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Farmers Union Slaps New Farm Bill

"It is most unfortunate that the House Agriculture Committee has bowed to pressures from Secretary Butz and the Administration and approved a mediocre farm bill at a time when a good farm program is so necessary to the consumer as well as the farmer," Texas Farmers Union President Jay Naman of Waco said.

In a statement from the Waco office of the statewide farm organization, the Farmers Union expressed disappointment at the reduced target prices in the House version of the farm bill. The House bill reduces the target price of wheat approximately 20c a bushel, takes 20c a hundredweight off the price of grain sorghum, and reduces the target price of cotton by 5c per pound. These reductions lower the target prices substantially below the 70% of parity level in the Senate-passed farm bill.

"The purpose of the farm bill is to provide an incentive for farmers to produce in abundance by

assuring them a target price which will enable them to pay high production costs and still retain a realistic profit. This objective is in the interest of the consumer as well as the farmer, if threatened shortages materialize," the spokesman for Farmers Union said.

Naman charged that Secretary Butz has coerced the House Agriculture Committee into including several crippling amendments in the House version of the farm bill by threatening a presidential veto. One of these, according to the Farmers Union official, is a provision that will offset the advantages of the escalator clause to increase target prices as farm costs increase.

"The Secretary of Agriculture insists on an 'efficiency index' that will drive the target price down if farmers increase their efficiency. In other words, it is a scheme to deprive farmers of the opportunity to receive any benefits from their increased efficiency," Naman said.

Farmers Union claims that its "fly-ins" of farmers to Washington have resulted in some improvements in the House version of the farm program. "Without some of the work which our farmers have done in Washington, it would be a

much worse farm program, but at best, it is not something that Congress should be proud of," according to the farm organization spokesman.

"We hope that the House or the Senate-House Conference Committee will restore the Senate passed target prices and accept the recommendations which Farmers Union has made to strengthen the program. As it is, if the production costs continue to go up and export opportunities do not materialize, the American farmer will again be left holding the bag," Naman said.

Lynn Rhoderick Is Seeking Health Reforms

Lynn Rhoderick, who grew up in Quitaque and graduated from QHS, is now teaching in the Grants, New Mexico schools, and has begun a citizen's health care reform crusade.

In a door to door campaign in the Albuquerque and Grants area, Lynn has organized a citizen's movement of almost 1,000 families. With financial support from members, he will visit Washington the week of July 23 with a petition of reform for the Nixon Administration. He is presently working in Briscoe, Floyd and Hale counties to organize citizen groups and will make personal contacts with citizens, seeking their signatures on a petition.

The purpose of the organization, he says, is to focus local and national attention on the "health care crisis" and to examine possible solutions. The petition of the Citizens for Health Care Reforms is as follows:

"We believe the average income family can no longer afford proper medical, optical and dental health care. We believe our taxes should be returned directly to us so these services can be purchased for the services rendered in lieu. We believe all rural communities should receive full time of paramedics and periodic service from certified health care personnel.

"We believe health insurance companies should be regulated and required to insure every citizen. We believe the money being spent on medicare programs should be paid directly to the elderly in the form of higher social security checks which they could use to purchase their own insurance. We believe our nation would benefit from a Children's National Health Program which would give preventative health care to all children 0-18 years old."

Rhoderick, the son of Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick of Silverton and the late Mr. Rhoderick, was here last week and he said that while in Washington next month he will talk with Texas and New Mexico senators, the Surgeon General, members of the Nixon Administration and anyone he can talk to who can help promote the program.

Area residents who are interested in the program and would like to promote it can leave their names and donations at C. A. Hawkins Insurance Agency in Quitaque.

Gas Work Planned

Pioneer Natural Gas Company will start work immediately on a construction program designed to add approximately 100 miles of lines to increase the transmission capacity of Pioneer's present system, according to an announcement made in Plainview June 28 by K. Bert (Tex) Watson, company president.

Speaking at the Plainview Country Club before a group of 160 business and civic leaders from the area, including H. B. Simpson, David Tipton, Jerry Patton, Jim Scott, Charles Sarchet and Jack Strange of Silverton, Watson said, "Upon completion, the total project will represent an additional investment of more than \$11 million. This figure is in addition to the more than \$2 million company expenditure for gathering lines now under construction or planned for the near future in the Andarko and Delaware basins."

Watson pointed out that while "Pioneer continues to enjoy a good position with reference to its gas reserves," the company must continue to seek aggressively new reserves and to improve its system to be able to serve adequately current customers as well as to be able to continue to offer service to new industrial customers throughout its service area.

He went on to say, "With the completion of this construction on our transmission system, we will be able to add about 100 million cubic feet of gas a day to our present deliveries.

"Work will start on the first phase of this system-wide project as soon as the materials, which are on order, are delivered," Watson said. "The first portion of the project will be the paralleling of about 30 miles of 10-inch line with a like distance of 12-inch high pressure line from a point about 12 miles west of Pampa, to connect with Pioneer's 20-inch line just east of Amarillo. We will install about 2,100 horsepower of compressor capacity at this point, and the gas from this line will go south to our McSpadden Compressor Station just east of Canyon," he said.

"The second part of the pro-

EDITORIAL Texas Nightmare

Organized crime has become a billion-dollar-a-year business in the State of Texas.

So says the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council. This

gram will be the construction of 45 miles of 16-inch line to start at a point just south of Odessa, to more or less parallel our present line north to Tarzan, and the construction of 23 miles of 16-inch line from south of Tahoka into the company's compressor station at that location," Watson continued.

"All of the transmission lines in this new project will be high pressure lines, and the construction should be completed by mid-1974," he said.

The meeting was one of a series of such meetings being held throughout Pioneer's West Texas system during June and July. The purpose for scheduling these programs is to give the communities served by Pioneer an up-to-date report on the energy problems facing the nation and Pioneer's position in this situation.

prestigious group, composed of some top law enforcement officials, is directed by Attorney General John L. Hill and Col. Wilson E. Speir, director of the Department of Public Safety. Working with them are other officials.

The time has come to sound the alarm and demand legislation which will return Texas to a bit of decency. The council has its recommendations. But, before a glance at them, get a bit more of the shocking news from the council:

—Gang killings are occurring in and around major metropolitan areas.

—Organized crime thrives on bookmaking. Bookies in Texas realized a gross profit of \$98 million from the 1971 college and pro football season alone with approximately \$815 million wagered. There are 847 persons known to be operating in organized bookmaking in Texas.

—Prostitution is prevalent in many areas and especially those with large populations.

—At least 18 separate narcotics smuggling rings are operating in Texas with several hundred major traffickers. Nine are in the San Antonio area.

—Some 48,323 motor vehicles were stolen in the state last year many by organized rings which took them out of the state. Total value lost was \$50 million with \$15.7 million of that stolen in Dallas alone.

Now hear this. Texas is yet to authorize electronic surveillance including but not limited to wire tapping, although it is legal under the Federal Omnibus Crime Control Act. It is time Texas tied the hands of law enforcement officials.

The council also is asking, and should have support for: Admissibility of oral confessions of criminals.

Concurrent jurisdiction for the Attorney General and statewide grand jury capability.

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However IT IS NO SECRET what God can do for you. This was never intended to be a secret, for God wants all to know the good news.

Isaiah said: "The Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings ... to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Attend church regularly and hear God's word preached.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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First State Bank

Marriage Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Bomar announce the marriage of their daughter, Roy Ann, to Mr. Terral Ben Battey of Guymon, Oklahoma. Vows were exchanged at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, in the chapel of the First Christian Church in Hereford, with the pastor, Rev. Gene Brink, officiating the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. Betty Battey of Hereford and Mrs. Betty Battey of Guymon. The bride attended Stephens College and Monterrey Tech, and is a graduate of West Texas State University. She has been employed as a teacher in the Hereford Public Schools.

The bridegroom attended Eastern New Mexico University and is presently engaged in business

Has Art Exhibit

Mrs. Joe (Polly) Montague has an art exhibit hanging at the City National Bank in Plainview. The pictures will be on exhibit during the month of July.

One painting is done on a paper sack. Another painting is of the old homestead on the Sand Hill, located two miles south and two west of Silverton. It was blown away in the 1971 tornado.

Mrs. Montague has studied art with Louise Vaughan of Silverton and Henrietta Ludeman, Peggy Snodgrass and Mrs. Tom Bennington of Plainview, and Ben Konis and Leona Turner of Amarillo. She also studied art at Texas Tech. She now paints with a group of four in Silverton.

with his father.

They will make their home in Guymon.

* New Baby

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Riney are parents of a daughter, Tawnya La Jo, born July 6. The baby weighed six pounds, six and a half ounces, and is 19½ inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thompson of Burleson and Mrs. Loretta Riney of Littlefield. The Rineys have two sons to welcome the new baby. Terry is nearly 10 and Coy will be seven in October.

Married July 4

Miss Jackie Lynn Starkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey of Flomot, and Pfc. Carol Gene Davis of Fort Carson, Colorado, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, were united in marriage July 4 in Plainview.

The couple will be at home in Colorado Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Autry entertained out-of-town relatives over the weekend. Present for worship at the First Baptist Church and a family dinner on Sunday were Kenneth, Jean and Nancy Autry, El Dorado, Kansas; Howard, Leslie, Carol, Shirley and Leslie Autry, Odessa; W. E., Juanita, Diane and Vicki Autry, Ephrata, Washington; Jim and Anna Lou Sparks, Bedford, Texas; Tommy, Lee Ann, Doug, Mike, Richard and Jennifer Autry, Bedford, Texas.

They were joined on Monday by Miss Bonnie Autry and Miss Anita Ennis, Lewisville, Texas.

Margie and Jerry Taylor and family were unable to attend.

Mrs. Joyce Fellers and Randy of Lewisville and Mrs. Rita Flint and Candy of Sweetwater visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Vaughan Thursday night and Friday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Virgal Minyard and children and Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes. They are the niece, great-niece and

great-great-niece and great nephew of Mrs. Vaughan and Berton Hughes.

4-H Record Books Due Friday, July 20

July 16-19 has been set aside for 4-H members to go to the County Extension Office for individual help with the preparation of their record books. Completed record books are due in the Extension Office by 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 20. The record books will be judged Friday afternoon by a group of judges from area towns.

Senior 4-H members need to fill out the National Report Form.

Juniors need to fill out Club Members Participation Sheet, Summary of Projects and Activities and Summary of Awards Received instead of the National Report Form.

4-H'ers may either go to the Extension Office to pick up these forms or call and they will be mailed out to you.



ALTA JO FOWLER

To Marry Soon

Mr. and Mrs. Leon L. Fowler announce the marriage of their daughter, Alta Jo, to Richard Perry Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Richard M. Williams. The vows are scheduled for July 27, at the Sherwood Church of Christ in Odessa, Texas.

Mrs. Winifred House underwent surgery Monday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

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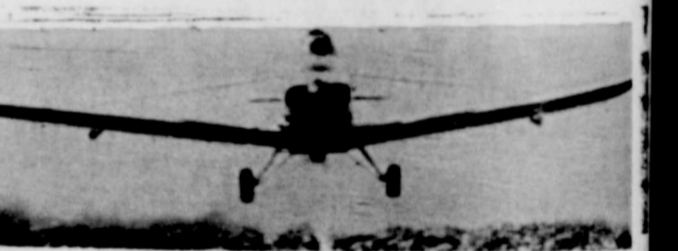
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