

| Young Farmers Host Family Night | Monday, April 4 at the school Attending were Calvin Shelton, Fred Brannon, Clinton Dickerson, Bailey Loyd, Mobe Ridall, Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Perkins, Becky, Patti and Amy, Mr |
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| WE WILL BE CLOSED ON |  |
| EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 10th |  |
| THE COFFEE SHOP |  |

Meeting Slated On
Cotton Economics

 ailability of agricultural credit will $|$\begin{tabular}{l}
Development Program annual \\
meeting in Lubbock April 7 \\
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$\begin{array}{l}\text { have an opportunity to hear two } \\
\text { Texas A\&M University economists } \\
\text { 1:00 }\end{array}$ \& The economists are Dr. John A
\end{tabular} and Mrs. Doug Bradford and $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hopkin, who heads the Depart- } \\ & \text { ment of Agricultural Economics, }\end{aligned}$ and Mrs. Doug Bradford and

Lance, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill, $\begin{aligned} & \text { ment of Agricultural Economics, } \\ & \text { Texas A\&M University, and Char }\end{aligned}$ Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stephens, Lar- les Baker, marketing specialist
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ry, Stephen and Jeannita, Mr. and
Mrs. Jerry Bean, Mr. and Mrs My, Stephen and Jeannita, Mr. and
Mrs. Jerry Bean, Mr. and Mrs.
Orville Turner, Robert Scott Mrs. Jerry Bean, Mr. and Mrs.
Orville Turner, Robert, Scott and
Chris, Mr. and Mrs. Jeep Jarrett,
Jo, Earl and James.

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## NEGLECT

This highway began to decay the day that it ceased to be used and repaired. Deterioration sets in with the onset of neglect. When a nation's spiritual life is neglected there is a possibility that nation will not long endure. Let us strengthen our nation and our society by attending church regularly and reaffirming our faïth in God.
"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:24, 25.


The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of his love for man and of lis 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 soke of the welfore of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold ond parlicipate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the
ind truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.


The wardrobe department stocks
some 25,000 separate articles of some wardrobe department stocks
clothing, including many - "odd clothing, including many "odd-
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of-the-century conductor hats and of-the-century cons.
Indian headbands.
Six Flags was designed from the beginning to be as self-sustain
ing as possible. The trend began in 1960 waen the park was built and a carpentry mill was installed on the construction site. This
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the countries that have ruled the Lone Star state.
Through the years, the park has attempted whenever possible, to make its own products. An exa-
mple is the ice-making machine mple is the ice-making machine
which is camouflaged as a court house tower rising behind the six flags in the entrance mall.
Like any other city, Six Flags Like any other city, SIX Flags
has its own trash collection ser-
vice with tons of waste material vice with tons of waste material
being transported to huge combeing transported to huge com-
pactors out of the public view. Park officials will be the first to admit that they could not opsupport from the city of Arling-
ton. But they still like to think of themselves as a unique entity, whre their main purnose is manmore than 2 million "citizens"
who take up residence in the
park for a day each season.

CITY WITHIN A CITY-Six Flags monitors traffic flow into the Ar-


I am John Schott.'
I found fullness in a life that was once void. I wouldn't admit to anyone what I was searching
for. Then I met a person that for. Then I met a person that
lived some 2000 years ago. My life has changed, the void has been filled. Jesus lives today and changes lives today. I'm living proof.


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Funny thing about habits. Th y're almost always either good of a "mediocre habit"?
Unfortunately, bad habits seem to get all the publicity. Every thing from drug addition to overeating is lumped togetaer under
the general category of "bad "bad habit". In fact, so much is being is being said about bad habits
that it's giving the word "habit", that it's giving the word, "habit",
a bad name. a bad name
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There's a whole world of good
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habit." Making savings a part of the way you do things. Set
aside a certain amount of each paycheck and deposit that amount to your savings account. Do it
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be surprised by the self satisfacbe surprised by the self satisfac-
tion and personal security that can be created for you by something so simple As a matter
of fact, it's iust the kind of thing of fact, it's just the kind of thing
that could give "habit" a good
First State Bank

Owlefles Win Third, Fourlh Places In Track Meels Silverton's Owlettes placed glake-Earth last Friday and finshed in fourth place at Quanah The Owlettes finished behind Littlefield, 126 points, and Nazareth,
80 points Friday. "We didn't


| have the points from the relays," said Coach Jimmy Kirkland, "but by the District Meet we should have Debbie Storie back from her ankle injury". <br> The Owlettes captured 74 points, and the other teams in the meet and the points they scored were Muleshoe, 69; Springlake-Earth, 38; Lazbuddie, 36 ; Anton, 32 ; Kr - ess, 25; Hart, 20 ; Hartley, 13; Happy, 12; Amherst, 1. <br> Margaret Crosslin won the Triple Jump with a distance of 35- 6. Her teammate, Linda Vaughn, placed second with 33-10. Linda placed second in the Long Jump with $15-111 / 2$, and Margaret won won first in the 220 with a time of 26.6, and Margaret won the 100 in 11.5. <br> The 440 Relay Team, with Susan Payne running in the place of Debbie Storie along with Margaret da Vaughn, finished in third place. Crosslin, Teresa Crosslin, and Lin- da Vaughn, finished in third place. The 880 Relay Team finnished in fourth place. <br> In the boys division of the Spr-inglake-Earth Meet, the Owls fin- ished in eighth place behind Farwell, 118; Muleshoe, 71; Amherst, 61; Kress and Hart, 36; Spring- lake-Earth, 35; Friona, 28. The Vega, 17; Lazbuddie, 11; Littlefield, 10; Hartley, 7; Nazareth, Dayne Mayfield won the Discus, with a distance of 149-5. $\qquad$ 10, and won the flip to bring home the first place medal Chief Davidson won fifth place the 100 Dash, and Tommy Lacy won fifth place in the 330 Intermediate Hurdles. ettes finished bethind Childress, The Owlettes scored 43 points, ah ead of Shamrock, 40; Holliday, Quanah, 18; Electra, 7; Harrold, <br> Margaret Crosslin won the 100 Dash, and Linda Vaughn won secTeam placed fourth, and the Mile Relay Team, composed of Twila Vaughn and Susan Payne, finished in second place. Teresa Crosslin The Junior High Owlettes accompanied, the varsity girls to Qua- |
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## Longer Aoudad Season Proposed

 Pannandle aoudad hunters couldhave twice the time to hunt the big sheep this year, if the Texas
Parks and Wildlife Commission Parks and Wildlife Commission
adopts a staff proposal to lengthe the existing season.
Currently, eight Panhandle are

## Mid-Plains Annual

## Meeting Held In Tulia

The days of party line telephone are nearly over, Mid-Plains Rura
Telephone Coperative members were told at their Annual Meeting Friday night in the Tulia Hig School Auditorium. Up-grading service from the present multi-
party rural lines to all one part service was begun in 1975 and is now nearly one half completed.
The first exchanges to get the new service were Vigo
Park and Elkins. Bean mon were placed in service early in 1977, and the Umbarger exch-
ange is scheduled to go in service in June of this year. Cleta
will follow in August and the project is
in. mid-1978.
A vital part of the new system is all buried cable plants replacing The new cables will remove th hazards of wind and ice and mos of the lightning exposure.
Members were also told that dial-it-yourself calls for credit cards, person to person calls, and
collect calls is coming late in 1977. Called "Oplus dialing" the new feature will permit ope
ator handled toll calls to be place in much the same manner ine "1plus" are now mane.
"Oplus dialing" is due to installed in the Vigo Park exch-
ange in late November, and should
and be completed in the Mid-Plains
Telephone systems by midsummer 1978 . In other business the members e-elected four members to the
Board of Directors. They are Joe Wieck of Umbarger, Clint Robinson of Kress, Emery Goodin
of Goodnight, and Earl Reynolds of Goodnight, and Earl Reynolds the Board of Diriectors Bayar Sadler was re-elected President,
Clint Robinson Vice-President, and Emery
Members were entertained be Members were entertained be the "Country Sounds", a vocal and inctrumental oroun from the Rnck Creek Community near Sil-
verton. Service awards were presented voars service. Director Clint Robinson and cashier FAna Hoogins
for 15 vears, and Plant Suberin
bomutiss have wexklong seasen
L. O. A. Study Club To Sponsor Cancer Benefil Games
permit. A staff recommendatio
to the commission, charged wit regulating as well as setting sea
son dates and bag limits, will
seek to have the season son dates and bag limits, win
seek to have the season run
for 14 consecutive days immedia tely preceding the opening of Pan handle deer season in mid-Novem-
ber. Bag limit would remain
one sheep.
Aoudad sheep are listed as ga me animals in Randall, Armst rong, Donley, Swisher, Briscoe
Floyd, Hall and Motley Counties In those counties a permit and
landowner consent is landowner consent is required. In
other areas of the state, aoudads other areas of the state, aoudads
may be hunted by permission of the landowner. Aoudads are found on privater. exatic game ranche
outside the Panhandle outside the Panhandle area.
"We have collected data that show the population has been increasing steadily for the, past sev
eral years," said Charles Winkler, P\&WD big game program direc tor. "Hunter success has als increased, but the bulk of the hunter permits issued to landowners is not utilized."
A late 1976 population suivey howed an estimated population
of $1,400-1,500$ animals, of of $1,400-1,500$ animals, of which
134 rams and ewes were narvested during the seven-day sea "We on be doubled beomending the sea al is there to provide simnificant additional hunter recreation with no detrimental effect to the over The pulation," Winkler stated The recommended season was based on an attitude survey of
landowners and hunters, whe landowners and hunters, who ind
icated a preference for the early ated a preference for the eatly
November season over three other proposals: 14-day season after de er season, split season with one hunt proir to deer season and
one after, or a two-week ne after, or a two-week aoudad
season, totally or partially con season, totally or partialy con-
current with the deer season.
Texas Parks and wildlife Department's aoudad stocking efforts egan in 1957, with the release 44 New Mexico-trapped sheep
Palo Duro Canyon south of Claude and in the canyon area near Quitaque. Since the initial release of the 44 sheep, the population has thrived in the rugged
terrain. The estimated 1,500 aoudads that comprise the free-roaming herd occupy the preferred range in the hall-million-acre Palo
Duro Canyon. They show prefer Duro Canyon. They show prefer-
ence for the roughest and most once for the roughest and mos and canrock. Aoudad ranee in the Panhandle now includes all
nf the canvon north of Highwav 07 and the canrock area south n. Floyd County

EDWARDS-PATTERSON
Mrs. Willetta Edwards and E. Patterson were married Friday April 1, 1977. They will make

A basketpall double-header with
all proceeds to be donated to the
American Cancer Society will be American Cancer Society will be sponsored by the L. O. A. Junior
Study Club in the Silverton School Study Club in the Silverton Schoo
Gym on Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.
A women's team captained by
Barbara Pigg will play a women's eam from Quitaque. Two men's eams are
There will also be a cake raf e. Admission will be $\$ 1.00$ for A container will be at the door or your donations to the Amercollected at this benefit will be added to the proceeds of the anual Cancer Crusade, and will go oflp support cancer research.
If any break-through is to be ma de in the treatment of cancer, the money must be made available or research.
This year's
This year's Cancer Crusade and s related projects are again ded
icated to the memory of the fre ends and loved ones whose live have been claimed bv cancer dur ing the past year. Mrs. Jealeta Baird, president of the L. O. A
unior Study Club, reminds every oine, "We want to wipe out cancer in your lifetime." Cancer memorials may be mai-
led to Mrs. Peggy Fleming Bo led to Mrs. Peggy Fleming, Box
98 , Silverton, Pexas 79257 , or taken o the First State Bank in Silveron any time of the year. Every memorial is acknow
family with a card.

Call Dean Allen in Olion

Karen Martin became ill at Hospital in Amarillo. Accompany school Tuesday and was taken ing her on the trip were EMT Ted by the Silverton Volunteer Ambul- Kingery and EMT students Anth nce Service to Northwest Texas ony Kingery and Mrs. Carol Mar

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 A. No, not at all. There are three types of radial tires
and each has different mileage and safety characteristics.
There
is the ALL STEEL radial which is a steel sidewall and steel belted tire, such as $\operatorname{IRI}$ makes Then there is a fabric sidewall, steel belted tire And finally, the third type of radial is a fabric side
Q. IS THERE ANY REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

Quite a bit. An ALL STEEL radial, like the one we Quite a bit. An ALL.
build at IRI, is proteced on threeial, sides by tough steel.
This sives the driver some real advantages in sfety This gives the
and mileage.

## Q. HOW ABOUT MILEAGE?

 Fabric radials get about 30,000 miles. Fabric sidewall,steel belted radials get 40,000 . ALL STEEL (stell side-
wall, steel belted) radials are guaranteed to 50,000 miles
a. WHAT SAFETY ADVANTAGES DOES THIS TIRE HAVE OVER A STEEL BELTED FABRIC SIDE-

To start with, the IRI ALL STEEL tire has three layers of steel under the tread, not just two. On the industry standard puncture test it takes 10,082 inch
lbs. to break through our tire, as opposed to 6,374 lbs. to break through our tire, as opposed to 6,374
for the Michelin X, which we consider an excellent fabric sidewall, steel belted tire.

IRI PUNCTURE TEST


## IRI ALL STEEL RADIAL MICHELIN ' $X$

 ENERGY AT BREAK - ENERGY AT BREAK-10,082 INCH LBS.
6374 INCH

## Q. ARE THERE OTHER SAFETY ADVANTAGES?

Yes, many have noticed that a conventional radial tire, even a fabric sidewall steel belted radial, has
inflated area that sidewall cutting occurs and it is
in that area where they are most vulnerable. The in that area where they are most vulnerable. The
IRI ALL STEEL TIRE has steel there. For example
you will see that it took 4400 inch pounds to force this


4400 INCH POUNDS $\begin{aligned} & \text { MICHELIN } \\ & 2800 \text { INCH POUNDS }\end{aligned}$
ax through our sidewall; it took only 2800 with this Michelin, which again we consider an excellent fab
Q. WHAT ELSE?

Because of the strength of the ALL STEEL radial, it qualifies under the Department of Transportation ratings as a Load Range D (the equivalent of 8 ply);
the best of the other radials is Load Range ( ply rated).

WHY CAN STEEL TIRES GET BETTER MILEAGE?
Two reasons. First, fabric walled, steel belted tires have fabric (polyester, nylon, or rayon) cord that stretches during the life of the tire. This stretching
creates a separation between the steel belt and the body ply of the tire. When the steel belt and the body ply of the tire. When this seperation begins,
rapid treadwear in the shoulder of the tire begins. rapid treadwear in the shoulder of the tire begins.
The IRT'S are built with tough steel cords which don't stretch. Therefore, there is no separation between the steel belt and the body ply. As a result IRI can guarantee its tire to 50,000 miles.
Second, heat kills tires. Steel is a much better conduetor than fabric. Therefore, the tire runs cooler. Incidently, the strength of steel at high speed
greatly helps prevent blowouts.
Q. WILL AN ALL STEEL TIRE HANDLE AND RIDE
WELL?

Yes, IRI puts 21 fine flexible steel wires in each Yes, IRI puts 21 fine flexible steel wires in each
cable compared to 5 thick wires in competitive tires which makes for a ride equal to the finest fabric tires. In terms of "handling", IRI puts steel stab-
lizers on both sides of the bead which gives fast lizers on both sides of the bead which sives fast
and quick response to steering action-for example quick lane changes.


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Local Farmers Union Group Attends Washingion "Fly-In"
$\begin{aligned} \text { On Sunday morning, March 27, } & \text { group (which consisted of } 20 \text { far- } \\ \text { several men and women from this } & \text { mers) met with Assistant Secre- }\end{aligned}$ area boarded a plane in Lubbock tary of Agriculture John C. White to attend the National Farmers
Union discuss the farm program and
telative "Fly-In" to the cattemen's problems. Union legislative "Fly-In" to the cattlemen's problems.
Washington. They were joined in Washington. They were joined in
Dallas by another group of men.

group visited morning each state This group consisted of farmers and Congressmen. The Texas \begin{tabular}{l}
from the Northern Panhandle to $\begin{array}{l}\text { and Congressmen. The Texas } \\
\text { the southern tip of Texas. }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { group visited with Senator Lloyd } \\
\text { Bentsen and Senator John Tower }\end{array}$ <br>
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 he southern tip of Texas. 

When the Texas group arrived \& Bentsen and Senator John the the local delegation, <br>
and <br>
Washington they were joined \& which consisted
\end{tabular} by farmers from Colorado, Wyo- and Virgil Blakney of Turkey, Mr. ming, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsyl- and Mrs. Fred Mercer of Silverton

vania. vania. $\begin{aligned} & \text { and Doug Seal of Wellington, } \\ & \text { and }\end{aligned}$ Monday morning each individual spent some time with Representawas briefed by National Farmers
Union personnel on proper ways o approach Senators and Repres-
entatives on the "farm bill.".
Mondate delegations met with
aides from the office of the SeMonday afternoon the Texas cretary of Agriculture. This meet-

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May 31, 1977


ARMERS UNION GROUP in $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { are, from left to right, in front }\end{aligned}\right.$ | Washers Union members from this |
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| mercer, Silverton; Virgil Blakney, |
| Turkey; back row, James Fuston, | mers Union members from this

area was pictured while in the
Turkey, back row, James Fuston,
Turkey, and Doug Seal, Welling-
Nation's Capitol recently. They
ton.
ng was to present Farmers Union
ecommendations for a new farm
ecommendations for a new farm
program and to inform those prepogram and to inform those pre-
sent of the problems facing the farmer and rancher. A letter, composed by Virgil Blakney, to the
President President, which was signed by
all the "Fly-In" participants, was all the "Fly-In" participants, was
presented at this time by special presented at this time by special
messenger to President Carter: Dear Mr. President:

## he farmers of that if elected,

 he farmers of America wouldhave a farm bill that would
$\qquad$ dent. We worked hard to elect
you. We spent that we cound not afford because
we trusted the peanut farmer
e cannot believe that you have

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is still not too late, Mr. Pres-
itht. We are depending on you
You promised.
Wednesdin
Wednesday morning the Farm
steps of the Capitol for pictures.
Then they were divided up and
Then they were divided up and
each group was assigned to six
or eight Senators and Congres r eight Senators and Congress-
and men for conferences. Of the more
than 100 U . S . House and Senate
members who were polled at this fee, a survey showed about $80 \%$ their assictants of Congress or
think current
farm prices are to thought farm prices about right
and $3 \%$
 on to return home.
As a six state group, the FU As a six state group, the FU
members believe that as a resul
of the "Fly-In" of the "Fly-In" the U. S. House
and Senate has been made more
aware of the need to establish and Senate has been made mo
aware of the need to establis
price supports and other needs Jay Naman, president of the
Texas Farmers Union, has state that the Farm Policy, recommenda-
tions of the Carter administration, tions of the Carter administration,
concerning cost of production
commitments, are a repudiation ommitments, are a repudiation
his campaign promises. He feels hat farmers are being offered
nothing more than a continuation of Butz policies.
Each farmer in this area is $u$ Senator. If there is to be a change in the Farm Bill it will have
come through Congress Mackenzie Shrine
Club Organized an organized
$\qquad$cently. Included are Hall, Briscoe,
Swisher and Castro counties, and
the south halfthe south half of Randall County.
Charter for the Shrine Club wasCharter for the Shrine Club was
granted March 21 by Khivagranted March 21 by Khiva
Temple. W. E. Scott, Potentate of
Khiva Temple, Bill Fairleycorder, and other Fembers of
Khiva Temple were perley, reKhiva Temple were present to as
sist in the club's organizationist in the club's organization. Six
een charter members enrolled for he new club.
Ed Harris was elected president Amos Ratjen, vice president, and treasurer. Dimpsoctors secretary and Bill Lavender, Bob Bliss and
Wayne Pearson.

Wildlife Habilat Is Disappearing

game birds to make it to the nest ing season, but one of these year
(maybe 1976-77), the plains will again experience deep snow, cold winds and a die-off of local game $\frac{\text { birds. }}{\text { A membership committee ha }}$ been appointed to contact prospective members in the countie
covered. Mackenzie Shrine Club covered. Mackenzie Shrine Clu
will meet the fourth Thursday in will meet the fourth Thursday in


## save save save save APRIL BUDGET BUYS



## Teachers To Discuss Legislative Bill

The second in a series of monators in 26 Panhandle counties will be held by the Texas State Teachers Association at 7 p.m. TuesHigh School Cafeteria.
TSTA-proposed bills are pending in the 55 th Texas Legislature on school finance, teacher retirement, sick leave, teacher contracts, pro-
fessional consultation with school fessional consultation with school
boards, and teacher training cenboards, and teacher training cen-
ters. The current status of these bills and other education legislation will be discussed by Leon Douglas of Austin, assistant director of the
TSTA division of membership and member services. Most of the major TSTA-propsed coneepts in Texas public school program and finance--with one ex ception-are included in a comp-
osite school finance bill (House Bill 750) which has been ponding in the House Public Education Committee

## Bentsen Offers Bill On Saccharin Ban

Washington, D. C. - Senator
Lloyd Bentsen Thursday proposed that the upcoming ban on saccharin be delayed until government scientists can determine whether
the risks in using the artificial sweetener outweigh the benefits. Bentsen Thursday joined in cosponsoring legislation introduced in the House and Senate in, response to a decision by the Food
and Drug Administration to prohibit the use of saccharin. "The problem lies with a 19 year old law, known as the 'Delaney Clause,' which requires the any appropriate test show that the additive can induce cancer in man or animal. In the case of saccharin the test was conducted in Canada; an experiment in
which rats were fed an amount of saccharin equal to human consumption of 800 cans of diet soda a day," the Senator said.
"I do not seek repeal of the Delaney Clause. I seek, rather, to
amend it so that our scientists can use their judgment before impo-

That one exception is a revised texas Public Education Compen-
sation Plan in which TSTA pr poses a 25 percent increase in pay for Texas educators at the
base and each of the present 10 base and each of the present
steps above base, plus the addition of new steps 11 and 12 . The TSTA salary proposal would raise base pay from the present $\$ 8,000$ to $\$ 10,000$ per year for the beginning teacher with a bache
lor's dagree, and from $\$ 8,600$ to $\$ 10,750$ per year for a beginning master's degree teacher. - TSTA is working for a comprehensive teacher retirement bill which would provide a 14.5 per-
cent increase in retirement benecits for Teacher Retirement Sys-
fits tem members, both active and already retired. A TSTA-sponsored certification bill was signed into law recently
by Governor Dolph Briscon TSTA bill introduced just before the March 11 filing deadline pronoses increased funds for Texas

The legislation would give feder al officials discretion to evaluate the relative benefits and risks inv-
olved before making a decision to olved before making a decision to
prohibit the marketing of a food pronitive. Specifically, it would permit the and Welfare to determine whether the risks of continued use outwe
igh the benefits of igh the benefits of such use.
bill would also postpone the ban on saccharin until such an evaluation can be made on it.
"There are an estim lion diabetics an this whom sugar is poison and for whom saccharin is the only suga
substitu substitute available," Bentsen sa-
id. "One out of four Americans is overweight and suffers from a gr-
eatly increased risk of heart diseatly increased risk of heart dis
ease and arteriosclerosis. For them, saccharin is essential and I believe the government ought to weigh the benefits of tis cont
inued use against the risks befor inued use against the risks befort
imposing any ban," Senator Bent mposing any ban," Senator Bent
sen said.

Quanah Parker (Gary Burkman) comes to Palo Duro Canyon in
"TEXAS," the historical musical drama by Paul Green. For tick-
ets, write Box 268 , Canyon, Texas ets, write Box 268, Canyon, Texas
79015 . Bill Rhew photograph teacher centers, which help to train teachers.
Violent Crime Rale Is Down In Texas
Violent crime in Texas dropped six per cent in 1976 while crimes
against property rose by four per cent, according to preliminary figures released today by the Texas (DPS).
Colonel Wilson E. Speir, DPS director, said the preliminary Texom uniform crime was complied irsubmitted monthily by Texas sheriffs and chiefs of police. The ime data in ion data in Texas in cooperat-
ion with the FBI's nationwide uniform crime reporting prograra. collected from law enforcement agencies representing 93 per cent of the state's total population. The, statewide figures show these
down six per cent; Rape, up seven down six per cent; Rape, up seven
per cent; Robbery, down 14 per cent; Aggravated assualt, duwn two per cent; Burglary, down five per cent; Theft, up 10 per cent; Vehicle theft, down eight per cent.
Speir said the satistics revealed Speir said the satistics revealed
that there was at least one major that there was at least one major
crime every 45 seconds in Texas during 1976. A total of 665,051 major criminal offenses were reported, of which 152,660 or 23 per cent were cleared by arrests. Law enforcement agencies, how
ever, cleared 86 per cent of the 1,468 known murders. Clearance rates for other crimes were aggravated assualt, 70 per cent; rape, 59 per cent; robbery, 41 per cent;
motor vehicle theft, 22 per cent; lanceny-theft, 21 per cent; and burglary, 20 per cent.
Of the 665,051 major crimes, almost 91 per cent occured in urban areas. cities over 400,862 of the known offenses.
Police agencies reported that property valued at $\$ 241.8$ million was stolen during the year in
Texas, with approximately $\$ 78.3$ million recovered.
A separate segment of the Uniform Crime Reporting Prnoram
deals with drug arrests and Sneir deals with drug arrests and Sneir
said data submitted by local law said data submitted by incales th enforcement agencies indicates th-
at 52,789 drug abuse arrests were
made in the state during the yea He said the statistics indicated
that 45,555 of those drug offenses were males, while 7,234 were females.
The largest single segment of persons arrested on drug charges were males and females between 25 and 29 years of age. Some
6,959 were juveniles age 16 and younger, including 22 persons age 10 or under. Speir said the Texas crime re-
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ment officers were killed in line of duty during 1976 as the result of felonious criminal action. During this same period, there were

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## Mrs. John Wyaft Named Chairperson

Mrsl John Wyatt of Silverton was named Mental Health Bellrinpaign, announced Shirley K. Camfield, President of the Mental He-
alth Association in Texas alth Association in Texas.

Agencies having at least two police officers murdered included he Houston Police Department, the Dallas Police Department, and e Texas Department of Public
"The Mental Health Association
is the largest citizens" voluntary is the largest citizens' voluntary
advocacy organization in the United States fighting mental illness and promoting mental health," said Camfield.
Since the organiaztion is nongovernmental, its entire support
must come from contributions, suoh as those collected in May. The original and continuing purposes of the association are to:
improve attitudes improve attitudes toward mental
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prove services for the mentally ill; and work for the prevention of mental and emotional illness and promotion of mental health.
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ich forced the release of over $\$ 1,600,000$ federal funds in Texas or research alcoholism and manfor rese.
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