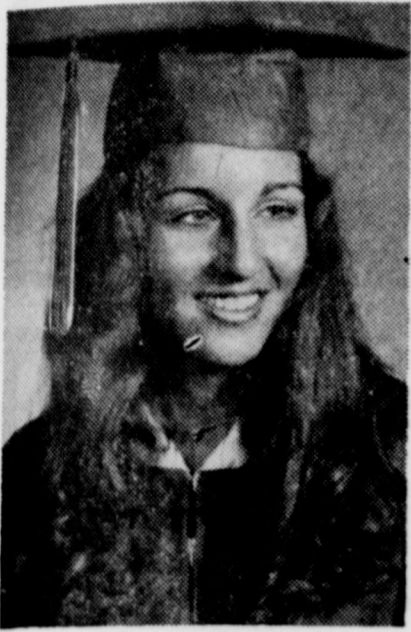


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## Top Honor Students Named



AMY HODGES . . .  
Valedictorian

Amy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hodges, is valedictorian of the 1976 SHS graduating class. She has a four year average of 95.4.

The valedictorian has served as a class officer for each of four years; was in the pep squad four years and came out for track in her sophomore and junior years. She served on the annual staff four years and was co-editor her senior year.

A FHA member four years and officer for two years, Amy attended the state convention two years and was recognized at state for completing three levels of encounter. She attended the Area Talented Youth Seminars and was named to the National Society of Distinguished High School Students and Who's Who Among High School Students.

In UIL she took part in persuasive speaking and science. She received school awards in citizenship two years; was voted most studious girl two years; got the history award two years, the science award one year; the social studies award one year, home economics award one year, the Ethel Foster Home Ec award one year and was a state runner-up in the Betty Crocker Search for Leadership 1976.

In 4-H she was active as an officer and was awarded six 4-H awards including the Gold Star Award.

Amy attended the district, state and national 4-H meeting and Congress and attended a 4-H district leadership seminar.

The valedictorian plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in animal sciences.

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MARYLYNN RICH . . .  
Salutatorian

Marylynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Rich, is salutatorian of the 1976 graduating class. She has a four year average of 92.2.

Marylynn has been very active in school activities during her four years in SHS. She served as cheerleader four years (head leader her sophomore year); played basketball four years and was named all-district her senior year; came out for track for

## Lions Hear New Officer Slate

Nominating committee chairman Bill Watts read the first reading of that committee's report Wednesday when the Lions Club met for the regular weekly luncheon. The committee report as read was as follows:

Howard Cudd, president  
Chesley McDonald, 1st v. p.  
Bobby Dodds, 2nd vice-pres.  
Johnny Hughes, 3rd vice-pres.  
Jack Douthit, secretary, treas.  
Henry Bauer, tail twister  
Hank Watson, Lion tamer  
Directors—Charlie Davis, Bill Watts, Ross Foster and H. L. Hildebrand.

The officers will be voted on at the last meeting this month.

John Boyd was a guest of Dr. Swann. The prize went to R.V. Hamilton.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT HERE SATURDAY

It was announced that there would be an ABC golf tournament here Saturday, beginning at 12:30 noon. Everyone is welcome to join in on the play, said Howard Cudd of the association.

## Attends J.P. Seminar IN ODESSA

E. R. (Ede) Edwards was among the more than 50 judges who participated in a 20-hour basic Texas Justice of the Peace Training Center seminar conducted April 13-16 in Odessa. The training center is headquartered on the Southwest Texas State University campus, where part of the seminar sessions are held.

The training program is funded through the Governors Office—Criminal Justice Division. There is no charge to the participating counties.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY TO BE FORMED

An organizational meeting of the Concho Valley Archaeological Society will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday, May 16th in the branch San Angelo Savings Association at 1609 Knickerbocker in San Angelo.

Teddy Stickney of Midland, regional vice president of the Texas Archaeological Society, will speak on the formation of a chapter in the west Central Texas area. Ms. Stickney will also make a slide presentation during the meeting on some of the excavations performed by the Texas Archaeological Society. The Society hopes to bring together those interested in archaeology to exchange ideas and help preserve Texas archaeology. Everyone is welcome.

Further information can be obtained from N.R. Huggins in San Angelo.

three years: was FFA Sweetheart her freshman year; served on the annual staff four years: was active as an officer in FHA four years; was a member of the National Society of Distinguished Students 1975-76.

The salutatorian was in the one act play cast two years; came out for poetry reading in the UIL contests three years; was named class favorite her sophomore year; was class treasurer when a freshman and sophomore and was president of her senior class.

This senior year she was named Best All Around Student and Miss SHS.

Marylynn is a 4-H Club member and a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and plans to attend either Angelo State University or Howard College in Big Spring. She will work in the office of Colorado City State Park this summer.

## Toastmaster Group Met Tuesday

A group of men met Tuesday night at the school, thinking of organizing a Toastmasters Club in Sterling City. The meeting had been worked up by Hank Watson, assistant vice president of the bank here.

Members of Toastmasters Clubs from San Angelo, Big Spring, Midland and Odessa were here to help out the local group.

## MEETING NEXT TUESDAY MORNING

The local group set up next meeting for next Tuesday morning at 6:30 in the community center. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

At the Tuesday meeting the first speaker will be David Foster and second will be Chesley McDonald. Hank Watson, Bill Watts and Mike Joyce will be evaluators. Bobby Dodds will be in charge of table topics and W. James Thompson will be grammarian and timer. Johnny Hughes is to be wordmaster.

Any men interested in joining or looking in for an appraisal of such a group are welcome.

Locals present at the Tuesday night meeting were Hank Watson, Chesley McDonald, Charles Stevens, Bill Brooks, Reynolds Foster, David Foster, Bob Dodds, James Thompson, Bill Watts, Johnny Hughes and Jack Douthit.

Among out of towners here to help out were Robert Russ, Ed Dowden and Roy Thruston.

## COMPLETE FIRST AID COURSE AT SCHOOL

Successfully completing a Johnson & Johnson basic first aid course were these 6th grade students: Teresa Coleman, Linda Garcia, Raymon Castro, Jesse Trevino, Virginia Moreno, Michael Browne, Pual Wayne Posey, Lupe Navorro, Danny Rodriguez, Lisa Medina, Kathy Maricle, Lonnie Horwood, Sally Fuentes and Robert Hernandez.

## DAVES VISITORS

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Daves for Mothers Day and the Daves wedding anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Holland and Amy, Randy Mitchell and Susan Ely, all of Blackwell. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daves and Sharlene of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Becknell, Robbi and Tami of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Davis, Jeana and Gene of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Connell and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Jackson. Tammi had been here a week visiting in the Daves home.

Lee Douthit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Douthit, is home for three weeks. She is working on a dissertation for a doctorate at the University of Texas. She taught half-time at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina this past year and will also teach in summer school there this summer. She is majoring in anthropology, doing her field work here on the pre-history of this area.

## NOTICE TO MEN BALL PLAYERS

All men interested in playing hard ball this summer meet at the ball field Sunday at 2 p. m. and organize—and play.

## DUSKY WELLS TO WORK ON MEDICAL TECH DEGREE

Dusky Wells, daughter of Mrs. Beth Wells, has been accepted for medical technician degree work at Midland Memorial Hospital. She will begin her training period July 19.

Dusky has had one semester at Texas Tech and two and one half years at Angelo State University. The program at Midland is under her ASU degree plan.

# End of School Exercises Set

## Coffee Honors Bride-to-be

A morning coffee in the home of Mrs. William Foster honored Kelley Sentell Robbins last Saturday morning from 9 to 11:00. Kelley and Johnny Copeland are to be married on May 22 in San Angelo.

Over 200 persons took part in the gift shower that morning.

Hostesses included Mrs. Lester Foster, Mrs. Martin Reed, Mrs. Jack Douthit, Mrs. Sims Price, Mrs. Ross Foster, Mrs. J. Q. Foster, Mrs. Winn McClure, Mrs. Lee Augustine, Mrs. Thomas Foster, Mrs. I. W. Terry, Mrs. Chesley McDonald, Mrs. William Foster, Mrs. Dan Glass and Mrs. Worth Durham.

## Engagement Is Announced

WALKER-PRICE

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Walker of Georgetown announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Tanis Gay, to Allen Leonard Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster S. Price of Sterling City.

The couple plan to be married July 17 at the Church of Christ in Georgetown, Texas.

Tanis is a graduate of Georgetown High School. She will graduate from Abilene Christian University with a bachelor of business administration degree in July.

Allen is a graduate of Sterling High School and of Abilene Christian University.

## Dinner and Dance

SPONSORED BY CATHOLICS

On Saturday, 15th of May, the Christian Mothers Confraternity of Saint Paschal Baylon Church of Sterling City will sponsor a dinner and dance at Sterling City park. Mrs. Moises Rodriguez Sr., president of the Confraternity, states that the dinner will be served from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. The cost is \$2.00 per plate for adults and \$1.00 for children. The dance will begin at 8 P.M. and feature a combo from Lamesa. Tickets for the dance cost \$3.00 per couple.

Directing both the dinner and the dance are Mrs. Moises Rodriguez Sr., Mrs. Juanita Lujan and Mrs. Manuel Lujan Jr. The young people of Saint Paschal Baylon Church will assist with the dinner.

The Albert McGinnesses returned home last weekend from a week vacation spent in New Mexico and El Paso.

## NURSING GRADUATE

Mrs. Tom (Clauda) Crossler is to receive a degree—Associate of Science, at ASU this weekend. She is the daughter of Mrs. Claude Collins and the late Mr. Claude Collins Sr.

H. L. Hildebrand, president of The First National Bank of Sterling City, and Mrs. Hildebrand, attended the bankers association meet in El Paso last week. The Hildebrands reported a good convention and good talks by Gov. Briscoe and Art Linkletter.

Mrs. Jim Butler fell at her home Tuesday of this week. She underwent surgery in the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo on Wednesday.

## Baccalaureate to Be May 23

The Sterling School end-of-the-year exercises have been set up for May 23 and May 26. The Baccalaureate Service will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 23 in the school auditorium.

The Rev. Traugott Vogel, the pastor of the First Baptist Church will be the speaker of the evening.

Melinda Terry will play the processional and recessional. Rachel Coronado will give the invocation. Stan Horwood will be the song leader for the two songs. Marion Hendry will give the benediction.

Everyone is invited to attend the services.

## Commencement to Be May 26

Superintendent James Thompson said the commencement exercises would be held on May 26 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium.

Delbert Downing of Snyder is to be the main speaker of the evening.

Melinda Terry will play the processional and recessional. Invocation will be given by Jeff Copeland. The salutatory address will be by Marylynn Rich. Chesley McDonald will introduce the graduation speaker and Amy Hodges will give the valedictory address. Principal Bobby Dodds will certify the class and Stan K. Horwood, school board president will present the diplomas.

School superintendent James Thompson, will award the honors and Emanuel Vogel will give the benediction.

## TEN GRADUATES THIS YEAR

There are ten members of the graduating class this year, being Jeffery Buckner Copeland, Rachel Bernal Coronado, Martha Lopez Delgado, Olivia Lopez Delgado, Marion Christine Hendry, Amy Marie Hodges, Carol Sue Jones, Benny Dale Radde, Marylynn Rich and Emanuel Traugott Vogel.

## Cook-Out Supper

TRUSTEE-FACULTY GROUP HAS STEAK SUPPER

On Monday night of this week the annual school trustee-faculty dinner was held in the city park at seven o'clock.

Ribeye steaks were broiled for the supper, and served along with salad, baked potato, drinks and bread and brownies.

Mrs. Edna Barton, who is retiring as home economics teacher this year, was presented with a silver plated serving tray by the group. Superintendent W. James Thompson made the presentation.

Nearly fifty persons attended the supper.

## THANKS TO VOTERS:

I would like to thank the voters of precinct 3 for their vote and support in the May 1 Primary. Your support and confidence is appreciated.

I will do my best in the job as county commissioner.

BILL BYNUM

## HIGH SCHOOL MOTHERS CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

The last meeting of the High School Mothers Club will be at 3:30 p. m. next Tuesday, May 18.

Mrs. Bill Jones, president, urges all mothers of high school students (even those to be freshmen next fall) to be present.

# NEWS OF ECOLOGY

## ALUMINUM STRETCHES ENERGY RESOURCES

Now that pollution clean-up is underway, environmental concern seems to be shifting to energy supply. Some ecologists worry about America's accelerating use of fuels — coal, oil, gas and uranium.

These basic sources of energy, burned directly or transformed into electricity, propel all vehicles, heat and cool our homes, run appliances, cook and refrigerate foods and power our industries.

The use of aluminum, an environmentally thrifty metal, stretches fuels and energy, the people at Reynolds Aluminum point out.

"Aluminum does not deteriorate and is easily recycled with little expenditure of energy," said Dr. Robert F. Testin, director of environmental planning for Reynolds. "That makes it an energy bank that can be drawn upon again and again. When long-lasting aluminum products are finally discarded, melting them down for refashioning into new products takes less than 5 per cent of the energy used to make the aluminum originally."

Because it is so light — only one-third the weight of steel, copper or brass — aluminum provides a greater quantity of material per ton. "This phenomenon stretches the energy used in making aluminum products, as a ton of aluminum yields two to three times more items than are obtained from a ton of other materials," according to Dr. Earl E. Patterson, who heads up Reynolds metallurgical research.

An example of Dr. Patterson's point is beer and soft drink containers. A ton of steel produces 15,400 steel cans, and a ton of glass makes 5,000 bottles, but a ton of aluminum results in 32,680 all-aluminum cans.

An article in the Reynolds magazine reveals many other

ways aluminum conserves energy.

Transportation of all kinds consumes 30 per cent of America's energy supply. The light metal cuts fuel consumption in all kinds of vehicles — aluminum highway trucks, automobiles with their aluminum parts, aluminum railroad cars, aluminum boats and ships with aluminum superstructures. The 1973 autos average about 78 pounds of aluminum per car.



In heating and air conditioning, which take 27 per cent of the energy supply, aluminum insulation and ducts, because of their high heat reflectivity, cut fuel consumption.

Durable aluminum siding, windows and other construction items greatly reduce use of resources and energy in maintenance, repair and replacement. The article points out that aluminum will not rot or warp, and is immune to red rust, mildew and termites.

In cooking, the rapid heat conductivity of aluminum pots and pans — six times faster than steel, for example — conserves electricity and gas. In the refrigerator, foods in aluminum foil chill or freeze quicker than when wrapped in paper or plastic film, saving electricity.

The public depends on aluminum electrical cable for low-cost delivery of electricity to the home. Replacing expensive copper, aluminum cable has lowered everybody's electrical bills.

## Little League Schedule

All games will start at 7:30 p.m. No inning will start after 10:00 p.m.

- MAY 4  
Bronte at Robert Lee  
Sterling City at Carlsbad
- MAY 7  
Sterling City at Robert Lee  
Bronte at Carlsbad
- MAY 11  
Robert Lee at Carlsbad  
Bronte at Sterling City
- MAY 14  
Carlsbad at Sterling City  
Robert Lee at Bronte
- MAY 18  
Robert Lee at Sterling City  
Carlsbad at Bronte
- MAY 21  
Carlsbad at Robert Lee  
Sterling City at Bronte
- MAY 25  
Sterling City at Carlsbad  
Bronte at Robert Lee
- JUNE 1  
Sterling City at Robert Lee  
Bronte at Carlsbad
- JUNE 4  
Robert Lee at Carlsbad  
Bronte at Sterling City
- JUNE 8  
Carlsbad at Sterling City  
Robert Lee at Bronte
- JUNE 11  
Robert Lee at Sterling City  
Carlsbad at Bronte
- JUNE 15  
Carlsbad at Robert Lee  
Sterling City at Bronte
- JUNE 18  
Sterling City at Carlsbad  
Bronte at Robert Lee
- JUNE 22  
Sterling City at Robert Lee  
Bronte at Carlsbad
- JUNE 25  
Robert Lee at Carlsbad  
Bronte at Sterling City

## Senior League

1976 BASEBALL SCHEDULE  
All games will start at 7:30 P. m. No inning will start after 10 p.m. Base coaches will consist of one player and one coach.

- MAY 3  
Miles at Bronte  
Carlsbad at Wall  
Robert Lee at Sterling City
- MAY 6  
Carlsbad at Sterling City  
Wall at Miles  
Robert Lee at Bronte
- MAY 10  
Sterling City at Wall  
Bronte at Carlsbad  
Miles at Robert Lee
- MAY 13  
Sterling City at Miles  
Robert Lee at Carlsbad  
Wall at Bronte
- MAY 17  
Robert Lee at Wall  
Miles at Carlsbad  
Bronte at Sterling City
- MAY 20  
Bronte at Miles  
Wall at Carlsbad  
Sterling City at Robert Lee
- MAY 24  
Sterling City at Carlsbad  
Miles at Wall  
Bronte at Robert Lee
- MAY 31  
Wall at Sterling City  
Carlsbad at Bronte  
Robert Lee at Miles
- JUNE 3  
Miles at Sterling City  
Robert Lee at Carlsbad  
Bronte at Wall
- JUNE 7  
Wall at Robert Lee  
Carlsbad at Miles  
Sterling City at Bronte
- JUNE 10  
Miles at Bronte  
Carlsbad at Wall  
Robert Lee at Sterling City
- JUNE 14  
Carlsbad at Sterling City  
Wall at Miles  
Robert Lee at Bronte
- JUNE 17  
Sterling City at Wall  
Bronte at Carlsbad  
Miles at Robert Lee
- JUNE 21  
Sterling City at Miles  
Carlsbad at Robert Lee  
Wall at Bronte
- JUNE 24  
Robert Lee at Wall  
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Bronte at Sterling City

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Although this is a relatively small volume when compared to other petrochemical building blocks, propylene, an odorless, colorless gas, winds up in countless products vital to the comfort and well being of Americans and to the strength of their economy.

A very significant end-use application of propylene is isopropyl alcohol. Whether it's called 2-propanol, dimethyl carbinol, isopropanol or just plain IPA, this propylene-derived product is, in fact, the rubbing alcohol in your medicine chest.

#### The Many Uses of IPA

IPA, in addition to its use as a household antiseptic, is also an important ingredient in the manufacture of hydrogen peroxide, solvents, anti-

stalling agents, dyes, aspirin, washing machine agitators, de-icing agents, surface coatings, insect repellent, printing ink, paint and varnish removers, latex paints and fuel additives.

Another major use of propylene is to make polypropylene, one of the most versatile plastic resins. Because of its superior physical properties—



strength, resistance to work fatigue, chemical and heat resistance, colorability and flex strength—polypropylene is finding its way into applications that dispell the myth that plastics are only good for cheap toys and olive stabbers.

The medical field recently has discovered the many assets of polypropylene. Pacemakers and artificial hearts now have parts made of polypropylene. It is also used as through-the-bone marrow pins, screws, staples, and as sutures to close contaminated wounds. Polypropylene has other medical uses such as dentures, disposable hypodermic needles and syringes, test tubes, soap dishes, graduated basins and thermometer holders.

The appliance and automotive industries are using a great deal of polypropylene these days. For example,

washing machine agitators, dishwasher innerliners and many other parts for major and small appliances are made of it.

When the Going is Tough One of the most revolutionary uses is in car batteries. Most of the 1974-model U.S. cars now have batteries — and numerous other parts such as steering wheels, bucket seat backs and accelerator pedals — made of tough polypropylene.

Polypropylene fibers are being also used by the furniture and carpet industries because of their resistance to stains. And its toughness is causing polypropylene to become widely used in making cordage. These are just some of the many ways polypropylene is being used to provide better quality products for American consumers.

In addition to IPA and polypropylene and their many end-uses, propylene finds its way into synthetic rubbers, medicines, cosmetics, safety glass, food flavoring agents, adhesives, photographic chemicals, epoxy resins, leather tanning products, perfume, antifreeze, brake fluids, herbicides, dog food and poultry feed additives, nylon, wood preservatives, polishes, explosives and paper coatings.

When the many vital chemical applications of propylene are coupled with the fact that it is one of the components of gasoline that keeps the car engine running efficiently, it's easy to understand why propylene often is termed "lifeblood" for American industry.



AROUND  
THE  
COUNTY  
by



ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

Pecan trees here have the greatest number of catkins that they have had in many years. The evidence of these catkins has caused two questions to be asked this year, both of them as old as the proverbial argument about whether the hen or the egg came first.

First, many have asked if this means good pecan crop this year. There is no firm answer to this one than the fact that without these catkins there would be no pecans as the catkin is the male flower of the pecan. Without this catkin, fertilization of the female flower would not take place.

The other question concerns whether the pecan itself—the nut—is borne on this year's growth or last year's growth and is the subject of discussion many times. Actually, the nut itself is borne on current, or this year's growth. However, last year's growth does have an important role in the development of the nut itself; we'll explain how this happens.

The catkin, or male flower, is borne on last year's growth and is the result of a bud laid down last summer on the end of last year's growth. There are usually two of these buds formed; the primary one and the reserve. The primary bud is the first to grow; if it is destroyed by freeze, insects, or other damage, the reserve will develop. Thus, the pecan has a second chance to flower.

The catkin itself is a three-stalked with two per bud, one on either side of the vegetative growth. As these catkins develop they may develop as many as 115 flowers per stalk. These flowers produce the pollen grains. A single tree could produce enough pollen to produce the nation's entire pecan crop if it were properly distributed. Chance pollination of the female flower may occur from pollen as far as two or three miles away but dependable pollination is limited to less than 400 feet away; wind direction is an important factor.

The female flower is seldom seen by most people as it has no petals or showy appearance as does the catkin. This female flower appears at the terminal end of this year's growth as a spike. Its development will depend on the presence of sufficient carbohydrates.

This flower develops into the nutlets, the tip end having a fluid which retains the pollen grains during receptivity. This process is known as pollination. When the tip end of the nutlets become hard and brown, receptivity has passed and the complete fertilization will take place in 5 to 7 weeks. These fertilized flowers then develop into the pecans themselves.

So—the pecan itself is borne on current, or this year's growth. But last year's growth does have a part in the overall development; it produces the catkin or male flowers so evident now. If you would like the full story on this, ask for the leaflet on the flowering habits of the pecan—a supply has been ordered.

Several larva of the pecan casebearer have been found in terminals on some of John Brock's trees. Some of the trees are being banded to help determine the proper time to apply insecticides for the control of this pest. We'll try to keep you advised of the time to spray on this basis along with inspection of the nuts themselves. The cool nights may have delayed the time this year but the last few warm days may speed up the process.

If you want to get your insecticides and have them ready,

**CARD OF THANKS**

Thank you so very much for your prayers, visits, cards, flowers and gifts during my recent stay in the Sterling hospital.

Your thoughtfulness and concern is deeply appreciated. A special thanks to Dr. Swann and his staff for their care and ministrations.

Mrs. Ben Brooks

**HOSPITAL NOTES**

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week include:

Marcus Estrada  
Mrs. W. P. Meyer  
Monseis Rodriguez  
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week were;

Juan Torres  
Patients in the Sterling County Nursing Home on Thursday morning of this week were;

George Case  
Mrs. Walsie Gibbs  
Virgil Brownfield  
Mrs. Lucy Chaney  
Mrs. Blanche Copeland  
Mrs. Luther Hallmark  
Mrs. Lura McClellan  
Mrs. Edith Hudson  
Mrs. Ida Brown  
Mrs. Jim Duke  
Jim Duke  
Mrs. Lucy Norman  
W. J. Williams  
Mrs. J. E. Bynum  
Mrs. Larkin Longshore  
Mrs. Robbie Grace  
Noble Read  
J. B. Ratliff  
Mrs. Minnie Pinson  
Mrs. Noble Read  
Mrs. O. M. Cole  
Mrs. Mabel Martin  
Mrs. Clifford Carpenter  
Mrs. Iver P. Mercer  
Roy Morgan  
Mrs. Lena Key

**Joint VCS Set for June**

The joint Vacation Church School of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches has been set for June 14-18, said Mrs. Bill Davis this week.

Hours set for the school are from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the dates mentioned.

Nursery classes (3 and 4 year olds) will be held at the Methodist Church, as will the kindergarten (age 5 and 6).

To be at the First Presbyterian Church will be primary (age or grades 1, 2 and 3). Also for grades 4, 5 and 6. This means those that were in those grades this school year.

you have a choice of malathion and sevin, or guthion. Certainly, you need zinc sulfate to add to the spray.

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Several years ago when Communist missile bases were DISCOVERED on Cuba, a bumper sign proclaiming *Relax, They're 90 Miles Away* appeared. Screw-worms have been confirmed on a ranch near Blackwell in Coke County and its no time to relax as the pests are just about 40 miles away airline.

The pests are moving closer each day with other cases in Irion County and probably nearer by the time this appears in print. Livestock producers are urged to keep up the vigilance they have in the past. Check your stock as often as possible, take samples of all worms, and send them in to the lab. Collection vials and mailing tubes are available in the county extension office as well as the feed store.

**FOR SALE**—Water tank (on tower.) You take down. Mrs. O. V. Anderson.

**GARAGE SALE**—Friday and Saturday at moy home. Mrs. Virgie Garrett.

**SPINET PIANO**, must relocate, small monthly payments may be arranged for individual with good credit. Write Credit Manager, Box 3068, Lubbock, Tx. 79410.

**NEED close-in pasturage** for my gentle saddle horse. Harry Abernathy, 378-2042.

**Sweetwater Pump & Supply, Inc.** of Sweetwater has rented the corner grocery building from the Foster Estate and will occupy it. Some repairs are to be done on the building, said H.L. Hildebrand.

**SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM MENUS**

(All Type A lunches served with 1/2 pint milk, bread and butter.)  
**LUNCHES**

**MONDAY, MAY 17**

Fish Sticks  
Sweet Peas  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Cookies  
Fruit

**TUESDAY, MAY 18**

Hamburgers  
Lettuce  
Tomatoes  
French Fries

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19**

Steak  
Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Ginger Bread

**THURSDAY, MAY 20**

Corny Dogs  
Pork & Beans  
French Fries  
Apple Crisp

**FRIDAY, MAY 21**

Sandwiches  
Potato Chips  
Lettuce  
Tomatoes  
Cookies

**MONDAY, MAY 24**

Hot Dogs  
Pineapple Salad  
Peas  
Peach Crisp

**TUESDAY, MAY 25**

Burritos  
Corn  
Salad  
Brownies

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26**

Sandwiches  
Lettuce  
Tomatoes  
Potato Chisp

**BREAKFASTS**

**MONDAY, MAY 17**

Scrambled Eggs  
Biscuits  
Orange Juice

**TUESDAY, MAY 18**

Pancakes  
Apple Sauce

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19**

Cheese or Cinnamon Toast  
Peaches

**THURSDAY, MAY 20**

French Fries  
Orange Juice

**FRIDAY, MAY 21**

Cereal  
Bananas

**MONDAY, MAY 24**

Cheese or Cinnamon Toast  
Orange Juice

**TUESDAY, MAY 25**

Scrambled Eggs  
Applesauce

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26**

Cereal  
Peaches

**'TATTLETOOTH' PROGRAM HELD AT SCHOOL**

A new, award-winning dental health program was tested in the Sterling City school during April.

Called Tattletooth, the program was named recently by the American Dental Association as one of six most outstanding school dental programs in the nation.

Tattletooth was tested in kindergarten through sixth grade in the school here.

The new program aimed at changing students attitudes toward dental health and actually improving care of teeth. The innovative program will be available to schools throughout the state by September 1976.

Research shows the average 16 year old is walking around with 10 cavities in his or her mouth.

The major thrust of Tattletooth is to convince students that preventing dental disease is important and that they can do it. Tattletooth provides activities for students that motivate them to make the changes

necessary for positive dental health.

Development of Tattletooth has been funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to the Dental Bureau, Texas Department of Health Resources.

Coordinating the field test of Tattletooth in Sterling City was Region XV Education Service Center consultant Mrs. Mathews, dental hygienist.

Classroom teachers involved in the project were Mrs. Alice Schovajsa, Mrs. Leora Barrett, Mrs. Martha Dodds, Mrs. Olivia Asbill, Mrs. Halley Barlemann, Mrs. Evelyn Douthit and Mrs. Mary Louise Rich.

**WANTED**—Season quail lease in Sterling County. W.A. Womack, Midland 79701. 410 North Loraine. 694-8068.

**PAINTING**—Interior and exterior jobs. Call 453-2853, Robert Lee, Texas.

In case of fire, phone 8-4771.



**THAT'S A FACT**

**SPEED BALL!**  
THE HIGHEST ESTIMATED SPEED ATTAINED BY A PING PONG BALL WAS 60 MILES PER HOUR (BY CHUANG TSE-TUNG OF CHINA).

**LOVE...**  
IS A GREAT THING TO HAVE AND TO SHARE-BUT YOU CAN'T LIVE ON IT. BUT U.S. SAVINGS BONDS CAN HELP LOVE ALONG BY MAKING IT EASIER TO AFFORD IT! SO...WHILE YOU'RE LOVING, SET ASIDE MONEY FOR THOSE RAINY DAYS...OR FOR THE FUTURE! AND REMEMBER - NEW BONDS PAY A BONUS AT MATURITY! ★★★★★

**MAGNIFIED FACT!**  
WHAT BILL CONTAINS THE NAMES OF 26 STATES? THE FIVE DOLLAR BILL! (THEY ARE ON THE FACADE OF THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL).

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