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| Perkins Reunion Held Here Sunday | An |
| Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee Perkins held their annual reunion in the Silverton School Cafeteria July 10. There were 115 present. <br> Among those attending were Bill | on supplies purchases, rallies and demonstrations, has been announced by the Texas Farmers Union. |
| Perkins, Kathy, Bill and Carol, New Paltz, New York; Mrs, Deb- |  |
| bit Perkins Zucker, Saugertis,New York; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy | Executive Board |
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| Perkins, Shane, Rhett and Greg, | of protest, President Jay Naman |
| Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Perkins, Stacy and Chance, Mr. and Mrs. |  |
| Jimmy Jameson, Chris and Jacqulyn, all of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Charley Tieman, Corsicana; | s to the |
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| Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards, |  |
| Hale Center; <br> Also, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hotchkiss, Guy and Joey, Lajunta, |  |
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| Perkins, Kelley and Kenny, Fort |  |
| Worth; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Griffin and Mary, Weatherford; Mr. |  |
| and Mrs. Jerry Perkins, Tawny and Brett, Yukon, Oklahoma; Mr. |  |
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| and Mrs. David Hall and Cindy, Plainview: Mrs. Joyce Simmuns, |  |
|  | ently been lobbied into providing |
| Scott and Missy, Burkburnett; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hall, Betsy, Je- |  |
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| sse, Mike and John, Hereford; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins, Ka- |  |
| thy and Scott, Tulia; <br> Also, Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins |  |
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| Pat Braddock, Hubert, Joy, Lewis |  |
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| and David, Nazareth; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bill Perkins and Jean- |  |
| nette, Kerens; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Offield, Rhonda, Randy and |  |
| ert Offield, Rhonda, Randy and Robin, Spade; Al Hall, Friona; |  |
| Mrs. Joe Roberts, Gerry, Dana, Kristi, Mikel and Traci, Fort Worth. | into a posture of protest. If we |
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| Relatives attending from Silver- | r |
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| ton were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hall and Diane, Mr. and Mrs. Ott Per- | to purchases of equipment, fer |
| kins, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Perkins, Mr and Mrs Donald Perkins, | ize |
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| Fay, Tonia and Roy Don, Mr. | ket year, many farmers will not be |
| and Mrs. Phil Hubbard, Teddy and Stoney, Mrs. Frances Edwar- |  |
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| ds, Odell, Ronnie, Larry, Danny, Barbara and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. | hatever it takes |
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| Donnie Perkins, Becky, Patti and |  |
| Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Per- |  |
| kins, Danny, Tommy, Rose Lee and Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Staniey |  |
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were purchased before that date,
Consumers can follow a specific
Consumers can follow a specific
procedure to wash the excess TRIS procedure to wash the excess TRIS finish from fabric surfaces-or th-
ey can return unused merchandey can return unused merchand-
ise still in original packages and ise still in original packages and
receive a refund, she said. Also, if they choose, they may discard
these garments without fear of these garments without fear of
environmental damage. environmental damage.
Many consumers ask if they can Many consumers ask if they can
remove the finish with soap and
chlorine bleach-and the answer is "No." cording to the Commission-cons-
umers should umers should wash the garment
three or more times according to the recommended care instructions on the label, using DETER-GENT--NOT SOAP.
This removes much of the chemThis removes much of the chemical from the fabric surface--and
it removes the risk of illness,
but it still allows the flame-retardant protection to remain, Comant protection to re
mission experts
Also, consumers ask how they
will know if
will know if a garment is fin-
ished with TRIS
TRIS is sometimes used on 100
per cent polyester-and always on
acetate, triacetate and blends of
acetate, triacetate and blends of
these fibers.
Consumers
Consumers may find out about
polyester garments by asking polyester garments by asking at
the store in which they purchased the garment--because only the manufacturer of a polyester garment
nows if it is knows if it is TRIS-finished.
Many other consumers want to Many other consumers want to
know if it is "okay' to buy
new sleepwear for children at this know if it is "okay to buy
new sleepwear for children at this
time-- and the answer is "yes", time-- and the answer is "yes",
if they purchase flame-retardant garments of 100 per cent cotton
inherently flame-retardant fabrics,
such as modacrylic, vinyon and Cordelan. These fabrics, all used for childnished They are not TRISinished. They have other flame-
etardant finishes that have not Still proven harmful.
Still other consumers ask if th-
ate is a difference between flamere is a difference between flameresistant and flam--retardant--and
the answer is "no". They both refer to fabrics that will not support a flame after the source of fire is removed. Also, there are exact require-
ments for returning TRIS-finished ments for returning TRIS-finished merchandise and receiving a re-
fund. Only garments that are in the originally purchased condition may be returned to the store where purchased. Fabric
purchased for childrens purchased for childrens sleep-
wear that has not been washed or cut may be returned. The April 7 ban on TRIS was the result of National Cancer In-
stitute tests that revealed stitute tests that revealed
causes cancer in

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SPECIALS GOOD THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 14-15-16
NAMCE'S Food Store

## Naman Reports On

 Federal Farm BillTexas Framers Union Presiden following statement on the federa farm bill which has recently been reported out of the agricultura
committees of both houses of Congress:
"Despite reports from Washing. Agriculture Committee congratula ted themselves with applause on the voting of the four-year fa
rm bill, Texas farmers share this enthusiasm. They view the committee approved bills as a dismal display of irresponsible action that will condemn agricult-
ure to four more years ure to four more years
tottering on the brink of economic "uin.
culture survey shows that Agriculture survey shows that Texas is one of the nine states surveycd cating that 'the financial condit ion of the farmers has deterior ated. The report pointed out that one-third of the farmers in thes states are having difficulty gett-
ing the re-financed and one-fourth of the bank borrowers in these states will be forced to re-finance their loans or dispose of their farm assets, if price improve-
ments are not imminent. It showed that 11,300 Texas family farmer are in extreme economic difficare
uity.
section of the farm of the dairy section of the farm program, in itself not good enough, both the
Senate and the House versions o the farm bill are totally inade quate to meet the needs of a
financially strong agriculture. Prices on all the basic commoditie are set at or below the cost of
production. Among the worst tions of the farm bill are those which pertain to cotton, peanuts, and rice, but when a farmer asks produce and be better off, it beis 'shot or hung.' The peanut provisions of the what peanu far supported traditionoty, The language which substitures undage quotas for acreage allot-

## ments will be extremely discrim inating and detrimental to prod ucers in Texas and Oklahoma. In fact, the proposed peanut program will wreck the economics of those <br> Cotton Talks

 areas which have traditionallyThe cotton section of the bil sets loans and target prices at or below the cost of production ucer that it is unlikely that he will ever again receive a parity or fair price for his crop. The mit the importation of an unpre cendented amount of raw cotton. In other words it puts a lid on The price of cotton at a low level. The rice section of the bill per
petuates the grave mistake which petuates the grave mistake which
was made two years ago in repealing a good rice program which farmers had supported and
voted for through the years. voted for through the years.
"The farm bill, as approved "The farm bill, as approved by Committees, provides a gigantic Committees, provides a gigantic
windfall to the processors and windiell to the processors and setting loan prices at depressed
levels and permitting the impoctlevels and permitting the import-
ation of raw cotton, the international grain traders and cotton shippers are assured of the continuation of a high volume of low priced farm commodities. peanut bill is a special interest
peanut program designed to bene fit the panut shellers and crushers at the expense of family farm-
"The implications of cheap grain which will be guaranteed under the proposed farm legislation will extend beyond the producers of
that grain and will affect an already depressed cattle industry by intensifying the problem by
encouraging more production of encouraging more production of
cheap red meat. Sadly enough, cheap red meat. Sadly enough, new farm bill will not result in lower retail prices to the consumer. In fact, the consumer can
anticipate even higher prices whinto bankruptcy
it. We cannot support the legis-
lation as it is presently constifutlation
ed." "Farmers Union commends the handful of members of the Senate
and House Agriculture Committee

HIGH PLAINS DIAPAUSE BOLL WEEVIL CONTROL PROGRAM
OFFICIALS GEARING UP FOR 1977 ACTIVITIES
Officials of the Diapause Boll
Weevil Control program now in Weevil Control program now in
its thirteenth year of operation its thirtenth year of operation
are gearing up for 1977 activities are gearing up for 1977 activities
and are optimistic that boll weevil numbers in Texas High Plains cotton fields will be significantly reduced from last year's record in festation levels.
Dr. James F.
Dr. James F. Lester, area ent
omologist for the Texaxs Agricult omologist for the Texaxs Agricult-
ural Extension Service at Luburac extension service at Lub-
bock, says that heavy spring
rains delayed cotton operations rains delayed cotton operations
back three weeks, but that all back three weeks, but that al
the signs point to another succesful "program. "According to trapping information we are receiving from Ronney Edwards of the USDA's Pl-
ant Protection and Quarantine offant Protection and Quarantine off-
ice in Crosbyton, fewer boll weeice in Crosbyton, fewer boil wee-
vils are being caught this year than were captured last year,"
says Leser. "Not only are says Leser. "Not only are
trap catches as a whole reduced trap catches as a whole reduced
from last year, but also fewer from last year, but also fewer
weevils are being caught in traps weevils are being caught in traps than outside that area, indicating
that 1976's spray program was that 1976's spray program was
The Diapause Boll Weevil Conrol program is admisistered by Plains Cotton Growers and US-
DA's Plant Protection and QuarDA's Plant Protection and Quar-
antine Service. Operations were begin in 1964 to prevent the
westward spread of the boll wee westward spread of the boll weevil from its overwintering habitat
in the Rolling Plains. Cotton in the Rolling Plains. Cotton Pro ducers in a a-county control
zone area voluntarily participate zone area voluntarily participate
in the program. The control zone area stretches near or along the Caprock from Briscoe and Hall Counties on the north to Martin
and Dawson counties on the Soand
uth.
who had the courage to vote ag ainst the majority because of the inadequacy of the legislation. We
shall work with them in an Shall work with them in an
effort to get floor amendments to the farm bill that will improve

## Ask Bob Bullock

Your office recently filed a lien against me for failure to pay
my franchise tax on time. I've my franchise tax on time. I've
paid the tax, and want to get paid the tax, and want to get
the lien released. How do I go
Leser says that the success of
the program depends on the close the program depends on the close
cooperation of several agencies. cooperation of several agencies.
Leadership is provided by Ed De an, director of field services for PCG, and Roy Moritz local officer in charge.
with the program year begins with the mapping of every field the control one" " says Leser "Each field is drawn as close to scale, shape and acreage as
possible, then colored and number-
"Su
"Such maps are used extensivefield on surveyors who enter each mine the a weekly basis to deterboll weevil bollworm infestations," Leser adds. "They are
also used to direct the aerial applicators to locations which need treatment.'
Leser says that while routine in the summer, Extension's evaluation of the program's effectiveness has already begun. "We
have selected fields within and have selected fields within and
outside the control zone and have outside the control zone and have
just started monitoring them for just started monitoring them for
insects and damage," he adds.
"Scouts "Scouts will continue to survey
these fields until the first freeze. these fields until the first freeze.
"In addition to the program ev"In addition to the program evaluation, cotton variety demonst-
rations are also underway in Dickens and Kent counties," Leser says. "We are paying part-
icular attention to the effectiveicular attention to the effective-
ness of the newer short-season cotton varieties as a management
tool for controlling boll weevils. Dr. James R. Supak, area agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock, will
work very closely with these tests."
Dr. Don Rummel, entomologist iment Station, will again conduct boll weevil trap studies. Research
is also continuing to see if Dimilin, which is a material that reduces int wesevil egg hatch, will
fit into emes. "Dimilin performed well in tests last year," Leser adds, "and will be tested again by Rum-
mel on several hundred acres

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Silverton, Texas

## Nance Reunion

 Held SundayMr．and Mrs．J．D．Nance host od a reunion for the descendant Sunday．
After eating from a bountifu table，slides were shown of a re
cent trip the J．D．Nances made to Malawi，Africa．Games were en joyed by the children，and family and group pictures were taken in the afternoon Attending were Mr．and Mrs．
Olin Grant and Mr．and Mrs．Wa ter Hall，Catina and Mandy，Plain view；Mrs．Tom Scarborough， Miss Glenda Scarborough，Mr．and Mrs．Bill Grant，Kenny，Kelly and
Randy of Amarillo；Mr．and Mrs． Henry McPherson，Happy；Mrs Rick Jennings，Friona；Mr．and Mrs．Benny Montague，Courtney and Kennedy，Tulia；Mrs．Howar ana；Mr．and Mrs．Joe Heines Also，Mrs．Jan Parton，Jeff an hil，Mrs．Donna Voss，Aron and W．D．Nance，Lockney；Mr．and Mrs．Wayne Nance，Tara and Hol 1y；Mr．and Mrs．Aubrey Rowell
and the hosts，Mr．and Mrs．J．

Mrs：Eva Lena Baird Buried At Clarendon Graveside services for Mrs．Eva
Lena Baird， 90 ，were conducted hursday in Citizens Cemetery a

Mrs．Baird，a native of Turkey ed Weanesday，July 6，in For
She married the late Bob Baird in 1907 in Motley County．She ad lived in Donley County over years．She was a marn the Church of Christ． Survivors include a son，Mike
Baird，Fort Worth；three sisters， Mrs．Erma Piercy，Houston，Mrs． Marie Lyles，Lubbock，and Mrs Maude Nall，McLean；two grand－ children and five great－grandchild－ Attending the services from Sil－ Dudley，Mr．and Mrs．Jord Hol ingsworth，Mrs．Jettie Hardcas e，Mrs．Berthad Alard，Mrs．J

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The Congregation ：Of The CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Mrs．Hillon R．Braly，85，a P1－
ainview resident since 1933，died at $5: 30$ a．m．Wednesday，July
at her home at 1806 Canyon St in Plainview following an apparent eart seizure．
Funeral services were conducted 4：00 p．m．Saturday，July 9 iciating was the Rev．Bill Couch assistant pastor of First United Methodist Church．Burial followe I Plainview Memorial Park wit rrangements under the directio
The former Frances R．Cozb County and grew up there．Sh moved to Sweetwater as a teen－ rs．Then she moved to Silverto 0 reside until after her marriage to Mr．B
in Tulia．
The couple then moved to Quit or many years．Later they ran－ ched near Clarendon and move or Plainview from Silverton．Mr．
Braly died July 17， 1956 in Plain－
Mrs．Braty was a memier of First United Methodist Church of Silverton and had been active in
garden clubs in Plainview for ma－ years．
Surviving are three daughters
Miss Agnes Braly and Miss Dell raly，both of Plainview，and rrs．Pat（Ruth）Neil of Tulia
two sisters，Mrs．Agnes V．White of Burbank，California and Mrs．
Sallie Moody of Fort Worth；two Saiue Moody of Fort Worth；two
randchildren，Wilson Neil of Da as and Mrs．Jim（Frances）Hut randdaughter，Ruth Elizabeth Hutson of Levelland．
Pallbearers
were Pallbearers were Harole
Hamilton，Gaylon Couch，Larry cott，Jay Edmiston，Je

Mr．and Mrs．Charlie Choate and family of Lubbock visited in
he Leo Fleming home Sunday The Leo Fleates and Flemings were The Choates and Flemings were Canyon by Mrs．Jeanne McLeland ing，who had the McLeland home in Amarillo Cary Fleming went home with
the Choates for a visit in Lubbock．

Former Resident｜Mis．W．E．Brown Buried Saturday－Buried Ai Lamesa
onsoring the Rodeo Queen Contes again this year．The candidates at 1：30 p．m．Saturday，July 23 ， Members voted to build restro ms at the dance slab and to The club discussed assisting wi－ th repairing the Scout Hut．Cal
vin Shelton was appointed to vin Sheiton was appoin
check into some prices．
Calvin Shelton，Fred Brannon，Fr－ ed Hill，Bailey Loyd，Scott，Gar
vin，Jerry Bean，Tobe Riddell，Ed－ vin，Jerry Bean，Tobe Riddell，Ed－
die Holland and Wayne Stephens

Sate President Altends Field Day



## thwest High School．

ed by the Dairy Farm was tour－ generation farm and is the largest in Southern
cow herd．
Next was Grotheus Truck Fa－
rm，which raises corn，carrots and bell peppers．This is one o the few farms which pack
me of its own produce． The group enjoyed a barbequed Alridge Nursery is the largest in the southern United States and was the concluding stop on the
tour．The gross sales for the tour．The gross sales for the
nursery amount to $\$ 21 / 2$ million， with an annual payroll of $\$ 11 / 2$ million．The nursery employs fr－
om 125 to 190 workers year－round， om 125 to 190 workers year－round， and was a very impri
iness，stated Shelton
General chairman for the field
day was William Mund，Hondo YF Chapter．Special guests were Shelton；Billy Lyons，executive se－
cretary，Austin，and W．A．Pitt－ cretary，Austin，and W．A．Pitt－
ard，jr．，Area VII YF supervisor． NEW ARRIVAL
Mr．and Mrs．Jimmy Myers are
parents of a son，Jimmy Wade parents of a son，Jimmy Wade，
born July 9 ，at Swisher Memorial born July 9，at Swisher Memorial
Hospital in Tulia．He weighed Heven pounds and $101 / 2$ ounces，and was $201 / 2$ inches long．
He has a sister，Jena，who is
eight years Mrs．Gladys Welch of Silverton

## booster club

 TO．MEET TONIGHTSilverton Booster Club will have
a called meeting Thursday，July （tonight）in the PCA Community Room at $8: 30$ p．m． Club needs to discuss business， including some work that need
to be done on the fieldhouse． to be done on the fieldhouse．
Everyone is urged to attend．
CLUB HOSTS SWIMMING PARTY Silverton Young Farmers hosted a swimming party followed by a picnic in the park June 17. Tennis was also enjo
of those attending
Am hose attending．
Among those present were Cal－
vin Shelton，Bailey Loyd，Clint－ on Dickerson，Fred Braynon，Mr and Mrs．Van Breedlove，Brandy and Brian，Mr．and Mrs．Jeep
Jarrett，Jo and James，Mr．and
Mrs．Fred Hill，Mr．and Mrs． Mrs．Fred Hill，Mr．and Mrs．
Jerry Bean，Mr．and Mrs．G．W． Chappell，Cynthia and Stacy，Mr．
and Mrs．Wayne Stephens． and Mrs．Wayne Stephens，Larry， Stephen and Jeannita，Do
kins and Merle Roehr．

## DEFFERRED GRAZING

 PROMOTES REVEGETATION Many farmers and ranchersoverlook a range management pr－
actice that could have more far－ actice that could have more far－ reaching results than a ground－ soaking rain．This practice is
deferred grazing，which simply means postponing grazing，or rest
means postponing grazing，or rest－
period of time．Perhaps the most desired objective of deferment is to promote natural revegation by increasing plant vigor and per－
mitting desirable plants to produce seeds．
seeds．
Vigorous plants are better able
to withstand drought produce se to withstand drought，produce se
ed，and produce vegetative grow－ ed，and produce vegetative grow－
th．Allowing desirable plants to至．Allowing desirable plants to supply of new plants for grazing． Length of deferment for short grasses should be at least three
months and four months for mid－ months and four months for mid－
grasses．To improve vigor grasses．To improve vigor
and produce seed，warm season
grasses should be rested a full season，April 15－November 1．To


## A DAILY INCIDENT！

Hardly a day passes without the newspapers reporting an automobile accident．Lives are lost and bodies maimed due to careless driving on our streets and highways． Another daily incident which the newspapers often do not report，and to which others are indifferent，is the ruining of lives and character in the wretched，un－ educated，and poverty－ridden parts of the great cities in our land．There are those who despair of ever getting out of their situation and so despondency sets in and a lack of desire to strive for worthly goals enters the spirit．
A loving God would have us aware of these w
號－if we were interested enough．
God often impresses the needs of His children upon those who attend His church It is His will that we should show forth the love of God for mankind by helping all who are suffering


The Church is God＇s appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love Sor man ond of his demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor．Without persevere and the free love of Good，no government or society or way of life wil long from a selish 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 par－ ficipote in the Church beccuse 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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## OWER ALKS by U.S.S Senator for Texas JOHN TOWER

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## DAVIS-BACON ACT

WASHINGTON-Consumers in Texas and elsewhere
are skentical about covernments abiity to hold the line are skeptical about governments abiilty to hold the line on steadil rising prices, and where is ist cause. Solution
to the infationary cycles weve experinced have even Washin tom's most renowned conomisits baffled. But some of the principal contributors to infiation platin-
Iy could be eliminated if Contress and the Administration ly could be eliminated if Congress and the Administration
did not shrink from the hard decisions necessary to bring prices under control.
The 1931 Davis-Bacon Act, which established government's sprergative to sot construction industryy wages on
federally involved proects, represents
a case in in federally involved projects, represents a case in point. It
enōrmous inflationary impact on construction has been an unfortunate fact of life since then.
Justification for the Act seemed overwhelming in the depression-beleagyered coonomy of 1931 . Davis-Baco outlawed the payment of substandard wages, a conmon
practice among unscrupulous contractors scrambling to practice among unscrupulous contractors scrambing to
compete for the few contracts available. As enacted, the law permitted the government to establish "prevaling" construction wages for a particular area. In theory, the law served a humanitarian purpose. In
practice, it has been a complete contradiction of congressional intent.
The econömy of 1977 is a far cry from the one confronting us during the Great Depression years. It's more
volatile now for one thing and prone to fluctuations at the volatile now for one thing and prone to tuctuations at the
drop of a hat. Inflation is the barometer of our economic health today. Yet while recognizing this fact, Congress
has stubbornly refused to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act has stubbornly refused tô repeal the Davis-Bacon Act
which sends inflation rippling throughout the construction Which sends inflation rippling throughout the construction
industry. And as any casual observer of economic trends industry. Ant as any cassua observer of economic trends
knows, inflation in one segment of the economy inevitaly spreads to others, spelling higher prices for all of us and lost purchasing power.
Operating in different
Operating in different economic circumstances, through
the Federal government's maladministration, and because the Federal government's maladministration, and becauss
of the basic inequities of the law passed in 1931, Davis of the asis cencuities of the law passed in 1931 , Davis
Bacon maintains artificially high construction wages on federally involved projects.
If this seems like empty rhetoric, consider these wage
inconsistencies: ion Federal profects-all under DavisBacon provisions-the average construction workers commands $\$ 7.84$ while his counterpart tin private construction averages $\$ 5.14$. In Houston, the 1976 hourly rate for carpenters on Federal projects was.$\$ 10.70$.
facturing wage rate amounted to $\$ 5.76$
Congresss watch $h$ og agency, the General Accounting
Office, has documented more incriminating evidence. GAO has calculated that Davis-Bacon alone contributes $5-15$ per cent to the excess cost of construction, taking a $\$ 1-3$
billion bite annually out of taxpayer pockets. Since it is estimated that nearly oneethird of all con-
struction is subject to Davis-Bacon provisions, the inflationary consequences to the economy as a whole are pain fully clear. Unfortunately, Davis-Bacon now works to the disad Unfortunately, Davis-Bacon now works to the disad-
vantage of the very workers it was enacted to help. The law, for example, does not recognizz special categories of workers such as trainee or apprentice. It thus discrimi-
nates against those comprising the largest ranks of the nates against those comprising the largest ranks of the
unemployed-the young and unskilled-while protecting unemployed-the young and unsilled-while eprotecting
the higher paid worker whose wages are propped-up by a form of government subsidy.
Outright repeal or oth he Davis-Bacon Act clearly would
be in the best interest of the American economy. Short of that, passage of amendments to the law which I hav that, passage of amendments to me to introduced to correct some of the more detrimental effects to the economy would be a firm indication that Washing.
ton is serious about its war on inflation.

## The Korean Question

WASHINGTON-In an unpredictable world, Americis's
commitment to its allies and to world peace has always been a stabilizing infuence.
That is why the Administration's policy announcement that our troop strength in South Korea should be reduced
and phased-out over a five-vear period is disturbing. Clearand phased-ü- over a five-year period is itsur inge teon-
ly, it would jeopardize the basic stability in Korea that exists now and plant the false impression that American

resolve to maintain strengthened world alliances is
anteed only from one administration to the next.
anteed only from one administration to the next.
Pulling $\overline{\text { our rem troops out of South }}$ Korea would foster conPulling our troops out of South Korea would foster con-
fusion and uncertainty amono other friendly powers in fusion and uncertainty among other friendy powers in
Eastern Asia, and elsewhere, forcing them to reassess the course of American foreign, policy, and sewing the seeds for a new and potentially dangerous world order.
The Adminintration's withdrawal plan, conceived largeThe Administration's withdrawal plan, conceived large Iy in campaign pledges-without the benefit of consultaa
tion with our own militray experts or with the affected governments in the region, particiclarly South Korea- - based on the naive assumption that future South Korean military strength could replace the
Nothing could be more inconsistent with the facts. With America's military presence, and South Korea's silitary strenoth. any threat from the North would be countered. This is understood. Without that presence, perceptions, There is ample ereason to helieve that an American troöp withdrawal mioht he iust the spark needed to ignite the tinderbox that is the Korean peninsula.
The North Koreans have made clear their objective to unify the two Koreas. Undoubtedly, a wavering Ameri-
can commitment to the Seoul rexime would be perceived as an $\overline{\text { onporturity }}$ to a chieve that obiective.
History has thoww us that ill-considered
History has shown wis that ill-ocosidiered foreign policy
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til vears later. South Korea's carefully developed strategic defenses have sasured stability in that portion of the Asian defenses have assured statiinter ithen tortion of be At Asian tiön our commitment to maintain peace there, would heiehten tensions that could create the same climate for
hostilities which incited the North Korean attack 27 years ${ }_{\text {ago. }}^{\text {anture generations of Americans could pay the price for }}$ today's errors in judgment
If we are to avoid in Korea the tragic miscalculations of foreign poiticy which long-characterized American involve
ment in Vietnam, the American people must be fully ap prised of developments, and the Congress must be a full partner in the decision-making. Up to this,
consultation has been
För over a quarter century, the American presence in South Korea has represented the only hope for peace and
stability for that Nations people. Their belief in us should stability for that Nation's people. Their belief in us should
not bo not be undermined now.

## Hospital Cost Containment

 WASHINGTON-The Administration's recently an the amounts hospitals soaring health care costs by limiting sents little more than a hope and a prayer. By all othe objective measures, it won't accomplish its goals.What the President has promised with his hospital co containment program is an end to the 15 per cent yearly rise in costs to patients. What the plan ignores are factor more directly responsible for the soaring increases, and more importantly, the serious economic repercussions to
hospitals if his plan becomes law. Health care in this country will begin a sharp decline.
Like many other industries in the American economy the health care field has grown by leaps and bounds. It growth pangs have been expensive. A hospital room that
in 1950 was $\$ 15.62$ a day now ranges upward of $\$ 175$ day-an alarming 1000 per cent increase. Health car now accounts for nine per cent of the Gross National While c
While correctly recognizing the seriousness of the cur
rent dollar squeeze in health care, the President's plan has rent dollar squeeze in health care, the President's plan ha
failed to grasp its complexity. His plan would clamp a lid only on the amounts hospitals charge for patient care and
treatment. treatment.
At the same time, no mention is made of how hospitals
will recoup the inevitable shortfall to meet their rising exwill recoup the inevitable shortfall to meet their rising ex Past experience with selectively controlling wages and prices casts serious doubt that the President's plan can match the promises with performance. Moreover, it's
nothing short' of foolhardy to resurrect carrot and stick nothing short" of foolhardy to resurrect carrot and stick
economic schemes and apply them to an area as important to the Nation as health care. Too much is at stake. Singling out hospitals disregards the most blatant con-
tributors to spiraling costs Infation in tributors to spiraling costs. Inflation in the economy as a
whole plays the largest part. Exorbitant premiums for whole plays the largest part. Exorbitant premiums for
malpractice insurance paid by doctors nationwide eventually show up in increased fees to hospitals and patients. Advancer technology and more sophisticated equipment also carry larger price tags than ever before. Employee But when all is said and done, gove culpable for the present state of affairs in health care. Overlapping state and Federal programs require ever larger staffs to administer increasingly bureaucratic procedures.
Government's inadequate reimbursement system rewards Government's inadequate reimbursement system rewards
inefficiency in hospital treatment. Hardly an eyebrow is raised when costs escalate because they are automatically absorbed. Few questions are asked about whether or not
government gets its moneysworth government gets its moneysworth.
The President's plan won't spell an end to such systemic problems. It hospitals are not allowed to meet their ex-
penses, cutbacks in service automatically will follow. The larger problems would remain.
Government would be better advised to rethink the nature of health care goals in this country, recognizing
first the current problem in its totality. Programs which provide incentives for efficiency should replace shopworn notions we've labored under. Only then can we begin to make so
industry.
Texans and all Americans deserve the best health care for their dollar. They will be shortchanged if the Presi-
dent's hospital cost containment legislation is enacted.

## Lloyd Bentsen Report

In the midst of the worst ener-
gy crisis this country gy crisis this country has ever
known a U. S. District Judge has blocked exploration of a potent ally rich reserve of oil off th East Coast.
The best The best available estimates
are that Baltimore Canyon, lies in the Atlantic Ocean, may les in the Atlantic Ocean, may
produce as much as 1.4 billion
barrels of oil, and 9 . barrels of oil, and 9 trillion feet
of natural gas production of natural gas production that
is sorely needed in this time of energy shortage.
Exploration in the canyon was held up earlier this year by the
decision of U. S. District Court decision of U. S. District Court
Judge Jack Weinstein in New Yok in a suit brought by politician
and other East Coast residents. At the beginning of May Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus announced
that a new lease sale would not be held until December, 1978 . The charges that we hear from
politicans in many non-producing states, charges that the shortage of natural gas has been caused by Gulf Coast producers who del-
iberately withhold their supplies iberately withhold their supplies
are way off the mark.
The Natural Gas Shor mrought on by by politicans who
brohibit prougibit drilling in their own
states, who ask the courts to bar drilling off the coasts, and
who continue to support a misguided system of government regulation.
It simply isn't fair for these
politicans to encourage drilling off politicans to encourage drilling of
the Texas Coast, and then block the Texas Coast, and then block
any efforts to drill off their own coast.
It is neither fair nor rational for them to get their gas at a
low, subsidized price, while the
ucing states pay for virtually $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { ucing states pay for virtually } \\ \text { all of the natural gas explorat- }\end{array}\right.$ ion th

Texas has shown, through our
experience with off-shore xperience with off-shore drilling
that it is possible to supply of energy and still protect supply of energy and still protec
the environment. In the Gulf
Coast Outer Continental Shelf Coast Outer Continental Shelf ar-
ea, from 1971 to 1975 there was no oil spill of more than vells were drilled.
Because of my firm belief that
there is a lot of natural gas in the ground that is not being prod-
uced in Eastern and Midwestern tates, I am cosponsoring a bill o validate existing oil and gas leases in the Baltimore Canyon, thereby overturning the court ruling that has barred drilling for
The legislation I am cosponsor ing would allow exploration to begin immediately by ratifying ex isting leases. The only stipulat
ion is that the driller would have to submit plans for production and development to assure that adequate steps are being take Io protect the environment.
I think it is important to I think it is important to det witholding of natural gas from production in the East and the Midwest has contributed to our current natural gas shortage. We Texans are keenly aware led to an attempt on the Senate Floor last winter to move into the gas for which Texans have been paying premium prices for
distribution in states which have refused to explore for or develop heir own supplies.
I blocked that attempt at that
time. Now that the crisis has time. Now that the crisis ha it is essential that non-producing tates plan ahead and either drin IVE YOUR COFFEE A BREAK Give your coffee a "a break" snacks and beverages throutitious nacks and beverages throughout
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specialist suggests.
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nd try a glass of fruit juice an orange, apple or other fruit in season, says Mrs. Sally Coble ion Service, The A \& M University System.
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ounts.
"Also,
all "Also, milk and cheese foods kim milk supplies A glass ies and is suppies only 90 calo Cheese cubes with fresh fruit are ood choices, too" she saic. Other ideas that may require bit more preparation time are celery and carrot sticks, green
pepper rings, cucumber slices and padishes. If calories are not a problem, other tasty items are nuts or peanut butter and crack rs, Mrs. Coble added.
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