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V. I. Pierce Completes Gas Producers

Victor I. Pierce, Ozona, completed as Canyon gas producers in the Ozona multipay field two previously scheduled wildcats, 25 miles southwest of Ozona.

The No. 1 V. I. Pierce Fee (formerly Fee), 7/8 mile east of the nearest production, was finalized for a calculated, absolute open flow of 3,650,000 cubic feet of dry gas per day.

Production was through perforations at 6,004-015 feet and 6,330-358 feet, which had been acidized with 2,500 gallons and fractured with 50,000 gallons and 50,000 pounds of sand.

Location is 660 feet from the south and west lines of 9-BBB-HE&WT.

The No. 2 V. I. Pierce Fee (former Fee), 1-5/8 miles east-northeast of the nearest production, was finalized for a calculated, absolute open flow of 3 million cubic feet of dry gas per day.

Production was through perforations at 6,129-133 feet and 6,412-433 feet, which had been acidized with 1,500 gallons and fractured with 30,000 gallons and 33,000 pounds of sand.

Location is 1,961 feet from the south and 1,242 feet from the east lines of 9-BBB-HE&WT.

Heart Assn.

Offers

Training

Crockett County is now part of Region 5 of the American Heart Association, Region 5 Headquarters is in San Angelo located at 441 West Concho.

The American Heart Association would like to offer C. P. R. training free of charge to all who desire to be trained.

The American Heart Association advises everyone who had had any heart problem to ask a relative, friend, or neighbor to be trained in this life saving technique.

The goal of the American Heart Association is to train 20% of the adult population of Texas and train every senior in High School. Every resident of Crockett County should contact either the San Angelo office of Mrs. Betty Perry by calling 392-2019.

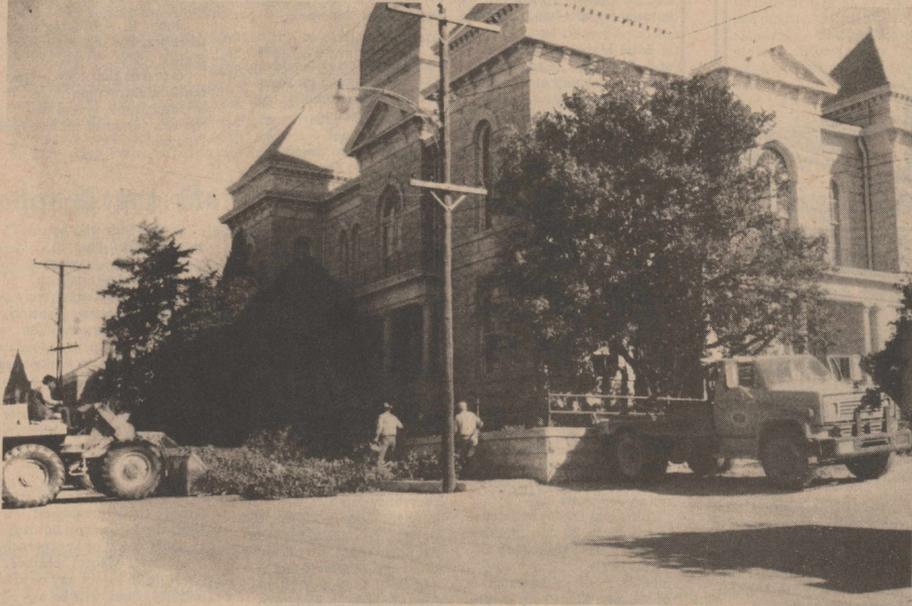
Cruse Family To Hold Revival At First Baptist

The popular Cruse Family will return to Ozona for a revival at the First Baptist Church Sunday, February 29. The group will have both Sunday services and conduct services nightly at 7:30 through Wednesday evening, March 3.

The family will also furnish the entertainment for the annual senior banquet, sponsored by First Baptist, which will be held Thursday night, March 4, at the Civic Center. The musical family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Cruse and their five children, plus a drummer and a pianist who are not Cruses by name, but very much a part of the family. They appear several times each year at the Grand Ole Opry and are under contract to Superior Records of Nashville, Tenn. Their home base is Jacksonville, Texas.

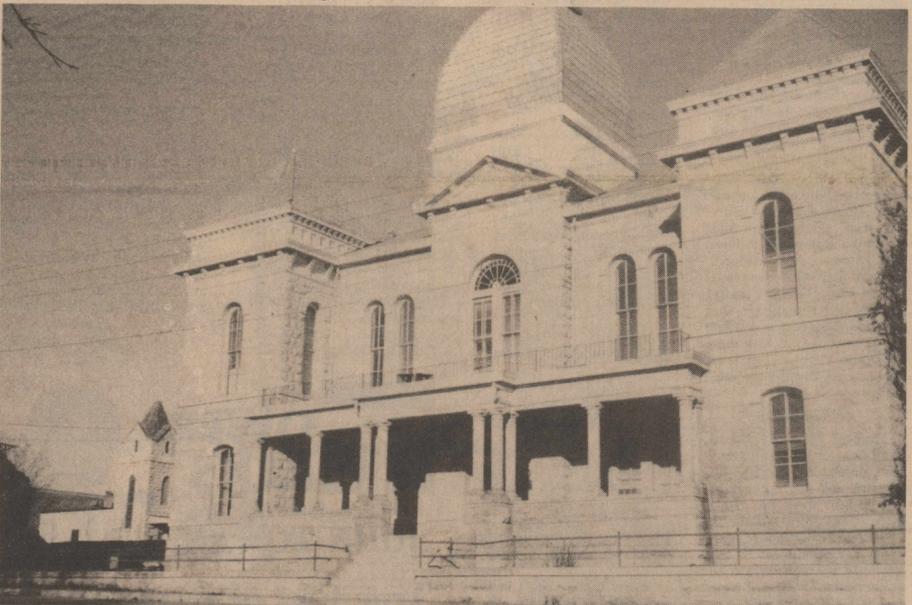
The public is cordially invited to any or all of the services. The nursery will be open for all services.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Kincaid of San Antonio have been here the past week on business on their ranch south of town and visiting relatives and friends.



THE DAY THEY UNDRESSED THE COURTHOUSE -- County workmen began the big job of taking up shrubs and trees around the courthouse last Wednesday to prepare for new landscaping of the grounds. The project is being sponsored by the Bicentennial Steering Committee. Four large trees in the park were also removed and a large space cut in the hedge at the east

end in order that the courthouse and grounds might be seen better by motorists. The top photo was snapped just as work removing the up to 50-year-old plantings got underway. The bottom picture was taken Tuesday afternoon after the removal work was nearly finished.



OHS Lions Win First Place In First Track Meet Of Season

The Ozona Lions got the track season off to a good start in Fort Stockton Saturday by winning their division of the Comanche Relays. It was an exciting finish, and the Lions were nip and tuck with the Alpine Bucks until the final event, the mile relay, and the Lions placed first. The Lions won the Division III crown with a total of 118 1/2 points and the Bucks were close behind with 116.

Ozona results were as follows:

Shot put - Clyde Bailey, fourth, 43'4".

Discus - Lonnie Martinez, first, with a throw of 130'4-3/4" and Blake Moody, fourth, with 119'5".

Long Jump - Gary Warren, second, 18'6 1/4"; Ben Badillo, fourth, 17'5-3/4".

High Jump - Steve Pagan and Randy Allen tied for sixth, 5'2", for 1/4 point.

Pole Vault - Blake Moody, second, 10'6"; Vaden Aldridge, fourth, 9'6".

Sprint Relay - third, 47.6, (Clyde Bailey, Ronald Shaw, Blake Moody, and Steve Pagan).

880 Dash - Clifford Crawford, first, 2:7.6.

High Hurdles - Rodney Ruthardt, third, 15.5.

440 Dash - Ronald Shaw, third, 54.8.

330 Intermediate Hurdles - Rodney Ruthardt, second, 43.8; Steve Pagan, third, 45.5.

220 Dash - Clifford

Crawford, second, 23.6. Mile Relay - first, 3:42.9, (Rodney Ruthardt, Ben Badillo, Ronald Shaw, and Clifford Crawford).

The Lion varsity has an open date this weekend and will not see action again until the Cactus Relays in

Iraan March 6. The junior varsity will compete in a j. v. meet in Fort Stockton this weekend.

Coach Jim Williams was especially pleased and proud of the team in its first meet and says all coaches look forward to a good year.

Suttons

Lease Service

Station

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sutton, longtime owners and operators of Sutton Chevron Station, have leased the station to Freddie Nicks. Nicks will take over the business March 1.

The Suttons went into the service station business in the summer of 1938 in Ozona. They have no definite plans for retirement.

Sutton served several terms as Commissioner of Precinct 3 in Crockett County, and Mrs. Sutton has been an active member of the Garden Club and Home Demonstration Club, as well as helping out in the station.

SASA To

Celebrate 1st Anniversary

The Ozona branch of San Angelo Savings and Loan Association will celebrate its first anniversary of its opening here March 1, with an open house in the branch office at 1002 Ave. E.

Mrs. Bruce Mayfield, local manager, invites all Ozonans to come in next Monday for free drinks and cookies. The open house will be held during office hours.

Confusion Reigns After Meet To Explain Gas Tax Variance

Confusion seemed to be the main result of the called meeting of the Crockett County Commissioners Court Tuesday morning. The meeting was called in order that Prichard and Abbott, the firm hired to evaluate mineral taxes for the county, could explain the variance of taxes for property owners in the Canyon and Ellenburger fields of the county.

The explanation session was prompted by the admission at the last meeting of one of the officials of the firm that the firm had made a mistake, and had undervalued some of the gas properties in question, namely the J. M. field.

The controversy arose a couple of months ago when V. I. Pierce, a large property owner in the Canyon Gas Field, protested that his gas taxes were not in line with taxes of property owners in the Ellenburger of J. M. field of the county. Pierce first went to the Commissioners Court where he was told that he must discuss any tax changes with Prichard and Abbott, experts in the evaluation of gas and oil taxes. Pierce was unable to contact any official of the firm and his telephone calls were unproductive.

When he finally did reach the official he had been attempting to call, at his home in Odessa at 5 a. m., he got no satisfaction, and was in fact told that the tax expert had no intention of coming to Ozona to discuss gas taxes or any variance in 1975 taxes. Following this telephone exchange, Mr. Pierce consulted his lawyer in San Angelo and hired a tax consultant firm on his own from Abilene.

This action led to a meeting of Prichard and Abbott officials, the Crockett County Commissioners Court, Pierce's lawyer and a representative of the tax consulting firm hired by Pierce. Since it was a regular meeting of the court, a meeting was set up in the office of the Prichard and Abbott firm for the following week between the firm's officials and gas property owners. The result was an investigation by Prichard and Abbott's tax experts into Crockett County's gas and oil taxes and a discovery or declaration by officials of the company that Mr. Pierce's gas property taxes were correctly valued, but that other taxes in the county had been grossly undervalued. One official of the firm has been quoted by several Crockett County landowners and Mr. Pierce himself, as saying the firm "made a big mistake."

The Tuesday morning called meeting was for the express purpose of a lengthy explanation by spokesmen from the firm. A crew of

experts, including Mr. Prichard and Mr. Abbott, were present for the presentation. Mr. Prichard spoke

DeHoyos Is Commissioner Candidate

I, Sostenes De Hoyos, authorize the Stockman to announce my candidacy for the post of County Commissioner Precinct 1 subject to action of the Democratic Primary May 1.

In making this announcement I can only say that "I firmly believe I am qualified for the post which I seek. I will make a personal effort to talk with all the voters of this Precinct urging their support. I feel I am capable of doing a good job. All I ask is the opportunity to serve."



SOSTENES DEHOYOS

I was born and reared in Ozona and I am a life long resident of Precinct 1. I am a graduate of Ozona High School. I served two years in the Army and spent a tour of duty in Viet Nam before my discharge in 1968.

I am a graduate of Sul Ross State University where I received my B. S. Degree in History and Government. I was an honor student while there. I am a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society and of Phi Alpha Theta, a history honor society. I continued studying for my masters there and was granted an assistantship with the History Department for two years. I also taught in the Lubbock Public School system before returning to Ozona in 1973.

I am the son of Anastacio De Hoyos and presently employed with Lilly Welding and Construction.

De Hoyos will oppose incumbent commissioner Jesse Marley and candidate Jerry L. Hayes on the Democratic Primary ballot for a place on the general election ballot in November.

at length on the method used by the firm for evaluating gas and oil taxes. He introduced the other members of the firm and noted that the firm had been evaluating Crockett County's gas and oil taxes since 1941. He said "we are here to answer harsh allegations made against our firm, allegations which reflect on the Crockett County Commissioners Court for hiring us."

Prichard read several statutes dealing with the law evaluating taxes. He said "we are dealing with tax on property, not income and property is valued here according to the law." Prichard went on to explain that the tax is set on not the gas or oil produced, but what is left to be produced, in other words value is set on what is left in the ground or the projected future production of the property.

Pierce took objection to Prichard's projection of future production. He said he had talked to experts in the Railroad Commission and had been told that a man would be foolish to state how long a property will produce. He also said that all the statutes and explanations had been "over his head," and he wanted a "plain and simple" explanation of why his taxes were more than gas and oil properties in the county producing much more than his field.

Mr. Prichard made an example, using a grocery store and how many cans of beans was left on the shelf. Saying the grocer would not pay property tax on how many cans of beans had been sold, but only on the cans left on the shelf.

This explanation did not seem to satisfy Mr. Pierce and he commented that there was something wrong between the beans and the gas.

After more exchanges, Prichard admitted that the market value is based on past income and well as future production as projected, but maintained that the firm bases its evaluations on what the property would sell for. He added that he believed the mis-understanding was one of concept.

Prichard turned the meeting over to Malcolm Gerald, tax expert and engineer for the firm. He explained how the firm valued mineral taxes and explained that the purpose of equalization each year was to give evidence that a certain tax is wrong or unequal, and that taxes could be adjusted.

Mr. Pierce informed the group that he had gotten nothing out of anything that had been said. He gave a brief recap of his part in protesting his taxes, including

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JUST BEFORE THE FREEZE -- Prolonged summer-like weather of the past few weeks caused many shrubs and flowers to mistake the season, as they often do in West Texas. This plum tree is annually a showy display in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Walker in the southeast sector of Ozona. The hard freezes of the past week blighted the beautiful tree, but not before it had provided several days of pleasant viewing for the neighbors and passersby.

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Liberal Ratings Embarrass Congressmen

Several weeks ago the WASHINGTON POST revealed that a number of liberal freshman Democratic congressmen had contacted the ultra-liberal Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), which annually rates members of Congress on their voting records, to beg ADA not to include them in the 1975 rating. This blatant and cynical attempt to fool the public speaks for itself.

"A lot of the freshmen are nervous about the ADA ratings," ADA spokesman Sam Fields told the POST. They see that as a road to bear this year, particularly if they won in a normally conservative Republican district. They read the Harris polls that say the country is going conservative and they think the ADA rating can be used against them to identify them as a liberal big spender."

ADA ignored the pleading, however, and proceeded to issue its complete rating covering Congress in 1975. The rating, which has just been issued to the press, makes it quite clear why these liberals feared the ADA embrace as a political kiss of death.

In the House of Representatives, for example, 27 members voted 100 percent along the ADA party line on selected issues, compared to only 9 members in 1974 — which was before the current Congress was elected. The 100 percenters are all Democrats.

ADA selected 19 key issues in the House on which to base its rating. These represented "watershed votes," according to ADA, with a "sharp liberal/conservative division unblurred by extraneous matters."

Among 19 issues, here are some typical ADA positions: For a bill to create a consumer protection agency, for a bill to give federal loans to New York City, against a measure to restrict eligibility for food stamps; for an amendment demanding disclosure of CIA funds in an Air Force appropriation bill; for an amendment to cut spending for military procurement and development, and for an amendment to kill \$1.9 billion authorized for the B-1 Bomber.

Do you know how your congressman voted on these and similar issues? You can find out by writing to: ADA, 1424 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. ADA will send you a copy of the rating survey, as well as a similar one covering your state's two senators. Both are free for the asking.

The 1976 Military Posture Statement

Recently our new Secretary of Defense, Mr. Donald Rumsfeld, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General George Brown, appeared before the House Armed Services Committee to warn that military trends are running against the United States. Unless these trends are reversed by an increased investment in the defense establishment, said Rumsfeld, we may suffer disastrous consequences.

Since this was the Administration's annual report to the Congress on the world military balance of power, one might expect it to rate front page attention in most newspapers. Not so in the eyes of the nation's leading newspaper, the NEW YORK TIMES. The TIMES editors reacted to the story by burying it on page 34 of the second section where, no doubt, they hoped the smallest number possible of their readers might be exposed to such unpleasantness.

The TIMES treatment of the Soviet military threat to the United States stands in the most grotesque contrast with the attention given to the alleged "threats" to American liberties posed by the FBI, CIA, and other agencies struggling to keep up with the machinations of their communist counterparts. If Brezhnev and Co. prevail, and something akin to the KGB finally comes to dominate American life, how much liberty will there then be — for anyone?

The steadily worsening U.S.-Soviet military balance makes this question anything but academic. "Detente notwithstanding," said General Brown, "the ever growing military power of the Soviet Union is the most challenging military threat to our security." And Rumsfeld warned that "the future adequacy of our force structure is gradually declining" because of the increasing Soviet military momentum.

The Administration is calling for a very modest increase of \$9 billion in the defense budget to \$100.1 billion. After allowing for inflation this represents only 2 percent real growth in the military program. Even so, anti-defense Congressmen are working to cut the request by \$5 billion to \$6 billion.

"If we falter or fail," said Rumsfeld, "there is no other power to take our place." That message is not getting across to the American people. There is too much of the NEW YORK TIMES mentality: bury it.



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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Lyndell Williams

AUSTIN—Insurance agency spokesmen have called on the State Board of Insurance for another raise in homeowners policies averaging 5.2 per cent.

Surprisingly, the request was smaller than the rate adjustment recommended by the board's own actuaries who figured a 6.7 per cent hike was justified on the basis of claims.

Either increase would cost policy holders about \$30 million a year for all types of building coverage. Rates would vary according to location and construction.

Differences in recommendation were due to the fact the board calculates on the basis of two years' experience in fire losses, while the industry uses a three-year experience base.

Both the board staff and industry spokesmen recommended higher new rates become effective July 1.

An average 8.3 per cent increase in homeowners policy rates already had been permitted to go into effect last week. Industry representatives contended the prior rate was inadequate to cover losses and was based on old data.

New rates were proposed for fire, extended coverage and farm and ranch as well as homeowners policies.

Bond Debt Soars Bonded debt of Texas state and local governments rose to \$11 billion in 1975, is growing 10.4 per cent a year and is expected to pass the \$15 billion mark in 1980.

A Texas Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations study concluded the annual volume of debt and the total amount of outstanding debt is climbing steadily each year.

Amounts of outstanding debts in 1974 were: city general obligation bonds, \$1.8 billion; city revenue bonds, \$2 billion; school districts and junior colleges, \$2.7 billion; counties and road districts, \$484.7 million; special districts and authorities, \$1.7 billion and state agencies and colleges, \$1.7 billion.

Allowable Still 100% Texas Railroad Commission again set the monthly oil production allowable at 100 per cent.

March will be the 48th straight month of all-out production, except for the East Texas field (held to 86 per cent).

Speaking at the commission allowable hearing, the head of the state's largest oil and gas association claimed four bills before Congress may cause a crisis which can be used as an excuse for nationalizing the petroleum industry.

Jack Blanton, Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association president, said a price rollback provided under the 1975 Energy Policy and Conservation Act will cost the Texas economy \$1.5 billion a year.

Blanton said the industry today operates "in an atmosphere of confusion, uncertainty, suspicion and hostility, not a compliment to a nation that badly needs its best minds working in a single direction to solve the

problems of insufficient energy resources.

Courts Speak

Texas Supreme Court ruled against the appeal of a Portland woman for a \$1 million damage verdict as the result of an alleged rape by an orderly on a public hospital elevator.

The high court upheld an injunction against a Waco pet foods plant from producing sickening odors.

The Court of Criminal Appeals reversed a Dallas murder conviction and 25-year prison sentence because of trial testimony that the victim was a kind, inoffensive man.

In another case, the same court by a 3-2 vote affirmed the death penalty in the "calculated, remorseless" killing of a Dallas grocer.

The court upheld life sentences in two other cases—for rape - robbery - murder of an aged woman and driving a stolen car (following two prior felony convictions)—and reversed another in a Gregg County murder. In the latter, the defendant signed a confession because a law enforcement officer threatened the death penalty.

AG Opinions

Medical Advisory Board deliberations of information made confidential by statute are not subject to the Open Meetings Act, Atty. Gen. John Hill held. Hill said other board discussions are subject to the act only if they pertain to supervision or control over public business policy.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded: Persons committed to mental health facilities for periods not to exceed 12 months because they are incompetent to stand trial for offenses or are found not guilty by reason of insanity cannot be recommitted.

Parks and Wildlife Department must set aside 40 per cent of commercial fishermen license fees, 20 per cent of wholesale fish dealers' license collections and 50 per cent of shrimp house operators' license fees for use in a program to promote seafood sale.

Information on dormant and unclaimed funds subject to being turned over to the state must be reported to the State Treasury May 1—a year after publication of notice.

Taxes Rebated

Comptroller Bob Bullock mailed \$11.3 million worth of sales tax rebates to 741 cities and towns for January.

The comptroller also forwarded \$1.4 million to 186 counties and \$1.3 million to 300 cities as their share of mixed drink taxes for the October-December quarter of 1975.

The latter, collected by Alcoholic Beverage Commission, is 10 per cent of all gross receipts from sale of mixed drinks. Cities get 15 per cent of collections within their limits and counties 15 per cent of collections in unincorporated areas. The state got \$6.5

million from the levy October-December.

THE NEWS REEL

A re-run of "The Ozona Story" has gleaned from the files of "THE OZONA STOCKMAN"

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1947 The Ozona PTA profited by about \$450 from the four-day basketball tournament this past weekend. Winning team included Coaches Marshall Brown and L. B. T. Sikes, Vic Montgomery, Joe Ross Huffstader, Roland Allard and Joe Couch. Profits will be used for new band uniforms.

29 years ago Mrs. Mabel Kinser, wife of E. R. Kinser, Crockett county ranchman and county commissioner, died Sunday in a Del Rio hospital.

29 years ago Mrs. B. B. Ingham returned last week after a ten-day visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Boothe, and grandson in Sweetwater.

29 years ago Ozona Church of Christ members will host a barbecue dinner following the Sunday morning revival services conducted by Horace W. Busby, Fort Worth evangelist, who begins a ten-day gospel meeting at the local church.

29 years ago Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bailey and children left Wednesday afternoon for Fort Worth where they will spend the weekend visiting Mr. Bailey's sister.

29 years ago Miss Sug Owens of Ozona is one of the 22 new members added to the Bryson Club at Texas Christian University recently. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Owens of Ozona.

29 years ago The Charlie Davidson have been visiting their daughter, Muggins, in Dallas, and the Massie Weeks are there this week to see their daughter, Joyce.

29 years ago Nick Wigzell, old time cowboy and one of Crockett county's early settlers, celebrated his 87th birthday Tuesday.

SNIPS, QUIPS AND LIFTS by Lottie Lee Baker

The only exercise some people get is passing the buck, running away from responsibilities, pushing their luck, jumping to conclusions, and carrying on about their problems.

A diet is what helps a person gain weight slower.

A small town is where anybody who steps out of line is probably in a parade.

If some skeptics thought that seeing was believing, they wouldn't even look.

The best investments are always the ones you were not clever enough to make.

While money can't buy happiness, it certainly enables you to look for it in comfort.

People who know which way the wind's blowing are seldom swept off their feet.

Running for public office is like getting married. You know that sooner or later somebody is going to give somebody away.

No man can be made a fool of unless he has suitable material.

The heaviest thing a person can carry is a grudge.

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK - Problems are guidelines, not stop signs.

million from the levy October-December.

Date Set State Board of Education gave school districts until September 1 to discontinue collecting prohibited special student fees without facing possible loss of accreditation.

Atty. Gen. Hill October 1 said it is illegal for districts to charge fees for such purposes as driver education, work books, band uniforms and locker fees. Districts estimate loss of the fees will cost them \$22 million over the state.

Short Snorts

Type A influenza virus has been confirmed in four specimens from central and north Texas. The Victoria strain is suspected as prevalent in recent outbreaks. Gov. Dolph Briscoe's campaign deficit was further reduced by a \$125 a plate fund-raising dinner in Houston February 18.



Congratulations to the track team on their winning the Fort Stockton Track Meet last Saturday. This Saturday the J.V. track team will be competing in the Fort Stockton track meet.

The Tennis team will be playing in the San Angelo Tennis tournament this Friday and Saturday. Good Luck to all those who are competing in any sport this week.

Last Saturday night was the annual Spring Round-up. There was a good turnout and all those attending had an enjoyable time.

Good luck to the stage band going to Brownwood!

The cowboy in last week's paper was James Hokit.

Song Dedications: To Monica D. and Isabel M. - That's the Way I Like It from Elsa D.; To Ghita-The Immigrant from the Sr. Boys; To Pando C. - Love Will Keep Us Together from Lupe; To Kirby K. - Junk Food Junky from Sr. Boys; To Rhonda-One of These Nights from Ronald S.; To Spud-Take It to the Limit from Sr. Boys; To Vince Huffman-Rock and Roll All Night from a friend; To Senior Class-Wake Up Everybody from O. H. S.; To Jerry W. - Lonely Nights from D. W.; To O. H. S. - I Write the Songs from 5th period study hall; To Janis James-S-A-T-U-R-D-A-Y Night from sophomore boys; To Vince H. - Three Time Loser from Wayne B.; To Fantasy Star-Bless the Beast and the Children from O. O. H. S.; To Karen Warren-I Don't Like Spider and Snakes from Bruce W.; To Becky E. - Honky Tonk Angel from Cliff McMullan; To Richard C. - Vamos A Bailar La Cumbia-Mimi; To Diana T. - Love Will Keep Us Together from Juan O.; To Sr. Class-Kings of the Party-Balzoc; To all the girls of O. H. S. - Love Hurts from the guys of 3rd period Study Hall; To Tony Connor-Rhinestone Cowboy from R. P.; To Clyde Bailly-The Peppermint Twist from Steve Pagan; To Vicki T. - LaBorvaclite-Phile C.; To Belia Castro-Mahogany from Andy; To Eddie G. - Just You and I from Nomi; To Lucy P., Debbie W., Kathleen A., Randy A., Cliff B. - Convoy from B. M.

SHHHHHHHHHH! By: John Henderson Dawn Burns - Sonny Pruitt would be right proud of ya if he could only see you now! Is it true that one of our local pilgrims learned how to snow ski this weekend?

Hope P. - Did you and somebody else take a close look at the time last Saturday night?

Bobby K. - Did you like what you saw last Thursday night?

Is it true that Joey P. can really electro-type? Michelle P. - Are you the new owner of the buzzzzzz-bizzzzzz?

PUBLIC NOTICE Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 p. m., March 9, 1976, covering the sale of the following listed property, which may be inspected at the location shown below between 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m., Monday through Friday, by contacting Herbert Kunkel, Bid on each item separately:

ITEM NO. I: Rock Veneer House and garage at 108 Avenue H.

ITEM NO. II: House at 909 Waterworks Drive.

The successful bidder will remove the structure and clear the lots within 60 days of notification of acceptance. The School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Payment will be accepted when bids are awarded.

BIDS SHALL BE MADE WITH INK OR TYPEWRITTEN AND BE ENCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, ADDRESSED TO CROCKETT COUNTY COMMON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOX 400, OZONA, TEXAS 76943, and marked on the lower left corner: SEALED BID OFFER-HOUSING.

CARD OF THANKS I want to thank all the members of the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department for their prompt arrival and their efficient fire fighting techniques in the fire at the El Sombrero last weekend. My place is open to them anytime for any meeting free of charge, and I will furnish the coffee.

Sincerely, Sam Martinez



True Cost of Government

WASHINGTON—You pay a lot more for government than you realize. President Ford's proposed budget for the next fiscal year calls for spending \$394.1 billion, a little more than \$1,800 for every man, woman, and child in the country. Congress very likely will raise that figure to more than \$400 billion by the time it completes action on the budget.

The American taxpayer will, of course, provide the funds the federal government will spend. Individual income taxes, social insurance receipts, corporate taxes and excise taxes will raise \$351 billion of the budget total.

What the federal government doesn't raise in taxes this year to reach its spending levels it will make up for in borrowing. And what the federal government borrows this year, the taxpayers must in later years repay with interest.

The federal budget is, by itself, high enough to alarm the fiscally responsible. But the budget does not reflect substantial additional costs that the federal government imposes upon Americans.

In the first place, not all the spending by federal agencies is reported in the budget. Congress has in recent years excluded a number of federally owned and controlled agencies from the budget totals.

Among these off-budget agencies are the Postal Service, the Export-Import Bank, Amtrak, the Rural Telephone Bank, the Rural Electrification Fund and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. They will spend an estimated \$11.1 billion during the next fiscal year.

More importantly, the budget does not reflect the costs imposed on Americans by the forms and edicts issued by federal regulatory agencies. Nobody knows for sure how much this is, but the estimates range as high as \$130 billion a year.

We now have a small army of federal regulators, some 63,444 for nearly two dozen agencies with some regulatory powers, and they generate a veritable mountain of paperwork. It is estimated that the federal government has more than 6,000 different forms in print, and that federal employees shuffle some 10 billion sheets of paper each year, enough to fill the Houston Astrodome 50 times.

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Tips For Gardeners

From the Ozona Garden Club by Mrs. Bailey Post

Since January and most of February have been on the mild side weatherwise, perhaps you had better take heed and not plant tender flowers or vegetables for a while yet. I have seen our coldest weather in March several times.

You should drive over our city to see many colorful buds of bulbs and the fruit trees in bloom. Now we will be hoping for a warm spring to spare the fruit from a killing freeze.

With spring just around the corner, ornamentals are beginning new growth, so it's a good time to apply fertilizer and new soil if needed. For those in flower or about to flower, delay the fertilizer application until flowering is over.

Fertilizer is one of the key requirements of good plant culture. Of course, fertility of soils varies as do nutrient requirements of different plants. Therefore the gardener should be alert to these requirements and know the best fertilizing practices to supply them. Analysis, usually consisting of three numbers, identifies a fertilizer. The first number always indicates percentage of nitrogen; the second, phosphorus; and the third potassium. For example, a 10-5-5 analysis indicates the fertilizer contains 10% nitrogen, 5% phosphorus, and 5% potassium. Percentage means there are that many pounds of the particular nutrient in 100 pounds of total mixture. The remainder of the mixture is a non-nutrient material that frequently has soil-conditioning benefits.

Pampas grass needs to be pruned back severely to a few inches above the ground to make a more attractive growth. Fertilize and water well if no rain.

Cone-bearing evergreens need to be pruned now to keep them attractive and within bounds. This should be done each year by clipping back branches to desired height and spread.

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Crockett County Hospital News

Patients receiving treatment in Crockett County Hospital week of Feb. 17 to Feb. 24:

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- Mamie Weaver*
- Milton Wagner*
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Sorority Holds Ritual Of Jewels Ceremony

The Alpha Alpha Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its Ritual of Jewels Monday evening at the Civic Center. Seven pledges were installed as new members. New members installed were Mmes. John Booth,

Dennis Clark, Tom Finley, Randy Hall, Curtis Keith, Donnie Laughlin and David Sewell.

A salad supper was served and then a regular business meeting followed.

Mrs. Terry McPherson, president, called the meeting to order and secretary Mrs. Johnny Meyer called the roll and read the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the called meeting of February 16.

Mrs. Eddie Hale, service chairman, reported on buying a bench for the park, and the group then voted on what they were going to donate for their Bi-Centennial project.

Mrs. Jack Bentley reported on the annual Queen of Hearts Ball in San Angelo. Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Frank Hill, and Mrs. Charles Spieker attended the Ball on February 14.

Mrs. Jim Williams introduced the idea of forming an Exemplar chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Ozona. The group decided to discuss this idea further at the next meeting.

Mrs. Tommy Wilson gave the program on "Never Underestimate the Power of a Woman", in which she viewed the various aspects of motherhood.

Debra Says
by Debra Price
H. D. Agent

Parents play an important role in creating an environment where the "loves in our lives" can grow and develop. Children need other "loves" in their lives besides the affection they learn to express for friends and family. There are four special loves that can help children become independent, self-confident adults.

--Love of learning. Stimulate enthusiasm for new skills, new places and new ideas. If children feel good about learning, they will enjoy it instead of fearing failure or poor grades on their report cards. Encouraging a love of learning in children can result in a desire to learn which will remain with them always.

--Love of liberty. Allow freedom--appropriate to the child's age and abilities--to touch, taste, explore, play, choose friends and even make noise. Children learn to love liberty, become independent and develop a sense of adventure if they are not over-disciplined. Too many "no's" or "don't's" can result eventually in a passive adult who lacks self-confidence or initiative.

--Love of law. Set reasonable limits geared to each child's age, developmental level and abilities--and explain to the child why the rules are necessary. Reasonable limits provide a guide for the child; they help him understand what is acceptable behavior. Don't feel guilty for saying "no." Rules help a child learn self-discipline and respect for laws.

--Love of life. Show your child he is loved and valued as a person. Wisely control the use of criticism--it can be defeating to a child. Children who are unsure of themselves may be afraid of others and suspicious of anyone who is different. When children feel good about themselves, they want to grow and change and improve their skills, and they will learn to be friendly with others.

SALAD BRIDGE
Mrs. J. B. Miller was hostess for the Wednesday Salad Bridge Club in her home last week. Mrs. Claud Leath was co-hostess.

Mrs. Miller won high score, Mrs. Bert Sorrells low, and Mrs. O. D. West bingo. Others playing were Mrs. L. D. Kirby, Mrs. Oscar Moreland, Mrs. Gene Perry, and Mrs. Morgan Tolle.

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Forum Celebrates Washington's Birthday

By Bonnie Warth

Members of the Womans Forum met at the Civic Center Feb. 17 to celebrate the birthday of George Washington. Hostesses were Mrs. Kirby Moore and Mrs. John Coates. Catered by Girl Scouts, the food was delightful.

The purpose in celebrating this birthday is self explanatory, but necessary during this Bi-Centennial year, to give special attention to our First President and his lady. Mrs. T. J. Bailey, president, called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Lowell Littleton brought to us the background and the little known facts of George Washington. Lafayette was among, and probably the first to really know the inner-self of this man. When he played ball with his enlisted men this was not the inner-self, there were no cherry trees, or hatchet at Mt. Vernon, in fact Mt. Vernon was legally left to George Washington by a half-brother in 1754. George was a man of great

faith, loved the theatre, loved uniforms and never wore a wig, he powdered his hair.

Mrs. Eli Hagelstein read "Washington's Prayer for the United States."

Mrs. George Bunger gave us a summary of Martha Washington, who was a wonderful hostess and who said, "I am determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may be. For I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness, or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances. We carry the seeds of the one or the other about with us in our minds wherever we go".

Other members present were: Mrs. Charles Black, Mrs. Ben Bohmfalk, Mrs. P. L. Childress, Mrs. James Childress, Mrs. Vernon Jones, Mrs. Ralph Jones, Mrs. L. D. Kirby, Mrs. Arthur Kyle, Mrs. Fred Hagelstein, Mrs. Marshall Montgomery, Mrs. Arthur Phillips, Mrs. J. R. Miller, and Mrs. Bonnie Warth.

Public Notice

Bids are now being taken for a 1968 Chevrolet El Camino at the Water District office. Anyone interested in bidding on the vehicle may get further information at the Water District office. All bids should be submitted before March 5, when they will be opened. The vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder.

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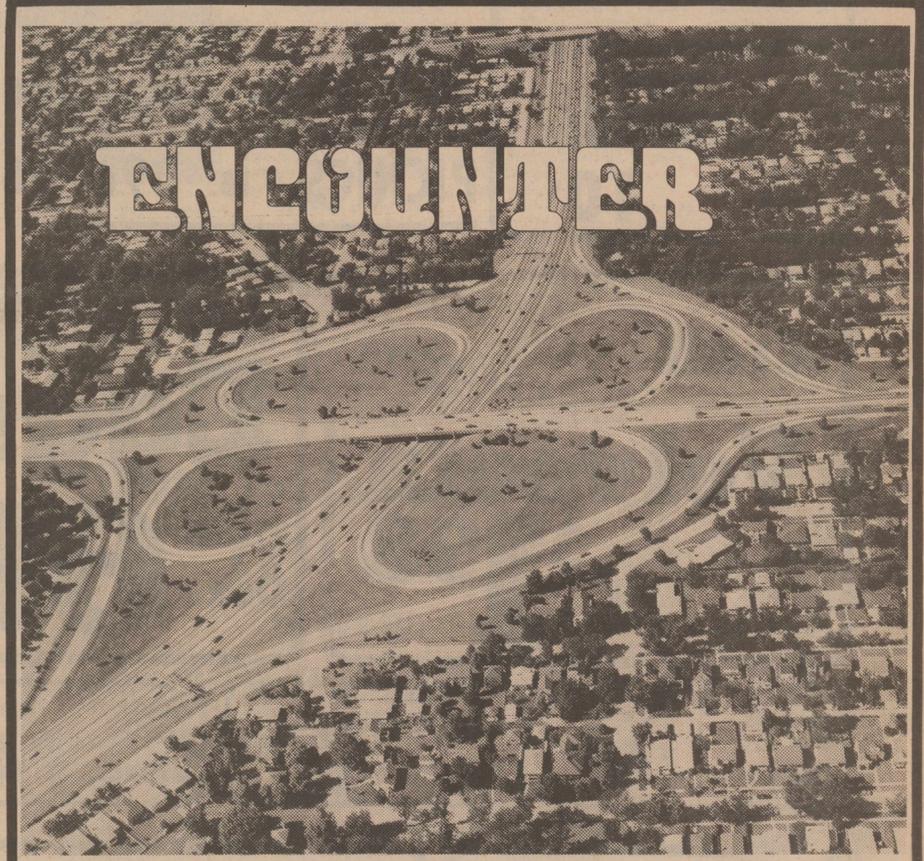
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Our civilization is largely the product of men's encounter with men at the crossroads of geography, sociology, history and science.

Never lose sight of the vital Crossroads . . . Religion.

That is the encounter of men with God! It has constantly offered positive, constructive approaches to the problems that surround the other intersections in time and experience.

When you hear the church bells next Sunday, remember. It is good to live at the Crossroads where Christ touches all human relationships with His power and love.

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Sunday Ephesians 1:1-14	Monday 1 Peter 2:1-10	Tuesday 1 John 3:1-10	Wednesday Luke 4:14-21	Thursday Mark 9:30-37	Friday Mark 10:35-45	Saturday 1 Corinthians 9:19-27
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Crockett County Gas & Oil Discoveries

A wildcat, a confirmation and seven re-entry operations were slated in Crockett County and tests continued at a confirmer. Also a wildcat was set in Runnels.

J. Cleo Thompson, Dallas, will drill the No. 1-B P. L. Childress as a 9,000-foot wildcat, 1/2-mile south and slightly west of his No. 6-A J. R. Bailey, Ellenburger opener and lone producer from that pay of the Crockett County portion of the Ozona, Northeast (7520 Canyon gas) field 12 miles east of Ozona. Location is 660 feet from the north and west lines of the south half of 5-GH-GC&SF.

The discovery, drilled to 9,000 feet, was finalized July 14, 1975, for a calculated, absolute open flow of 2.03 million cubic feet of gas per day, with gas-liquid ratio of 30,346-1, through perforations at 8,667-691 feet.

Hendrickson & Erickson, Midland, will drill the No. 4C. W. Meadows as a 1,658-foot east-northeast offset to No. 3 Meadows, Ellenburger gas re-opener of the Ozona multipay field of Crockett County, six miles southwest of Ozona.

Location is 1,300 feet from the south and 1,980 feet from the east lines of 4-QR-D&SE. Contract depth is 7,600 feet.

The discovery was finalized June 21, 1974, for a calculated, absolute open flow of 17 million cubic feet of gas per day, with gas-liquid ratio of 10,476-1, through perforations at 7,288-348 feet.

Clayton W. Williams, Jr., Midland, No. 1 Shannon, in 7-2-GC&SF, Crockett County unidentified prospect and indicated third detrital producer and a location west extension to that pay, 3/4 mile south of the Ellenburger opener and lone producer from that pay in the Escondido, Northwest field, 34 miles northwest of Ozona, flowed three barrels of oil in 30 minutes from the detrital. Flow was through a 14-64-inch choke and perforations at 8,730-736 feet. Operator was preparing to acidize.

It flowed 89 barrels of oil in 1 1/2 hours and gas at the rate of 2.5 million cubic feet daily on a drillstem test at 8,385-470 feet, comparable to lower Pennsylvanian production in the Escondido field.

Amoy Minerals Corp., San Antonio, will re-enter and clean out to 1,100 feet at seven former Grayburg-San Andres producers for recompletion attempt as confirmations to the three-well Yates oil area of the Vaughn field of Crockett County, 15 miles northwest of Ozona.

The No. 1-B J. M. Shannon, 5/8 mile southeast, is 330 feet from the south and east lines of the northeast quarter of 4-UV-GC&SF.

The No. 9-B Shannon, 1,500 feet south, is 330 feet from the south and 990 feet from the west lines of the same quarter.

The No. 1-A Shannon, 1-5/8 mile south, is 330 feet from the south and east lines of the northeast quarter of 5-UV-GC&SF.

The No. 10-A Shannon, 1 1/2 miles south, is 990 feet from the south and west lines of the same quarter.

The No. 5-A Shannon, 1-5/8 mile south, is 330 feet from the south and 990 feet from the east lines of the same quarter.

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SAFETY IS THEME FOR 4-H CLUB MEET

The Crockett County 4-H Club meeting will be Monday, March 1, at the High School Library at 7:30 p.m. This month's program will be "Safety and First Aid in the Home" presented by Bob Falkner.

All youth between the ages of 9 and 19, 4-H leaders, and parents are welcome to attend.

Mr. Falkner is employed with the Texas Department of Public Safety. He is an advanced first aid instructor.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drago of Strasburg, Colo. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Drago in Ozona last week.

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March Visit Set For Social Security

Garland Gregg, social security representative for the San Angelo Social Security office, has scheduled his March visit to Ozona. He will be at the County Courthouse on Wednesday, March 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time. Persons who are unable to meet with him are encouraged to call the office in San Angelo. Residents of Ozona may call toll free by dialing "Operator" and asking for "Enterprise 2058."

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Multi-Barrel Discoveries Abound In Crockett County

Continental Oil Co., Midland, will drill the No. 1-3 Haglestein, a 5,300-foot wildcat in Crockett County, 16 miles south of Ozona and 7/8 mile west of the proposed J. T. D. (Wolfcamp oil) field.

Location is 660 feet from the south and east lines of 3-L-GC&SF.

The discovery, Amoco Production Co. No. 1-C Joe T. Davidson, drilled to 9,820 feet was finalized Feb. 10 for 174 barrels of 45 gravity oil, plus four barrels of water, with gas-oil ratio of 1,052-1, through perforations at 4,317-994 feet.

H. L. Brown Jr., Midland, will drill the No. 2-5 University as a 6,300-foot wildcat, one location south of his No. 1-6 University, opener of the proposed Crockett, East (Devonian) field of Crockett County, 13 miles southwest of Rankin.

Location is 660 feet from the north and 1,980 feet from the east lines of 5-14-University. Ground elevation is 2,358 feet.

The discovery drilled to 6,145 feet, was finalized Feb. 17 for 223 barrels of

45.4 gravity oil, plus three barrels of water, with gas-oil ratio of 1,928-1, through a 13-64-inch choke and perforations at 6,104-113 feet.

Crockett County gained a discovery, a confirmation and locations for two outposts. Also tests continued at a confirmer.

H. L. Brown Jr., No. 1-6 University, Devonian oil discovery, 13 miles southwest of Rankin, and 1 1/2 miles east of the Crockett (Grayburg) field, was finalized for a daily flowing potential of 223 barrels of 45.4 gravity oil, plus three barrels of water, with gas-oil ratio of 1,928-1.

Production was through a 13-64-inch choke and perforations at 6,104-113 feet, which had been acidized with 500 gallons.

The following tops were picked on ground elevation of 2,358 feet: Tansil, 972 feet; Yates, 1,167 feet; Grayburg, 1,777 feet; San Andres, 1,984 feet; Glorieta, 2,970 feet; Clearfork, 3,065 feet; Tubb, 3,632 feet; lower Clearfork, 3,748 feet; Wichita-Albany, 4,515 feet; Wolfcamp, 5,224 feet and Devonian 6,094 feet.

Drilled to 6,145 feet, where 5 1/2-inch casing was set, it is plugged back to 6,123 feet.

The following field designations were proposed: Crockett, East; Mule Train; and Persistence.

Location is 660 feet from the south and 1,980 feet from the east lines of 6-14-University.

Nearest Devonian production is 15 miles to the west in the Crossett multipay field.

Clayton W. Williams, Jr., Midland, No. 1 Shannon, in 7-2-GC&SF, Crockett County unidentified prospect and indicated third detrital producer and a location west extension to that pay, 3/4 mile south of the Ellenburger opener and lone producer from that pay in the Escondido Northwest field, 5/8 mile northwest of upper Strawn production and depleted upper Pennsylvanian production and 1-1/8 miles northwest of Ellenburger and Fusselman production in the Escondido field and 3/4 miles northwest of Ozona, flowed fluid, 20 per cent oil, at the rate of 24 barrels per hour from the detrital.

Flow was through an unreported choke and perforations at 8,730-736 feet, operator was preparing to swab.

It flowed 89 barrels of oil in 1 1/2 hours and gas at the rate of 2.5 million cubic feet daily on a drillstem test at 8,385-470 feet, comparable to lower Pennsylvanian production in the Escondido field.

Drilled to 9,300 feet, 4 1/2-inch casing was set at 8,940 feet.

The dual Fusselman and lower Pennsylvanian opener of the Escondido field, Continental Oil Co. No. 1-1 J. M. Shannon, was finalized Dec. 2, 1963 from the lower Pennsylvanian for 263 barrels of 45.8 gravity oil, with gas-oil ratio of 2,478-1, through an 11-64-inch choke and perforations at 8,308-322 feet; and from the Fusselman for 285 barrels of 44 gravity oil, with gas-oil ratio of 1,400-1, through an 11-64-inch choke and perforations at 8,562-77 feet. Ellenburger production is at 9,043 feet and upper Strawn, at 7,734 feet.



OZONA VFW POST IS HONOR POST -- District VFW officer Larry Albers presents Ozona Post Commander Tom Montgomery the honor roll post pin. The post was 100% in participation in VFW projects and local as well as youth projects. This is the first time in the history of the Post it has been awarded the spot on the honor roll.

Baby Sitting Is More Than Sitting-Watching

Nearly all boys and girls babysit during their pre-teen and teen years, but to compete in the job market, young people often need to offer services other than just "taking care" of a small child, Dorothy Taylor, a family life education specialist, says.

"Babysitting co-ops are popular in some areas. Several teenagers pool their interests and talents and provide child care, entertainment and learning activities.

"The fees are naturally a little higher since the child has more supervision in a babysitting co-op. The money is also divided among more sitters. Co-ops usually operate on weekends due to the time required for more activities. Parents should keep in mind that this is still non-professional babysitting, however," the specialist said.

Miss Taylor is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Teens who enjoy working alone may continue to babysit in their neighborhood. Like any other job, the youth should be prepared for taking care of and being responsible for the children," she reminded.

She suggested some guidelines for good babysitters. --Your first responsibility

is to keep the baby safe.

--Follow rules set by the parents to the best of your ability.

--Use your special skills (everyone has some tricks that work better than others).

--Be a good example--children are great mimics.

"The babysitter isn't the parent, and sitters don't become parents during the hours they babysit either. Sitters can't love a child as his parents do, and neither should they punish as parents do. Also, sitters shouldn't be held responsible for habits the child learned long before the youth became a babysitter," Miss Taylor pointed out.

This means that there are limits to the job of babysitting. Every job has some difficult parts--but babysitters aren't parents, doctors, teachers or housekeepers, she added.

"With training and practice, most young people become first-rate sitters. Most teens like little children and young children like being with teenagers. Babysitting is a natural job for youth, whether they sit alone or work with others in a babysitting co-op," the specialist said.

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Quilted Fabrics For Bicentennial

Quilted fabrics are making the fashion "Spirit of '76" come alive for home sewers this spring, Margaret Ann Vanderpoorten, a clothing specialist says.

"They're great for the Bicentennial mood and also the Oriental trend, depending on the colors and textures selected.

"And quilted fabrics lend themselves to fast, easy sewing for loungewear and outdoorwear," she said.

Miss Vanderpoorten is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"They're available in many fibers and constructions including woven cottons, knitted and woven synthetics, rayon satins and rayon and cotton blend velvets," she added.

Notions suitable for use with quilted fabrics range from braided frogs, in shiny rayon cord, dull cording and jute to Oriental designs in ribbon and fold-over braid.

"And for outdoor clothing, natural-colored wooden or brightly-colored plastic toggle buttons are available. Grosgrain ribbons and other trims in 100 per cent polyester are as easy-care as the fabric," the specialist said.

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TOURING MOTOR HOMES stopped off in Ozona for an overnight stay as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank James, who had been with the group the last five weeks on a tour from a national convention in Las Vegas, Nev., to deep in Old Mexico. The Dodge motor home owners, 30 strong, who spent the night here, were entertained with a supper at the Methodist Church, catered by the Eastern Star. The group stopping here had peeled off from a total of 75 that had made up the Mexico tour. They left the next morning (without the Jameses) to spend the spring in Florida. The photo shows only a few of the early arriving motor homes that packed the parking lot by dark. Host Frank James is standing in front of the line.

30 Units Of Dodge Motor Motorcade Visit Ozona

Thirty Dodge motor homes, a part of a 75-unit motorcade just back from a tour of Mexico following a convocation of motor home owners in Law Vegas, Nev., spent a night in Ozona last week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank James, who had accompanied the group on the tour of Old Mexico.

With permission of school authorities, the 30 motor units were parked at the athletic field parking lot in northwest Ozona. Mr. and Mrs. James were hosts at a supper served in the fellow-

ship hall of the Ozona United Methodist Church. The meal was catered by the Ozona chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. The group left Ozona the next morning for Florida where they plan to spend the spring period.

A total of 250 motor homes assembled in Las Vegas five weeks ago. From there a group of 75 formed the tour to Mexico. The travelers went as far down in Mexico as Mazatlan and returning to Las Moche boarded the narrow gauge Ferro-Carril for the scenic return trip over the Sierra

Madre mountains and copper canyon. The 75 motor homes were divided into two groups and mounted on flat cars, one to each car. It was a thrilling ride. Mr. and Mrs. James reported.

After leaving the train the travelers went to Juarez and El Paso and there the 30 veered off for the visit to Ozona and to continue on to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. James left the tourists here for a period of rest after the 5-weeks tour.

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CONSERVATION --

(Continued from last week)

(This is the second half of first place district winner Janice Jones essay on soil conservation, sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service. The first half was printed last week along with the story.)

There are many people involved in the conservation of soil, but there should be even more. Farmers, ranchers, forest rangers, and ski patrol are just a few who are trying to conserve the soil. All of the people of America should be conscious of the many ways in which they can help with conservation.

The pollution of our lakes and rivers is caused by big factories dumping wastes and chemicals into the water. This pollution kills the life in the lakes and rivers and takes away one of our sources of food. Oceans are being contaminated by oil spills, which causes another source of food loss.

This pollution of the water also causes a lack of fresh drinking water. Although

the water can be processed and purified to drink, this process costs money which could be used on other things. If everyone would be more conscientious this pollution problem would not occur, but, as it is, laws must be passed to prevent this pollution of water.

Our wildlife adds much beauty to the land. Yet some species are becoming extinct because of man's carelessness. Wildlife should be protected in order to enrich other peoples' lives as it has ours.

Today, groups of people are forming refuges and havens for these endangered species. Laws are being passed for the protection of certain animals, and forest fires are being controlled in order to save wildlife.

I have just tried to tell everyone how important it is for all of us to work together in the conservation of soil, water, and wildlife for the betterment and benefit of future generations.

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GIRL TO ROBINSONS

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Robinson are the parents of a daughter, by adoption. The little girl was born February 18, and weighed six pounds. She has been named Kelly Diane. She has a sister, Danette, 2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clint Davis and Mr. and Mrs. James Jennings, all of Odessa.

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Check House For Accident Causing Areas

Safety in the home is a goal each family member needs to know about and work toward. Claudia Mitzel, a consumer information specialist, says,

"Safety-conscious habits and practices around the house will help prevent accidents and injuries," she said.

Miss Mitzel is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

She pointed out that stairs, ramps and landings are major hazard areas in the home.

"Be sure that stairways and entrances are well-lit and equipped with light switches at the top and bottom. Throw rugs shouldn't be used at the head or foot of stairs.

"A handrail should be available on every staircase, and be sure banisters are in good repair and will provide support," she advised.

Floors are dangerous when wet. Teach the children to wipe up spills immediately, especially in the bathroom, kitchen and utility room. Frequently-damp areas in these rooms should have the added protection of non-skid mats or abrasive strips to make flooring more slip-resistant, the specialist suggested.

"Entrance areas can be hazardous if not properly protected. Water, mud and leaves tracked in from outside make floors slippery. Also, washing and waxing can make

Texas Ag. Board Is Officially Organized

The eighth Texas agricultural commodity board was officially organized in San Angelo February 18 when the 12 board members elected February 10 during balloting on the Mohair Referendum received the oath of office from Bob Gray with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The Texas Mohair Producers Board, acting swiftly, set the 1976 deduction level on mohair sold at 2 1/2 cents per pound, the maximum allowable. The board also elected officers, drew for staggered terms, and cast votes on a number of important measures that had to be decided before the board can initiate day to day business.

Early in the session, the

board members elected James Hunt of Sonora to be chairman. Sid Harkins of Sanderson was elected vice chairman and Bob Childress of Ozona was elected secretary-treasurer.

In order to provide continuity, the Mohair Board elected to draw for staggered terms, with members Austin Millspaugh of San Angelo, Childress, J. W. Adams of Hamilton and Ed Young of Uvalde receiving two-year terms. Drawing four-year terms on the board were Herman Moore of Brownwood, Noel Fry of Del Rio, Thomas Morris of Sonora and James Leo Greer Jr. of Rocksprings. Hunt, Harkins, Ted Holekamp of Junction and Wayne Rogers of Kerrville drew six-year terms.



YOU'LL BE FAMOUS FOR THIS FRIED CHICKEN--Fried chicken is always a favorite dish, but if you want to try a new variation of it, the Texas Department of Agriculture home economist recommends the Texas Chicken Dinner. A crunchy cornflake-peanut crust and mushroom sauce add special appeal to this recipe.

from the TAP kitchen



TEXAS CHICKEN DINNER

- 1 (2-1/2 to 3 lb.) Texas broiler-fryer
- 3 beaten eggs
- 3 cups cornflakes, crushed
- 1 cup ground peanuts
- 1 cup melted butter
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 3 Tbsp. sour cream
- 3 cups cooked rice
- 1 (2-1/2 oz.) jar pimiento, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. parsley

Cut up the broiler. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dip chicken in beaten eggs. Combine cornflake crumbs and ground peanuts. Dip chicken in peanut-cornflake mixture. Brown chicken in butter. Cook until tender. In lemon juice saute sliced mushrooms. Add chicken stock, flour and sour cream. Cook and stir until smooth. To serve place chicken on rice. Pour mushroom sauce over chicken and rice. Add pimientos and parsley. Yield: 6 servings.

For additional chicken recipes, write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Bob Krueger Reports

U. S. Representative 21st District

One of the most difficult tasks facing a legislative body is striking a reasonable balance between the conflicting pressures that come upon it, making decisions that serve the needs of the full nation rather than only part of it.

Currently, the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, on which I serve, is dealing with a bill revising the Clean Air Act. No one wants to oppose clean air; it has been given us by nature, and we wish to preserve it for our own benefit and that of the next generation. Unfortunately, the air is constantly changing, and the scientific community has not yet agreed upon which changes are dangerous and destructive and which changes are reasonably harmless, the inevitable byproducts of an increasingly industrialized society.

One of the more controversial provisions in the bill now before us is the "significant deterioration" section, which attempts to balance the needs and demands of continued industrial growth and power generation with the need to protect our health and environment. Under the proposed amendments, however, the state and local governments would determine in most areas the levels to which pollution could increase, up to the already existing national standards. Of course, the difficulty in devising this type of legislation is that a situation must be avoided which would force industry to remain in those cities which already have high levels of pollution, since the air quality in industrialized parts of the country would be protected against further deterioration. Such a bill would cripple industrial growth, and the entire nation would suffer as industry stagnated and national productivity decreased.

Over the past five years, the population in America has been shifting noticeably to southern and western states; Texas has become one of the fastest growing states in the nation. Many communities, large and small, in the 21st District would like to bring in additional industry in order to supply more jobs and expand the local economy, but legislation of this sort, if poorly drafted or recklessly enforced, could prevent such desirable growth. Small towns prevented from expansion will probably decline, and we must encourage, not discourage, the further development and growth of this vital segment of American culture. We must reinvigorate our small communities, and I will be watching my committee's actions on Clean Air Act Amendments to make certain that the bill promotes this objective. Of course, I would appreciate any comments on this subject which my readers might have, since this will increase the chances for legislation in the best interests of the 21st District and the nation.

Hints For Homeowners



When is a bedroom not a bedroom? When it is a living room, dining room or a den.

Limited floor space in most newer homes and apartments is increasingly influencing homemakers of all kinds to explore the possibilities of flexible, multi-functional decor. Economical one-room studio apartments are being built at a faster rate than the more traditional one, two and three bedroom apartments. And even in larger apartments and homes the phenomenon of the dual-purpose room is on the upswing, giving rise to innovative decorating concepts.

Especially versatile in small quarters are modular units from Lea's "Go 'N Up" collection. They maximize available living area by going "up" the wall, rather than "out" onto precious floor space. The drop lid module, shown here as a china and crystal storage piece in a dining setting, works equally well in a bedroom or study as a desk or in a den as a handsome bar unit. All the

wall modules are deep enough to accommodate entertainment systems, and the dramatic bed module offers storage in the shelves of the headboard, as well as in the six roomy storage drawers beneath. Durable, easy-to-clean surfaces are of Formica.

The simply styled dining table is from Daystrom Furniture's "Estate Collection." It opens to a full 55 inches and easily seats six guests, but with leaves down it is a mere seven inches wide. The plus recliner by Pontiac Furniture provides a comfortable place to read or watch TV, its rounded lines offering a pleasing contrast to the sharp lines of the modular units. "Delightful," a lightly marbled carpet pulls the whole room together and creates a warm overall effect.

In short, the right combination of furniture arranged with taste and a feeling for space can transform a small room into a room of many purposes.

floors dangerous--be sure to block off a room anytime you are washing or waxing the floor until it is completely dry.

Another safety-hazard--the heating and cooling system--needs to be cleaned and checked at least once a year, Miss Mitzel said. "Also, don't use the utility room or storage closets for junk rooms. There is a danger of spontaneous combustion where paper, old clothing and oily rags accumulate. Clean these places regularly," she advised.

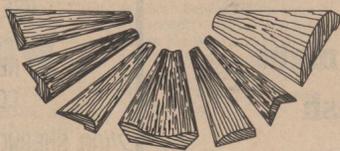
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Confusion—

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talks with the railroad Commission and other tax experts. He closed by saying "I was levied a tax of \$18,000 and someone with three times as much production as I have was assessed less." He added "It seems unfair and I want to know why something has not been done. You have admitted you undervalued the other property, and I want to know what is going to be done about it."

The tax official, admitting no error on the part of the taxing firm, explained that Pierce had more gas in the ground and that his taxes had been properly evaluated. He said that the other property in question had been re-evaluated and the tax would be higher in 1976.

Bobby Wetzell, tax expert from Cullern and Bailey tax consulting firm in Abilene and employed by Mr. Pierce to investigate the situation, got the floor and spoke to the court. "We are all capable of making mistakes" he said. He noted that he had been at both prior meetings concerning Mr. Pierce's property. He said that if Prichard and Abbott is convinced that the tax on Mr. Pierce's property is correct, that property tax on comparable property is too low. He did say he and his client were not concerned about whether the other property tax is too low or too high, but that if the other property was valued too low, Mr. Pierce's assessment is too high. He said he did not know where the error came in, but he felt the same margin of error should apply to the Pierce taxes.

"A mistake has been made, property has been undervalued" Wetzell said. "This causes inequity, other property owners have to shoulder the value," he continued. "I would ask that the court consider redress to Mr. Pierce" he added.

Judge Troy Williams, speaking for the court, said the tax money for 1975 had already been divided between the schools, county and state, and there is no legal way tax money can be returned to taxpayers even if there had been error which he was not admitting.

There ensued a discourse between Pierce, PA officials and the judge when Pierce said a representative of Prichard and Abbott had admitted the firm had made a big mistake and now they were claiming there had been no mistake. He was not mollified when he was told that there had been no mistake at the time, but new information had been discovered that will raise taxes on the Ellenburger property in 1976.

Mr. Pierce said he did not want to raise anyone's taxes. He said it was not even the

money, but the unfairness of it all and he wanted an explanation.

Shell Oil's tax man, Larry Curtis, went on record as saying he runs an appraisal on his company's property in the county each year. He said there was no way to be exact in projecting future production but that it must be done. He said that he felt Shell property in the county is too high. This, of course, takes in all Shell property and it included the Ellenburger field of Crockett County. Shell Oil is the largest taxpayer in the county. He made some property tax comparisons, noting that land is assessed at \$3 an acre in the county and that all homes were undervalued. However, when getting back to oil interests, he said that the tax can only be based on future income, and that although there was room for error, that is the manner in which it must be done.

Pierce said he would certainly come to the board of equalization meeting when it met in the future. He commented that all the tax talk was getting over his head. He said he was neither a tax expert nor a lawyer and all he was asking was an answer. All he wanted to know, he said, was why his taxes were higher than others in the same situation. He said some said there had been a mistake and others said not, and he just wanted to know who was right.

After many pros and cons from the audience and officials, Mr. Prichard took the floor to close and said the Ellenburger property will be valued higher next year on the basis of information collected in July, 1975. He pointed out that Mr. Pierce was not the culprit, that his taxes will possibly be valued higher and possibly lower. He commented that if we all had benefit of hindsight we would be much better off and that all must remember that oil property changes year by year.

Mrs. Tom Mitchell asked Mr. Prichard how he knew what the Ellenburger tax would be next year and did not know what the Pierce or Canyon tax would be. She did not receive a direct answer.

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After more discussion Mr. Prichard asked if there were any questions from the court. All four commissioners shook their heads "no". Not one commissioner voiced an opinion during the almost three hour period, with the exception of Bill Black, Commissioner of Precinct 2, who after Mr. Pierce had been assured that the tax will be equitable in 1976 spoke up following Mr. Pierce's question "What about 1975?" "They have said several times here that they are going to make an adjustment in 1976. Nothing can be done about 1975 whether it is right or wrong."

Mr. Pierce commented that he had been ill at the last meeting, and he said "damned if I don't believe I should have been sick this time too."

The court took no action on the alleged under-valuation, the admitted "big mistake," nor the \$100,000 to \$200,000 estimated lost to the county by some county officials. No mention was made of any of these items and the court did not voice an opinion as to whether the explanation given by Prichard and Abbott officials was satisfactory.

Following the meeting, Mr. Pierce said he had received no satisfaction and felt he had been given the run-around all the way around. He plans to pursue the question, even into district court if necessary.

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ASTRO ZOMBIES
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