to "Mr. Lucky" on prime time TV, there was a "Mister" for everything. Mr. Clean rose to Number One in just six months to become one of the famous TV "Misters" of all time.

He is still a popular modern cleaner as he celebrates his 25th birthday. In honor of Mr. Clean's birthday, here are some fun facts about the "Man Behind The Shine."

- Mr. Clean's first name is



"Veritably"

- There used to be a Mr. Clean doll that children could send away for

- There was a time when Mr. Clean wore a business suit and actually spoke in live-action TV commercials.

- He once grew whiskers to show his brute strength

- Mr. Clean was originally created to look like a genie with magical cleaning powers

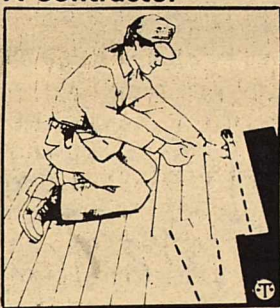
- The homemakers who starred in Mr. Clean commercials include Marion Ross, TV's lovable "Mrs. C" from "Happy Days," and Abby Dalton, who plays Julia on "Falcon Crest"

The official celebration of Mr. Clean's 25th birthday is in February, 1985. An extravaganza in New York City is planned.

## ints For Homeowners

### How To Select A Contractor

Homeowners who are considering repairs or additions to their homes must take care that they select a reputable and professional contractor to do the work. Choosing a professional contractor you're comfortable with, and one who will do the job right, takes more than simple estimation. Bird Incorporated, the nation's oldest manufacturer of roofing shingles, recommends you ask these questions to help take the guesswork out of selecting the right person for the job.



1. How long has the contractor been in business? Look for well-established companies that have been in business for at least three years—with the staying power to be around year after year.

2. Has the contractor done similar jobs like yours before? Even if your job seems routine, be sure the contractor has a good reputation and is experienced in the type of work you need done.

3. Can the contractor provide references from satisfied customers? Don't be afraid to follow these up with a phone call or two.

4. Does the contractor provide a warranty on his work? Check the product warranties on all building materials, such as roofing shingles if you're having a new roof installed. Product warranties vary widely and can make a big difference for your job.

5. Can the contractor give you a clear, written estimate as well as a schedule for starting and finishing a job? Don't accept an incomplete or casual representation of work

to be done. Look for professional presentation of an estimate and scheduled start and completion dates.

6. Does the company meet all state and local requirements for the work it performs? In some areas licensing is required, so make sure your professional contractor meets these requirements.

7. Is the contractor insured? Your contractor should have insurance coverage to cover accidents or injuries on the job. Lack of insurance could mean big trouble for you, the homeowner, in the event of an accident.

To assist homeowners in selecting competent, reliable roofing contractors, Bird Incorporated certifies experienced residential roofers who are committed to high standards of professionalism and quality. A brochure entitled, "A Homeowner's Guide to Selecting a Roofing Contractor," describes the Professional Roofing Contractor Certification Program and how to select a professional roofing contractor. Copies may be obtained by contacting Bird Incorporated, Department CD, Washington Street, East Walpole, MA 02032.

## Governor Urges State Action To Avert Future Water Crisis

By Governor Mark White

AUSTIN—More than 200 Texas counties suffered drought conditions in the past two years, dramatizing the urgency of our approving a comprehensive water management plan for Texas in the 69th Legislative Session.

It is increasingly obvious that water is our most precious natural resource, finite in quantity, essential to Texas' economic development and environmental quality.

Texas' population of 16 million is the third largest in the nation, and an average of 900 people move to Texas every day expecting sewer taps and drinking water. Our standard of living in a technological society uses vast quantities of water: 480,000 gallons to produce enough grain to raise one steer, 1,000 gallons to raise the wheat for one loaf of bread, another 1,000 gallons to manufacture a single automobile.

Demand is outpacing the natural replenishing of our water supply, yet Texans waste millions of gallons daily or enough water to sustain a small country.

Before we can adequately plan for the state's water needs, Texans in all parts of our state must realize that the ripple effects of water shortages reach far beyond the drought-ridden farm in West Texas. If farmers and ranchers take less livestock and food to market, consumers will pay higher prices.

Texas' agricultural economy is tied to the rapidly diminishing underground lakes of the Ogallala

Aquifer, but water shortages are no longer confined to the Texas High Plains. Corpus Christi, Austin, and dozens of other Texas cities were forced to enact either voluntary or mandatory water-saving measures in 1984.

For years, comprehensive reform of Texas water policies has been stalled either through neglect, indifference, inability to achieve a broad compromise, or a failure to accept potential water shortages as everyone's problem.

In an effort to bridge this gap in 1985, a Joint Committee on Water Resources has worked in the past year to develop a legislative water package that has the backing of Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby, House Speaker Gib Lewis and myself.

We propose the addition of \$600 million to the Water Development Fund to be allocated equally for waste water treatment projects, water supply projects, and water storage facilities. We would also authorize \$250 million for a bond guarantee program to stand behind the bonds of cities and districts seeking funds for capital improvements to their water and sewer systems. While not costing the State of Texas a dime, this bond program would make up to \$2.5 billion available for local water and sewer projects at low interest rates.

The proposed legislation outlines a strategy for increased conservation including alternate day watering of lawns, building code

revisions, retrofit programs to install water-saving technology, education programs, mandatory metering to monitor water use, and revised rate structures for water services.

Twenty-five groundwater planning regions would be designated, and the Texas Department of Water Resources authorized to institute a ground water regional planning process in areas where problems exist. Adoption of a district water conservation strategy would be subject to local option.

Because 72 percent of all water used in Texas is used by agriculture, the proposed water bill calls for the creation of an Agricultural Soil and Conservation Fund. This fund might be used to provide bonds to farmers to purchase efficient high-tech irrigation equipment; to provide grants to water districts for technical assistance, planning or improvements; and to underwrite a broad spectrum of other conservation efforts.

No water plan would be complete without providing for sufficient water inflows to Texas bays and estuaries to sustain our fishing, shrimping and tourist industries and to protect marine life and water fowl. We propose careful evaluation of all water permits within 150 river miles of the Gulf Coast for their effect on bays and estuaries.

This water package represents a starting point for deliberation. We must avert a future water crisis by planning now for Texas' water needs.

—Governor's Column  
#41, 1/10/85



The name of the flower that we call the daisy was so dubbed because the daisy looks like the day's eye. Its petals grow around a yellow center like the rays of the sun.



In North America, deer were second only to beavers in supplying the pioneers with food and clothing.



A variety of deer called *Pere David's Deer* once roamed the plains and marshes of northern China. Named for a French priest who first saw the deer in 1865, these deer are nearly extinct today. None are left in China. The remainder live in zoos and private parks.

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