

Hail Storms Deal Cotton Severe Blows



John and Nina Shipp

Helpin' Comes Naturally Talkin' About It Doesn't

By FRANK COATS

A lot of times it's the little things that count; those extra bits of kindness that let folks know someone cares.

John and Nina Shipp have been giving that extra bit in Shallowater and Lubbock for a good many years now, visiting and helping those who need it.

"You don't brag on what you do," Shipp said, with that kind of quiet pride which makes it hard for a man to talk about himself. But he'd politely answer if the right questions were asked.

Shipp and his wife help people. They visit them when they're sick

or helpless, get the mail for those who can't and even work in yards of those who don't get out. They don't brag about what they do, but they won't dodge or refuse to answer any questions.

To know John and Nina Shipp you have to go to other people.

"John takes care of those who can't," Mabry Brock, president of the First State Bank in Shallowater, said. And without being asked, too, "He's that kind of a guy."

Every Sunday afternoon Shipp visits hospitals and nursing homes in Lubbock, while Mrs. Shipp makes her rounds in Shallowater. "When John doesn't show up, they get real upset," Mrs. Pearl Balkman, a friend of the Shippes, provided another insight into the couple.

Since Shipp retired from farming in June, 1976, he and his wife have been concerned with helping. They list their interests now as their five grandchildren. Like most grandparents they'll talk about them — and in helping other people "if we can."

Many of the people the Shippes help are up in years, old folks, and some of them can't get around anymore. Shipp's mother helped him to appreciate their needs.

"I've always been interested in the elderly," Shipp said. "My mother was an invalid nine and a half years, and I took care of her at home. I just enjoyed elderly people and kept it up through the years."

He and Mrs. Shipp "kept it up" partly by their visits.

"I visit all the rest homes, but I try to confine it to shut-ins — anybody in desperate need," he said.

Shipp said it was "just human instinct" that led him to those in need of his help. "I never mention it because there are too many people you miss."

Sitting outside on the front porch of his house, an impressive place he helped build, Shipp recalled his years in the Lubbock area since he moved here in 1938. Years spent as a basketball coach,

a farmer and one of the original board members of the First State Bank in Shallowater. He gave up being a board member about 10 years ago to devote all his time to farming. But now he's back, keeping the bank's grounds. He does it because he wants to.

Shipp told Brock he wanted to keep the grounds at the bank. Brock was a little hesitant — after all, Shipp was a former board member. But Shipp insisted, and they shook hands on a "nominal fee," Brock said, adding, "John showed up and mowed seven acres of grass — I felt obligated."

"But you can't talk about me without talking about my wife," Shipp said. "She's the other half."

Shipp's "other half" keeps herself busy with church work, visiting and her intricate needlepoint. She needlepoints copies of famous paintings for her grandchildren, and several fine examples of her work are displayed in the Shipp home.

Shipp also tends the grounds in front of the Shallowater Clinic, and keeps up the yards for relatives of his and his wife who can't. In bad weather, he picks up the mail for them and for others who can't get out.

"This is one of the real advantages of a small town, part of the spirit of Shallowater," Brock said. In larger cities, "people get too busy to show any concern for folks."

"They help people who need it, and that's what Christianity is all about," Brock said, giving what perhaps is the greatest insight into John and Nina Shipp.

Notice

Dardie Williamson, editor of Suburban Today, will be out of town June 5-12 and Frank Coats, with the West Texas Times, will be filling in during her absence.

Anyone that has news items or advertising for that week, please contact him at 763-4883, or they may leave it in the mail box at the Williamson residence at 808-10th St. and it will be picked up.

Spring thunderstorms with hail are dealing South Plains cotton severe blows in isolated areas. And farmers, worried that planting deadlines are near, may be quick to react by replanting if they have enough seed. That, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomist, in many instances may not be the best thing to do.

"You don't make snap decisions when it comes to hail damage," says Dr. James R. Supak, area specialist for the Extension Service. "It will always appear much worse than the actual damage immediately after the storm. In the case of cotton, the plants have a remarkable capacity to recover."

Already this year crops have been hit by hail, and no doubt more will be hit as the season progresses, Supak predicts. If a producer's crop suffers hail damage, he will have to consider several factors in determining whether to replant. Among these are growth stage, type and extent of injury and seasonal conditions.

A first point to consider, the agronomist says, is how much of the field was damaged. A hail storm can reduce the plant population to only two seedlings per row foot in 40-inch rows, (about 25,000 to 30,000 plants per acre), and the crop can still produce a normal yield, unless, of course, the crop is poorly distributed or has long skips.

Another point in determining whether to replant is how much damage there was to plants. The agronomist explains that plants having only traces of leaves will recover better than those with no leaves. But he emphasizes that a seedling with no leaves can still make a crop.

"If the stem is intact, free of large breaks and the seedling has sound buds, recovery is still possible although it will be slower than plants having at least some leaves."

"However, if the stem is shattered and the bark loosened or broken at points below the leaf buds, then recovery is impossible," the specialist warns.

After a hail storm, a sandfighter should be run as soon as possible to prevent sand injury to vital buds on stubs left in the field. Quite often, he cautions, sand damage after a hail can do as much or more harm to young seedlings than the hail.

Any regrowth hinges either on the sound terminal bud (the growing point) or auxillary bud located at the point of leaf attachment.

The specialist says that because of the young seedling's ability to recover, hail injury in May or June will cause less yield loss than in July and August when the plants are more mature and replanting becomes impossible.

"If the damage is suffered early, a crop can recover to the point that the injured plants are difficult to distinguish from undamaged plants," he adds. Also young cotton that survives early hail damage is often more mature at first frost than a crop that has been replanted.

"When a cotton field is totally destroyed," he says, "the producer has no choice but to

replant, especially if the damage occurs early in the season. But in most hail storms, the crop is usually only partially injured, making the decision more difficult."

City Council Appointments

At a recent City Council meeting, Mayor Joe Cox appointed W.A. "Dub" Hardin over planning and zoning, Rickey White in public relations, Danny Jones in communications, Leroy Grawunder over the streets and Doyle Mosbey over taxes.

These men are all members of the Council.

Date Set For Clean Up Week

The week of June 6-11 has been set aside as clean up week for residents in the City of Shallowater.

W.F. Williamson, Water Supt., stated anyone having anything they would like the city crew to haul off are urged to have it in the alley by the 6th of June if at all possible, and are asked to please not wait until the last day of clean-up week to place trash they want hauled away in the alleys.

Also, if you have firewood, or anything else you do not want hauled off, it must be removed from the alley, as the city crew will haul off anything that is in the alleys.

Whistle Stop Bar-B-Q Under New Management

Doyle and Alice Williams have sold the Whistle Stop Bar-B-Q and the establishment will be closed for the next two weeks for remodeling repairs.

Located at the intersection of Highway 84 and Farm Rd. 1294, the Williams opened the cafe in November 1970, specializing in Bar-B-Q and all the trimmings.

Mrs. Mary Ann Ross has purchased the firm, and will be open for business in about two weeks. The building is closed for repairs and remodeling at the present time.

Residents of Shallowater since 1960, the Williams, who reside at 1305 7th St., are retired school teachers. Mrs. Williams retired from teaching in 1973 after teaching 13 years in Shallowater Schools and Mr. Williams retired in 1970 after teaching in the local school system five years. They moved here from Ralls.

The Williams have two sons, Dr. Billy Ray Williams of Indianapolis, Indiana and Dr. David E. Williams of Lubbock. Both have degrees in Veterinary Medicine and operate Anima Hospitals. They also have six grandchildren. Both plan to relax and rest for a while.

Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

Well, two of "The Greatest" hit the town last week, one in welcome person and the other on film. Both scored in their individual ways.

The "live" one was the inestimable comedian-patriot and star of stage, screen, radio, television and any other form of the entertainment world known to man, Bob Hope.

Bob Hope came into the big Exhibit Hall of the Memorial Civic Center and to say that he convulsed his large audience with his brilliantly-delivered one-liner that encompassed the whole spectrum of the world today is to put it mildly, indeed. With his impeccable timing, his genial manner and that stage presence that enhances his every appearance, Hope proved that, at 74, he can best most of his modern juniors hands down.



He can be irreverent, bawdy, pointed and pertinent and no matter what he does or says he scores the bull's eye beyond question.

He said it was his fourth time to play Lubbock but I count only three. I have particular reason to remember for his was one of the first signatures secured on my "little white piano," back in 1970. We had hoped to get a photo of him with the little instrument (which boasts some 50 world famous signatures and dates) but the reception was jammed and Hope's drop-in was too brief to make the contact. More's the pity, but at the rate Hope is bearing up and ceaselessly performing, the odds are that he'll be back sometime and we'll have another go at him.

But, back to his show. He was backed by the Texas Tech Jazz Ensemble which did a yeoman job, accompanying Hope's songs very well, considering the non-existent rehearsal time.

Miss Texas scored with Hope repartee and wowed 'em with her expertise on the saxophone. Up comer Patrician Price, beautiful singer, performed in the modern manner, that is, by electronic aid, and was pleasant if not sensational.

The concert benefitted the Texas Boys Ranch as did the following reception, which was a good thing, and former mayor and television mogul, W.D. "Dud" Rogers emceed the show, obviously enjoying his long friendship and association with the star, who wound up with a huge birthday cake on stage. The audience sang its "Happy Birthday," not only to Hope but to his wife, Dolores, who birthed a few days previous.

All in all, it was an entertaining night and good to have Bob Hope back in our midst.

The other "Greatest" on film, that particular "Greatest" by his own repeated reminder, Muhammed Ali, whose film by that title is holding forth at the Lindsey Theater. It is a familiar recounting of his rise to his present eminence and has its interesting moments. Ali is no actor but he thinks (and says) he is, so that's that. If you read his book, then you'll find the film a close parallel. It is for the fight buffs and those who find the champion fascinating.

Later this week we'll be taking a look at the new Hayloft Dinner Theater's musical "Sweet Charity." The musical scored both on Broadway and a subsequent motion picture with Shirley MacLaine, and it will be interesting to see what the Ric Brame-directed show does on the limited stage facilities at the Hayloft, with the musical accompaniment reduced to one piano.

We'll talk about "Sweet Charity" next time around.

Don't forget the next "biggie", the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra's Pops Nite (Summer-style) with "Mr. Piano," Roger Williams, returning to the local scene as star. William A. Harrod conducts, and this cabaret-style presentation is set June 10 in the Exhibit Hall at the Civic Center.



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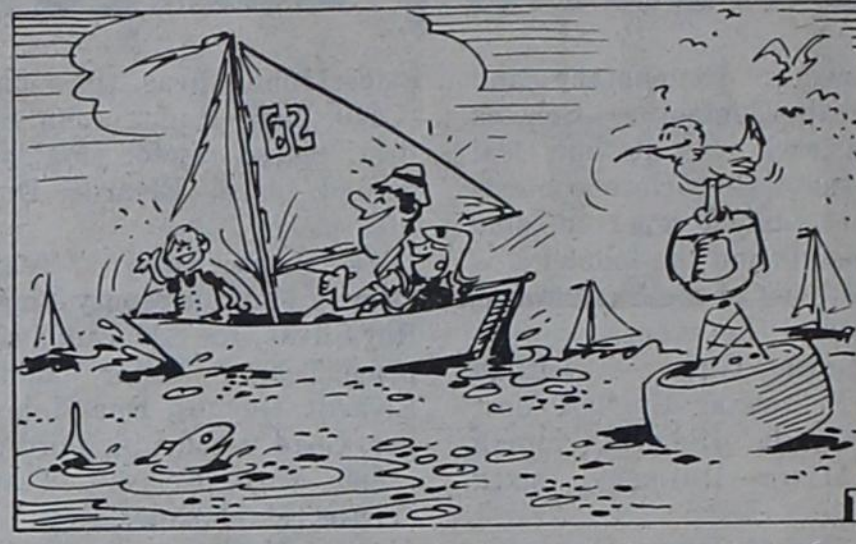
The many beautiful lakes, rivers and coastal waters of this country provide an excellent opportunity for boating enthusiasts. However, enthusiasm can never replace knowledge of sailing waters—fresh or salt.

United States Coast Guard statistics show that the number of boating accidents increased—from 5,104 in 1974 to 6,308 in 1975. And, in 1975, these accidents accounted for 1,466 deaths, with 2,136 injuries and over \$10 million in property damage.

Royal-Globe Insurance Companies would like to see all part-time sailors practice safety and use common sense.

"Safety first" are the key words no matter what type of craft you use. Owners and operators should be sure their boats are in safe working order, know under what conditions it is safe to use the boat, and always check the weather forecast before heading out onto the waters. Also, make certain that a first aid kit is on board and fully supplied; that there are enough life jackets for all passengers, and that there is a working fire extinguisher handy.

A boat's fuel, electrical and steering systems should also be checked periodically and maintained in proper working order, as should navigation lights, sound-producing devices, anchor and anchor line and ventilation systems. Flotation materials used in the construction of a boat should also meet Coast Guard regulations. This will ensure that



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Nearly one out of seven boating fatalities is attributable to overloading or other load-related causes. Accordingly, keep the load down in your boat and position an appropriate number of passengers toward the center line.

It is the duty of the skipper to instruct the passengers in boating etiquette, reminds Royal-Globe. Passengers in a small boat should move around as little as possible. If it is necessary to move, the boat should be slowed down or stopped. On a moving vessel, passen-

gers should keep low.

The captain should also be educated on the rules of the waterways. Collisions account for nearly half of all boating accidents, so keep your mind and eyes open and alert. When a boat is being used to tow water skiers, two people should always be aboard: one to operate the boat and one to watch the skier, so that the operator's full attention is focused on navigating.

Boat operators should be aware that the inland and international Rules of the Road has been revised for 1977, the first revision since 1965. Significant changes include rights of way for smaller versus larger vessels and lighting changes for certain size craft used on inland waterways. All boat owners are encouraged to obtain this booklet from the U.S. Government Printing Office.

The rules are not hard to learn and they're easy to practice. With education and common sense, it's anchors aweigh for a safe boating season!

all about baby

By Mary Hilton
Diaper Service Consumer
Information Council

Medical Advice Is Best When Tailor-Made For You & Baby

Ever notice that sometimes your baby's doctor will tell you one thing, then tell your friend with a similar problem just the opposite? No doubt, this has had you puzzled.

Here's an example. You ask the doctor whether you should let your baby have a pacifier. He says yes. But

when your neighbor asks the same question, he recommends against it. Why?



First, the doctor probably asked about your baby's eating and sleeping habits. Then he tried to determine your feelings about letting baby have a pacifier. Recognizing you felt you'd be doing a good thing for your baby, the doctor concluded that mother and baby would be more at ease if use of a pacifier was prescribed.

On the other hand, your neighbor regarded a pacifier as a dirty habit. She only asked about it because your

baby uses one. The doctor recognized that her anxious, unhappy feelings would be passed onto her baby. In this case, using a pacifier would only result in an unhappy mother and child.

The wise doctor doesn't offer advice until he determines what is best for the overall welfare of both mother and baby. In plain talk, the best advice your doctor can give is tailor-made for you and your child.

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County Extension Agent Ken Cook says insecticide control is most effective in May and early June when bagworms are small and before young worms begin to construct bags around themselves.

"Homeowners should closely examine their woody, ornamental plants for newly-hatched bagworms. If bagworms go unnoticed in the spring, heavy populations may develop which can strip almost all of the leaves off the plant."

He says that in the spring, bagworm larvae emerge from hatching eggs inside of last year's bags and begin feeding on leaves. Soon they begin to construct their own protective bag of silk, twigs and leaves, making them hard to see. As the larvae and their bags continue to grow, control becomes more difficult. In these later stages, two chemical applications may be required to obtain effective control.

Bagworms feed throughout the summer months, building their bags larger until the bags are about 1 1/2 inches long. In the fall, the bagworms become adults, mate, and the females lay eggs inside their bags.

"Since the bagworm only

completes one generation a year and spreads very slowly from plant to plant, picking the bags off infested plants in the winter will help a lot toward controlling this pest. But if bagworms were present on the plant last year and control measures were not applied, chances are very good that an insecticide will be needed this spring."

Interested persons can get complete information on bagworm control at the county Extension office. The pamphlet, "Texas Guide for Controlling Insects on Ornamental Plants," and other Texas Agricultural Extension Service publications are available upon request.

Activities Planned For Lynn County

Lynn County will have an event-filled weekend June 24-26 to coincide with the Old Settlers Reunion. Plenty of activities are planned for the Old Settlers and the area folks.

Friday there will be a talent show at the football field at 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. there will be an Old Settlers Luncheon at the School Cafeteria, followed by a parade at 3:00 p.m.; Saturday night a dance is scheduled in the Court House Square from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Sunday afternoon, starting

at 3:00 p.m. there will be teen and adult games at the football field, including tug-of-war and cow chip throwing; at 5:00 p.m. games will be played that were played at the turn of the century, and Sunday night, starting at 8:30, will have a county-wide church service.

Throughout the weekend there will be booths and side-walk sales to make money for local clubs and schools, and food and refreshments include home-made ice cream, lemonade, barbeque and watermelon.



By SALLY and JIM ADAMS

HOME IMPROVEMENT

We Americans are great believers in improving our homes, spending close to eight billion dollars last year in adding rooms, remodeling kitchens, and installing swimming pools and patios.

Some people, of course, improve the old homestead for their comfort and convenience. Others pour thousands into remodeling so they can get a better price when they sell. Add a second bathroom and jump the sale price by \$5000, right?

Maybe yes, maybe no, with emphasis on no.

The sad fact is that surveys have shown, and every real estate salesman knows, that most home improvements add little or nothing to the selling price. Why is this?

To begin with, it costs much more to remodel than to have the improvement built into the house in the first place; shifting a kitchen or turning the basement into a recreation room can be expensive. Second, the improvement you added may not impress a potential buyer at all.

Here's a brief list of home improvements that may add something to the sales price, but probably not enough to give you a profit. Kitchen and bathroom remodeling are attention-getters, and may well add half their cost to the selling price. A handsome patio can add 50 percent. Exterior and interior painting give the house a fresh sparkle that can justify an increase in the sales price. Central air conditioning is also a good bet.

New plumbing or wiring probably won't add anything to the selling price; neither will a barbecue grill. Worst of all, builders say, is putting in a swimming pool. In a hot climate it may add half its cost to the selling price, elsewhere nothing.

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KELLY'S HEROES

by Joe Kelly

My wife, Lord love her, had an engagement and, by the time she got home, it was too late for us to call on Donny Bumpass. Well, she did get home a little late and I was covered with sweat from working in the yard and I wasn't ready to go.

Anyway, I called Ralph, the proud papa, and we used a lot of Ma Bell's tin can and copper wire to talk. As might be expected, the conversation covered a wide range.

First, and most important, Donny is an economics professor in Cedar Rapids, Ia., and has settled into the cap and gown community. He added a Master's and a doctorate after graduation from Oklahoma State, where he won the All-Sports Trophy in 1965.

I remember Donny best as a bespectacled, relatively skinny kid with a good fast ball. He used to blow it past players in the Little Leagues, then Pony and, finally, Monterey and OSU.

I had to ask, of course, how long it had been since Ralph had sponsored a softball team. He replied that it was 1949, 28 years ago, and it doesn't seem possible.

The Bluebonnet-Sunbeam Laundry team played in a fast semi-pro West Texas league. Most of their home games were at old Jumbo Webster Field, which long ago gave way to progress. Perhaps the most heated rivalry was with the Cosden Oilers from Big Spring.

Ralph sponsored that softball team year after year. Not only that, he took care of the players and he made sure that the media received a call giving the results, with details. He was a delight to any writer, because he knew what you needed and wanted.

Ralph was a promoter and a good one. Through his personal magnetism and largesse, he created a big following for the Sunbeamers. It was good softball, too, not for those with slow reflexes.

Whatever happened to Wally Fowler? I asked Ralph that and he said that he had lost track of the big first baseman. Wally was a Pennsylvanian who came to Tech on a football scholarship, stayed around here for quite a while and played softball.

Ralph, in fact, admitted that he heard from few of the players he used to help. He mentioned the Butler brothers, one of whom, Roy, is in Oklahoma and received an alumnus award from Tech not long ago. "But I didn't get to see him," Ralph said sadly.

He told me that G.W. Warden was at Andrews High School, where he's the golf coach and doing well. Ralph also mentioned that a brother, Gene Bumpass, is on the faculty at Arkansas and told Ralph recently that he thought there would be three super teams in the Southwest Conference next year—Houston, Texas A&M and Texas Tech.

"Isn't that something?" Ralph exclaimed. "I didn't think we'd see the day when Texas or Arkansas wasn't considered the best in the conference."

That comment came, of course, after Ralph had asked what I thought of things at Tech now. I replied, naturally, and honestly, that I thought things were in better shape than they had ever been.

"You know, I think you're right," Ralph replied. "I sort of gathered that you really didn't care too much for that Carlen fellow"—pause, chuckle—"but this Steve Sloan seems to be something else. He's doing a great job."

Ralph also commented, accurately, that the SWC seemed to have a better class of coach now. It was dominated by Darrell Royal and Frank Broyles.

"Sloan is doing well and that fellow at Houston is, too, and Bellard at A&M, and Dry (TCU) they tell me is going to make a difference. And Arkansas and Texas probably will be right up there. Freddy Akers has Campbell and those two fellows who run a 9 flat 100. It looks like the best balance in years among the coaches."

Ralph is right. You have to go back to the days when Matty Bell (SMU), Dutch Meyer (TCU) and Jess Neely (Rice) more or less ruled the roost, with Blair Cherry at Texas and several at A&M.

Ralph thought that the coaches had done well, but he also thought that the 30 scholarship limit was going to even things up more and make competition much more keen.

"Where you had 60 in the past, now you are going to have to share the wealth. It will make it more even," he said. "I think it's going to make the competition that much better."

Ralph and I both regretted that the old Lubbock Amateur Athletic Assn. had died out. It was an organization that sponsored amateur athletics, staged indoor and outdoor track meets, brought the Harlem Globetrotters to town and generally promoted amateurs.

"I never see any of those people, either, outside of Polk (Robison). I never see Dick Walker any more, or Stumpy Hamilton or Ray Kireilis. It's too bad, but at night I go home now," he said.

The world needs more Ralph Bumpasses. He was, and is, a top sports fan, but more than that, he's a humanitarian. I've cried with him, laughed with him, joked with him, but when it comes to sports, he was always there, ready to be counted and to help.

Maybe the Lubbock AAA will come back one of these days, I said to Ralph.

"Maybe so," he answered, "but if it does, it will be with younger people."

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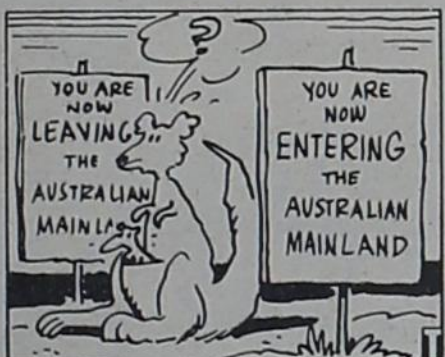
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Tech Groups Study Brazos Basin

The Brazos River, 840 miles long, is Texas' longest river, but for the most part it is not navigable.

The Brazos Basin, covering approximately 41,700 square miles in Texas and 600 square miles in New Mexico, has a rich history but, partly because the

river is plagued by salts, the basin still provides great open spaces along with some of the state's finest scenery.

Three Texas Tech University research groups, under the direction of Dr. James W. Kitchen, have made four detailed studies of the basin for the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers to assist that agency in future planning. The Texas Tech studies form the basis for environmental analysis, a necessary attachment to any proposals for river improvement made by the corps.

Much of the material in the reports, Dr. Kitchen said, was

drawn from previous studies. But the information has been compiled as it relates only to the Brazos River Basin. Kitchen is professor of Park Administration and Landscape Architecture.

The studies include a 309-page "Historic Site Inventory and Bibliography" of the basin. This includes a brief account of the basin from prehistoric times to the present and a compilation of sites designated by the state, the National Register and local and regional agencies as historically significant. This was prepared by Tech historian Don Abbe and Lea Ruggieri, graduate assistant.

The volume contains the name of each site, its locations and usually a thumbnail sketch. Cited are such things as homes, churches, military posts and pioneer industrial and business buildings. Among the public buildings listed is the Shackelford County Courthouse, noted for its

Victorian Italianate. A comment adds that masons erected its walls quarried near town.

Other listings are similar. Typical entries are such buildings as the Weatherford Water Works, Farmer's Hall at Cat Springs, Paul Quinn College in Waco, Lockhart Plantation near Chappell Hill and Old Donnell Mill in Young County.

The bulk of the volume is the site survey.

In the "Recreation Supply and Need" for the Brazos River Basin, Prof. Kitchen and Ernie Bubenik, a graduate student, point out that the Brazos has, within its basin, several physiographic regions. Originating within the Llano Estacado, it flows off the Caprock in a southeasterly direction, crossing the rolling prairies, the Cross Timbers, black lands, post oak belt, and eventually the coastal prairies and plains to the Gulf of Mexico. The basin's major cities are Lubbock, Abilene, Waco, Temple, Belton and Killeen.

Among highly prized natural areas within the basin, the report lists the Balcones Escarpment two miles west of Waco, Wendland Canyon in Bell County near the southwestern corner of the city of Temple, the Temple mini-prairie about a mile north of the city, a potential scenic river along a privately owned segment of the Navasota River, the fish-rich Hog Creek in McLennan, Bosque and Coryell counties, and the Central Texas virgin prairie four miles north of Temple in Bell County.

The study further describes, by tables, the present park and recreational facilities in the basin and estimates the needs up to the years 1980 and 2000.

The paleontology and archeology reports were prepared by staff archeologists John Montgomery and Alston Thoms of the Cultural Resource Institute of the Texas Tech Department of Anthropology. Institute director, Dr. William J. Mayer-Oakes, who is chairperson of the department, edited the report.

The reports are available through the Texas Tech Library and its Southwest Collection.

REMEMBERING...

By BILL D. BROOKS

BARBED WIRE FENCES

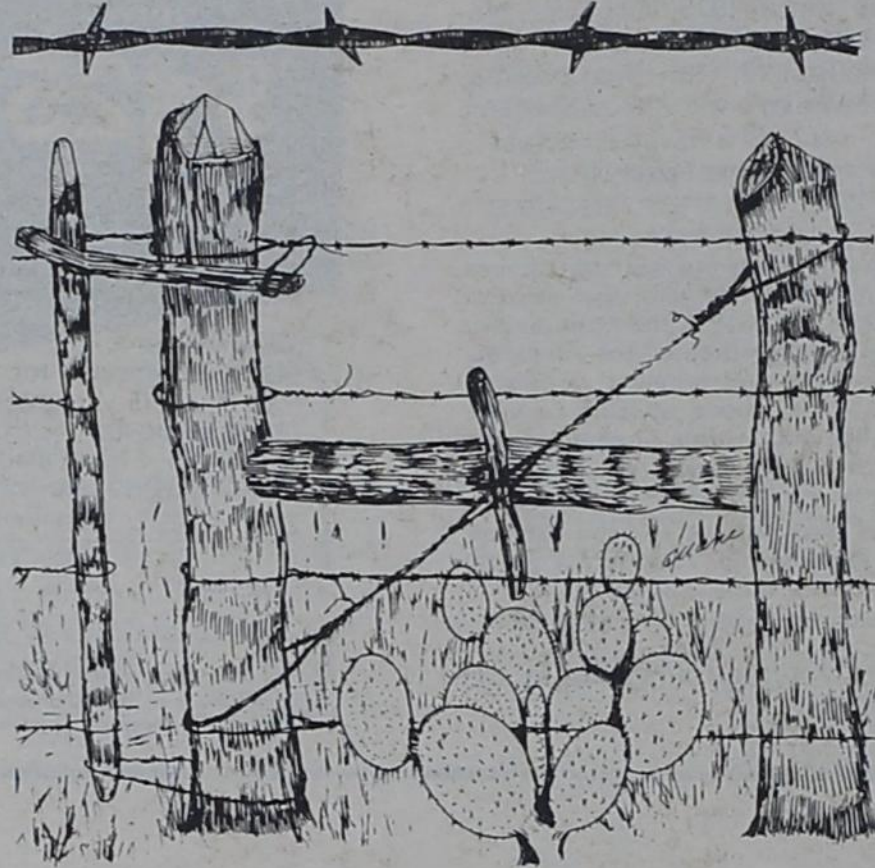
It has often been said that the West was won by the barbed wire fence and the six gun. The barbed wire fence was important because it was probably the only economical way to enclose large areas of land. The first wire was brought in from shipping points in the East and posts were obtained from wherever good stands of trees grew. In later years lumber yards and general stores stocked all the necessary materials and tools for building or mending barbed wire fences.

The wire came in many styles but the design that became most popular and still remains in use today was the two-wire strand with twisted barbs. The sharp pointed barbs were twisted around one of the strands about four to six inches apart and the two wire strands then twisted together. Posts were cut from small straight tree trunks about four inches in diameter. The common types of wood used in our area were mesquite and cedar. Mesquite was used because it was plentiful, often found near the fence that was to be built. Cedar

was better because it didn't rot and termites didn't seem to bother it. The barbed wire fence usually had four strands of wire placed about ten inches apart. The ends of a fence, gate posts, and

corners were braced with two large posts, close together with a horizontal post fixed between. Several strands of wire were twisted together with a stick between the two main posts to pull them firmly together.

I had an occasion to help construct a barbed wire fence once when I was in my early teens. The first thing



BARBED WIRE GATE DETAIL



Sometimes crappie can be the easiest of all fish to catch. And sometimes the most difficult!

They are easy to catch only because they roam in schools. Once you pinpoint a concentration of crappies you can anchor at the spot and quite often fill a stringer with these tasties.

Finding the schools is, of course, your problem. And, unless you are fishing where the fish are you aren't likely to catch any.

Schools of crappies are scattered and unless a person is fortunate enough to be at a spot where they gather, he will find that catching one is next to impossible.

Crappies prefer to linger around some underwater obstruction; a sunken tree, a large boulder, or a clump of brush.

Some fishermen create their own crappie-fishing hotspots by cutting brush (cedar is good), tying it together and anchoring it in deep water. The depth where you'll find crappie varies from lake to lake, but in our large reservoirs you'll usually locate them in about 10 to 30 feet of water.

In the spring they'll move along the shoreline to spawn. Then you can catch dozens of them in the shallows. But most of the time they'll be near the bottom in deep water.

Here are some suggestions offered by accomplished crappie fishermen:

When crappies are in a cooperative mood, they'll usually bite in a hurry. Never spend more than 15 or 20 minutes in one spot. Drop your live minnow right to the bottom, then take a couple of turns on the reel handle. Leave the bait here for about five minutes, and if you haven't had a nibble, take a couple more turns on the reel handle. Every five minutes come up a few more feet. This way

you'll be prospecting each layer of water from the bottom to near the top. Move frequently, trying different spots, around underwater obstructions.

You'll likely find a school of fish sometime during the day if they are biting at all.

A helpful aid is a commercial crappie rig, available at most sporting goods stores. This rig has a pair of twisted-wire "arms" which extend out from the main line. Snelled hooks are tied on these extensions which hold the wiggling live minnows away from the line, preventing twisting. Many anglers prefer to hook a minnow through both lips, rather than behind the dorsal fin. Since a crappie tries to swallow a minnow head-first it is more susceptible to becoming hooked this way.

Two common mistakes that most fishermen make when fishing for crappies are using a hook and a minnow that are too large. A No. 3 fine-wire hook is about right, the minnow should be no more than two inches in length. A crappie has a small mouth.

A successful crappie fisherman has a sensitive "feel". A crappie can carve a minnow off a hook with almost indiscernible action.

These tricky little critters actually can come up from below, raise the minnow and neatly take it off the hook without the angler realizing he's had a bite. So, watch your line closely. Should it start moving off at a tangent, even slightly, raise your rod tip smartly. It might be the current that's moving the minnow. But it could be a bait-stealing crappie. Successful crappie fishermen never take anything for granted. They set the hook at every inkling of a nibble.

we did was stake off the fence line, then cut and remove the trees and brush to provide a clearing about ten feet wide where the fence was to be. Trees suitable for posts were carefully trimmed and laid aside for use in the fence. A strand of wire was stretched from end to end of the new fence and used as a guide for placing the posts. The post holes were located by stepping off equal distances along the stretched wire. The holes were dug by hand with post hole diggers, one tool you would be lucky to never get involved with. When layers of rock were encountered, something that happened too often, a heavy iron bar was used to break them out. The posts were placed in the holes and held upright while dirt was tamped in around them. When all the posts were in place the wires were stretched, one at a time, the full length of the fence then attached to the posts with heavy steel staples. A notched stick was used as a guide for spacing the wires the same distance apart on each post.

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