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WOODWORK

BY DALTON

TO BE OR NOT TO BE... that seems to be the question put before small towns in this area. The Small Town Task Force of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce recently revealed that, according to a study made by experts, some 104 towns in West Texas will completely disappear in the next 33 years.

On the other hand, the study also reveals that the same number of area towns will prosper and grow. What causes the difference?

Some say it is caused by the desires of the people living in the specific town. The residents must want a town to grow and prosper before anything can be done.

The article goes on to say that only then can the people begin to plan together for the good of their town.

What about Sudan? It seems that in the past few months we have seen a rapid decline in business with many of our buildings vacant at the present time to accent this fact.

In the past, Sudan was a thriving community with visitors, and an active Chamber of Commerce. What can be done to restore some of this former grandeur to the present-day Sudan?

Personally, we do not have the complete answer; but unless something is done to draw business here, Sudan could very well be one of the fatalities spoken of in the report.

What do you want to happen?



DEON GRIGSBY

Three Winners Named In Subscription Contest

Three winners have been named during the first week of the current subscription contest of the Sudan Beacon-News.

Receiving a bicycle was first winner, De'on Grigsby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Grigsby, who turned in her 25 subscriptions Saturday after entering Friday.

More recent winners are Donna Provence and Debbie Hall, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Provence and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hall, who will receive either a bicycle or a transistor radio. Others entered in the contest, which will be continued until September 1, are Connie Ham,

Lisa Grigsby, Mary Griffith, Keith Downs, Weldon Mooney, Terry Drake.

Boys or girls who wish to enter may do so by registering at the news office and receiving sales instructions. Twenty-five subscriptions are required to win a bicycle or radio, but contestants not selling that number will receive 50¢ for each subscription sold.

BOYS RANCH RODEO SET

The 348 boys at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch are expecting a new attendance record to be set at their 23rd annual rodeo this year, and additional seats have been installed to accommodate the crowds over the Labor Day weekend.

Dates for the rodeo are Sunday, September 3, and Monday, September 4 at 2:30 p. m. All of the 348 boys will have a part in the rodeo with nearly 100 riding for awards and honors. Ranchers who do not ride will be serving as ushers, helping in the parking area, working at concession stands, or helping around the chutes.

Giant-steak barbecue beef sandwiches will be prepared and served by ranchers who are learning meatcutting and cooking as their future vocations.

The climax of the rodeo, the largest Labor Day event in the Texas Panhandle, will be the naming of the Junior and Senior All-Round Cowboys, two of the highest honors that can be earned by the boys. Professional rodeo stock will be used in the bull riding and bare-back bronc events, and a special stick-horse race will be featured for the four to six-year-olds.

Tickets for either performance are available in advance from the Boys Ranch office, Box 1890, Amarillo. Reserved box seats are \$2.50, general admission is \$1.50, and service-men's and children's tickets are 75¢. All proceeds will be used for future expansion of the ranch.

SUDAN YOUTH WINS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Pat Minyard, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Minyard, won first place in the boys singles, 19 and under, at the High Plains Tennis Tournament this weekend in Plainview.

HOMEMAKERS ELECT OFFICERS

An election of officers was held Monday night at the meeting of the Sudan Young Homemakers. Presiding at the meeting was the outgoing president, Mrs. Lynn Drum.

Elected to serve during the coming year were: President, Mrs. U. J. King; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Calvin Wiseman and Mrs. Don Ham; Secretary, Mrs. Lynn Shamos; Treasurer, Mrs. Lynn Drum; Reporter, Mrs. Darwin Reid.

Following the election, a scrapbook work period was conducted.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Fuld Wiseman to the five members present.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 4 in the Homemaking Cottage.

HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE MEETS

Mrs. E. D. Hay and Mrs. R. E. Scott attended the Lamb County Historical Survey Committee meeting held last week at the Littlefield Court House.

Mrs. T. L. Matthews presided when plans were made for recordings to be made at the annual Pioneer Reunion to be held August 29. Also the group decided to include Lamb County in the new Travel Trails list of the Texas Travel Trails Committee.

The next meeting of the group will be Thursday, September 7, in the County court room.

Host, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Olds, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Olds.

LOCAL 4-HERS ATTEND SHOWS

Two members of the Sudan 4-H club participated in rodeo shows during the weekend.

Jimmy Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fields, participated in the Cochran County 4-H Saddle Club playday Saturday in Morton, when he placed first in barrel racing and third in pole bending.

Danny Cardwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cardwell, was in Tatum, N. M., Saturday for the Eastern New Mexico Appaloosa Horse Show, where he won a first place trophy and three ribbons.

Both youths will participate in the Hockley County 4-H Playday Saturday in Levelland.

Personals

R. D. Ormand of Arlington visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ormand during the week. Also visiting in the Ormand home were his niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Peabody of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mahan of Grandfalls visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. House Jr., during the weekend.

Vondell and Jansell Wood of Plainview returned home Monday after visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. House Jr.

Arthur Shuttleworth, who recently underwent surgery at Muleshoe, underwent surgery this week at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Callahan and family of Lake Charles, La., have been visiting in the home of her uncle and fam-

FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS MONDAY

Head football coach Jim Cain announced this week that football practice will begin Monday, August 14, for the 1967

Sudan Hornets.

Practices are scheduled to be held daily at 8:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. The 1 1/2 hour morning sessions will be conducted in shorts while pads will be worn during the two hour afternoon sessions.

Cain reports that some 42 high school students are expected for the workouts. The Hornets, who lost seven starters after an outstanding season last year, have only nine returning lettermen including five starters from which to begin work.

The new coaches, Tommy Laceywell and Bill Adams, have moved to Sudan and are on hand to aid in programing the work-



BILL ADAMS



TOMMY LACEWELL

outs and schedules for the upcoming season, along with coaches Cain and Troy Chitty.

Laceywell, who will be head basketball coach, will coach the B-team along with assisting with high school duties. Adams will be back field coach for the high school teams. Chitty will assist in coaching at the line for the varsity team and continue his junior high coaching duties. Cain will assist with coaching the junior teams.

Pre-season scrimmages have been scheduled for August 25, against Hereford Junior Varsity, to be played here at 8 p. m., and for September 1 at 7:30 p. m. in Whiteface.

The 1967 Hornet football schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 8 - Sundown, T
- 15 - Amherst, H
- 22 - Antonij, T
- 29 - Seagraves, H
- Oct. 6 - Plains, H
- 13 - Bovina, H*
- 20 - O'Donnell, T
- 27 - Springlake, T*
- Nov. 3 - Kress, H*
- 10 - Farwell, T*

HOSPITAL REPORT

Patients this week in the South Plains Hospital at Amherst include the following:

Sudan—R. E. Aills, Mrs. Cora A. Forbes, J. L. Clawson, Mrs. Ida Qualls, Mrs. Virgie Grigsby, Mrs. Edna Burck, E. W. Farmer, R. A. Burdette, Mrs. Glenn Gatewood, Larry Clawson.

Amherst—Mrs. J. W. Sims, Mrs. L. A. Caraway, Doc Shavor, Dave Black.

Spade—W. M. Weatherby, Springlake—Mrs. W. C. White, Hart—Lawrence Spraglin.

Church Of Christ To Begin Meeting

The Sudan Church of Christ will begin a Gospel Meeting Monday, August 14, to be continued through Sunday, August 20.

Services will be held daily at 10 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. with Bob Ware, minister of the Crescent Drive Church of Christ in Littlefield, as speaker.

In making the announcement the local minister, Willard Cox, issued an invitation to all to attend these services.

HORACE MCQUEEN SPEAKS AT ROTARY

Horace McQueen, farm reporter for KLBK, Channel 13, was guest speaker at the Wednesday noon meeting of the Sudan Rotary Club.

Georg. Pigg, who was in charge of the program, reported that McQueen showed a film of his trip to Australia and commented on the methods of farming used there.

LOCAL YOUTH ATTEND ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

Youth from the First Baptist Church attended the Llanos Altos Associational meeting Monday at the Plains Baptist Encampment near Floydada.

R. B. Hall of the First Baptist Church in Littlefield was principal speaker. His topic was "In Times Like These."

President Alvin Walker of Muleshoe presided at the business meeting. Election of officers highlighted the session, and Judy West was elected pianist for the coming year.

A volleyball tournament was held during the recreation period with teams entered from the different churches. Sudan won first place by defeating Farwell 15-13 in the finals. They had earlier beaten Muleshoe Trinity and Circleback.

Attending from Sudan were Mike and Kathy Fisher, Charles and Carl Burnett, Margie Belar, Janet Ritchie, Judy West,

NOTICE

The "Young at Heart" Senior Citizens will meet at 2:30 p. m., August 11, at the Community Center. A door prize will be given away. Come and bring your friends.

Cheerleaders Win 'Spirit Stick'

Sudan High School cheerleaders returned home recently from attending Cheerleading School at Texas Tech with the coveted 'spirit stick', given for showing outstanding spirit during classes and yell competition.

The local cheerleaders also won a second place ribbon, two third place ribbons and an honorable mention during the week of competition with cheerleaders from throughout the area and state.

Classes outlined new yells, pom-pom routines, methods of having constructive pep rallies and ways of obtaining and keeping the school spirit.

Representatives from Sudan were Nancy Lance, senior and head cheerleader; Donna Gaston, senior; Jeanne Baker, junior; Connie Lance, sophomore; Angela Pickett, freshman,

and Wilson Street.

Sunday services begin at 10:00 a. m. with worship hour at 11:00 a. m. Sunday evening services begin with the young people's meeting at 6:00 p. m. and worship service at 8:00 p. m. Mid-week service is conducted on Wednesday evening at 8:00.

Church Welcomes New Minister

The Church of God of Prophecy in Sudan welcome the arrival of their new pastor, David Cranfield and family. The new pastor held his first service here Sunday, August 6.

The Cranfields moved to Sudan from Oklahoma where he served as pastor for four years. He and his wife have three children, one of which will attend school this fall.

Rev. Cranfield takes this opportunity to express his thanks for the kindness and hospitality he has been shown while getting acquainted in Sudan. He would also like to extend an invitation to everyone to come and be in the services with them at 1st



NEW MINISTER AND FAMILY - Shown above are Rev. David Cranfield, new minister for the local Church of God of Prophecy. Shown from left to right, Rev. Cranfield, Greg, 4; Glenn, 5; Mrs. Cranfield holding Debbie, age 20 months.

Devotional

By HAZEL HOUSE
Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-20; St. John 5:36; 6:35-40.
We read our Bible, sometimes searching for an answer to a problem, sometimes looking for comfort, or courage, or guidance, but often we read, I think, this message: "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think..." and there we stop, sometimes because we get so happy in the knowledge of that truth; perhaps, when we should continue to read and think of the completion of this verse which is "according to the

power that worketh in us." (What power worketh in you?) Are you doing all right in your life now without calling on the God who created you? Do you think that you have everything all set up for your future? (How long is your future?)
What about the accident, maybe in the next few hours, that could leave you helpless in physical body? What about that business which looks like a sure thing, but takes all your money you had saved? And what about the accident that may cost you an arm or leg—or may take the life of one you love? Are you prepared to face even these few emergencies of living that I have mentioned?

Man within himself cannot plan or meet life in a complete

way until he is ready to admit that all these problems of living (and physical death) are too much for him, so he must call upon God. Man does not know what tomorrow will bring for him, but God knows—and loves us all enough to die for our sins that we might live forever with Him. When man realizes that he cannot have peace or the answers to all the needs of his life, even if he does everything morally good and clean, then he knows he needs more than that.

In Jesus we have the answer to all the needs of the human heart. Nothing satisfies our needs except Jesus. He not only saves us from eternal death and hell, but He "keeps" us safe through all our problems and sorrows and even through death into Heaven.

I am deeply thankful for each one, young or old, who has decided to let God have His way in their life. For each one that has said, "I am willing to accept Jesus as my offering for sin, as my own personal Savior, knowing God sent Him because He loved me, and I am willing to take my Father's Word that it is truth, and to trust all that I am, or have, to His keeping; I am willing to let Jesus use me in His service, for I give myself to Him."

I am glad that good works, nothing of outside appearances, or anything that man can do, can save man (for some might do things better than others and boast about it), but only believing and accepting Jesus, brings salvation.

How do we know we are saved when we have accepted Jesus? Because God said so!

Personals

Mrs. W. H. Lyle is visiting in Lubbock this week in the home of her sister, Mrs. C. E. Dean. Mrs. Gladys Merritt of Tl Junga, Calif., is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Withrow and friends in the area. Accompanying her is her grandson, Barry Chapson.

LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: ALMA MAYE THOMAS, Defendant,
Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Lamb County at the Courthouse thereof, in Littlefield, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of September A. D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2nd day of August A. D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 6285 on the docket of said court and styled, J. B. THOMAS, Plaintiff, vs. ALMA MAYE THOMAS, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

This is a suit for divorce alleging cruel treatment, alleging that there were no children born of the last marriage of plaintiff and defendant, alleging that there is a 1963 model Ford automobile and 1 trailer house belonging to the community estate of plaintiff and defendant, alleging that the plaintiff should be awarded the trailer house as his sole and separate property, with plaintiff assuming and paying off all indebtedness owed on said trailer house, and alleging that defendant should be awarded the 1963 model Ford automobile as her sole and separate property, which is free and clear of all indebtedness.

Praying for divorce, settlement of community property rights, and for general relief as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unexecuted.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof,

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and make due return as the law directs.
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ATTEST:
(Seal) Ray Lynn Britt
Clerk, District Court
Lamb County, Texas
8-10-67c

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haffington of Littlefield visited Sunday afternoon in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Scott.
Sharon Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cox, was scheduled to undergo surgery Tuesday morning in a Lubbock hospital.

Personals

Elizabeth Byer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byer and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ormand, is a patient at Methodist Hospital, room 530, in Lubbock.

STAMPS BUY TRIP FOR SOLDIER'S WIFE

Mrs. Donna Lile of Perryton will soon be making a trip to see her soldier husband, PFC Larry Lile, through the courtesy of Gunn Brothers Trading Stamps savers in this area.
The unusual story began when Lile, stationed near Saigon in Viet Nam, learned that he will be having a leave in Hawaii this month. Mrs. Lile, who works as a beauty operator in Perryton, stated that she just had to find a way to share Larry's leave.
Mrs. Lile found her way when she contacted the Gunn Brothers Stamp store in Amarillo and found that stamps could be traded for airfare to Honolulu.


Friends and relatives from throughout the area began to send her stamps and now the trip is assured as Mrs. Lile leaves Amarillo Monday, August 14, for Honolulu to be reunited with her husband.

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**RED CROSS BOARD
REVIEWS AUDIT REPORT**

At a regular meeting of the Lamb County Chapter American Red Cross on August 4, the Executive Secretary read the audit report for the year.

Mrs. Bonnie Haberer, County Chairman, welcomed two new board members: Mrs. Ray Smith and Mrs. D. R. Leonard. Board members attended from Pleasant Valley, Hart Camp, Spade and Littlefield.

**WATER INC.
ELECTS OFFICER**

Jake Street, a former West Texas Chamber of Commerce executive, will assume the duties of Public Relations Director for Water, Inc. He was elected last week when the Board of Directors met in Dimmitt.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Olds were host for a fish fry Saturday evening at their home. Present were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Callahan and children, Clayton, Mary Jane, Carol and Susie of Lake Charles, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smallin and family of Denver, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Lynn and Roby.

Jim Paul Eddins of Seagraves spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Egan Baccus while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eddins attended coaching school.

Mrs. E. E. Lam and daughter, Melinda of Wichita Falls, were overnight guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Olds last Thursday. Miss Lam was pre-registering for the fall semester at Tech.

Miss Denise Smallin of Denver, Colo., was the honoree at a swimming party on Friday afternoon with Mrs. Bill Olds as hostess. Others present were Debbie and Jimmy Fields, Curtis Chester and Roby Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Nichols and family of Winters, Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Nichols and son of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nichols are vacationing in the mountains near Antonito, Colo.



FFA STATE OFFICIALS - Shown above are Danny Burns of Pittsburg, FFA State President, and Roxann Thurman of Dumas, who was recently elected as FFA State Sweetheart at the FFA convention held in Dallas. Approximately 5,000 members and sponsors attended.

Mrs. H. E. Grupe of Portland, Oregon, is the house guest of Mrs. C. M. Fumeaux this week and is visiting other friends.

Mrs. and Mrs. Jimmy Carpenter and children are visiting this week with relatives in Rising Star and London, Texas.

Susan and Glenda Cardwell, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cardwell, are visiting this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Cardwell of Lubbock.

Mrs. Arnold McMannus of Key West, Florida, has been visiting her sisters and families, the L. E. Slaters and the Lester Langraves of Amherst.

**PIONEERS
OF
YESTERYEAR**

By EVALYN PARROTT SCOTT

Contributed By
EDITH WILLIAMS ALEXANDER

The Friendship Community Church began in 1928 and was located six miles south and two miles west of Sudan.

The land was donated by I. M. Fulcher, father of Bruce Fulcher and Mrs. Lee Hardy. The terms for the land donated being if it was not used for church purposes for a period of six months in succession it would be returned to the person who owned the farm of which the land was part of originally.

Among those who collected donations for the building were Ed Ray, Bill Gregory and John H. Webb. This was to be a Union Church and Mrs. John A. Webb submitted the name of "Friendship."

The church building was sold in the early 1960's and the proceeds donated to the Boy Scouts of America and the Lamb County Red Cross Chapter.

In 1939 the Church of Christ built their own building across the road west, on the southeast corner of the Offie Shannon farm.

The land for this building was donated under similar terms as the Union Church. However, the transactions had to be passed on by the Fumeaux and Wilson Land Co. The three men who went to Fort Worth to complete the arrangements were Ed Ray, John Withrow, and Offie Shannon.

Some of the most persistent families of the undertaking were Quinton McCague, Ed Ray, John Withrow, Martin Maxwell, C. E. Alexander, T. Fife, Black, Fisher, Fekins, Capps, Fox, Middleston, Brantzen, Myred, Stanley.

Ed Ray served as head congregational leader as long as the members met with the Union Congregation and also for the Church of Christ later.

In 1963 the church members decided to merge with the Sudan Church of Christ congregation.

The land was leased to O. O. Baker, who sold it to Wayne Brown. Wayne also bought the parsonage, where he now lives. The old church house was bought and moved by Jack Fisher.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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NUMBER ONE ON THE BALLOT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Section 9, Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows: "Section 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed Thirty-five Cents (35¢) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation; and no county, city or town shall levy a tax rate in excess of Eighty Cents (80¢) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year for general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund purposes; provided further that at the time the Commissioners Court meets to levy the annual tax rate for each county it shall levy whatever tax rate may be needed for the four (4) constitutional purposes; namely, general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund so long as the Court does not impair any outstanding bonds or other obligations and so long as the total of the foregoing tax levies does not exceed Eighty Cents (80¢) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year. Once the Court has levied the annual tax rate, the same shall remain in force and effect during that taxable year; and the Legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further maintenance of the public roads; provided, that a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, not to exceed Fifteen Cents (15¢) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation of the property subject to taxation in such county. Any county may put all tax money collected by the county into one general fund, without regard to the purpose or source of each tax. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways, without the local notice required for special or local laws. This Section shall not be construed as a limitation of powers delegated to counties, cities or towns by any other Section or Sections of this Constitution."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on November 11, 1967, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following: "FOR the constitutional amendment allowing counties to put all county taxes into one general fund."

"AGAINST the constitutional amendment allowing counties to put all county taxes into one general fund."

IN THE WOODS OF TEXAS

By Vera Sanford

Recent visits to East Texas by high ranking government officials have added greatly to the interest expressed in Texas' fabulous Big Thicket.

Many Chambers of Commerce in the Big Thicket area have received numerous inquiries from out-of-state folks seeking a "look-see".

This is great, for it shows that out-of-staters as well as Texans are interested in the vast natural outdoor treasures located within our state.

You too should plan to visit this heavily forested area. But don't do it alone. Remember - it covers approximately three million acres.

So, plan it safe, don't venture into the Thicket alone, unguided and unaccompanied. In the Thicket you can find themselves hopelessly confused. Even lifelong Thicket residents can . . . and have . . . become lost.

Growth is so thick in the Big Thicket that just 100 yards off the highway all sense of motor traffic are erased. It is so dense that in some places you can neither see nor hear an airplane passing directly overhead.

But, don't let all this frighten you. Guided tours are available. And there are a number of clearly marked trails. Full information on these can be obtained from Chambers of Commerce in the nearby towns.

Big Thicket holds unbelievable wealth for the outdoorsman. A good guide can put you on to bears, panthers, deer, fox, mink, other wild turkey, wild hogs, squirrel, wild swamp rabbits, etc. But be sure to check hunting laws before you try gunning these animals.

Swamp areas—and there are plenty of them—contain an abundance of huge alligators, snakes, frogs and fish. A number of these cypress lakes in the Big Thicket contain some real breeding black bass and crappie that are as big as ham steaks.

Fishing borders on the fantastic. For one thing, most of these lakes rarely have been fished. And the black bass won't jump shy. Just get the fish in the water and a big black will surely dispute possession.

Only skill needed is ability to cut without snapping the line in an over-hanging tree.

A word of caution in fishing any of the lakes. Be wary of snakes. They are as thick as spaghetti in an Italian restaurant.

Never venture into the Big Thicket without a camera . . . and plenty of color film. You can capture . . . on film . . . a tremendous variety of wildlife and birdlife. If you are interested in flowers, picture opportunities are legion. The Thicket has 50 varieties of wild orchids, including the rare winter white orchid.

Also in the Thicket are a great variety of trees, many of which grow to enormous size.

The Thicket is most colorful in the spring and early summer when the many growths are in bloom or flower. Birdlife also is more abundant at this time of the year. But even if you visit the Thicket in the fall or the dead of winter, you will find it colorful and interesting.

There is a strong movement underway to get the area proclaimed as a national park. Now, with such heavy emphasis on tourism, this move is almost certain to come.

Already there is talk of clearing out paths for roads to some of the picturesque lakes in the Thicket. When this comes about it will open new vistas for fishermen who seek the besting black bass.

As it stands now, fishing the Big Thicket water lakes involves guides and a lot of time. But if you want big bass and steel-blue crappie, you'll go for the Big Thicket in a Big Way!

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- Formed
- Foreign
- Tells
- Finds fault
- Twelves
- Utters impulsively
- By
- Exclamation
- Hindu garments
- Unhurt
- Perform
- Dipper
- Dejected
- Ricochet
- Equals
- Concerning
- Knock
- Ridicule
- Scorched
- Roof of the mouth
- Trial
- Carried
- Solar disc
- Hawaiian island
- Old age
- Trials
- Composition in verse
- Shrewd
- Boundaried
- Owens
- Slumber
- Predict
- Female sheep
- Long speeches
- Father or mother
- Farm
- Whipcord
- Vegetable
- Fruit of a palm
- Fix in place
- Grafted: Her.
- Sudden fall
- Australian birds
- Annamese measure
- Pronoun

DOWN

- Fictional hero
- Football position
- Test
- Not specific
- Conjunction
- Atmosphere
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- Surprises
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- Soap frame
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- Trim
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The season's first estimate of 1967 cotton production from the 23 High Plains counties represented by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. adds up to 1,173,500 bales, down from 1,278,616 bales produced in 1966, and 46 per cent below the 1961-65 average of over 2,175,000 bales.

This is the second year of a new four-year cotton program enacted by Congress in 1965, which offers strong payment incentives to farmers for reducing acreage up to 35 per cent.

Under this program High Plains farmers signed up to plant 1,430,384 acres or 65.6 per cent of the 2,198,908 acres available for planting.

But according to the first estimate, total "standing" acreage in the 23 counties is only 1,250,000. Some planting intentions were foiled by a lack of sufficient moisture until the planting deadline had gone by and other acreage has been lost to rain, hail and wind storms.

Lamb county was badly hurt in this category, losing 16 per cent. Lamb county is estimated to have 100,000 acres now standing after planting 121,730 acres. The first estimate on production is 93,000 bales.

Hardest hit by the spring drought has been Howard County, where only 30,500 acres of an intended 47,477 acres are now standing—a loss of 37 per cent to dry weather.

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Meet the *Welwitschia mirabilis*: its central part is a woody trunk that grows upward only two or three feet. Then it sprouts two leaves, after which the trunk keeps increasing in diameter, and can attain a circumference of 11 feet. The leaves often measure 6' in length by about 3' in width, last for years, and then split up into narrow ribbons at the tips. Native to the Namib desert along the Atlantic coastline of southwestern tropical Africa, the exotic plant shown above may be seen at the famed Botanical Gardens in West Berlin.

The beautifully landscaped Gardens cover 104 acres and contain 18,000 species of plants. With its companion Botanical Museum, a large herbarium with 1.5 million specimens, the smaller Willdenow Herbarium with 20,000 even rarer varieties, and its Library of over 105,000 volumes and related documents, Berlin's Botanical Gardens is also a most important center for research in plant life.

A real "must" is the unique "Geographical Gardens" section with its fascinating array of major plant formations from Europe to China and Japan and on to North America; they include the mountain flora of the Pyrenees, Alps, Carpathians, Caucasus, Himalayas, the Altai Mountains and, of course, from the Rockies, the Central Plains and the woodlands of the North Atlantic coast.

One rare specimen is the *Metaxopis glyptostrobiloides*, related to the California redwood, discovered in China in other than localized form only 20 years ago. The redwood itself is represented by a slab weighing 1.5 tons and about 775 years old.

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