

'Increase Outdated' Phone Company Says

General Telephone Memphis District Manager Jim Davis said in an interview Tuesday that the rural telephone rates being questioned by rural subscribers were to cover inflation over a three-year period, although they did come in a six-month period.

The first increase came on July 16, followed by another in December, for a total base rate increase of 69 per cent on the average for rural use out of Clarendon.

Davis said the 13.7 per cent increase approved by the Clarendon City Council in an out-of-court settlement of a suit last December in response to their request for a 30 per cent average increase was actually the company's net increase in revenue, including the rural areas, and that increase is already out of date.

"When you use a six-month-old study to ask for an increase that takes another six months to get," he said, "you're already a year behind. That's what we call the regulatory lag." He said that rate increases

inside the City of Clarendon were actually around 30 per cent in many cases, to allow a 13.7 per cent rate of return on the company's capital investment.

He confirmed that the increase for rural subscribers averaged around 69 per cent, with some higher.

While in Austin last week on other business last week, Clayton Ferris met personally with Texas Rep. Phil Cates and presented him the petition signed by 133 persons protesting the rural rates of General Telephone Company in Donley County.

Ferris is legislative com-

Although he didn't personally discuss the matter with Sen. Max Sherman, Ferris also left a copy of the petition with Sherman's secretary.

Rep. Cates was non-committal as to his stand on a state regulatory commission to control rural telephone rates. Senate consumer affairs committee members Sen. Ron Clower of Garland and Sen. Lloyd Doggett of Austin jointly pre-filed a bill to set up a statewide public utility commission in the first week of action in the 64th Legislature.

But, Ferris reports, Rep.

Cates was very interested in the issue and added all of the material brought from Donley County to his file. He will be calling on some of those who signed the petition in a spot-check to get their personal feelings on the issue in the near future.

Cates said he called the head of General Telephone Company at San Angelo, and Cates was advised that the company would re-examine the raise in rates.

Only four-party phones are available in this rural area, reaching 11 miles north of Clarendon, to Ashtola to the

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Clarendon High School FFA-ers proudly display their winning ribbons from the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show. Pictured, left to right, are: Doug Kidd, Gary Jack, Lynn Floyd, Wayne Hardin and Don Hillis.

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Kenneth King, Clarendon High School running back who was recently named to Class A All State honors, signed a letter of intent Tuesday morning with the University of Oklahoma Sooners. OU assistant football coach Steve Barrett signed King.



Girl Scout cookies, the only fund raising project for these girls, went on sale Friday for \$1.25 a box. A dime of this goes to the troop, and the rest will be spent locally to develop Camp Quivira near Clarendon. Shown above participating in the kick-off for the sale, which extends through February 15, are Troop 213 members (left to right, front row) Tandra Phillips, Christine Walker, Lynn Weatherton, Dalyn Croslin, Connie Garmon; (above) Jina Spier, Darlene Spier, cookie chairman, and troop leader Joy Martin.

Beauty, Brawn Pageant Tonight

Tonight at 7:30, the Clarendon High School annual staff will present a Beauty and Brawn Pageant.

The contest is to be held at the Harned Sisters Auditorium at the college. Entertainment will be provided by

various local high school students.

Competing for the honor of Most Beautiful will be Tarry Davis, Jennie Barbee, Pat Trout, Debbie Robertson, Jan Barbee, Tami Douthit, Mona Robinson, Karen Burgess, Kim Radney, Teresa Jack, Brenda Ritchie, Darlene Davis, Susan Bright, Terri Sparks, Sheryl Booth and Ellen Green.

Weed Control Meeting Is Set For Tuesday

A weed control will be held Tuesday night, February 11, at 7:30 at the Clarendon College Academic Center, room 102.

The speaker will be Dr. Allen Weise, weed control specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture Southwest Great Plains Research Center at Bushland.

Weise will discuss herbicides recommended for use in the control of weeds in cotton, grain sorghum and sunflowers.

Candidates for Most Handsome will be Randy Croslin, Russell Baldwin, Kenneth King, Danny Monroe, Gary Jack, Ricky Mooring, Eddy Eads, Lynn Floyd, Barry Schafer, Tony Wallace, Larry Brackett, Mike Newhouse, Bubba Newhouse, Clint Robinson, Keith Topper and John Hall.

Make plans to attend this program as it should be enjoyable for all of the family. Admission will be only \$1.00 for adults and 75 cents for students. All proceeds will be used to help finance the 1975 Broncho annual.

Petitioners Claim Phone Rates Unfair

Jimmy Butler of Lelia Lake, who was instrumental in getting the petitions drawn up which were posted at the Paymaster Gins and taken to the community centers at Chamberlain and Lelia Lake, said he was encouraged by Attorney General Hill's suit and was hoping to get help from him in reducing General Telephone's rural rates in Donley County.

"Farmers just don't make that much on the average to pay that sort of utility rates," Butler said. "We don't mind paying our share, but when

they try to make farmers pay for the rate increase they didn't get elsewhere, this is discrimination.

"We didn't complain when they slapped a 46 per cent rate increase on us in July. Everybody was busy with farm operations. But when they put this other rate increase on us, everybody was complaining, so I said, 'Let's do something about it.'"

Butler said that the increase might just be a feeler for later increases in areas unaffected by it, such as Hedley. He said that rates

were raised in 1972 to pay for putting them on underground cables, so the increase couldn't be justified by this expense. However, General Telephone Company recently announced plans to put Donley County on one-plus distance dialing in 1975. This was first promised in 1969 for installation in 1970.

"I believe that they were either going into the hole awfully bad before the increase, or else they are making a killing now," Butler said. He pointed out that many of those hardest

hit by the large increase were elderly persons on Social Security or fixed retirement incomes.

Mrs. Vivian Knox is one of the 133 persons who signed the petition asking for relief from the higher rates. She is a widow who runs the Texaco service station at Lelia Lake. Her first bill after the increase was for \$42.00 for a business phone and a residential phone with an extension. She has had her extension taken out and put her house phone on an extension from her business number.

"I don't have a lot of use for the business phone," Mrs. Knox said. "I don't sell that much gasoline here and don't really use it in my business, but I still have to pay business rates, even if it is just a small business.

"I'm a widow woman trying to piece out my Social Security, trying to stay in operation. But I sure need one in my home."

This is a point that should be brought out. Telephones are no longer considered a luxury. Courts have ruled that

they are now considered a necessity, and therefore telephone service must be offered.

"If we are in the Clarendon exchange, then it seems to me we should get the same rate as Clarendon," said Luther Butler, also a Lelia Lake farmer and father of Jimmy Butler.

Other Lelia Lake residents were asked if they thought their telephone rates were too high at a gathering last Saturday at the community center.

"You bet it's a way yonder too high," said farmer Lacy Noble, who said his base rate is \$14.25.

"I think everyone here will agree with him," farmer Henry Hasty said. "I thought we paid for the underground cable when it was put in. We don't have any service anyhow. If your phone goes out, it may take them three or four days to get around to coming out to fix it."

Lloyd Risley, who farms west of Clarendon, said that the 1972 rate increase was to

pay the cost of installing the underground cable, which runs to the corner of his property. From there on, he said, the lines are run on poles.

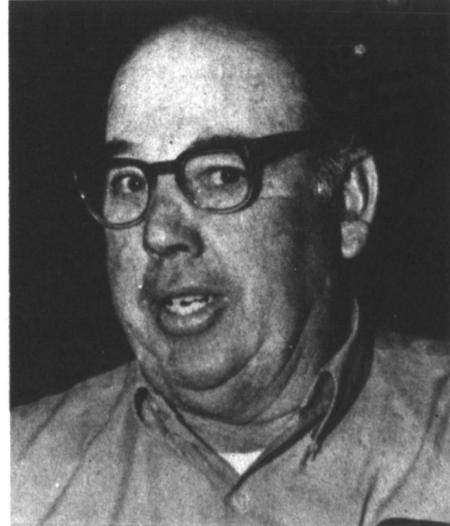
Lelia Lake community residents discussed having all their phones taken out in protest of the increase, but, as previously pointed out, telephones are now a necessity of life.

Jimmy Butler said more people would have signed the petition, but the farmers have been working long days getting their late cotton crop laid by.



JIMMY L. BUTLER

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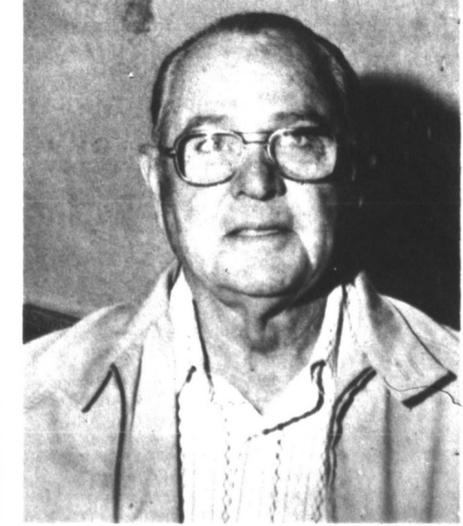
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HENRY HASTY

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LUTHER BUTLER

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Early Day Donley Brands Show Fierce Competition

Branding irons were the tools of the trade and source of the name of the cow pokes of the old West, who used the hot pokers to inscribe a supposedly unique mark of ownership on the hides of their stock at the annual or semi-annual roundups.

With a little closer than just casual observation, you will notice the similarity, in some cases outright duplication, of the following brands. From these we can know a little better what life on the Plains must have been like in the earlier days.

The following piece of historical research is by Ronnie Null, chairman of the English Division at Clarendon College, which appeared in the December issue of "Old Timers News." The artwork is by Nolan Duncan.

By **RONNIE NULL**
Clarendon College
Clarendon, Texas

According to records, Donley County was organized on April 11, 1882. And on April 25, 1882, the first brand was recorded by J.W. Button, who was a resident of Gray County. The brand (#1) was to be placed on the left side of the animal. W.D. Kimball was the first resident of Clarendon to register his brand (#2). It was registered on May 10, 1882. The next person registering his brand (#3) was George W. Bradford; he did the registering on May 18, 1882. Henson and Nichols recorded their brand (#4) on June 6, 1882. The brand was to be placed on the right shoulder, hip and thigh.

From April 25, 1882, until January 1, 1886, there were 88 brands recorded in Donley County, Texas. See the drawing and chart to study the names and registered brands. It is interesting to see that many times the person recorded one brand for his cows while he recorded a different brand for his horses. Brands were also recorded for mules and sheep. The brand number 81 recorded by Blocker & Tisdale was specifically for sheep.

Gran County, Clarendon, Grande Vista, El Monte, Ephraim, Palo Duro, Armstrong County, Mobeettie, Hall County, Childress, Floyd County, Graza County, Swisher County, and Randall County residents traveled to Clarendon to record dates. Out of state recorders were led by Bugbee & Nelson from Burlingame, Kansas, in 1883. In 1891, Cornelia Adair from London, England, registered the brand the JA. See #248 on the chart. The brands of J.M. Simmons, Fred Chamberlain, the Rowe Bros., W.L. Saye, W.J. Lewis, W.M. Muir, M.K. Chamberlain, and F.A. White were all recorded prior to the turn of the century. Before January 1, 1900, one thousand one hundred and eleven brands had been recorded in Donley County.

Reading in Life Magazine June 10, 1940, the story is told of an applicant who registered his brand on St. Patrick's Day and celebrated it by selecting the Shamrock. Another brand was recorded on George Washington's birthday; this recorder selected a hatchet for his brand. Another story is told of the minister who recorded his brand, a 3, for the Holy Trinity. Burk Burnett was playing poker and won stakes including a ranch. He played a hand holding 4 sixes. This became his brand.

Old cattle brands capture the mood of the west; Donley County, Texas, personifies the cattle industry prior to the turn of the century—the Koogles, the Carharts, the Goodnights, the Bugbees, and all the others helped settle the west and help establish the Heartland of America.

REGISTERED BRANDS

- Brand #1, J.W. Button of Gray County, registered 4/25/1882.
- Brand 2, W.D. Kimball of Clarendon, registered 5/10/1882.
- Brand 3, George W.

- Bradford of Clarendon, registered 5/18/1882.
- Brand 4, Henson & Nichols of Clarendon, registered 6/6/1882.
- Brand 5, N.E. Nichols of Clarendon, registered 6/6/1882.
- Brand 6, W.G. Henson of Clarendon, registered 6/6/1882.
- Brand 7, Minerva Amber of Clarendon, registered 6/6/1882.
- Brand 8, C.M. Hindsale/Henry Taylor of Grande Vista, registered 6/11/1882.
- Brand 9, W.J. Bowen, (no residence recorded), registered 6/12/1882.
- Brand 10, W.C. Koogle of Clarendon, registered 6/29/1882.
- Brand 11, W.W. Dyer of El Monte, Tex., registered 7/11/1882.
- Brand 12, James H. Parks of Clarendon, registered 9/9/1882.
- Brand 13, Loren Wakefield of Clarendon, registered 9/30/1882.
- Brand 14, Loren Wakefield of Clarendon, registered 9/30/1882.
- Brand 15, W.G. Henson of Clarendon, registered 11/4/1882.
- Brand 16, E.E. Carhart of Clarendon, registered 11/6/1882.
- Brand 17, E.H. Cone of Ephraim, Hall Cty., Tex., registered 11/6/1882.
- Brand 18, E.H. Cone of Ephraim, Hall Cty., Tex., registered 11/6/1882.
- Brand 19, R. Briggs of Clarendon, registered 11/7/1882.
- Brand 20, Healey & Carhart of Clarendon, registered 11/12/1882.
- Brand 21, J.G. Murdock of Clarendon, registered 11/15/1882.
- Brand 22, W.G. Henson of Clarendon, registered 3/1/1883.
- Brand 23, J.G. Murdock of Clarendon, registered 4/1/1883.
- Brand 24, Mrs. M.E. Nall of Clarendon, registered 5/14/1883.
- Brand 25, Bugbee & Nelson of Burlingame, Kans., registered 6/12/1883.
- Brand 26, Bugbee & Nelson of Burlingame, Kans., registered 6/12/1883.
- Brand 27, G.A. Brown of Clarendon, registered 6/12/1883.
- Brand 28, Mrs. A.H. Brown of Clarendon, registered 6/12/1883.
- Brand 29, Floyd Brown of Clarendon, registered 6/12/1883.
- Brand 30, A.S. McKinney of Clarendon, registered 6/14/1883.
- Brand 31, J.H. Pearce of Clarendon, registered 7/7/1883.
- Brand 32, E.G. Warren of Clarendon, registered 7/11/1883.
- Brand 33, J.F. Evans & Co. of Clarendon, registered 7/11/1883.
- Brand 34, J.F. Evans & Co. of Clarendon, registered 7/11/1883.
- Brand 35, S.W. Button of Topeka, Kans., registered 7/20/1883.
- Brand 36, S.W. Button of Topeka, Kans., registered 7/20/1883.
- Brand 37, Backus Shloss & Co. of Clarendon, registered 7/24/1883.
- Brand 38, Backus Shloss & Co. of Clarendon, registered 7/24/1883.
- Brand 39, Adair & Goodnight of Palo Duro, registered 8/4/1883.
- Brand 40, John G. Adair of Rathdair, Ire., registered 8/4/1883.
- Brand 41, Mrs. C. Adair of Rathdair, Ire., registered 8/4/1883.
- Brand 42, H.C. Bibbee of Armstrong, registered 2/2/1888.
- Brand 42, L.G. Coleman of Clarendon, registered 8/7/1883.
- Brand 43, N.T. Eaton of Mobeettie, registered 8/7/1883.
- Brand 44, N.T. Eaton of Mobeettie, registered 8/7/1883.
- Brand 45, Mrs. M.A. Goodnight of Palo Duro, registered 8/8/1883.
- Brand 46, W.N. Fleck of Rowe's Ranch, Donley Cty., registered 8/30/1883.
- Brand 47, Willie J. Murdock of Clarendon, registered 8/39/1883.

- Brand 48, Eli Hanson of Clarendon, registered 10/8/1883.
- Brand 49, John L. Clark of Clarendon, registered 10/16/1883.
- Brand 50, John L. Clark of Clarendon, registered 10/16/1883.
- Brand 51, John L. Clark of Clarendon, registered 10/16/1883.
- Brand 52, Thomas Davis of Clarendon, registered 11/23/1883.
- Brand 53, Bugbee, States & Chappell, registered 11/27/1883.
- Brand 54, Thomas Davis, Sydney Webb & Henry Phillips, registered 11/28/1883.
- Brand 55, Rebecca Nichols, Hall County, Tex., registered 12/4/1883.
- Brand 55, Sam Dyer of

- Armstrong, registered 1/31/1884.
- Brand 57, Sam Dyer of Armstrong, registered 1/31/1884.
- Brand 58, L. Newman of Donley County, registered 1/31/1884.
- Brand 59, H. Kimmeler of Childress, registered 2/14/1884.
- Brand 60, H. Kimmeler of Childress, registered 2/14/1884.
- Brand 61, Seman Taber of Clarendon, registered 2/29/1884.
- Brand 62, Seman Taber of Clarendon, registered 2/29/1884.
- Brand 63, Mrs. Isabella Hopkins of Floyd Cty., registered 4/5/1884.
- Brand 64, Andrew Wallace Hull of Donley Cty., registered 5/26/1884.

- Brand 65, Dyke & Wakefield of Donley Cty., registered 6/9/1884.
- Brand 66, Lewis White (minor) of Donley, registered 6/12/1884.
- Brand 67, Mary E. Dalton of Hall Cty., registered 7/3/1884.
- Brand 68, Berney & Co. of Clarendon, registered 7/15/1884.
- Brand 69, Rebecca Osburn of Clarendon, registered 7/29/1884.
- Brand 70, George W. Graham of Clarendon, registered 9/16/1884.
- Brand 71, J.E. Pickens/Fred S. Lord of Hall Cty., registered 11/6/1884.
- Brand 72, A.J. Long of Garza Cty., Tex., registered 11/6/1884.
- Brand 73, W.D. Kimball of Clarendon, registered 3/11/1885.

- Brand 74, Mary E. Dalton of Hall Cty., Tex., registered 4/15/1885.
- Brand 75, John H. Wood of Donley Cty., Tex., registered 5/14/1885.
- Brand 76, George P. Owen of Donley Cty., Tex., registered 5/21/1885.
- Brand 77, Jackson & Fleming of Clarendon, registered 6/29/1885.
- Brand 78, A.B. Duncan of Floyd Cty., registered 8/7/1885.
- Brand 79, Blacker & Tisdale of Floyd Cty., registered 8/8/1885.
- Brand 80, Blacker & Tisdale of Floyd Cty., registered 8/8/1885.
- Brand 81, Blacker & Tisdale of Floyd Cty., registered 8/8/1885.
- Brand 82, Z.T. Maxwell of

- Floyd Cty., registered 8/8/1885.
- Brand 83, M.V. Blacker of Floyd Cty., registered 8/8/1885.
- Brand 84, The London Cattle Co., Swisher & Randall, registered 8/10/1885.
- Brand 85, A.K. Latham of Floyd Cty., registered 9/12/1885.
- Brand 86, J.W. Smith/W.J. Sweek of Floyd Cty., registered 9/12/1885.
- Brand 87, Jno. B. Pope of Hall Cty., registered 9/16/1885.
- Brand 88, J.C. Phillips of Donley Cty., registered 9/16/1885.
- Brand 979, J.R. Leathers of Clarendon, registered 2/9/1885.
- Brand 248, Cornelia Adair

- of London, England, registered 5/1/1891.
- Brand 757, J.M. Simmons of Clarendon, registered 9/23/1895.
- Brand 781, Fred Chamberlain of Clarendon, registered 2/1/1896.
- Brand 278, Rowe Bros. of Clarendon, registered 11/25/1891.
- Brand 251, W.L. Saye of Clarendon, registered 8/2/1893.
- Brand 288, W.J. Lewis of Clarendon, registered 8/10/1893.
- Brand 214, W.M. Muir of Clarendon, registered 11/16/1892.
- Brand 348, M.K. Chamberlain of Clarendon, registered 11/16/1893.
- Brand 1058, F.A. White of Clarendon, registered 5/18/1899.

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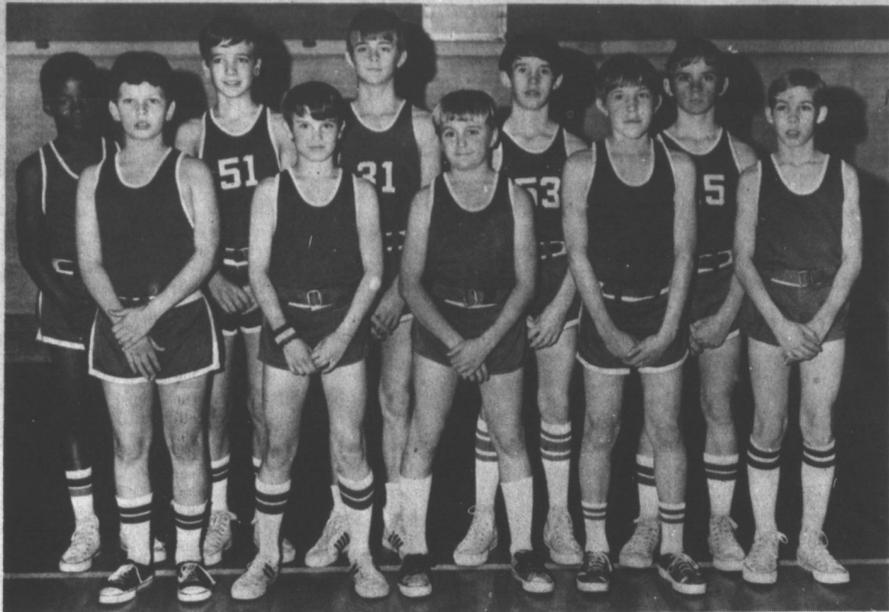
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Clarendon Colts seventh grade boys team members are: (front, left to right) Robert Prock, Mark Jack, Chris Ford, Phillip Moreman, Bill Cornel; (back) Alvin Reese, Dean Hawkins, Jeff Topper, Dan Sawyer and Terry Putman.



Seventh grade Colts girls team includes; (front, left to right) Sheryl Walker, Sabra Dodson, Jeanna Stephens, Becky Hill; (middle) Debbi McIver, Jannie Casteel, Kim Anderson, Kim McAnear; (back) Faye Weatherston, Ann Wheeler, Jenney Deyhle, Lisa McAnear and Helen Odom.

SS Earnings Report Free Of Charge

People can get a report on the earnings credited to their social security record free of charge by calling or writing any social security office, according to Travis C. Briggs, Amarillo Social Security Manager.

You don't need to pay anyone to help you get a statement of your earnings. Just ask any social security office for a "Request for Statement of Earnings" post card. Fill in your name, address, date of birth, and social security number. Sign, stamp, and mail the card. Social Security will send you a statement of earnings credited to your record free of charge.

Earnings credited to the worker's social security number build retirement, disability, survivors, and Medicare protection for workers and their families. The amount of monthly social security payments is based on the worker's average earnings over a period of years.

The Social Security Administration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The Amarillo Social Security is at 317 East Third Street. The Phone number is 376-2241.

Mildred Ritter Of UMW Meet

Mildred Ritter Group of United Methodist Women met Monday night for their regular meeting in the home of Marjorie Rives.

Oressa Delaney, chairman, presided at the business session. Ellen Bryan, Treasurer, gave treasurers report. Minutes were read by recording secretary Viola Graham.

Mildred Ritter, who has been giving the study on women of the Bible, delivered a splendid program on the 20th century woman-modern woman.

Hostess Rives served delicious refreshments to 11 members.

The Chamberlain Community Center will have their covered dish supper Friday, February 7, at 7:15 p.m. Ola Bradshaw and Bertha Emmons will serve as hostess. Everyone is invited.

Fun After Fifty

"Fun After Fifty Club" met in the Lions Hall Saturday. Games of 42 and dominoes were played.

As each one came in they were given valentines to pin on. Meeting opened with a prayer lead by C.C. Watson. Mrs. Nina Dale presided over the business session, the treasurer's report also the secretary's.

Mrs. Ruth Mills was the winner of the door prize. Those present who had birthdays that were in January and February received cards.

On account of the weather conditions, Mrs. L.N. Cox was unable to come and show

her pictures. "The Azalia Trails" and some others, so for the substitute, Mrs. Paul Hancock played a few of her piano numbers.

Not as many members were present as usual, as a few of the members were sick and some were in the hospital.

For the noon meal Mrs. Tom Tucker gave table grace, and a nice meal was

prepared. Table decorations were hand made flowers by Mrs. Walter Hutchins.

About 38 were present for the occasion. At the March meeting Mrs. L.N. Cox will show her pictures.

Edward Hillis and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Fredrickson of Rupert, Idaho, visited last week with Mrs. Loyd Hillis and Bro. Don Hillis and family.

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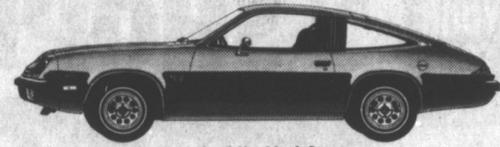
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Clarendon Drops Games to Wheeler

by CAMILLE MANN

Both boy's and girl's basketball teams from Wheeler swept by Clarendon's varsity teams here Friday night in varsity action.

The Bronettes played an impressive first half against Wheeler as they clenched onto a one point lead, 25-24, going into half. The third quarter proved fatal to the Bronettes as they only managed to score four points to Wheeler's 24 points.

In an attempt to come back in the fourth period, Pam Mooring popped in 14 points to spark the Bronettes fourth quarter. In spite of the Bronette's efforts to recapture the lead, Wheeler Mustangettes defeated Clarendon 61-48. Pam Mooring scored 29 points, and Pearly Butler added 16 points.

The Brones went down early in the game to Wheeler and trailed 8-15 at the end of the first quarter. Trailing 32-14 at half, the Brones returned in the third quarter only to score four points to Wheeler's 15 points.

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Y-Knot Twirlers

The Y-Knot Twirlers danced January 28 to the calling of J.D. Wilbanks. This was our graduation dance.

Thirteen people graduated including: Mark and Cheryl Mauldin, David and Diane Mooring, Steve and Wanda Smith, Mike and Neva Spier, Dorothy Sullivan, Barry and Betty Tyler, and Tex and Sherry Welch. Welcome all of you. We are proud to have you.

Dorothy Helms planned a marvelous meal which was enjoyed by everyone. Thank all of you who brought food.

Freddie and Gail McKee were down to help graduate the people. The McKee's have two beautiful children don't they? Also visitors were present from: Lone Star Squares, Helium Squares, Turkey Trotters, and friends and relatives of the graduates. Sammy Parsley, president of the callers and teachers association, called a tip.

Thank you L.L. Wallace for teaching the class. Everyone appreciates your work for the club. The graduates presented him with a gift certificate in appreciation.

Sadie Wilson was recognized as club sweetheart during the dance.

The Jamboree January 25 at Bunavista was attended by two couples from club. Congratulations L.L. Wallace and Mary on being elected president of the PSDA.

Graduation night was successful. Let us keep things rolling. Come dance.

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Nobody's Perfect But...

by JERRY SPARKS

We are still finding that all the facts are not in on the excessive charges being made to rural customers of General Telephone Company. When we quoted the 69.9 per cent increase in rural telephone rates last Sunday, it represented the rate for multi-party service.

We talked with one of their customers in the Lelia Lake vicinity the other day and was told that the going rate for four party use is now \$14.25 per month, base rate. This compares with the \$8.75 base rate in Clarendon for a one-party residence telephone.

We also understand that some customers have had to absorb even higher rates—as much as 74 per cent increase. However, we have not been able to determine if this latter increase was merely to bring other customers up to the \$14.25 level or what. Perhaps these customers will let us know.

We do not completely understand how General Telephone bases their charges to rural people, but we do feel that their rates to these people are way out of proportion to the quality of the service offered. We do know that in July last year, the base rate for a four party line in Lelia Lake was \$8.40 and two speedy increases brought it up to the \$14.25 figure.

With all the stink over the operations of Bell Telephone and their various shenanigans, we are beginning to wonder more every day about the operations of General.

Sunday was Groundhog Day, and if the old saying about Mr. Groundhog seeing his shadow and us having six more weeks of winter is true, we're going to get out our fishing poles and bathing suits because he didn't stand a chance.

Tommy Saye, the official weather recorder for Clarendon, tells us that the four day rainfall total from Saturday through Tuesday of this week measured .59 inches of rainfall for February. This, with the .65 inches recorded in January, gives us 1.24 inches thus far for the year.

In the entire month of February last year, Clarendon received only .27 inches. Our total this year is considerably ahead of 1974. Perhaps this is an indication of things to come.

We had a nice visit Tuesday with Edward L. Richards who is the assistant director for the investigation division of the State Department of Public Welfare headquartered out of Austin. Richards told us several cases which his department was now prosecuting for fraud upon the welfare programs administered by the state.

This is a new agency for Texas, and apparently well worth the money spent to uncover and prosecute those people who try to put something over on the welfare agencies. He said his department had a hand in investigating an individual from Chicago some months ago who probably worked one of the most lucrative welfare frauds ever, receiving more than \$100,000 under various aliases over a short period of time.

He also said the Lubbock division of their office was responsible for the seven fraud cases tried in Potter County last week and that they expected more in the near future. Concerning the story appearing in Friday's Amarillo paper, Richards said it appeared a little slanted on the defendant's side to make the prosecution look bad.

Many other cases of fraud have been filed by this department all over the state in the past several months, he said, and all it takes for an investigation to be made is for someone to turn in a name of someone suspected of welfare fraud. The source of the complaint is kept confidential.

Many of the investigations run by his department turn out to be false leads, he said. One such incident was reported over in the western panhandle recently where the buyer of a new pickup remarked as he was leaving the dealership that he couldn't have bought the truck if it hadn't been for food stamps.

Sure enough, the investigation division heard of this and an investigation made. He said the person in question was not receiving welfare aid of any kind and made the statement in jest. It's kind of like making a joke about the bomb in your suitcase when your board an airplane these days...some people fail to see the humor.

The investigation division started small, with only a handful of people, but now has 104 employees working on nothing but fraud cases. Most of the employees, Richards said, are former policemen who have been trained in investigative work.

He noted that one of the major differences between police work and the field he is in now is the cooperation his department receives with the news media. Many times, he said, the news media had a tendency to leave out part of the facts or slant a news story about police work, but under the auspices of his present office, he receives many leads from the news media where possible welfare fraud exists.

Only one person has been charged with fraud in this immediate area and that was in Memphis just recently. He added that it would be highly unlikely that any such conditions would exist here since this is a small community and the people in charge of the welfare here know just about everyone else, and thereby narrowing the odds considerably.

As a taxpayer, we can certainly appreciate the work of this division of state government. Perhaps this system of checks and balances will help keep the greedy out of welfare lines and speed up the help to the needy.

As a footnote, we would like to add that state welfare expenditures for Donley County for the past year totaled \$257,596—more than a quarter of a million dollars, or some \$21,466 every month.

These amounts have been broken down to various categories including:

- (a). Aid to families with dependent children and social services, such as nursing in the home—\$48,497.
- (b). Commodities—\$10,067.
- (c). Food Stamps—\$57,244.
- (d). Medical payments—\$141,788.

Payments under the last classification include \$88,545 allotted for nursing homes and institutions, \$17,820 for prescribed drugs, and \$35,423 for other health care.

These payments amount to \$71.55 per year for every man, woman and child in the county according to the 1972 estimated population of Donley County, or about \$164.60 per year for each household in tax money to cover the cost of state welfare programs here.

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams

AUSTIN, Tex. — Gov. Dolph Briscoe gave the Legislature a new set of figures to ponder—his \$11.6 billion (all funds) version of the 1976-77 state budget.

Actually, the Briscoe budget calls for \$3 billion in general revenue outlays over which the Legislature has direct control. In effect, this is \$294 million less than Legislative Budget Board's earlier recommendation which forms the basis for Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committee hearings.

Briscoe handed his document to lawmakers with his standard warning: that he will not approve an appropriations bill that requires new or increased taxes.

While the Governor's executive budget document is \$1.1 billion below estimated general revenue income, it does not include the funds he has promised for public school finance equalization and for emergency measures he has recommended.

His school finance plan, his budget aide estimates, will require another \$600 million to \$650 million. Emergency school spending and increases in state employees' pay and retirement benefits for state workers and school teachers will absorb about \$280 million more.

When you add it all up, by Briscoe's own calculation, only about \$60 million of a once-fat surplus would be

left over if the executive budget is implemented. Cranking a sizable school finance plan adjustment into the LBB budget would leave no surplus at all.

Texas Research League renewed its warning that a major tax bill in 1977 is "almost a certainty" considering the course of budget recommendations to date.

CLAIMS ACCEPTED Texas Employment Commission began taking claims for extended unemployment benefits February 1.

Those eligible to file are unemployed persons who have filed initial claims for benefits within a year before January 26 and have exhausted their benefit eligibility under old regulations.

Payments will be made at the same rate as for regular unemployment insurance, but the total extended benefits will equal only 50 per cent of regular benefits. A new federal program may pay extended benefits in the same amount as regular extended state benefits.

The extended benefits are available only so long as the rate of unemployment remains at levels specified by law.

Claimants who file for extended benefits on or before February 19 may file claims backdated to include January 26 if they meet usual requirements for unemployment insurance. Claims may

be filed at the nearest Texas Employment Commission office.

UNITIZATION BACK One of the explosive issues of the 1973 Legislature — oil field unitization — is back for another round.

Thirty-three representatives introduced it in the House in a "majority-consent" form. The bill would allow owners of an oil field to join in a common production system to improve operational efficiency, make better use of the secondary recovery techniques and recover more oil from the ground.

Rep. David Finney of Fort Worth, the lead sponsor, claimed the legislation and full application of advanced technology could add at least two billion barrels of oil to reserves in Texas fields, and that an additional seven billion barrels may be recoverable by 1985.

Under present law all working interests and royalty owners in a field must agree to unitize production. Under the bill 75 per cent of producers and royalty owners could require unitization.

AG OPINIONS

The Legislature can limit the amount of funds that the State Board of Education can set aside out of the Available School Fund for use in providing free textbooks for public school students, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

• The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation can allocate unexpended balances as state grants-in-aid to community centers for mental health and retardation services.

• Alcoholic Beverage Commission is not supposed to reveal the home addresses of liquor licensees.

Local Youth Make Good Showing At Forth Worth

Clarendon High School Ag instructor George Martin reports that his FFA boys showed 30 head and took 29 ribbons and two rosettes at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

Doug Kidd's, middle-weight Berkshire barrow took champion in that breed, and Wayne Hardin took a first place with his light-weight Yorkshire, which was chosen reserve champion York.

Other FFA boys who placed are as follows by classes:

Junior show: light-weight Spotted Poland China—Lynn Floyd, third; Frank Hommel, fifth; Joe Wheeler, eighth; Rodney McAnear (4-H), ninth. Middle-weight Spot-Dennis Petty 10th; and Don Hillis, 13th. Heavy-weight Spot—Gary Jack, third; Dan Hall, fourth; Michael Thomas, 10th; and Dewey Ford, 13th. Crossbred—Clint Robinson, fourth.

Berkshire: middle-weight-Doug Kidd, champion. Chester White: light-weight-Joe Wheeler, second; Prescott Wright, fifth; Gary Jack, 10th; heavy-weight-Bubba Newhouse, fifth. Hampshire: Clint Robinson, third place light-weight. Poland China: light-weight-Wayne Hardin, first place; Bubba Newhouse, third; Dennis Swinney, fourth. Middle-weight-Michael Thomas, fourth. Heavy-weight-Don Hillis,

eight. In the open show, for all ages, over and under 21 years, the winners were as follows: Heavy weight cross barrow-Don Hillis, fifth; light-weight Spot-Wayne Hardin, eighth; and Dennis Petty, 11th; heavy-weight Spot-Don Hall, first place. Steer and Heifer Show

Rodney McAnear of the Donley County 4-H placed with a middle-weight Shorthorn steer. Other winners in the steer show included Frank Hall (FFA), fourth place Polled Hereford; Lisa McAnear (4-H), sixth place light-heavy-weight Hereford-Shorthorn cross; Mark Mann (4-H), 12th place with a Galloway-Hereford cross.

Winners in the heifer show included the following: Phillip Moreman (4-H),

second place Hereford; Paul Hermesmeier (FFA), ninth place Shorthorn; Melody Moreman (4-H), 13th place Hereford; and Mary Jo Hermesmeier (4-H), 16th place Shorthorn heifer.

The Donley County 4-H and the Clarendon High School FFA contestants will leave February 24 for a week at the Houston Fat Stock Show.

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Willie Johnson's Hedley

O'Neal Weatherly, Hedley city secretary and Virgil McPherson and Clifford Johnson, members of the Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Water Authority, attended a called meeting of the Authority at Childress last Monday evening. Plans made to increase the capacity of the filter plant at Greenbelt Lake and add additional pumps and storage tanks in the Childress, Quanah and Crowell areas. These improvements were deemed necessary in order to furnish water to the rural customers during the summer months.

Mrs. Bonnie Waddell, and Mrs. Wilma Marsh were Clarendon shoppers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Powell visited his mother in the Thomas Rest Home in Wellington Tuesday.

The WSCS of the Hedley United Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Harry Boatright at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 28. There were six members present. The devotional was given by Mrs. Boatright. It was from "The Upper Room." An article was read by Mrs. J.S. Hinds that the year 1975 has been set by the United Nations as "International Womens Year."

The first lesson on women of the Bible was led by Mrs. C.L. Johnson. "Mary Maglene" was the subject. Members present were Mesdames Pearl Moore, Willie Johnson, Myrtle Kirkpatrick, Betty Williams, Verda Hinds and the hostess Mrs. Gertrude Boatright.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, at the home of Mrs. J.S. Hinds.

Mrs. Della Doherty was transferred from the North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo to the Hall County Hospital in Memphis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Spalding has been visiting their daughters and their families in Clayton, N.M. They returned home last Monday.

Last Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Lois Lair was working in the Post Office while the Postmaster Mrs. Elva Davis was taking her mother, Mrs. S.P. Dishman to the doctor in Memphis.

William Bradley of Alarreed was in Hedley Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Glass of McLean were Hedley shoppers Wednesday of last week.

Billy Bridges and son, Kent, of Amarillo visited Mrs. Mabel Bridges last Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Ben Blackwell of Amarillo visited Mrs. J.B. Pickett Thursday.

The Hedley boys and girls basketball teams played the Lakeview teams there last Tuesday evening. These were district conference games. The Hedley girls won their game by a wide margin. In the boys game coach Lemley used every player on the bench but still won by a heavy score.

Ansil Adamson has been appointed to the Donley County Hospital Board to fill the unexpired term of O.C. Watson.

Miss Vanessa Myers of Amarillo was a Hedley visitor last weekend.

Leslie F. Gibson, 74, passed away in the High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo last Tuesday January 28. He was a former Hedley resident and moved to Amarillo in 1955. Memorial services were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Schooler-Gordon-Robertson Colonel Chapel in Amarillo Thursday. The Rev. Melvin Hooten, pastor of the Summitt Baptist Church officiated. Interment was in

the Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo.

Survivors include five sons; Gordon of Amarillo, Arthell of Pampa, Deward of Amarillo, Loyal of Prescott, Arizona, and Bobby of Los Angeles, Cal., and two daughters Mrs. Wanda Carter of Amarillo and Mrs. Norine Murray of Panhandle.

Mrs. Fred Watt suffered injuries to her feet while getting off a ladder.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Woodruff announce the engagement and marriage to their daughter, Barbara Jane Woodruff, to Steven Maurice Myers. The ceremony will take place Saturday, February 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church in Amarillo, Friends of the couple are invited to attend.

Corrections: Miss Debbie DeBord attended the lingerie shower honoring Miss Mary Talley, Green and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Kennedy attended memorial services for their son in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tate and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carson and daughter Susan Cosby and baby of Borger visited Mr. and Mrs. John Tate and Mrs. Faye Howell Sunday of last week.

Verney F. Wade 74, passed away at his home in West Hedley Thursday morning January 30th at 4 p.m. He was born in Mansfield, TX., but has lived in Hedley the past 70 years. He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, the former Iola Crawford of the home, one son L.J. of Panhandle; one daughter, Mrs. Hoover Harrison of Amarillo; on brother, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Hedley. The pastor Rev. J.J. Terry and Rev. Noble Crawford officiated. Interment was in the Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Miss Myrtle Reeves was an Amarillo visitor last week. Emmitt F. Stiles recently received a 25 year consecutive membership pin from the Hedley American Legion Post. He is now in Long Beach, Cal., but says he will be back in Hedley as soon as the winter is over.

If you have any items you wish to sell don't forget the Lions Club consignment auction sale Saturday February 15.

Gordon Mann of Clarendon had heart surgery last Monday at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He is a brother of Mrs. Leonard Baggett of Hedley. His condition is reported satisfactory.

Mrs. Fannie Reynolds spent the last week with Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Luttrell. She now lives in the Cousins Home in Memphis.

Mrs. Basil Smith of Clarendon, Mrs. Rosco Land and Mrs. Alice Wallof Wellington were among the out of town visitors at Vernie Wades funeral here Saturday.

Terry and Tammy Baggett spent Friday night with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Baggett. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Baggett and live at Claude.

A good many Hedley fans attended the basketball games at Samnorwood Friday night. In the girls game the Samnorwood girls defeated the Hedley girls for the second time this season. In the second game the Hedley boys kept their winning streak going by defeating the Samnorwood boys by the score of 73-43. This gives the Hedley boys a

season record of 28 games won against 3 losses.

Tim Ricken of Ft. Sill, Ok., was at home for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Moore and granddaughter, Karen Marie Helms, of Memphis were Hedley visitors Saturday. They visited Mrs. Oscar Moore and others.

Former Hedley residents M. and Mrs. Johnnie Hill of Amarillo were weekend Hedley visitors.

Angela Marie Boliver, the eight month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Boliver of Amarillo, spent the past weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boliver. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Boliver came for her Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Johnson and Debbie of Canyon visited Mr. and Mrs. Barney Johnson Saturday.

J.M. Dickson of Panhandle was in Hedley Saturday to attend the memorial services for Vernie Wade and to visit with his mother Mrs. Mollie Dickson and others.

Jap Shaw came home from Amarillo with Mrs. Elsie Shaw and Mrs. Mildred Shaw Saturday for the weekend. He returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Riley of Amarillo were here for the Wade memorial service Saturday and to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Baggett.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gibson were in Hedley for the weekend. They visited the Harold Whites, the Walter Johnsons and others.

Tracy Sanders of Denver, Col., was here for the weekend visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sanders and his sisters and their families. Virgil McPherson and Vernon Patton attended the livestock sale in Wellington Saturday.

LeLand Pierce entered the Hall County Hospital in Memphis Sunday morning.

Funeral services were conducted for Steve O'Neal Couch, 20, in the Wood-Dunning Colonial Chapel in Plainview at 2 p.m. Monday. He died Friday in the Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

His death resulted from injuries received in a one car accident near Lubbock on January 28. He is a cousin of Charley, Alfred and Walter Johnson of Hedley. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson attended the services.

Mrs. Della Doherty in the Hall County Hospital is greatly improved.

Attendance was good for the Sunday morning service at the Hedley United Methodist Church. Special music was a solo by Mrs. Sharon Stafford with Mrs. Cliftje Doss at the piano.

Rev. J.W. Rosenberg of Pampa presided over the Lord's Supper table. Out of town guests included Mrs. Hazel Hill and daughter, Vanessa Myers, of Amarillo and Mrs. J.W. Rosenberg of Pampa.

The young people met at the church at 2:15 p.m. They carried a program to the nursing home at Clarendon Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Beulah Sanders spent most of last week visiting her children and grandchildren in Dimmitt, Plainview and Tullia.

Mrs. Merelen Sargent, Mrs. Renee Gibson and Mrs. Jackie Stafford were in the Fort Worth area Monday and Tuesday. They visited Don Blanks in the Veterans Hospital in Ft. Worth and the Bob Stafford family at Crowley.

A domino and 42 party sponsored by the young married couples of Hedley was held in the Lions Den Saturday evening. It was well attended.

Mrs. H.G. Hartwell has been receiving treatments in

Amarillo the past week.

The Hedley School lunch-room menu for this Thursday and Friday is Thursday pinto beans, spinach, deviled eggs, corn bread, chocolate pudding and milk. Friday-Frito pie, green salad, cheese, fruit jello and milk.

Te Hedley boys and girls basketball teams will be playing their last district conference games this Friday evening. The games will be with the Quail High School teams there. Why not go over and visit the good Quail people and enjoy the games.

Mrs. Marie Skaggs birthday is Saturday.

The next meeting of the Hedley Lions Club will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday of next week, February 13.

Beckie McPherson's birthday is Monday, February 10.

Tuesday, February 11, is the birthday of Winifred (Red) Doherty and Mrs. Nancy Mullins.

Attendance was good at the January 24th meeting of the Hedley Senior Citizen Club. The next meeting of the club will be in the Lions Den this Monday, February 10 at 7 p.m. come and bring cookies and have fun visiting and playing games.

Sunday, February 2, a prenuptial shower was given for Barbara Woodruff, bride-elect of Maurice Myers in the Hedley Lions Den from 3 to 4 p.m. Guests were registered by Vanessa Myers at a table covered with a white cloth center with a bud vase of blue and white flowers. Musical selections were played by Mrs. Janice Hill.

The refreshment table was covered with a lace cloth of pastel blue center with a miniature bride and an arrangement of blue and white flowers surrounding a blue candle. Punch was served from a crystal bowl by Mrs. Cindy Chilton.

Hostesses were Mesdames Martha Hill, Murdice Hill, Geraldine Holland, Margaret

Holland, Mary Ruth White, Kathy Holland, Janice Hill, Janis Alexander, Nancy Mullins, Denise Hill, Allea Altman, Faye Naylor, Louise Stewart and Dorothy Brinson.

Mrs. Johnnie Hill, Mrs. L.E. Woodruff and Vanessa Myers all from Pleasant Valley in Amarillo attended the above shower Sunday

afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Culen Hunsucker have been visiting the Neal Tibbetts family in Gainsville.

Miss Beckie McPherson had minor surgery in Amarillo Monday.

Mrs. Johnny Linville had two of her grandchildren from Amarillo with her for the weekend.



Clarendon's eighth grade Colt boys team members are: (front, left to right) Wade Porter, Billy Gardner, Gary McClellan, Dan Brandes, Ed Bromley; (back) Glendale Hearn, Steve Rives, Gary Thomas, Larry Davis and Keith Floyd.

ASHTOLA NEWS

By MRS. HUBERT RHOADES

Tuesday night, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Green and friends, Jane and Tim of Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Rhoades attended the Tech-Clarendon girls basketball game at the Bulldog stadium in Clarendon. Cheryl Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Green, plays on the Tech team.

Mrs. Clovis Bible went to the doctor at Groom Monday. She is slowly improving from the flu.

Congratulations to Joe Wheeler, who had hogs at the FFA Ft. Worth show his Chester White placed second and his Spotted Poland eighth.

Don Ward of Memphis visited Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Graham.

Mrs. Butch Grown of Groom visited Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Gray.

Recently, Guy Murphy, Phillip Russel, Ellen Casteel and Casey of Amarillo and Dell Hall visited Mr. and Mrs. James Tolbert and Velma Butler.

Mrs. Linda Gray, Ronnie and Mrs. Vance Gray were in Amarillo Thursday afternoon and visited Mrs. Buddy Tittle.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Green and Ellen visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green in Canyon and in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Robin Green.

Mrs. Harold Green of Phillips visited Friday with Mrs. Austin Rhoades at Medical Center Nursing Home.

Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Partain and Robert Lewis of Clarendon visited in Pampa with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gillam and others.

So glad to report Bill Johnston of Borger was released from St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Saturday. He had heart surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moffitt visited Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Lane.

Mrs. Rhonda Green, Jason and Lori of Clarendon spent the weekend in Panhandle with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Chamberlain.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mahaffey and Hugh helped

moving to the Cousins Home in Memphis.

Mrs. L.O. Christie continues to improve. Mrs. Othel Elliott and Mrs. Charlie Hearn visited her Monday.

Wes Wilkerson of Clarendon had a heart attack Tuesday. He is a patient at Groom Hospital, and his condition is very serious.

Mrs. Melvin Booth of Hedley and Mrs. Margaret Waldrop of Clarendon made a business trip to Lubbock Wednesday, and Margaret visited Mrs. Bill Lester.

Othel Elliott and Glynn Helton made a business trip to Wellington Thursday. Guests in the Othel Elliott home Friday night for 88 were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Perdue and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hearn.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Reynolds of Amarillo visited Sunday with Mrs. Etta Reynolds.

Mrs. Glynn Helton and Mrs. Othel Elliott went to Pampa Thursday.

L.A. Watson visited Friday with his brother, D.A. Watson, in Groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cole and children and Mrs. Blanch Higgins were guests for lunch in the home of Margaret Waldrop Sunday.

Steve Reynolds, Wayne and Flossie were in Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Watson had their brother-in-law, Virgil Bolles of Thousand Oaks, Cal., for lunch Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Odum and children were in Amarillo Saturday.

Thursday, C.I. Casteel of Amarillo visited his daughter, Mrs. L.A. Watson, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cole and children visited Sunday afternoon with the L.A. Watsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Tolbert and children of Amarillo spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tolbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lyles had their children, Mr. and

Mrs. Don Lyles and Julie of Groom, for lunch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cris Weems and children of Amarillo visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. L.O. Christie.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Reynolds and Wayne visited Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Helton visited Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Othel Elliott.

Mrs. Pete Land visited Sunday evening at Medical Center Nursing Home with Mrs. Maude Palmer, who is not as well as usual.

A large crowd attended the services at the Martin Baptist Church Saturday night and Sunday morning to hear the Good News Quartet in song and sermon. A basket lunch was served in the fellowship room after the Sunday morning service.

CORRECTION

For those of you who thought we had a new correspondent last week, an error was made at the newspaper office.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Gray's grandchildren who

visited with them for the first time since moving back to Amarillo are Scott and Cam.

Pests destroyed about one-third of the world's food production each year. That's enough food to feed one billion people.

TEXAS TALK



by BILL COLLIER
Branch Manager

This is the first week of TEXAS TALK and it seems appropriate to take this opportunity to explain a little about the column since now you'll be able to read it here every week.

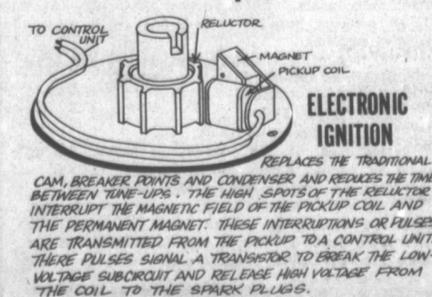
Through this column, we'll take a look at agriculture. Hopefully, there will be some things you thought you knew but weren't quite sure about and without a doubt there will be observations and definitions some readers know a whole lot more about than the writer.

One thing is guaranteed...many readers will find something new every week...and to keep things even more interesting you will find an occasional hint about the easy way to solve a problem you may be having around the house or on the farm or ranch. Comments on the column will be appreciated. Anybody's...anyplace...anytime.

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Eighth grade Colts girls team players are: (front, left to right) Gwen Edgett, Ann Calloway, Cyd Swinney, Kathy Kidd, Beverly Childs; (middle) Denise Stepp, Jullie Putman, Terri Ford, Mary Hermesmeyer, Teresa Hill, Nancy Johnson; (back) Kim White, Jeanie Lindsey, Cynthia Hardin, Ricci Tunnell, Watha Wheeler, Millie Hill and Dee Ann Cook.

Sunflower Growers Now Contracting 1975 Crop

Donley County farmers are expected to participate in what could be one of the biggest jumps in crop acreage in recent years on the High Plains.

A sunflower production meeting will be held at Wellington Thursday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse. Speakers will be extension service agents. From 12,000 to 13,000 acres of sunflowers have been contracted to Growers Seed of Lubbock from Donley County, reports county agent Ronald Gooch.

More than 200,000 acres, possibly as many as 400,000 acres, of sunflowers are expected to be planted in this area this year, compared to only 5,000 acres grown last year.

Donley County Soil Conservation Service officer James Gillespie said that, although sunflowers have demonstrated that they do well on the tighter-natured soil of the High Plains, he expects that several county farmers will experiment with the crop this year.

The 1975 production estimates were formed after a series of meetings this month at Amarillo and across the South Plains attended by producers, interested farmers, county agents and Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomists.

Dr. James Supak, extension specialist, said industry officials had expected an increase, but the prospects of acreage in excess of 200,000 acres, with a possible gross

between \$30 million and \$50 million, had probably caught many by surprise.

The anticipated expansion of sunflower acreage means that many farmers will be planting this crop for the first time in 1975, prompted by producer concerns about the market outlook for regular crops and the need for new crops with low water and nutrient requirements.

Dr. Supak said that many of the questions farmers would ask about sunflowers were as yet unanswered, due to the newness of the crop and hybrids developed.

"We don't yet have answers for insect control, yields under varying soil and climate conditions, disease resistance levels of new hybrids and other important questions," the agronomist said.

"What prompted many to consider jumping onto the wagon was the availability of firm, profitable contracts for sunflower seed, plus the recent development of sunflower hybrids," he said.

Before 1973, only open-pollinated varieties were available for commercial production. Since that time, several sunflower hybrids have been introduced in this area by commercial seed companies.

Supak noted that hybrids provide higher yields, and they are more uniform in emergence, flowering, maturity and height, permitting more effective insecticide treatments and harvesting. Hybrids also exhibit some resistance to potentially damaging diseases.

Sunflowers are generally adaptable, he said, to any area where cotton, grain sorghum, corn and soybeans can be grown. They are considered a drought-tolerant crop, and seedlings are hardy plants which seem to tolerate higher levels of hail, wind and sand abrasion than other crops normally grown in this area.

Sunflowers are the world's second largest source of vegetable oil, ranking only behind soybeans. About one-half million acres of all types are grown in the United States annually. Last year, Texas had about 7,000 acres planted in oil-type sunflowers. Other types grown for uses other than oil, such as seed and animal and

human consumption, are not included in these figures.

In years past, Brazos Bottom farmer John Niggelaz has grown several hundred acres of hybrid sunflowers for planting seed annually. Income from these is about five times by weight that of oil producing sunflowers, since they are grown with the heads under plastic bags to prevent cross fertilization with wild varieties.

The commercially produced varieties stand several times the height of wild sunflowers, with head up to about a foot across.

Supak said that dryland yields are expected to range from 500 to 1,000 pounds per acre, depending on soil fertility and rainfall. Irrigated yields range from 1,200 to 2,500 pounds per acre.

Processing of High Plains seed is done mostly by local oil mills, available at Claude and at Groom.

Bulldogs Drop Two Players From Roster

The Clarendon College Bulldogs lost two leading scorers as a result of language infractions stemming from a disputed call Tuesday night's game with New Mexico Military Institute, casting a gloom over the tail end of the season.

NMMI was credited with a 66-65 win over Clarendon here, breaking two records for the NMMI Bulldogs.

Bronco athletic director Derry Moore said this was the first year in the past 10 that NMMI has won four Western Conference games, much less four in a row as they have now. They are 5-5 in the conference.

"It took guts to make that call," Bronco coach Gary Cardinal told the referee who made the call in question. Indeed it did. For a while it looked as though he might be lynched by angry fans.

The Clarendon College Bulldogs turned in a fine first half performance and went to the lockers leading 38-30 at the half. Although Archie Hughes paced the team with 19 total points, teamwork was the key in the first half.

Davy Graham stold three consecutive Bronco balls, and Terry Blanks was hot on the boards. Blanks set up scores through Harrison Andrews and Archie Hughes, and then Graham stold the ball again and set it up through Blanks.

The Bulldogs kept the ball moving and wore the Broncos down through the first half. Charles Quisenberry assisted on two consecutive scores by Graham and then pulled in a rebound which Hughes made good for two. Graham also looked good on the boards, rebounding with a vengeance. But the Broncos weren't all that bad, either. Their Daves Otero and Romo each hit for 16 points, and any time Otero wasn't hard pressed, he was good for

two, even long outside. The Broncos began to pull from behind late in the second half, although they were slowed considerably by Warrior's ferocious rebounding, which nearly cost one Bronco his nose when it got within elbow distance of Warrior and the ball.

New Mexico's Broncos finally pulled out front by one point with 30 seconds left in the game, and, unable to move the ball in close, team captain Archie Hughes called time for the Bulldogs with 21 seconds remaining.

The Bulldogs continued to pass the ball and look for an opening, nearly losing it one pass. John Hagans, ace long shooter averaging 17 points per game since he became eligible at mid-season due to transfer, started to take a chance, but then he passed the ball.

At four seconds to play, the sparse crowd of fans sounded like thousands as Hughes got the ball, yelling for him to shoot. He did and made the basket as the buzzer sounded. NMMI's Broncos turned downcast, but the referee didn't count the score.

Fans stormed across the floor to get in on the huddle between both coaches and all the players, and then the Broncos began to dance around. The referee decided to put four more seconds back on the clock and give the ball to NMMI, claiming to have called traveling on the Bulldogs.

Andrews recovered the ball for Clarendon with an intentional foul, which to Broncos failed to capitalize on, but were unable to score in the two seconds on the clock at that time.

Following point man Hughes' 19, Blanks netted 12 points, Hagans 10 points, Warrior nine, Graham eight, Quisenberry four and Andrews three points.



Lelia Lake Doings

Tina and Tracie Shields of Amarillo spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shields.

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. McDaniel spent Sunday in Vernon visiting with J.B.'s aunt, Mrs. M.B. Rhoads, and a cousin, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Pierce of Grand Prairie, and a friend of many years, Woodrow Tacker.

Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Nelson Jr. spent Thursday night in Dimmitt with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Petty.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Noble visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Quattlebaum. We are glad Mrs. Quattlebaum is feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mooring of Amarillo visited Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Edd Mooring.

Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Butler, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Heckle Stark of Clarendon, attended The Little Theatre's Production, "The Fantastics," Sunday afternoon. While in Amarillo, they visited Mrs. Butler's sister, Mrs. Carrie Ballew, and Clarence Bairfield. Both are patients in St. Anthony's Hospital.

Pauline Dean of Modesto, Cal., Miss Irene Riley and Cleo Crutchfield of Clarendon visited Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Usrey.

N.R. Simmons carried Mrs. Simmons to Groom Monday for medical attention.

Sheila Smith and Sharon Williams, of Wayland Baptist College, spent the weekend with Sheila's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith. Sheila and Sharon attended the Young Peoples Retreat at Panfork Camp in Wellington Friday night and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall Hardin of Clarendon visited Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dishman.

Mrs. Carol Hewett and children of Amarillo spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. W.M. Mace.

Burk DeBord of Ashtola visited last week with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dishman.

We are happy Mrs. Earl Myers is much improved and hopes to come home sometime this week.

Wylie Reynolds, Preston Byrd, R.O. Nelson Jr., J.B. McDaniel and Mr. Lowry were among the ones from Lelia Lake to attend the farm sale in Wellington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Nelson Jr. made a trip to Dimmitt Monday to bring their grandson, Kevin and Dennis, home with them for several days while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Petty, vacation in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Floyd attended the B.F. Wade funeral in Hedley Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Floyd had lunch in Memphis Sunday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moffitt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Campbell of Clarendon visited Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hasteley.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hasteley visited last Sunday in Plainview with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hasteley.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Johnson from Pampa spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Altman. Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Altman, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Regina went to Amarillo, had dinner and went to a movie. Sunday they went to Canyon to visit another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Watson and Regina of Clarendon visited in Memphis hospital to see Mrs. Altman great niece Kimberly Beth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Altman.

Debbie McWright, Gary Aven and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Risley were guest at the Community Center supper Saturday night. The time for the next meeting was changed from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. They meet every other Saturday night.

Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Rosenberg from Pampa had lunch with Helen Woody Sunday. Rev. Rosenberg helped with the Sunday service at the Hedley Methodist Church.

Mrs. C.E. Hewett and children of Amarillo spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Mace.

Thursday afternoon, a brother-in-law of Mrs. R.D. Castner, C.W. Milner of Sherman, his mother, Mrs. Cheryle Milner from Guinter, and his sister, Mrs. Nell Hendrix of Denton, dropped by to visit for a little while.

Mrs. Myers of Lelia Lake has been in the Hall County Hospital in Memphis and is expected to go home in a day or so.

FB Board Hears Report From Austin
At the regular monthly meeting of the Donley County Farm Bureau Monday night, board members heard the report from the state legislative conference and discussed plans for future meetings.

Clayton Ferris, who gave the report from the Austin legislative conference, reported no relief is in sight on ad valorem taxes. These property taxes will be reformed this year to finance public education on a state-wide base. There is some possibility of some relief from taxing intangibles, such as stocks and bonds.

An alternative to a land use planning bill opposed by the Texas Farm Bureau would be a bill to give commissioners courts the authority to regulate land use through a planning commission, rather than having a state regulatory body, Sen. Tom Creighton said.

Colts Corral

Howdy! Welcome back to CJH.

Last week both 8th teams and the 7th girls played Silverton here. We're sorry to say it, but both girls teams were downed: the 7th 20-17, the 8th 40-30. Despite the scores, they played great, and we want to congratulate them for their effort!!

But the 8th boys game was a different story! They romped the Silverton Owls 31-12. Way to go, guys!

Tonight the 8th teams play Claude, so let's go out and cheer 'em to a victory! Go, Colts.

Some of the basketball guys think they need to change basketball's name to Commando!!

It seems that 6B walloped 6A in a vocabulary contest. Congratulations!

6A says they're enjoying "Where the Red Fern Grows." Right, gang?

Valentines Day is closing in on us! You can tell that by the way the girls are chasin' boys!

Becky H. won't be gettin' cold any more with #63's sweater. Right, W.P.?...and speakin' of sweaters, Teresa H. has a magic one! It seems to change numbers every other day!

Gary M. has a new theme song! "Old McIver had a boy, E-I-E-I-O, and on this boy she put a...!!!"

Mrs. N. seems to be making like miserable for her 6th grade "projects."

Coach B. says the wind is starting to whistle through his hair. You really need a haircut, Coach!!

Penny W. couldn't wait till the 8th boys played Silverton! Wonder why?

The 6th girls and boys have been takin' P.E. together. I bet they're havin' fun!!

Larry D., why were you erasing the board with a bookcover? Do you have something to hide?

Kathy K., don't mess with Coach B.'s map unless you're able to suffer the consequences!!!

Everyone have fun and be sure to go enjoy the Beauty and Brawn Pageant!

Have a happy day!!

BRONC BUSTER

The month of February has arrived and brought with it all that moisture that we all needed! Probably now that the dust has settled, everyone's sinus conditions will be cleared away for a while at least! But anyway, at least we are having rain and maybe now things will improve. You have to admit, the weather is the only thing you have to pay for! Might as well enjoy it!

The Beauty and the Brawn Pageant will be held tonight at the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Building up at the college. The time is 7:30. Tickets are: Adults \$1.00, students, 75 cents. The pageant is sponsored by the Annual Staff (headed by Miss Betty Veach), and is always a highlight of many of the school's activities.

Nominees are: Seniors, Debbie Robertson, Terry Davis, Jennie Barbee, and Pat Trout; are the girls. Danny Monroe, Russel Baldwin, Kenneth King, and Randy Croslin. Juniors are: Jan Barbee, Mona Robinson, Tamie Douthit, Karen Burgess, Eddie Eads, Ricky Mooring, Lynn Floyd, and Gary Jack. Sophomores are: Teresa Jack, Darlene Davis, Brenda Ritchie, Kim Radney, Larry Brackett, Tony Wallace, Barry Schaffer, and Mike Newhouse. Freshmen: Sheryl Booth, Terri Sparks, Ellen Green, Susan Bright, Bubba Newhouse, Clint Robinson, John Hall, and Keith Topper.

As you can well see, it's going to be a long, hard battle for the judges of entertainment. A cup will be presented to the best entertainment. So...ya'll come!!

The results from the Miss Ugly contest are out. Ellen Green won by a greenback and a half. Congratulations to Ellen Green! Now Jake Hightower won't be so lonesome! Camille Mann ran a close second and Helen Riggs crawled barely into third place. The others were so out of sight that they couldn't even be seen in the horizon of losers! Poor them! The Spanish Club would like to thank each of these girls for their outstanding good naturedness all during this running and for the money they earned. The next Spanish Club project is a Carnation Sale for Valentine's Day. Leave it to the Spanish Club to come up with original and new ideas!

The FTA have appointed a new Mr. and Mrs. FTA of 1975-76. They are Mac Thornberry and Mona Robinson. Teacher of the Year was Miss Veach. FTA will have a "Valentine for Teachers Day" February (what else) 14. This committee is headed by Shirley Wise. The Scrapbook and Teacher's Aid committees are getting ready for FTA state convention competition at Ft. Worth. Good Luck!

Our Bronchettes have fallen into the limelight recently. Camille Mann, Chris Craft, Tallene Littlefield, and Pam Mooring have all been featured in the Panhandle's Top Basketball Players section in the Amarillo Daily News. And the Bronchettes have won another game, this time against Wellington. I am very grateful to Camille Mann for writing Bronco News, an article featuring all the recent games our basketball teams play. No, she didn't replace Bronco Buster, for that is high school news in general, but Bronco News features the basketball teams. Since Bronco Buster is written only once a week, it's hard to cover all basketball games. Once again, thanks, Camille!

We have a new band in CHS called YES! But I wouldn't recommend them for the Junior Senior Prom, would you, fellas?

Larry Doane, how come little girls like to boo at you? Mrs. Todd, is it true that birthday cake has no calories? Spanish class is yum-yum! Calvin Burrow's birthday was celebrated recently with banana spits!

The coach from Texas A&M is smart. He picked an Aggie out of the American History class fourth period. Wonder who that brilliant, intelligent person could be....

Coach Noonkester, he has one recurring nightmare; the Dallas Cowboys tap-dancing in multi-colored tu-tu's!!

Pam Johnston, Like wow, man, what's got your dander up?

Coach Lemons, has Jerry thrown you against any television sets recently?

Bill Smith, That's life!

Miss Veach, Bug-a-buga!

Deanna Baird, what is that glittery object shining upon your finger? Could it be an engagement ring?

Ellen Green, how does it feel to be the first and only Miss Ugly? Congratulations for winning this coveted award.

Camille Mann, who was that good-looking guy you were out with over the weekend?

Karen Burgess, we found em, we just couldn't trap 'em! Mrs. Green, who is "Sodbuster Bernie."

Mona Robinson, what's so interesting in the Future Farmer magazines?

I heard about the Ag. boys' wild adventures at the Ft. Worth Stock Show!!

Lynn Floyd, he saw a lot of pigs.

Don Hillis brought home a picture of a pig.

What did the rest of you do????

Well, it's time now to close. Let's whoop and holler very quietly in the halls over the excitement of actually having rain in Clarendon. But don't get in trouble!

Till next week.

Cutest Couple: Judy Adams and Dan Hall.

Down in the dumps? Smile, people may let you down, but there's always someone around to bring you back up!

Adios!

INCREASE OUTDATED...

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west and northwest and down to Hedley on the east, including the Lelia Lake community. Rates for residential phones are set on a band-system in this area, at \$10.65 0-1 miles out of Clarendon, \$12.00 for the band 1-3 miles, \$13.25 out 3-6 miles, \$14.25 out 6-10 miles and \$15.25 for phones 10-15 miles out of Clarendon. Davis said there are 249 rural residential phones and eight rural business phones on the Clarendon exchange.

"The logic for the band system on rates," Davis said, "is the further out you get, the more it cost to serve the area. We've got to have a pair of lines all the way back to the office for every four customers." He said the average rural density is about one customer per mile.

Manager Davis said that, since the increase, several residential phones in the area have been taken out, and two business phones went to residential rates.

Jimmy L. Butler, Lelia Lake farmer and consumer advocate for the rural telephone subscribers, said that the higher telephone rate increases in rural areas amounted to rural users subsidizing city users, who have protection against unjustified rate increases. The City Council must approve increases within the city, but the telephone company doesn't have to justify rural rate increases to anyone. This amounts to unequal protection under the law, and Butler said it was discrimination against a minority group, the farmers.

"I can't have any comment against that," General Telephone District Manager Davis said, concerning the question of possible discrimination against farmers. "It's just that it costs more to run lines and give service in these areas." He pointed out that many farmers run an operation with, say, a \$200,000 per year gross from a residential phone, while small businesses with much smaller grosses are forced to pay business rates 225 per cent higher.

"So basically I don't think farmers are being discriminated against," he said. "I guess it's a matter of opinion about them being picked on."

Davis said that in the past many cities have subsidized rural subscribers so they could be brought into the city exchanges, but, with prices the way they are today, cities have got where they can't carry anybody.

"People have to pay higher prices for groceries," he said. "They can't do anything about that. So they take out their resistance on us. People in towns have got where they resist high utility rates, and we can't get any more money from them to help anybody. When you think about it, telephones save rural users a pot full of gasoline."

"Somebody has got to pay for this service, either in town or somebody else. When we got the increase in Clarendon, we got less than half what we asked for to cover inflation over the past three years. We are just barely getting by in Clarendon. If we had to base our bond rates on what we get in Clarendon, we would be in trouble."

When it was pointed out to Davis that probably about half of the rural subscribers affected by the large telephone rate increase are living on Social Security or retirement payments and were particularly hard-pressed, some of them even having to have their phones removed, he said that Social Security recently got a 10 per cent increase and regularly get cost of living increases to cover inflation.

"There is just no way that private enterprise can carry them, at least no one single industry," Davis said. "There's no way that we can furnish them service and not make a profit. We'd eventually wind up like the railroads."

"The government runs the telephone companies in Europe," he continued, "and it costs \$150 to have a phone put in in London, and they have a two-year waiting list." People think telephone companies can go along with

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out making any money, and they just can't do it. We are paying the lowest dividend this year on our common stock in 20 years."

Telephone companies have been getting a lot of flack lately concerning their operations. Texas Attorney General John Hill has filed suit in San Antonio against Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as the result of Senate investigations into allegations of wire-tapping, campaign slush fund contributions and keeping two sets of books, with one for rate cases.

A federal anti-trust suit has been filed in New York City against American Telephone and Telegraph Company, seeking to divorce this supply subsidiary from the mother Bell Systems.

Davis said that there was no way he could tell if the rural rate increase on 257 users and the increase agreed on by the City of Clarendon taken together increased General Telephone's overall income to the 30 per cent originally asked of the city without conducting a study. The increase was set, he said, by their San Angelo headquarters.

But General Telephone District Manager Davis said that, in areas more sparsely populated than this one, telephone cooperatives have been formed to provide service. These co-ops can get loans at two per cent and have to pay no income tax, but they still charge as much as does General Telephone here, he said.

Scouts To Get God And Country Awards Sunday

Two Scouts from Troop No. 33 will receive the God and Country Award on Scout Sunday, February 9 at the United Methodist Church under the direction of Rev. Weldon Rives.

Wade Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Porter, is 14 years old, received the Eagle Rank in 1974, and was the Outstanding Scout of the Troop in 1973.

Jon Nicholes son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Nicholes, is 12 years old, holds the Star Rank, and was the Outstanding Scout of the Troop in 1974.

Both of these young men have put in a year of service and dedication to the church in working for this high award. This will make a total of 41 God and Country Awards earned by members of Troop No. 33 since 1966.

42 Party Is Set At Ashtola

There will be a 42 party at the Ashtola Community Center Saturday night February 8.

Elora Martin, Lena Mae Graham, Mary Mann, May Wilkerson and Blanch Higgins will be hostesses. If you will bring a covered dish and join us, we will eat at 6:30.

Bring your dominoes please.

Show Starts 7 p.m.

Feb. 6, 7 & 8th



Feb. 9, 10, & 11th.

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