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## METRO EDITION

### Coming Sunday...

What is the Permian Basin Graduate Center and what does it do?  
An institution in transition, with plans afoot to move into a new facility, the PBGC under the direction of Patricia Beck of Midland serves a distinct purpose in this area. Staff writer Brooks Keller has taken an in-depth look at the PBGC. Look for his story in Sunday's edition of The Reporter-Telegram.

## Monimbo resists Somoza

By VICENTE MORALES

MONIMBO, Nicaragua (AP) — The people of dirt-poor Monimbo are becoming a national symbol of the fight against dictator Anastasio Somoza in which at least 45 persons have died and more than 100 have been injured in the past three weeks.

The Monimbos are descendants of Nahor Indians who emigrated from Mexico, and at least 21 have been killed battling Somoza's national guard with rocks, bottles, bullets and firebombs in their slum 21 miles southeast of Managua.

The soldiers patrol the dirt streets with jeeps and armored vehicles mounted with machine guns or swoop down with helicopters firing tear-gas rockets and bullets.

The Monimbo uprising began Feb. 10 when national guardsmen used tear gas to break up a memorial mass for longtime Somoza foe Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, a newspaper publisher assassinated a month earlier in Managua.

"The guard threw tear gas inside the church," Turi De Mejia, a Red Cross official, said. "It angered a lot of men and they began making and throwing firebombs at the soldiers."

That night, bands of armed townspeople took to the streets, firing shotguns and hunting rifles and lobbing rocks and firebombs at soldiers. The troops responded with machine-gun fire.

## Natural gas pricing stalemate may end

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key Senate energy negotiators say they are close to breaking a three-month deadlock on the natural gas pricing part of President Carter's energy plan, but that some obstacles remain.

The negotiators were to resume their deliberations today after failing on Thursday to produce the overall agreement that might put Carter's plan back on course.

"I think we're close to it, but we're not there yet," reported Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., leader of the Senate bargaining team.

Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger has been meeting with the group to lend administration support to the effort to break the stalemate.

Senate conferees must settle their own differences before formal bargaining sessions with the House on a compromise energy bill can proceed.

However, broad outlines of a proposed compromise are taking shape, with Senate negotiators

## Rhodesia power transfer agreed

By LARRY HEINZERLING  
Associated Press Writer

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP) — Prime Minister Ian Smith and three black leaders signed an agreement today to pave the way for the transformation of white-ruled Rhodesia to black Zimbabwe by Dec. 31.

The agreement laying down the guidelines for the transition to black majority rule in the next 10 months was signed at the former British gov-

ernor's residence, now a government training center.

Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who claims the largest political following among the black leaders, wore a cloth cap and a flowing blue and white West African gown over his clerical attire. The other two, the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau, wore business suits, and so did Smith.

After the signing, Smith beamed and shook hands with each of the black leaders. Backs were slapped,

and some of the black leaders' aides raised clenched fists in black power salutes.

Elsewhere, there was a general atmosphere of gloom in Salisbury. The agreement has been repudiated by Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, the leaders of the guerrillas fighting the white regime for the past 5½ years, and they vow to keep up their war. There is also widespread belief that Britain, the legal colonial authority, and the United States will not

recognize the settlement.

However, Muzorewa told a news conference the settlement would disuade guerrillas from continuing the war. And Sithole, who founded one of the two guerrilla movements, said "the overwhelming majority" of the estimated 40,000 black fighters will back the agreement.

Meanwhile, Nkomo flew from his headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia, to Maputo, Mozambique, to meet with Mugabe. Sources in Lusaka said they would plan their new strategy in response to the signing of the agreement.

The signing capped three months of talks in which Smith and the three moderate black leaders agreed on constitutional safeguards for the 268,000 whites in the future nation of 6.7 million blacks, the makeup of the future army, universal suffrage, the makeup of the transition government

that will write the new constitution and the principles to be incorporated into the constitution.

The last hurdle was overcome Thursday when the negotiators compromised on the composition of the transition cabinet.

Smith and the three black leaders will form an Executive Council immediately to take over the powers of the prime minister and plan Rhodesia's first election by universal suffrage. Chairmanship of the Council will rotate among Smith, Muzorewa, Sithole and Chirau. Beneath them will be a council of ministers or cabinet. The final compromise was that a black and a white will share each portfolio. The black leaders had been demanding that each of the four factions in the talks be represented equally in the interim government, meaning 25 percent white and 75 percent black.



Factory lunchroom in which 18 were wounded Thursday in shooting spree is visible through shattered plate glass window. (AP Laserphoto)

## Police seek motive for lunchroom shooting spree

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — Two weeks of silence and brooding by a young factory laborer erupted in a barrage of shotgun blasts that wounded 18 co-workers, including his stepfather, as they scrambled for cover in a crowded lunchroom, police say.

Leslie Bernard Torrey, 21, was arrested Thursday in a parking lot outside the factory after he walked up to police and said, "I'm the man you want," according to Jackson Police Capt. Calvin Watson.

Moments before, a man carrying a shotgun had walked into the lunchroom at the Pittsburgh Forgings Co., which manufactures forgings for auto and related industries, and fired a volley of shots.

Two of the victims — Jerry Pelham, 47, of Cement City and Oliver Strine, 59, of Jackson — were in serious condition at Jackson Foote Hospital.

Sixteen others, including Torrey's 52-year-old stepfather, Ernest Baynes, were treated for minor wounds and released.

Torrey, who had worked at the plant for almost a year, stood motionless Thursday afternoon as 13th District Court Judge Robert Cray set bond at \$35,000 on a single charge of assault with intent to commit murder. Torrey was held at Jackson County Jail and ordered to appear for a preliminary hearing March 13.

Wearing gray pants, heavy work

boots and a nylon windbreaker, the tall, slender Torrey spoke only to his wife, Ivy.

"Don't say anything to them," he ordered when she was surrounded by reporters in the tiny courtroom.

Torrey refused advice from friends to hide his face from photographers. "Why? I did it," he told them.

The judge said bail was set relatively high "for the safety of the community" and because of threats against Torrey's life.

Police were puzzled by the attack. "We just haven't come up with a motive," said Detective Michael Rand.

Co-workers said Torrey had been unusually quiet for the past two weeks but had given no indication of what was bothering him. They said he left at lunchtime, returned shortly before the break was to end and began firing at cars in the parking lot.

He then turned his weapon on the workers, first firing through a plate glass window into the two-story building, they said.

## Jailed farmers still won't pay bond

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — Defiant striking farmers, sticking to their demands that charges against them be dropped, completed their second night in jail here today.

About 200 American Agriculture supporters from several states were arrested Wednesday during a violent skirmish at an international bridge at Hidalgo.

The jailed farmers unanimously voted to stay locked up after a two-hour session with Attorney General John Hill and local officials.

The protesters have refused to pay the \$18.75 that would free them.

"They decided they'd spend the night and talk things over among themselves," spokesman Gerald McCathern of Hereford said upon emerging from the negotiating session in the county jail.

Hill, a gubernatorial candidate, said the discussions were "positive." But he told one farmer that the chances for dismissal of all the charges did not seem good.

The farmers were charged with obstruction of a passageway after they blockaded the international bridge.

"I proposed the use of personal

recognition bonds be considered," Hill said after a courthouse meeting with local district attorney Oscar McInnis and other officials.

Hill also said there is a possibility of reducing the charge to a class C misdemeanor.

The attorney general was cheered when he arrived but booed when he made his statement.

Hill said his office will "definitely" investigate the bridge incident. The farmers had been corralled into a fenced area by nightstick-wielding police who had tossed tear gas canisters into the crowd.

Several farmers suffered cuts and bruises and one woman was taken to a local doctor several hours after the skirmish.

The strikers are protesting the import of Mexican beef and produce. The scuffles came after they had blockaded a produce truck.

Officials said force was used because the farmers did not keep their word to disperse peacefully at the bridge. The American Agriculture supporters said no such agreement had been made.

Hidalgo County Sheriff Brig Mar-molejo, who had ordered the bridge

cleared Wednesday, said the crowd that gathered outside the jail Thursday could stay as long as they were not blocking traffic.

After a line of about 75 tractors and trucks rolled onto the scene, two deputies headed out to direct traffic. The sheriff called them back and, looking at the billy clubs, said, "put those damn sticks away."

The gathering in the parking lot broke up at sundown after the prisoners' decision was announced. McCathern said the sheriff had suggested it would be better not to spend the night outside the jail.

"He said it could be a problem. We could get hard to get along with. Maybe one or two fellows get to drinking and the crowd can get rowdy," McCathern said, adding he agreed that a night's rest after the day in the hot South Texas sun was a good idea.

Helmeted riot squads stood by most of the day as the crowd swelled to about 300. Tow trucks were also readied.

Throughout the day, as it became apparent the prisoners were prepared to hold to their demands, requests went out for provisions. Farmers out-

side the walls quickly returned with sacks of cigarettes, soft drinks and chewing tobacco.

McCathern said the farmers decided to spend the night in a grassy jail yard. He said the prisoners were being treated well and that officials were seeking cots for them to sleep on.

The jailed strikers had spent the first night on the damp grass.

Many of the demonstrators who collected here were Rio Grande Valley farmers. The local group had not been victorious in its support before the bridge siege.

"It's good to see these local boys get off their duffers," one out-of-town protester said.

Arnold Paulson, a spokesman from the National Organization of Raw Materials in Minnesota, called the prisoners "heroes" of the movement and urged demonstrators to rally behind them.

"This demonstration here has done more to unite the American Agriculture movement than anything they've done until now. I think McAllen has done American Agriculture one hell of a favor by doing exactly what this city has done," he said.

## Cold Arctic air brings snowfall to Basin cities

A mass of cold Arctic air from Canada swooped into the Permian Basin late Thursday, signaling the return of winter with a seeming vengeance.

Temperatures on Thursday may have warmer than usual, with a high of 72 degrees, but the expected high temperature for today, near 40 degrees, is cooler than the norm.

And according to the National Weather Service at the Midland Regional Air Terminal, normal—meaning warmer—temperatures won't return until Sunday.

Large snowflakes fell briefly shortly after 8 a.m. today, giving way to a steady flow of snow mixed with sleet that fell steadily much of the morning that built a visible accumulation of snow and ice on cars and roadways.

Department of Public Safety officials reported that driving conditions were hazardous this morning on Interstate highway 20 east of Big Spring.

The overnight low this morning of 28 degrees represented a drop of 44 degrees from the high Thursday.

"This is a very strong front. There's a lot of moisture behind it," a weather forecaster in Midland said this morning. The probability for continued precipitation today was 40 percent.

The low tonight is predicted in the middle 20s and the high temperature Saturday in the mid-40s. There is a 20 percent chance of precipitation tonight and Saturday.

Snow mixed with sleet was reported in the early morning hours today in Big Lake, Stanton, Lamesa, Andrews, Odessa and Rankin. Unofficial low temperatures of 25 degrees were reported in Andrews and Lamesa.

Freezing rain and drizzle was reported as far south as Abilene early today and some sleet and snow fell during the pre-dawn hours as far east as the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolis.

Dense fog reduced visibilities to near zero over much of the Texas Gulf Coast, making driving, flying and almost any form of transportation hazardous.

Early today, a cold front was mov-

ing southward along a line from near Guadalupe Pass in West Texas to Laredo to near Corpus Christi. Behind the front, wind gusts of near 35 m.p.h. were common.

Early morning temperature readings ranged from the middle teens in the Panhandle to the upper 60s along the gulf coast. Extremes ranged from 15 at Dalhart in the Panhandle to 68 at Brownsville in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

## Winter unusually bitter

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The National Weather Service has a few words for many who steadfastly claim they can't remember a colder winter — you may be right.

The winter of 1977-78 is the coldest in recorded history in many areas of the United States, the weather service's National Severe Storms Forecast Center reported Thursday.

The Rocky Mountains were the dividing line between regions experiencing extremely cold or generally mild weather, the center reported.

The December-through-February period was the coldest since weather-keeping records were started in such far-flung locations as Birmingham, Ala.; Key West, Fla.; Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo.; Nashville, Tenn.; Lubbock, Texas; Roanoke, Va., and North Platte, Neb. Weather records have been kept in all areas since at least the turn of the century, the weather service said.

Temperatures this winter have averaged 13 degrees—or 11 degrees below normal—at Great Falls, Mont., and 24 degrees—or 10 degrees below

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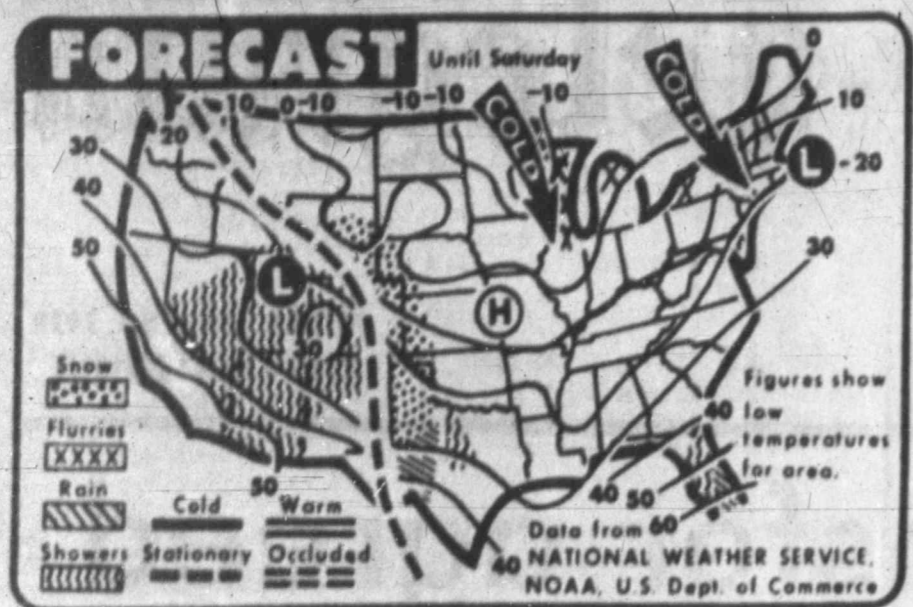
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WEATHER SUMMARY



SNOW from the central Plains to northern Texas, snow flurries across the Great Lakes and into New England, showers in the Southwest and rain in Florida are forecast today by the National Weather Service.

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, RANKIN, BIG LAKE, GARLAND CITY FORECAST: Cloudy and cold through Saturday with a chance of light rain and mixed snow.

Weather elsewhere

Albany 36 54 60; Amarillo 36 50 58; Ansonia 36 50 58; Anchorage 36 50 58; Asheville 36 50 58; Atlanta 36 50 58; Baltimore 36 50 58; Birmingham 36 50 58; Bismarck 36 50 58; Boston 36 50 58; Brownsville 36 50 58; Buffalo 36 50 58; Charlotte 36 50 58; Chicago 36 50 58; Cincinnati 36 50 58; Cleveland 36 50 58; Columbia 36 50 58; Dallas 36 50 58; Denver 36 50 58; Detroit 36 50 58; Duluth 36 50 58; Fairbanks 36 50 58; Hartford 36 50 58; Helena 36 50 58; Honolulu 36 50 58; Houston 36 50 58; Indianapolis 36 50 58; Jackson 36 50 58; Juneau 36 50 58; Knoxville 36 50 58; Las Vegas 36 50 58; Little Rock 36 50 58; Los Angeles 36 50 58; Louisville 36 50 58; Memphis 36 50 58; Miami 36 50 58; Milwaukee 36 50 58; Minneapolis 36 50 58; Mobile 36 50 58; Nashville 36 50 58; New Orleans 36 50 58; New York 36 50 58; Oklahoma City 36 50 58; Orlando 36 50 58; Philadelphia 36 50 58; Phoenix 36 50 58; Pittsburgh 36 50 58; Portland, Me. 36 50 58; Portland, Ore. 36 50 58; Rapid City 36 50 58; Richmond 36 50 58; Sacramento 36 50 58; St. Paul 36 50 58; St. Petersburg 36 50 58; Salt Lake 36 50 58; San Diego 36 50 58; San Francisco 36 50 58; Seattle 36 50 58; Spokane 36 50 58; Washington 36 50 58.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High 73 degrees, Low 42 degrees; Noon today 70 degrees; Sunrise tomorrow 7:13 a.m.; Precipitation last 24 hours 0.00 inches; This month's precipitation 0.00 inches; Local temperatures: 1 p.m. 70, 2 p.m. 72, 3 p.m. 74, 4 p.m. 76, 5 p.m. 78, 6 p.m. 80, 7 p.m. 82, 8 p.m. 84, 9 p.m. 86, 10 p.m. 88, 11 p.m. 90.

Texas Thermometer

Table with columns for city, high, low, and present temperature. Cities include Abilene, Alice, Alpine, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Childress, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Del Rio, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Longview, Lubbock, Lufkin, Marfa, McAllen, Midland, Mineral Wells, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, San Antonio, Shreveport, Stephenville, Texarkana, Tyler, Victoria, Waco, Wichita Falls.

Extended forecasts

Sunday through Tuesday: North Texas - Chance of rain Sunday through Tuesday. Cool Sunday. Mild Monday and Tuesday. Highs in the 50s Sunday warming to the 60s Monday and Tuesday. Lows in the 30s Sunday warming to the 40s Monday and Tuesday.

Texas area forecasts

North Texas - cloudy and very cold through Saturday. Scattered light snow central portion and scattered light rain or sleet southwest and south-central portions. Otherwise a slight chance of light snow west half through Saturday. Highs 20 northwest to 45 southeast. Lows tonight 12 northwest to 20 south. Highs Saturday 25 to 32.

New retirement guidelines likely

By JANET STAHR

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most American workers could stay on the job until age 70 under a bill expected to whisk through Congress soon, while federal employees could stay on the payroll indefinitely.

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some colleges, the raising of the forced retirement age to 70 for professors doesn't go into effect until July 1, 1982. This would give college administrators time to adjust hiring and tenure policies.

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regulation of prices on oil and gas from state lands. That would fall under the category of "taking without just compensation," he said, although he also indicated he would seek other forms of relief, too.

White said energy legislation proposed in Congress threatens to "make Texas an economic wasteland."

Grand jury probe set

BIG SPRING — A tentative date had been set for a Howard County grand jury's investigation into the death of Juan Galaviz, who was killed by a policeman's bullet Dec. 8, 1977.

MC has varied offering of non-credit courses

Advanced, non-credit courses in subjects ranging from microwave cooking to batik are among the continuing education classes scheduled to begin next week at Midland College.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HOME DELIVERY

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**DEATHS**

**T. McWhorter**

HOUSTON — Thomas O. McWhorter, 57, a former Midland resident, died Wednesday in a Houston hospital following a long illness.

Funeral arrangements are pending. McWhorter, who lived in Midland from 1959 to 1965, was a partner in the Midland law firm of Perkins, Bezoni, Kirwan, McWhorter and Hamilton. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Midland and was organizer and past president of the Midland chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. He was a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and of the School of Law of the University of Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Ina; a daughter, Ann McWhorter of San Marcos, and a son, Tom McWhorter of Houston.

**J. C. Henderson**

ELECTRA — Services for John Cecil Henderson, 79, father of Helen Kimbro of Midland, were held here Tuesday.

Burial was in Electra Memorial Park.

Henderson, a retired gauger for the Texas Pipe Line Co., died Sunday at his Electra home following a brief illness. He had lived in Electra since 1920.

He had served 40 years as a member of the Electra Volunteer Fire Department. He was a Methodist.

Other survivors include his wife, a daughter, a son, a brother, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Annie Long**

Mrs. M. D. (Annie) Long, 89, died early Thursday in a Midland hospital. She resided at 2901 W. Ohio Ave.

Services will be in at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home, with Dr. Daniel Vestal, pastor of First Baptist Church of Midland, officiating. He will be assisted by Rev. Ted Brian.

Burial will be in Big Valley. Mrs. Long was born May 4, 1888, in Big Valley. She married Dan Long in 1904 in Big Valley. They moved to

**Raymond Bishop**

Raymond C. Bishop, 50, died Wednesday at his residence at 3511 W. Ohio Ave., following a sudden illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Tommy Nelson, pastor of St. Paul United Church, officiating. Burial will be in Schenevus, N. Y.

Bishop, born Jan. 28, 1928 at Gilbertsville, N. Y., grew up there and later lived in Oneonta, N. Y., following service with the U. S. Air Force in Europe and the Pacific during World War II. He moved to Bremerton, Wash., in 1959 and then to Miles City, Mont., where he worked as an air traffic controller for the FAA for 16 years. He moved to Midland last August and established Evergreen Exterior Decorators.

Bishop was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Agnes; a son, Raymond D. Bishop of Midland; three daughters, Mrs. Kathy Webber of Sacramento, Calif., Mrs. Jani Lynam of Midland and Cindy Bishop of Miles City, Mont.; his mother, Mrs. Grace Bishop of Schenevus, N. Y., two sisters and three grandchildren.

**John Dane Agee**

NOCONA — Services for John Dane Agee, 77, a retired Montague County rancher and father of Willie Lemon of Midland, were held Wednesday in the Daugherty-McGaughy Funeral Home chapel. Burial was in the Nocona Cemetery.

Agee died Monday in a Nocona hospital.

Other survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, two sisters, a brother, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Walter Hord**

BROWNFIELD — Services for Walter Hord, 78, of Brownfield, father of Tommy Hord of Hobbs, N.M., were to be at 10 a.m. today in the Presbyterian Church here. Burial was to be in Terry County Memorial Cemetery directed by Brownfield Funeral Home.

Hord died Wednesday in a Brownfield hospital after a long illness.

Born in Valley Mills, Hord grew up in Slaton where he was graduated from Slaton High School. He married Colleen Varden April 16, 1933, in Clovis, N.M. Hord was a car salesman. He came to Brownfield in 1941. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Other survivors include his wife and a son.

**G. Billingsley named to post**

Grant Billingsley has been named director of the Midland Chamber of Commerce's newly established economic development department, Chamber President Harrell Feldt said Thursday.

Billingsley is former public relations director for the Chamber of Commerce.

Feldt said Billingsley will work closely with the Chamber's Midland Area Sales Team in promoting economic and industrial development in the Midland area.

His responsibilities will include coordinating the Chamber's economic research program, expanding the industrial prospecting effort and working closely with the Industrial Foundation of Midland, Inc., in overseeing maintenance and development of the Midland Industrial Park, Feldt added.

**Prisoner dead from stabbing**

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — A prisoner at the Federal Correction Institution here was found stabbed to death in his cell this morning, according to Ray Farrow, executive assistant to the warden.

Farrow identified the victim as Barry Lynn Beaupre, 21.

Farrow said that no one shared the cell with Beaupre.

The FBI has joined the investigation. Beaupre, whose last known address was Austin, Texas, was serving five years for violation of the Motor Vehicle Act. He was sentenced March 7, 1977 from the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Farrow said the time of death had not been determined.

**Striking Georgia farmers vote to send miners farm goods**

UNADILLA, Ga. (AP) — Striking Georgia farmers, angered by the arrest of their friends at a Texas border town, met Thursday night to hear from a farmer who was there and to discuss how they could help strikers in the nation's coal mines.

"If there is any group of people in this world that deserves a fair living, it's miners," Terrell Hudson of Hawkinsville told about 300 farmers attending the meeting in a Unadilla auditorium.

"Even more so than farmers," Hudson said. "I don't risk getting killed when I go out to work."

The farmers voted to begin gathering farm produce including hogs, cattle and other goods today and to send the farm goods by truck to striking miners in the eastern and midwestern states.

But most of the meeting was devoted to reports of treatment received by leaders of the American Agriculture movement, which called the strike last December to protest low farm prices, during a melee Wednesday in Texas at which more than 200 farmers were arrested.

Farmers claimed they were the victims of police brutality in the clash

with riot-equipped law officers and Texas Attorney General John Hill promised an investigation of the incident.

Georgia farmer Jack Brannen, who returned from Texas Thursday, told

of seeing a farmer "about 70 years old caught in the middle of the scuffle."

"He got caught by that gas, and they hit him while he was down," Brannen said.

**Local schools make plans for Public School Week**

During Public School Week, Monday through March 10, Midland public schools have planned receptions and other special programs to encourage residents to visit them.

Schools Superintendent Dr. James Mailey said Public School Week is a time "to emphasize the importance of public schools in the community." He urged residents to attend classes, look over school facilities and familiarize themselves with activities and programs during this week.

"I think it is an excellent opportunity to have people attend schools, to come and have lunch with their children and get better

acquainted with us," he said. Public School Week was born 28 years ago out of the efforts of a group of Texans who thought citizens didn't care enough about their schools.

Civic groups and other organizations are invited to call any public school here and arrange for their group to have lunch with students in a school cafeteria.

Speakers from the new Public School Speakers' Bureau and a slide presentation, featuring Midland school programs, are available to clubs during the week and at any other time.

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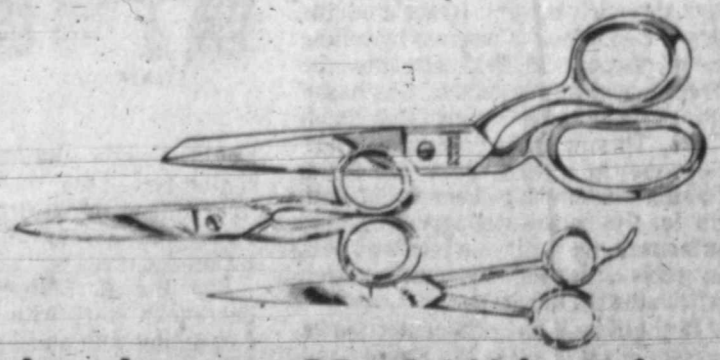
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