



(Staff Photo By Don Comedy)

RECEIVE PLAQUES

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department who retired during the past year and who had been members of the department for more than 20 years were presented with plaques during the annual banquet of the organization December 17. The members were also designated lifetime members of the department. Receiving plaques were: (l to r) Jack Speer, 37 years; Dent Atchinson, 31 years; Brooks Middleton, 28 years; and Jim Alvis, 24 years. Also retired during the past year was Tom Paul Barnett, 25 years.

40 Boxes Are Delivered To Goodfellow Families

Members of the Haskell Lions Club, Haskell Fire Department and City Employees delivered Goodfellow boxes to 40 families in Haskell Monday morning.

The boxes included food and toys and were purchased with funds donated to the Goodfellow fund and proceeds from the Lions Club's annual Pancake Supper.

Donations received to the fund this week include:

Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Chapman \$10.00
 Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Dunnam \$10.00
 Frazier's Appliance \$10.00
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walker, In Memory of Henry and Charles Walker \$10.00
 Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Frierson \$20.00
 Allen Strickland \$25.00

Martin and Janet Jacobsen \$20.00
 Anonymous \$25.00
 Mr. and Mrs. Speck
 Sorenson \$15.00
 Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Weaver \$25.00
 Anonymous \$20.00
 Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Lacey \$25.00
 Total This Week \$215.00
 Previous Total \$420.00
 Total to Date \$635.00

Cotton Harvest In Final Stages

Haskell County is in the final stages of harvesting a record cotton crop and current estimates indicate that the total number of bales ginned in the county could reach 150,000.

As of last Thursday, gins in the county had weighed 118,218 bales. This is cotton that has been weighed and is on the yards of the gins and not the number of bales ginned.

The gin personnel were also aware of another 24,000 bales that has been stripped and is in the fields in modules and ricks.

Gin personnel also reported that while most area farmers were completely through, they still had regular customers who were stripping.

No accurate data is available for past years which provides the number of bales ginned in Haskell County. However, the ASCS office keeps data for cotton produced in Haskell County. Their information for the past six years indicates that the county harvest has ranged from a low of 34,530 bales in 1974 to a previous high of 102,036 in 1977.

Gin Report

HASKELL	
Farmers Coop	12,993
Haskell Coop	14,435
K & G	4,296
ROCHESTER	
Paymaster	5,580
Farmers	13,856
RULE	
Rule Coop	14,225
Lisle	4,779
SAGERTON	
Sagerton	5,417
Denison	6,339
O'BRIEN	
O'Brien	21,795
WEINERT	
Paymaster	9,100
Weinert	5,403
TOTAL	118,218

Thanks

The Haskell Free Press would like to publicly thank Pat Hale of Hale Farm Supply for flying photographers Don Comedy and Gina Jennings last Thursday. Hale has flown Free Press photographers on several occasions when aerial photos were needed for publication and his cooperation is appreciated.

The gin reports published in the Free Press list the total of bales ginned. Included in these totals is cotton which is produced in other

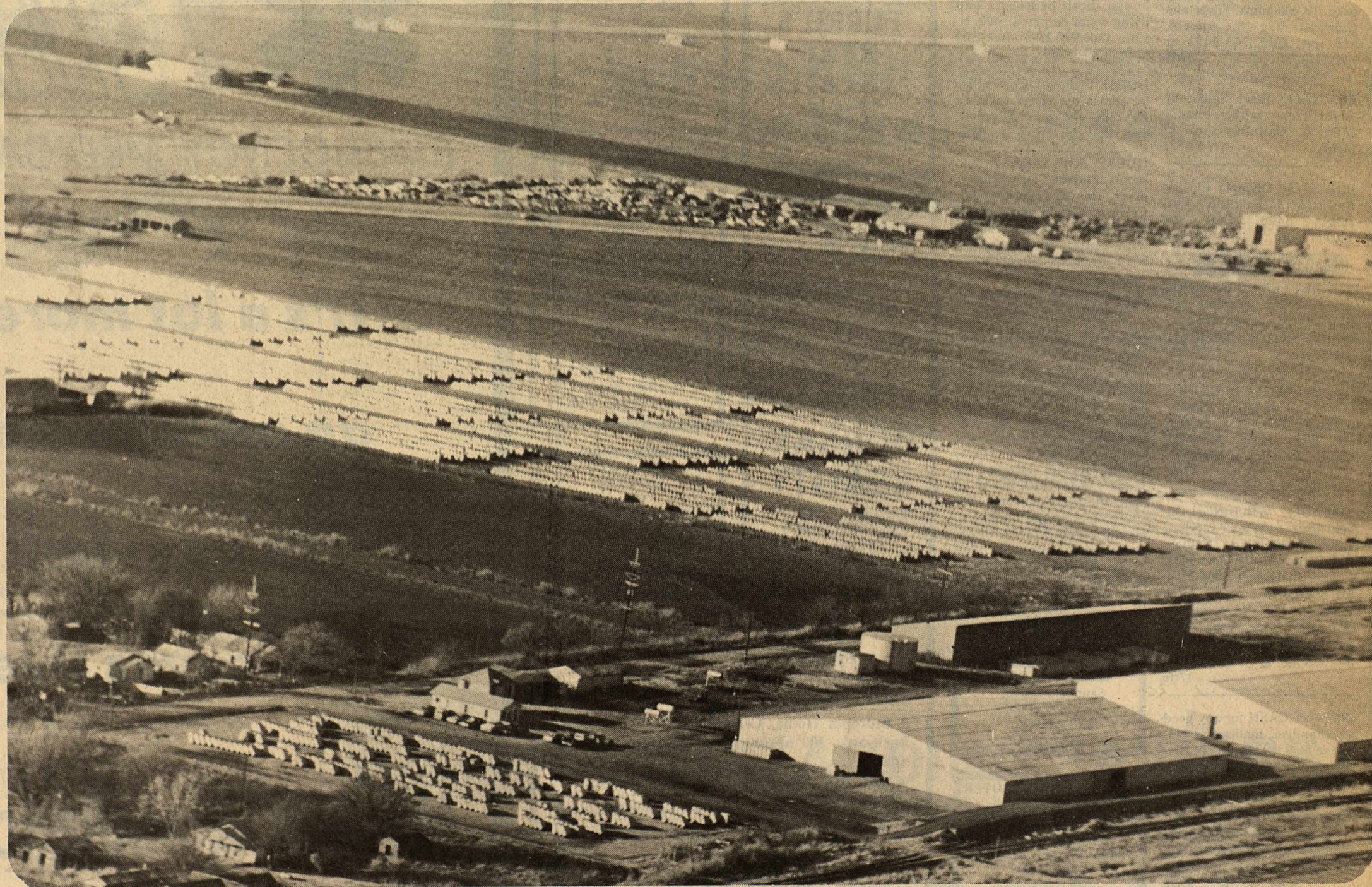
counties. There is also some cotton which is produced in Haskell County which is ginned in another county.

Coupled with the record harvest is a good price for local cotton. The prices paid recently for cotton in Haskell County average between 58

and 64 cents per pound.

The price depends on the mic, grade and staple of the cotton and local buyers say that the grade of

cotton this year is the best they ever remember. The grade is also above the grade of other cotton produced in the surrounding area.



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RECORD CROP

Haskell County is in the final stages of producing a record cotton crop with current information leading to estimates that near 150,000 bales will be ginned in the county. This aerial photo shows a portion of the cotton on the yard of the Haskell County Warehouse and Compress.

At the top of the photo can be seen several modules still in the field. Last Thursday, county gins had weighed over 118,000 bales and were aware of another 24,000 bales which had already been stripped and placed into modules and ricks.

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Firemen Honored At Annual Banquet

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department were recognized and honored during their annual Christmas Banquet of the organization December 17.

Following the introduction of guests and lifetime members, Fire Chief Tom Watson introduced Ladies Auxiliary President, Lisa Watson.

She reported on the activities of the auxiliary during the past year and announced that in addition to other projects, the group had donated over \$300.00 to the building fund for the new fire station and also had purchased cabinets costing approximately \$600.00.

Jeannine Comedy presented Mrs. Charles Swinson with a plaque naming Mrs. Swinson as a honorary member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Chief Watson reported on the

wonderful generosity of the people of Haskell in supporting the building fund and reported that the structure is almost complete and that the dedication has been scheduled for January 13.

Supervisor Satch Lusk reported that the department had responded to 111 calls during 1979. Of that total, 81 were cotton, grass and trash; 12 were residence; 11 vehicles; 3 smoke scares; 1 business; one apartment; and one rescue. One life was lost during the year.

The department had nine general alarms and 50 drills and meetings.

Chief Watson and Assistant Chief Chester Hodgin presented plaques to members who had retired during the past year. The plaques were presented to members who retired with more than 20 years service to the department. In addition to the plaques, the individuals also become lifetime members of the

department.

Receiving plaques were: Tom Paul Barnett for 25 years; Jack Speer for 37 years; Dent Atchinson for 31 years; Brooks Middleton for 28 years and Jim Alvis for 24 years.

Receiving service badges were: J. C. Short 10 years; Wilbert Klose, 15 years; John Watson and Bob Dumas, 20 years; Tom Paul Barnett, Olen Bartley, Olen King, Sonny Reynolds, and Chester Hodgin, 25 years; and Satch Lusk, 35 years.

The badges are presented to members who have served at least five years and are presented in multiples of five years service.

Larry Suttle, Minister of the Haskell Church of Christ, spoke to the firemen and their wives and guests and the banquet was concluded with the singing of "Silent Night."



MR. AND MRS. HENRY HANSFORD HARRIS of Haskell announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Peggy Ruth, to Leonard Micheal Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lee Adams of Weinert. The bride-elect is a graduate of Haskell High School and is employed at the Haskell National Bank. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Weinert High School and is a self employed farmer in Weinert. The candlelight wedding ceremony has been planned for the evening of February 16, 1980, in the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Greenhouses Give 'Lift' To Windows

Window greenhouses give a new, exciting "lift" to plants and home decor.

They're emerging as one of the most colorful, popular window treatments since traversing draperies.

"Sprouting up" in bathrooms, kitchens, dining rooms and utility rooms, the window greenhouse is a cross between a bay window and a miniature greenhouse.

They also make an eye-catching focal point for a non-descript living space-if you make sure they feature small-scale plants in colors and containers that blend or harmonize with other elements in the room.

Design-wise, most units resemble half a glass box with a slanting roof.

They come equipped with adjustable shelves, screened vents and a tray for water and pebbles at the bottom.

A DECOR 'PLUS' Greenhouse windows are far more than good places to grow plants.

They're showcases for healthy, well-groomed plants, and they enhance both the interior and exterior appearance of houses, apartment buildings and mobile homes.

New-home builders aren't their only customers, either. Remodelers and renovators of older homes are eager clients, too.

Because window greenhouses let light into a room from top, front and sides, they create a spacious "outdoor feeling," even in small rooms.

All of these decorating advantages make their uses almost limitless and their popularity ever-growing.

LOCATION GUIDELINES In deciding on locations for a greenhouse window, think "outside" and "inside."

Outside, select locations where plants won't cook.

A poor choice, for example would probably be the home's west side, if that side is unprotected from the hot afternoon sun.

Inside, look at the kitchen, bathroom or utility room as strong possibilities.

Location over a sink in the kitchen or utility room is ideal for both the plants and the worker.

Additional light helps in doing work at the sink, while extra humidity from the running water will benefit the plants.

When privacy is a factor, the greenhouse can be covered as any other window since it projects from the outside, so don't let that interfere with your location choices.

Decoratively speaking about location, treat a greenhouse window as part of the room's overall design.

Its location should balance with the furniture arrangement.

Its presence should enhance the total room.

Hints On Donating To Charities

Spend your charity dollars wisely—they will help make up more than \$35 billion given each year to charitable, philanthropic and religious organizations.

Direct-mail appeals, telephone solicitations, door-to-door and street appeals are frequently used to encourage people to donate to a wide array of different causes.

However, widely publicized scandals involving financial mismanagement have tainted the image of charitable groups and resulted in growing pressure for organizations to disclose their administrative and fund-raising expenses at the time of solicitation.

A few states and cities have enacted charity laws.

How can you know if a particular charity is reputable?

Two national groups presently rate charities, based on the disclosure-or lack of disclosure-of several factors, including administrative practices, staff expenses and solicitation procedures.

Both groups maintain files on thousands of national and international organizations. Their published "ratings" are available free of charge or for a nominal fee.

For further information, write:

—Council of Better Business Bureaus, Inc., Philanthropic Advisory Service, 1150 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

—National Information Bureau, Inc., 419 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016.

Local offices of the Better Business Bureau and the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division may also provide information about complaints filed against specific charities.

A&M expands global role

COLLEGE STATION — Can help, will travel.

That could be the calling card for Texas A&M University as it spreads the word it now plans to operate on a global scale.

Its product is expertise — particularly in the fields of agriculture and technology. Long a service institution through its 13 regional research and extension centers, the university recently received a \$1 million "strengthening grant" from the U.S. Agency for International Development for intensified efforts to alleviate hunger and malnutrition problems abroad.

Texas A&M currently has seven AID contracts for projects in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Citizens,

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and I hope you will have a successful New Year. I am looking forward to the New Year and all the activities the Extension Office has planned for 1980. If you would like to be included in a mailing list to receive information from the Extension Office concerning Home Economics, please get your name and address to me, Lou Gilly-Assistant County Extension Agent. The phone number is 864-2546. The address is Box 693, Haskell, Texas 79521. The information for 1980 will focus on all aspects of clothing; however, there will be information on other home economics areas included.

Lou Gilly
Assistant County Extension Agent



The Messiah is just one of George Frederick Handel's 18 English oratorios, the rest of which are seldom performed.



HONORARY MEMBER

Mrs. Charles Swinson was presented with a plaque designating her as an honorary member of the Haskell Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary December 17. The presentation was made by Mrs. Don Comedy during the annual banquet of the Fire Department members and auxiliary.

Staff Photo By Don Comedy

Advantages To All-Cotton Shirts

Consider an all-cotton shirt-durable or permanent press-for your next purchase. It's now wrinkle-resistant and easy-care.

Today's all-cotton permanent press shirts generally sell for only a couple of dollars more than comparable polyester/cotton permanent-press blends.

They're also in tune with energy conservation efforts, since they're more comfortable in higher summer and lower winter indoor temperatures.

All cotton allows perspiration to evaporate from the body, so the fabric is more comfortable. It resists static electricity, too.

Although manufacturers continue to improve and refine the all-cotton fabrics, they do have one drawback: the new finish is successful only on thicker fabrics.

In spite of that, more manufacturers will include the fabric in their spring, 1980,

offerings.

Surveys report a high sales percentage on all-cotton permanent press shirts-with a low return and complaint rate.

Today's all-cotton permanent-press fabrics have a new ammonia wrinkle-resistant and easy-care finish.

Previously all-cotton shirts lacked popularity due to comparative higher costs and extensive care requirements.

Or, to make it easy-care, the cotton was blended with polyester.

High percentages of polyester in the blend reduced comfort and caused unsightly pilling or balling up of fibers at points of wear, such as collars, cuffs and underarm areas.

All-cotton for 1979-80 does away with all those problems.

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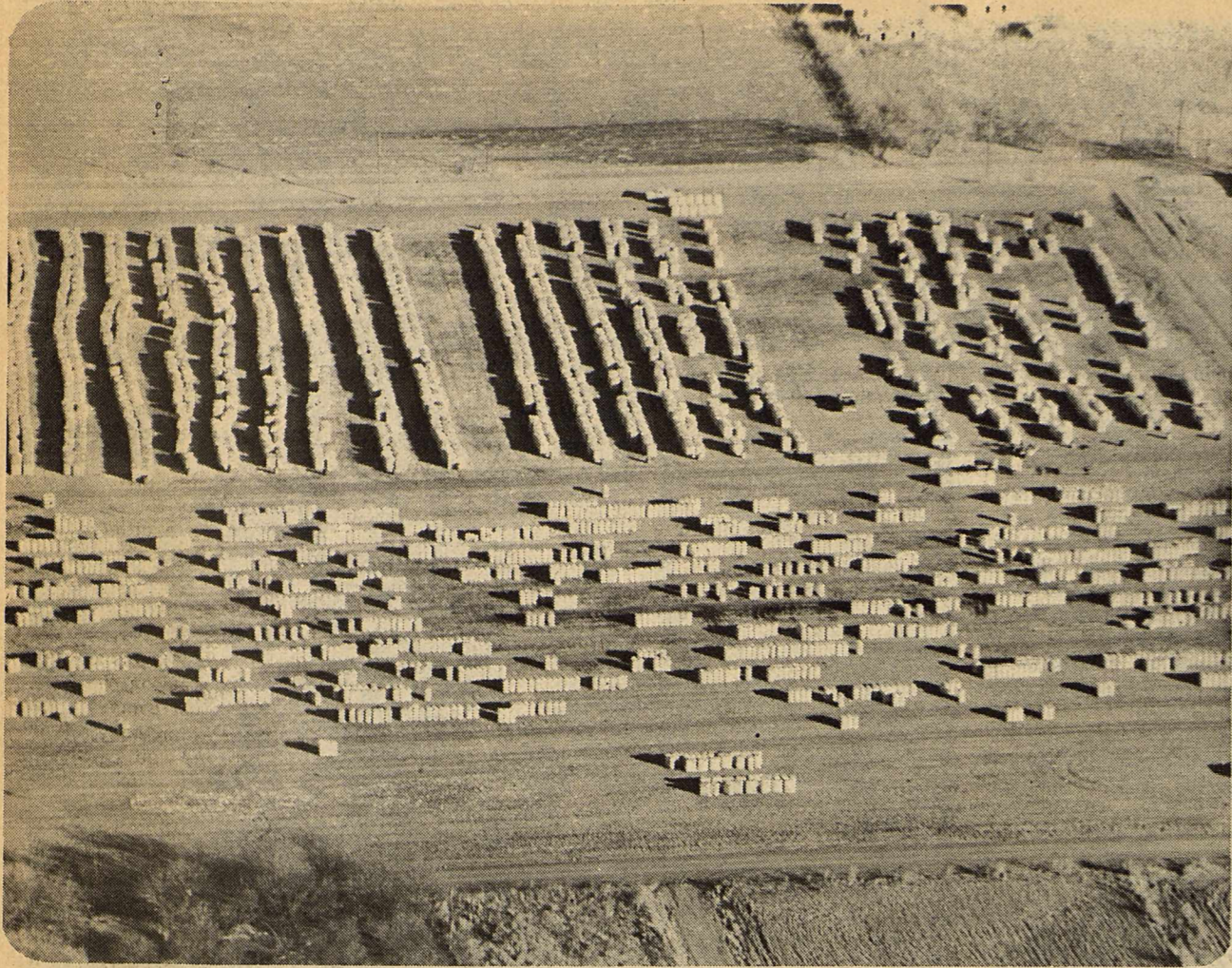
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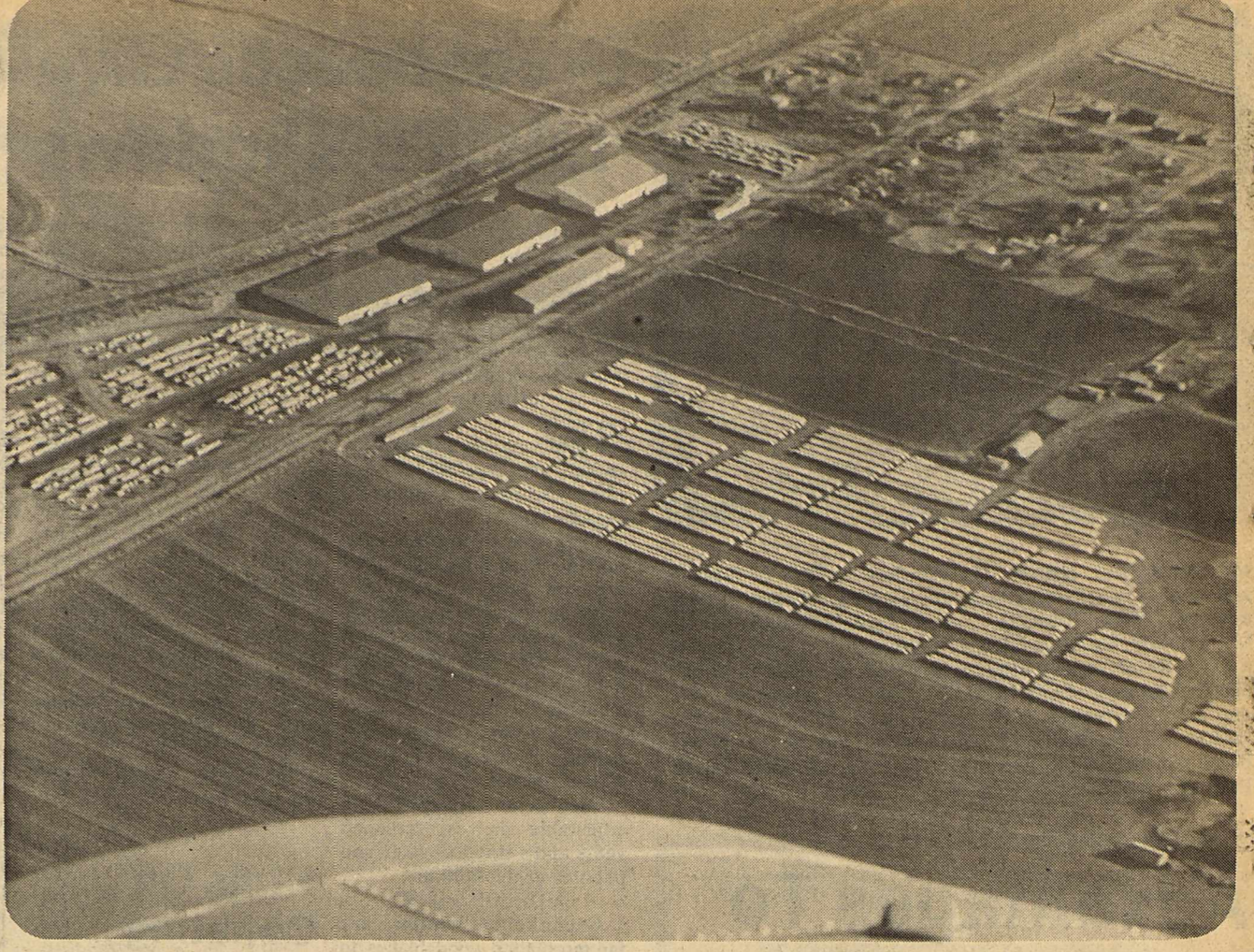
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GIN YARD

The gin yard of Farmers Coop Gin in Haskell is shown in this aerial photo and Gin Manager Jimmy Owens estimates that there are about 9,000 bales on the yard. The record crop has made a common sight of rows and rows of cotton bales on almost every gin yard in Haskell County. Current estimates that the total number of bales ginned in the county may reach 150,000.



Staff Photo By Don Comedy

COTTON BALES

A total of 38,234 bales of cotton has been received to date by Haskell County Warehouse and Compress. A small portion of the cotton is visible in this aerial photo taken last Thursday. Near the center of the photo can be seen neat rows of bales and each block contains about 500 bales. Another large quantity can be seen to the left of the three large warehouses. Near the top, right of the photo can be seen a portion of the cotton on the yard of Farmers Coop Gin.

Crosbyton Test To Begin

A five-year effort to show that the sun can help relieve the energy shortage for a small American town will take one giant step in January when tests begin on the Analog Design Verification System (ADVS) for the Crosbyton Solar Energy Project.

Project Director John D. Reichert of the Texas Tech University electrical engineering faculty said the mirror alignment is almost complete for the ADVS. The test facility should be completed by Jan. 10, he said, and that week the research team hopes to check it out and initiate start-up procedures.

"The week after that," Reichert said, "we should go into full data-gathering operations."

The project, initiated in 1974 when Crosbyton citizens first became alarmed by rising energy costs, is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. It is designed to lead ultimately to the construction of a five-megawatt solar-thermal-electrical power system which could serve the 2,500 residents of Crosbyton, a north-west Texas town 35 miles east of Lubbock.

The ADVS mirror dish is 65 feet in aperture diameter. The final power system would have 10 giant dishes called solar gridirons, each almost the size of a football field.

The concept for the Crosbyton project is unique in the United States, although it employs a 100-year-old idea in which the mirror remains fixed while a receiver follows the sun's focus and "collects" heat to be transformed into steam. Only in Marseilles, France, is there a somewhat similar system constructed as a prototype and research installation.

Because the Crosbyton project is unusual, the Department of Energy has invited 400 DOE contractors to what it terms its "First Semi-annual Small Power Systems Program Review" Jan. 22-24 in Lubbock. That conference will be held at the South Park Inn and participants in the review will travel to Crosbyton to see the ADVS in operation. Travis Simpson, project administrator in electrical engineering at Texas Tech, is coordinating review plans in Lubbock.

Critical to the testing which will be conducted by the research team are two ADVS computers, one used primarily to control the system and the other primarily to collect data. Despite the dependence upon the computers, however, Reichert said that a human will be present during all testing for observation and hands-on operation should that become important, either because of computer failure or

any other reason.

"The computer can react more quickly than a person could to any change it perceives in the system," he said, "and the project is really safer in the 'hands' of a computer than it would be in human hands."

The controlling computer is a Bristol and it can monitor all important points in the system, open and close valves, detect any malfunction and select alternative methods of operation.

The program for the Bristol was written by David Lubin of E-Systems of Dallas, the company that is primary subcontractor for the Texas Tech-DOE project. A Texas Tech electrical engineering graduate student, Karan Watson, has assisted Lubin.

"It will function as the 'eyes' and 'ears' of the system, monitoring temperatures, steam pressure, velocities, flow rates, the tracking system and the brightness of the sun," Reichert said. It takes readings and sends signals to alter the system when necessary, to give the researchers the performance needed and to protect the ADVS in case any operation malfunctions.

Even more system information is fed into a second computer manufactured by Hewlett-Packard and used for the necessary data acquisition system, programmed to receive about 250 channels of data.

Programming the second computer was Electrical Engineering Prof. Donald L. Gustafson with another electrical engineering graduate student, William Edwards. The information gathered on this system eventually is moved onto a nine-track tape which is brought to the Texas Tech campus for data processing by larger computers.

Both of the computers at the Crosbyton site, however, have cathode ray tubes (CRTs) so that there is a continuously changing visual record of what is going on.

"The Bristol is our spy on

the system," Reichert explained, "and the second computer is the universal spy, getting all of the Bristol information plus whatever that computer instructs the system to do or what any individual might instruct the system to do, and the results."

Dr. Herbert J. Carper Jr., a member of the mechanical engineering faculty at Texas Tech, is project manager and about 30 other members of the Texas Tech faculty and graduate students helped develop the research necessary before the ADVS could be built.

If tests on the ADVS are successful, they could lead to construction of a five-megawatt solar-thermal-electric power system to supply electricity for Crosbyton. That recommended power system could not be operational, however, before 1982 although, Reichert said, that date would still put Crosbyton well ahead of any town its size in an effort to harness solar energy to cut power bills.

The project began five years ago when Crosbyton representatives approached the Texas Tech Department of Electrical Engineering seeking assistance in planning for future energy needs.

Reichert suggested a solar gridiron with 10 200-foot mirror-surfaced solar gridirons which would remain fixed. A receiver-boiler, tracking the focus of the sun's rays across the mirror, would collect heat to make steam which could be converted into electrical energy.

The smaller ADVS should give engineers and scientists an opportunity to study the system on a relatively small scale.

Caprock Trappers To Hold Sale

Caprock Trapper's Association will hold its first fur sale of the 1979-80 fur season Saturday, Jan. 5 at Roaring Springs, in the old high school gym, one block off Hwy. 70, that runs between Dickens and Matador. Caprock's second fur sale will be the first Saturday in February, Feb. 2, at the same location. The third fur sale will be the first Saturday in March, March 1, at the same location. Multiple buyers from all over the nation and some foreign countries have already contacted us. The new buyers attending the fur sales for the first time are required to bring a letter of credit from their bank.

Caprock will hold a special meeting Dec. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the District Court Room of the Dickens County Court House. Don Hoyt, Sr. of Marshall, Michigan-President of National Trapper's Association and Editor of the trapping magazine, *The Voice of the Trapper* will be the guest speaker. He is the representative of the trapper in the Bobcat Suit in Washington, D.C.

For further information on the fur sales or the meeting contact Preston Mynatt, PR officer, P.O. Box 295, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256. (806) 348-2581 or Larry Burkes, Vice President, Afton, Texas 79220 (806) 698-2276.

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Proper Will May Stop Family Conflict

If Aunt Sarah dies "without a word" about her will, she risks sparking a family conflict.

Even death can't free us from misunderstandings, unless we take early steps to avoid them, research says.

Do two things: keep an updated will and explain it to your family, says Dr. Betty Jo Smith, a family life education specialist.

Dr. Smith is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Of course, the two steps don't guarantee total success, but they'll help, the specialist insists.

We all know that a "no will" situation can almost assure conflict, but research reports that one of every seven cases with a will produces it, too, Dr. Smith says.

Here's a brief look at the "why's," based on what surveyed families said were the key factors:

Most conflict arises through different views among family members on what is equal and what is fair.

Also, remember that some of the very principles used to decide inheritance are the

ones that come under fire of differing views.

These principles include the idea that some right to inherit stems from long residence in a house- and the idea that "last-name identity" gives a person some rights to the deceased's property.

Other principles include the idea that blood relationship and frequent contact with the deceased give a person some right to inherit.

Still other principles are the idea that material support of the deceased-and co-residence with deceased-carries some rights and that kinship closeness and congenial relationships increase rights, while hostile relationships decrease rights.

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Cardboard chewing cattle may become more common during the next few years. Researchers say cellulose in cardboard provides a much better diet for cattle than newsprint materials which were experimented with for several years. Giving the new product the title, "Rumose", promoters are pushing for acceptance of treated corrugated boxes as a viable feed supplement in the feedlot for commercial feeders. Developers advocate grinding or pelleting of the boxes, then mixing with whey (waste material from cheese making) or other materials to make the boxes more palatable. One of the key researchers for this project is Dr. John Campbell of the University of Missouri. Dr. Campbell says the process of manufacturing the boxes may increase their digestibility which "approaches or even exceeds the digestibility of common forages". For cattle, "box" lunch may take on a whole new meaning.

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(Submitted by Harold B. Johnson)
(Credit Conservative Digest)

OH MY SOLE!
Shoemaker—"Here are the boots for your new polar expedition. Were you satisfied with the boots I made for the last trip?"
Explorer—"Quite. They were the best boots I ever ate on a polar expedition."

FAR SIGHTED
"Who is that terribly ugly man sitting over there?"
"Why, that's my brother!"
"Oh, you must excuse me," said the lady, in embarrassment, and added apologetically, "I really hadn't noticed the resemblance."

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SERVICE BADGES

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Country Folk throughout the Greater Southwest will have the pleasure of viewing a seven-hour live television show January 26, 1980.

The production will be "Rehab '80", the annual telethon put on to raise money for the operation of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene, San Angelo and Snyder. Two shows will be running simultaneously from Abilene's Civic Center and from San Angelo's Convention Center.

As a member of the team putting these shows together, I am getting more excited as the date draws near. We will be busy right through Christmas finalizing contracts with TV and show business personalities.

Just this week we played host to Rex Allen Jr. in San Angelo as Rehab camera crews filmed commercials. As coordinator of the Colonial Rehab Ranger program this year, I will be visiting in every community where a Colonial Food Store is located (and that is just about every town in West Texas) to get our Rangers organized to collect funds. All monies are used to provide treatment for the 7,000 handicapped people at WTRC campuses during the year.

People in the San Angelo area are particularly pleased that donations to the San Angelo telethon will go toward the building program of a new million dollar facility. The new campus near San Angelo's John Glenn Junior High School and Angelo State University will serve the handicapped from the Concho River southeast to Kerrville

and deep in the Texas Hill Country back to Del Rio and the Rio Grande River to the Big Bend and Davis Mountains.

King of Comedy, Bob Hope will introduce "Rehab '80." The world known comedian, whose humor has gladdened the hearts of countless audiences of stage, screen, radio and television was in West Texas on behalf of WTRC last summer to successfully kickoff the Joint Venture for Crippled Children.

There will be a number of welcomed surprises in the TV show which will be carried by network to East and South Texas and from El Paso into New Mexico this year. Coming to San Angelo will be the Grandpa Jones show and Johnny Desmond, who sung with Glenn Miller.

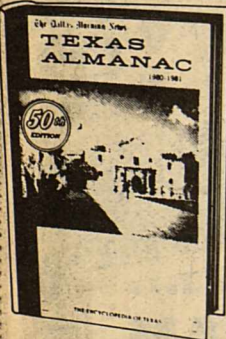
Of course, movie star Slim Pickens will be back on the Concho River this year. He made so many friends last year...and he talked so much I like to never get him on stage in time.

Pedro Gonzales Gonzales will be back in San Angelo and Baylor University coach Grant Teaff will joint KCTV personality Pat Attebury as hosts.

Well, there is a lot to be done between now and January 26, 1980 and curtains at 7 p.m. As we put this show together while enjoying the Christmas season, West Texas folk will have much more to look forward to in January besides the Super Bowl.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Pearl Simmons

Funeral services for Mrs. Pearl Tidwell Simmons, 92, of Midland were held Dec. 19, 1979 in the Glass Chapel of the First United Methodist Church in Midland with Dr. Charles Lutrick officiating. Graveside services were held at Sweetwater Cemetery in Sweetwater with Rev. H.O. Abbott officiating. Services were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Mrs. Tidwell died Dec. 15, 1979 following a brief illness.

Mrs. Simmons was born March 1887 in Abbeville, Mississippi and moved to Rule in 1897 in a covered wagon. She moved to Granger in her teenage years, then to Haskell in 1909 where she married Jake Simmons who died in 1946. In 1919 she moved to Wichita Falls then to Sweetwater in 1930 where she lived until 1961 when she moved to Big Spring. Mrs. Simmons moved to Midland in 1970. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church at Granger and was a member of the Senior Citizens and was very active in home gardening until August of 1979.

Survivors include: a daughter, Mrs. Geneice R. Vance of Tucson, Arizona; a brother, T.J. Tidwell, Brownwood; two sisters, Mrs. Babe Cunningham of Odessa and Mrs. Cora Baker, Oakland, Calif.; one niece, Mrs. Vallie Joy Jones of Odessa (reared by the deceased); 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Land Prices Rising

Increasing rural land prices which appear to be unrelated to farm productivity continue to alarm farmers, notes Dr. Richard Floyd. In many cases, they have outpaced general price rises experienced throughout the economy.

"The main reason for this is that non-farmer land buyers have discovered many advantages to rural land investments," says the real estate economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

"The phenomena can be easily explained by understanding the motives of a typical real estate investor," says the economist. "Real estate is an attractive investment medium because it offers the investor an overall high return. This return includes the advantages of using borrowed funds to obtain leverage, a tax shelter,

an inflation hedge, and perhaps the benefits of forced saving."

Through borrowed funds, a real estate investor can capture the entire benefits of any return which exceeds that repaid in interest.

At the same time, he can benefit from depreciation of improvements on his property which shelters income from other sources, the economist explains.

The investor also obtains the advantage of real estate appreciation while sales proceeds are subject to capital gains tax rates which are lower than ordinary income tax rates.

Small investors unsuccessful with attempts to build savings through a savings account may find some benefit in obtaining a real estate loan which allows part of each monthly payment to go toward the principal (a self-amortiz-

ing loan). This reduces the total amount of the mortgage and is in effect, a forced savings, says Floyd.

"Taken as a whole, these advantages may provide sufficient reason for the real estate investor to outbid the farmer for a given parcel of rural land," points out Floyd. "Thus, the higher values which real estate investors are willing to pay for farmland merely reflect a different set of motives from the farmer whose bid is based only upon farm productivity."

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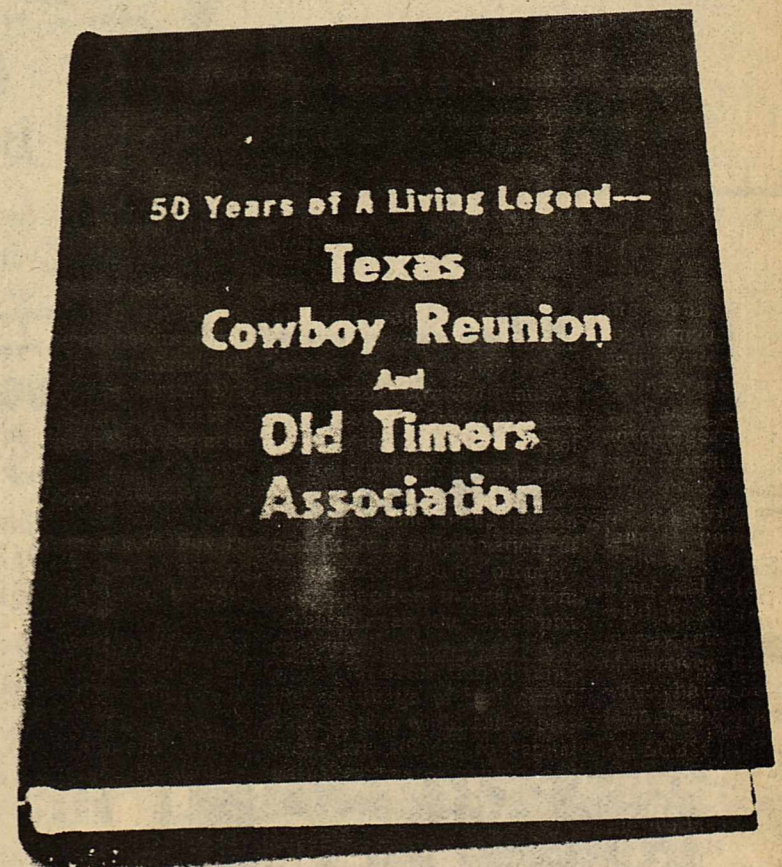
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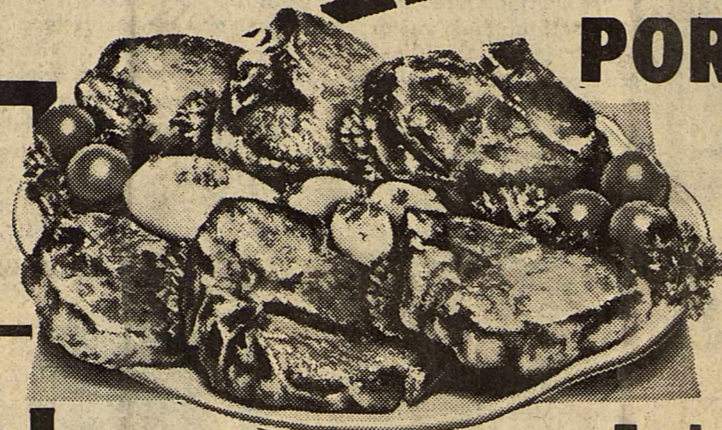
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