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AROUND  
THE  
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by



ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

Bands were placed on trees in John Brock's pecan grove last week to determine the best time to spray for the pecan casebearer. The bands will be checked the latter part of this week for pupae moving from the terminals where they have overwintered to the rough bark. They remain in the rough bark for several days and emerge as the moth which lays the eggs on the nutlets. In the banding program, the pupae are removed from the bands, placed in a screen cage when they pupate and emerge as the moth. This then helps to determine the best spray date.

At the present time, we don't know what the date will be here. According to the entomologists, the spray date on a line from Dallas to Brownwood is now set as May 24-26.

From the information from the stations reporting, the Extension entomologists say that it now appears that the casebearer infestation will be considerably heavier than last year. It also appears that egg-laying will be strung out over a longer than usual period because of the emergence pattern. Weather conditions may influence this even more.

It would be well to remind everyone who is thinking about spraying that Sevin is no longer cleared for use on pecans due to a technicality involving labeling. Malathion and toxaphene are still cleared for use. It is hoped that Sevin will be available for use by August 1 on the pecan weevil which has become quite a pest here.

Sterling County 4-H Club members will complete the sale of chocolate this weekend. The sales campaign was set up for a two week period beginning May 7 and will end May 21.

According to Mrs. Clinton Hodges, who was acting as coordinator of the local sales campaign, only a few bars of the 300 bars sent here remain unsold. She expects these to be sold before the end of the week.

The money derived from the sale will go to the State 4-H Foundation for construction of a part of the State 4-H Center and to the local club fund.

## Pee Wee Baseball Schedule

May 20 — Bronte @ Robert Lee (Bluebirds)  
Robert Lee (Redbirds) @ Sterling City  
May 27 — Bronte @ Sterling City  
Redbirds @ Bluebirds  
June 3 — Sterling City @ Robert Lee (Bluebirds)  
Robert Lee (Redbirds) @ Bronte  
June 10 — Robert Lee (Bluebirds) @ Bronte  
Sterling City @ Robert Lee (Redbirds)  
June 17 — Sterling City @ Bronte  
Bluebirds @ Redbirds  
June 24 — Robert Lee (Bluebirds) @ Sterling City  
Bronte @ Robert Lee (Redbirds)

\*\*Game Time 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Louie Alexander underwent an operation in the Shannon Hospital Monday morning of this week.

## Gets Highest FFA Degree

Pat Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Foster of Sterling City was one of four boys from Area II that was accepted for the American Farmer Degree. Such action took place last week at the Area II Convention of FFA in Fort Stockton. Only one boy out of each one thousand ever attains this high award, said Fred Igo, local FFA advisor.

Bobby Bynum and Allen Price are getting their State Lone Star Farmer Degrees. Allen was the Lone Star candidate from this Concho District and was the runnerup from Area II, said Igo.

Lee Igo has gotten the Star Chapter Award from the Concho District and the Area II FFA. He will be one of ten boys to be interviewed in Dallas on June 3 for the top position in the state.

## FHA Officers Installed

The Sterling City Chapter FHA met Monday, May 10, for the installation of officers for the year 1971-72. The new officers are as follows:

President — Dusky Wells  
1st Vice-President — Debbie Hopkins  
2nd Vice-President — Judy Copeland  
3rd Vice-President — Sherry Blanek  
Secretary — Helen Coronado  
Treasurer — Linda Currington  
Reporter — Gailann Lively  
Historian & Parliamentarian — Becky Blair  
Hostess & Devotional Chairwoman — Juanita Munoz  
The 8th grade girls and their mothers were invited as guests.  
Gailann Lively  
FHA Reporter

## Mrs. C. B. Stovall Buried

Funeral for Mrs. C. B. Stovall, 79, was held Monday in the First Baptist Church in Abernathy.

The Rev. Murray Brewer, pastor, officiated and was assisted by the Rev. Jimmy McGuire, pastor of Arnett-Benson Baptist Church of Lubbock. Graveside services were in Knox City Cemetery. Burial was under the direction of Chambers Funeral Home in Abernathy.

Mrs. Stovall died last Friday in West Texas Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born March 12, 1892 in Arkansas and was reared in Knox County. She had lived in Abernathy since 1959, moving there from Sterling City.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Eastern Star and Rebekah Lodge. Survivors include three sons, the Rev. Claude Stovall of Santa Rosa, N.M., the Rev. Truett Stovall of Gardena, Calif., and Floyd Stovall of Abernathy; a daughter, Mrs. Cloys Lobstein of Abernathy; a brother, C. M. Weaver of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Tom Humble and Mrs. Tommie Augustine attended the services from here.

In case of fire, phone 8-4771

## Lions Club Ladies Night Next Friday

### Outstanding Family To Be Recognized With Plaque

The annual Sterling City Lions Club Ladies Night program will be held in the community center here next Friday night, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. it has been announced.

Highlight of the evening's program will be the presentation of the Outstanding Family 1971 plaque made annually by the club to an outstanding family — recognized for their community and civic work and devotion. The general public votes on this selection by ballot and the club makes the presentation. Last year's winners were Mr. and Mrs. Chesley McDonald.

A program is being worked up by the committee and the dinner is being catered by McGowen's of San Angelo, Texas.

### No Luncheon Meeting Next Wednesday

It was announced by president Dan Glass that there would be no luncheon meeting next week, due to the ladies night program on Friday.

Guests present at this week's luncheon were George P. Woodward, Mr. Dierks and Collin Douthit. The prize went to Harold Orr.

The Lions Club will also present a plaque to the Best Citizen of Sterling High School at the graduation exercises next Tuesday. The recipient is selected by the high school faculty and the club members.

## Paper Shower Honors Miss Brooks

Miss Beverly Brooks, who will be married on June 12, was honored with a paper shower in the Ross Foster home on last Saturday morning. Hostesses were Charlotte Foster, Jaynell Cope and Susan Terry.

Among those present were Bethany Wells, Debbie Reed, Sharon Currington, Mary Lynn McGinnes, Mrs. Albert McGinnes, Mrs. Dayton Barrett, Mrs. Clinton Hodges, Amy and Becky, Mrs. Bill Brooks, and the hostesses.

## Boys Ranch Roundup Kick-Off

Odus Wittenburg, 1971 West Texas Boys Ranch Roundup Chairman, has announced the selection of Wagon Bosses to assist in this year's fund raising effort in behalf of the West Texas Boys Ranch located near San Angelo. Wittenburg has appointed Stan Horwood to be Wagon Boss for Sterling County. As a Wagon Boss, Horwood will aid area ranchers and other interested persons in making donations for the 72 boys at West Texas Boys Ranch. Wittenburg has also announced the addition of a Wool and Mohair program to this year's Roundup. Wool and mohair producers are urged to check with their Wagon Boss or Wool Warehouse on how to donate wool or mohair to benefit the Boys Ranch. Wittenburg said that emphasis on giving cash and livestock to the Roundup will be concentrated now through fall and expressed the urgent need by the Ranch for donations at this time. West Texas Boys Ranch has served over 800 hard-luck boys of West Texas since it was or-

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week included—

Mrs. Sallie Wallace  
Mrs. W. B. Allen  
Worth Allen  
Mrs. J. E. Bynum  
Mrs. Iver Mercer  
Mrs. Ella Ligon  
Mrs. Lester Foster  
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week include—  
Mrs. Stan Horwood  
Jim Duke

## District Court Here This Week

151st District Court is in session here this week with Judge Joe L. Mays presiding.

On Monday Harold Dean Cooksey was returned to eight years in the pen for his part in the burglary of the State Highway Department (Engineers) here last November 16. He was returned to Huntsville where he is already serving a sentence on another charge.

Joe Ed Paul received a six year probated sentence by Judge Mays on the same charge. Both cases were non-jury criminal cases — tried before the judge only.

In a civil contest with jury a divorce was granted in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGill with property settlement.

## Noratadata Club

Mrs. Finis Westbrook was hostess to members of the Noratadata Club and guests Tuesday evening in the community center. She served a dinner plate to seventeen members and three guests.

Mrs. Dayton Barrett gave the program.

Bridge was played and high score was made by Mrs. Barrett, second high by Mrs. I. W. Terry, low by Mrs. Forrest Foster and bingo went to Mrs. Wesley Denton.

The guests were Mrs. Jim Windle, Mrs. R. T. Foster Jr., and Mrs. Wesley Denton.

Charlotte Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Foster, left Monday on a ten day trip to Mexico with a group from Angelo State University — where she is a student. They will go by train from Laredo to Mexico City and will see the tourist sights of Old Mexico.

If you want some good topsoil for your yard, it's free (range delivery) at the lot back of the Stockman's Supply where the public scales are being erected. So says Ewing McEntire.

Phone in news of your visits or visitors to the News-Record. 378-3251.

Organized in 1947. Boys come from various backgrounds of neglect, broken homes, and are generally dependent on someone to provide food, clothing and shelter for them. West Texas Boys Ranch is supported entirely by tax deductible donations from the public. The annual Roundup is one of their major fund raising efforts of the year providing bread and butter, and shoes and socks money for the boys. West Texas Boys Ranch is located 17 miles west of San Angelo at Tankersley Texas.

## Baccalaureate on Sunday Evening

### Sterling Voters Against Amendments

One hundred and thirty-two Sterling County voters went to the polls here Tuesday and voted strongly against all four proposed amendments. The Water Quality Bond Amendment had the most votes for—44 for, 87 against.

On number one, concerning the Ethics and Legislator's Pay, 21 voted for to 110 against.

On number two, which would allow amendments to be submitted by called sessions of the legislature failed 104 to 26.

On the welfare amendment ceiling raise, there were 34 for and 98 against.

Statewide the only amendment to pass is the one concerning the Water Bonds. All others failed.

### Brock's Grocery Is Broken Into

Brock's Grocery and Market was broken into by burglars Sunday night and something over \$100 worth of watches and jewelry was taken from the glass showcase. The cash register had some money in it and was open — but not bothered. Some expensive watches were left alone and cheaper ones taken.

Mrs. Don Viktorin found some of the missing items and all of the cases (for the watches) in the alley behind her home and the Lynn's Automotive building a day later. They had been discarded by the burglars.

Brock judged his loss between \$100 and \$150, and possibly closer to the smaller figure.

### LARGER SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN JUNE

Social security beneficiaries will begin receiving 10% larger benefits in June, according to J. M. Talbot, social security manager. Although the recently enacted social security increase is effective January 1, 1971, necessary processing of the increase will delay actual payment of it until June, Mr. Talbot explained. The June payment will reflect the increased benefit for May, and a separate check later that month will cover the increase due for January through April, he said.

The congressional action raises the minimum lump sum death payment made by social security also, Mr. Talbot stated. Effective March 1, that payment goes from \$192 to \$211.20. Before January 1 of this year, social security maximum family benefits ranged from a low of \$96 to a high of \$434.40. The recent social security amendments increased these figures to range from \$105.60 to a high of \$517.00.

"Social security beneficiaries need take no action to receive the higher payments," Mr. Talbot explained. "Their higher benefits will be paid to them automatically."

If you have any questions, contact the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue (P. O. Box 3808) in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area. Persons who are unable to meet with him are encouraged to call the office in San Angelo at 949-4608.

### Commencement on May 25

School principal Bob Dodds this week announced the end of school programs. Baccalaureate service will be held on Sunday, May 23 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Tommy Bynum will play the processional and recessional. The Rev. Harold Orr, Methodist pastor, will give the invocation. Stan Horwood will lead in three songs during the program.

The sermon will be given by Pat Brooks, Church of Christ minister. The Rev. Andy Daniels, Baptist pastor, is to give the benediction.

The Commencement Exercises will be held on Tuesday, May 25 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. The Rev. A. B. Lightfoot, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Odessa, will be the chief speaker of the evening.

The processional and recessional will be played by Tommy Bynum. The invocation will be given by the Rev. Charles Tucker, Presbyterian pastor. Bobby Barton will give the salutatory address.

School superintendent James Thompson will introduce the Rev. Lightfoot. Janis Igo will give the valedictory address. Principal Bobby Dodds will certify the graduates and the diplomas will be presented by school board president Reynolds W. Foster. Bobby Dodds will award the honors and the benediction will be by the Rev. Cresencio Rodriguez.

The members of the graduating class include Kathy Elaine Atkins, Bobby Dean Barton, Karen Elaine Currington, Linda Belle Estes, Marilyn Demere Foster, Charles Ray Holler, Janis Carol Igo, Susan Beth Petty, Nola Gaye Stewart and Margaret Susan Terry.

### Vernon Blackman Buried Wednesday

Robert Vernon Blackman, 64, died at 5:15 p.m. on May 17 in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital at Snyder following an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held here at the Methodist Church at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Harold Orr, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Ater's Cemetery near Gatesville at 4 p.m. Ross Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born near Gatesville July 28, 1907, Mr. Blackman was married to Margaret Elizabeth Weaver Oct. 15, 1932. They moved to Sterling County in 1939 where he did ranch work. He was foreman on the Collins Ranch and later for the Estate of Claude Collins after his death. He worked for Collins 28 years.

Survivors include his wife of Sterling City; one daughter, Mrs. Robbie Weinrich of Richardson; one son, Lewis Blackman of Albuquerque, N. M.; four brothers, Lovell of Corsicana, Clarence of Waco, M. J. of Gatesville, and Emmett of Flat, Texas; five sisters, Mrs. Dortha Jones of Gatesville, Mrs. Lorain Lemon of Wasilla, Alaska, Mrs. Delia Belle Freund of Dubuque, Iowa, Mrs. Hattie Long of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Martha Sue Gilbreath of Gatesville; his mother, Mrs. Estell Blackman of Gatesville; six grandsons and a number of nieces and nephews.

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**Outdoor Revival Is Planned by Baptists**

The First Baptist Church is making plans for an "Outdoor" revival meeting to be held in the city park June 6-13. The evangelist for this meeting is Bob Eklund, pastor of the Park Heights Baptist Church in San Angelo and the singer is Sonny Rios of Dallas. Special activities are planned for the juniors and young people and special emphasis will be given to each night service. There will be prayer breakfasts planned early enough for people to come and make it to work on time. Much is being done to involve the people in the planning and preparation of this meeting. Many are already cooperating by clearing their calendars of activities. It is the desire that everyone feel welcome and participate in this outdoor meeting, said Andy Daniels, pastor.

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 Chips  
 Dessert  
**TUESDAY, MAY 25**  
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 Jr. High and High School Final Exams. Lunchroom will be Closed.

**Little League Schedule**

(Team listed first denotes Home Team)  
**MAY 3—**  
 Giants—Cardinals  
 Indians—Astros  
 —Yankees  
**MAY 7**  
 Indians—Giants  
 —Cardinals  
 Astros—Yankees  
**MAY 11**  
 Giants ———  
 Yankees—Indians  
 Cardinals—Astros  
**MAY 14**  
 Yankees—Giants  
 Astros ———  
 Indians—Cardinals  
**MAY 19**  
 Giants—Astros  
 Cardinals—Yankees  
 —Indians  
**MAY 21**  
 Cardinals—Giants  
 Astros—Indians  
 Yankees ———  
**MAY 25**  
 Giants—Indians  
 Cardinals— ———  
 Yankees—Astros  
**MAY 28**  
 —Giants  
 Indians—Yankees  
 Astros—Cardinals  
**JUNE 1**  
 Giants—Yankees  
 —Astros  
 Cardinals—Indians  
**JUNE 4**  
 Giants—Yankees  
 —Astros  
 Cardinals—Indians  
**JUNE 8**  
 Giants—Cardinals  
 Indians—Astros  
 —Yankees  
**JUNE 11**  
 Indians—Giants  
 —Cardinals  
 Astros—Yankees  
**JUNE 15**  
 Giants ———  
 Yankees—Indians  
 Cardinals—Astros  
**JUNE 18**  
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 Indians—Cardinals  
**JUNE 22**  
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Morning worship — 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Classes — 6 p.m.  
Night Worship — 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Mid-Week  
Mid-week Service 8:00 p.m.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Andy Daniels, Pastor  
Sunday school — 9:45 a.m.  
Morning worship — 11:00 a.m.  
Church Training — 7:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship — 8:00 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

R. A.'s — 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting — 7:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

Mission Friends and  
G. A.'s — 3:30 p.m.

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Charles Tucker, Pastor  
Sunday school — 10:00 a.m.  
Morning worship — 11:00 a.m.

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Harold Orr, Pastor  
Church school — 10:00 a.m.  
Morning worship — 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship — 7:00 p.m.

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### For Social Security WHO MUST FILE SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS REPORT

Most social security beneficiaries who earned over \$1680 in 1970 are required to file a report of their earnings with the Social Security Administration by April 15, 1971. This report is in addition to any Federal or State tax return, and it must be filed with the Social Security Administration, according to J. M. Talbot, social security manager.

Beneficiaries who were 72 years old in all months of last year are not required to file the annual report of earnings. Disabled beneficiaries should report immediately if they become self-employed or take a job. All other beneficiaries, including families of disabled persons, are under the retirement test and must report their earnings annually.

The purpose of social security benefits is to replace earnings lost due to retirement, death, or disability. If an individual continues to earn a substantial amount — \$1680 or more — some adjustment is made in the amount of his benefits. One dollar for every two dollars earned between \$1680 and \$2880 is withheld. If an individual earns over \$2880, he gives up a dollar for each dollar earned over \$2880 regardless of the amount of yearly earnings. A beneficiary is entitled to his full social security check for any month in which he does not earn over \$140 and is not self-employed. The annual report will allow us to determine whether or not additional benefits are payable.

For more information, contact the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue (P.O. Box 3808) in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in our area. Persons who are unable to meet with him are encouraged to call the office in San Angelo. The telephone number is 949-4608.

### CHECK YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY RECORD

"How do I know my work under social security is being credited to my record, and how do I find out about it? This is one of the questions most frequently asked," says J. M. Talbot, social security manager.

In explaining the process involved in reporting social security, Mr. Talbot said, "When you work for wages, your employer deducts social security tax from your paycheck each pay day. At the end of each calendar quarter, he submits your name and number with payment for these taxes to Internal Revenue. Internal Revenue forwards copies to social security's main office in Baltimore, Maryland. Your wages are then posted to your record. The same process is followed for a self-employed person except that his earnings are recorded yearly."

Mr. Talbot states that the possibility of an error being made in the process does exist. He recommends that you request a statement of your earnings at least every three years.

All you have to do to secure the statement is to send a post card request available at your social security office to Baltimore, Maryland. If the reply you receive is incorrect in any way, contact the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue (P. O. Box 3808) in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area.

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2. A person must carry certificates evidencing physical fitness.
3. Must pass a road test in truck operation.
4. Must pass examination on Federal safety regulations.
5. In case of employees, must furnish evidence of compliance with the preceding rules plus information on traffic violations.

Letters protesting this law should be mailed to John Volpe of the Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. and ask for exemption for the trucks or pickups under 10,000 pounds and for people of 21 years old and up.

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**REPORT from Austin**

By GEORGE BAKER  
State Representative of  
66th District

Major attention in Austin this week centered on two matters — the threat of Governor Smith's veto and consequent change in the gasoline tax on a vote in the House — and the House plan for congressional redistricting.

First I will discuss the tax question. As reported in a previous letter, I voted for the tax bill which came from the senate even though I personally objected to the gas tax increase particularly. The reason for the vote was explained by the fact that we had no opportunity to consider separate items in the bill since it was a Senate amendment, and a vote for the bill was assurance that there would be no income tax voted in Texas this year.

Governor Smith's veto threat resulting in passage of a bill repealing the 2 cent raise suited most of us in the House very well, though it makes more certain a special session in 1972 to consider the welfare dilemma.

The motor fuels tax affects our district more strongly than many other since our distances are great, and average consumption per vehicle is higher than in most areas. Prices are generally higher than in most parts of the state also.

The most recent bill also extends farm to market road programs as at present.

The Senate Friday passed the gas tax proposal as it left the House.

Congressional redistricting is the joint problem of the Texas House and Senate. This week the House came out with a proposed plan which still is subject to floor debate and is almost certain to be different from the Senate version.

The House plan changes lines in eight of the thirteen counties in our representative district. It would place eight additional counties in Congressman O. C. Fisher's district. Five of the counties — Ward, Pecos, Terrell, Brewster and Presidio — would shift from Congressman Richard White's present district to Fisher. Three counties — Coke, Sterling and Glasscock — would shift from Congressman Omar Burleson to Fisher.

Jeff Davis County, only, remains in White's proposed new district. A large part of Ector County goes to White and all the remainder goes to Congressman George Mahon.

Crane, Upton, Reagan and Irion are presently in Fisher's 21st District and would not change.

It must be pointed out that this is a plan of the House Committee, and still can be changed by House action. It also faces almost certain change when the conference committee from House and Senate draft the final version.

The vote in recent elections shows that people of Presidio, Brewster, Terrell, Pecos and Ward counties support White strongly. Fisher also is strong in the four counties which he represents in Congress. Presumably, most would like to stay as they are, and some may be changed back in the final version.

**Health Column**

**POLLUTED CHILDHOOD**

Small tots on congested city streets are nose-high to exhaust fumes. And blood lead levels among children in cities are on the increase.

The National Air Pollution Control Administration estimates that 200,000 tons of lead are added to the atmosphere each year; 95 percent of it comes from car exhausts. NAPCA wants gasoline lead additives reduced and eventually eliminated. Aerosol lead particles are so small they are likely to penetrate deep into the respiratory tract. Lead in the blood is attached to red blood cells, and extremely high intake of airborne lead can bring on anemia.

Carbon monoxide from car exhausts is also associated with dizziness, fatigue, loss of appetite, headache, and impaired vision in children. According to a committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics, air pollution is so severe in many areas that it may even adversely affect growth in children.

The Academy says that sulphur dioxide—from steel mills, coal and oil power plants, and petroleum refineries—is a pollutant that can be incriminated in growth retardation, increased number of respiratory infections and attacks of asthma among children.

Research shows that the incidence of childhood asthma is significantly higher in areas where the air pollution levels are high. The results are most striking among boys under five years of age. In fact, the boys often developed eczema as well as asthma, both of which are primarily allergic conditions.

Air pollution affects almost everyone, and takes its toll among the very young.

For more information, contact your local tuberculosis and respiratory disease association. They have the facts.

Mrs. W. M. Key went to Lubbock last weekend to see a granddaughter receive a degree at Texas Tech. The granddaughter, Mrs. Jan Phillips Reed, was graduated cum laude. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips of Ft. Worth.

One of the final legislative matters this week in the House was debate on a house bill by Representatives Slack and Pickens to validate the operation of University of Texas of the Permian Basin and to change it from an upper level school to a full-four year undergraduate school, plus graduate level.

I spoke against the change in the final debate, not because of opposition to the UTPB, but against changing a concept under which it was created and never has operated.

Two years ago I stated my position — that I first must be certain that the needs of Sul Ross State University were met, and then could support the concept of a school to provide a commuter school for the Odessa-Midland area and the adjacent area which it would serve in Ward, Crane, Pecos, Upton, Glasscock and Reagan counties of this legislative district.

I felt that the UTPB, together with the junior colleges in Odessa, Midland and Big Spring meet that need, and that four-year status for UTPB, from its beginning, would duplicate what is provided by the junior colleges. It also would increase the duplication for certain areas now served by Sul Ross and Angelo State.

Certainly I do not oppose the concept of higher education for Texas, and especially for the Permian Basin area. I do feel that the combination of excellent junior colleges and UTPB for upper-level instruction provide for the area adequately. The future could bring a need for change, should passage not become final at this time.

**Burleson's Bill Would Help Rural Drivers**

**Proposed Legislation to Exempt Farm Vehicles**

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Congressman Omar Burleson of Texas, has recently introduced legislation that would amend Part II of the Interstate Commerce Act in order to completely exempt certain farm vehicles from its provisions. Burleson said there is widespread support for this legislation in the rural areas of the 17th Congressional District.

While there has been a historic exemption for farm vehicle operators in the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, last year new regulations were proposed to require that all drivers of farm trucks must be at least 21 and have a medical certificate not more than 24 months old. They must pass both Federal written and road tests. These are in addition to state regulations.

While these would presumably be applicable only to interstate commerce, recent interpretations suggest that if the product hauled subsequently ends up in interstate commerce the hauler would be subject to regulation. Clearly, there is no way for the individual farmer or rancher to determine the final destination of his load.

Burleson said he feels such regulations to be unreasonable because of the nature of farm truck usage, which is different from that of large-scale commercial transportation. "Regulations useful in the latter case would be oppressive for the farmer," the Congressman said. "Most farm hauls are for short trips on an intermittent basis, but would still come under the proposed regulations. Further, farm truck safety records are already dramatically better than commercial haulers," he continued.

Because of protests by Members of Congress, farm organizations and individual farmers, the Federal Highway Administration has drafted some revision to eliminate some of these stringent requirements and attempt to make the proposed regulations more palatable to farmers and ranchers, by extending the exemption date from July 1 to December 1; to exempt from driver qualification rules all drivers of vehicles 10,000 pounds or less; and propose lowering minimum age for those using such trucks on farms. These revisions have not been approved, however, Congressman Burleson said. "I hope this can be settled administratively," Burleson continued, "and that this proposed legislation will be helpful as leverage to accomplish this purpose. As a matter of fact, there appears no justification for any regulation on driving farm trucks, other than that already provided by the State. The legislation introduced is for this purpose."

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