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## Weekend:

### Olton's Summer fun fest

Sandhills Day is Saturday . . .

By GORDON ZEIGLER  
AgReview Writer

OLTON — The majestic old sandhills south of here — called a one-of-a-kind "sand crawl" formation by geologists who deem it a Pleistocene remnant of the Brazos River — have fascinated and served man for eons.

First it was the Indian, later the Comanchero and Buffalo hunter, then finally the pioneer— who sought out accessible spring waters two feet below sand level.

Fun loving West Texans still trek to the old hills annually as part of Olton's Sandhill Days Celebration which hits a crescendo on Saturday. Its one of Texas'

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## AgReview

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### 'Ballad of Crawfish Draw' is pride of 'native'

Tale of Indians, sandhills,  
buffalo bones, romance . . .  
An authentic, historic epic

OLTON — Mardema Ogletree's *Ballad of Crawfish Draw* has links to historical events stretching Old Tascosa to Lubbock. Its heroes and heroines of the 1890's come alive Aug. 12-13 in **See Pg 3**

Fun in the Sandhills!



## Olton's Sandhills Celebration

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Big Days

Thursday, Aug. 4

- 6:00 pm—Hamburgers, etc. (Lions Club)
- 8:30 pm— Home Talent Show in open air pavilion

Friday, Aug. 5

- 2:00 to 4:00 pm—Tour of Runningwater Draw Care Center (800 13th Street)
- 6:00 pm—Dog Show
- 6:00 pm—Hamburgers, etc. (Lions Club)
- 8:30 pm—Street Dance - "Country Nites"

Saturday, August 6th

- 6:00 to 9:00 am—LIONS CLUB Breakfast Lions Club Building  
Small building behind Ag-Pavilion
- 6:00 To 9:00 am—OLTON CHAPTER VFW Pancake Breakfast  
VFW Hall across from Leon's
- 8:00 am—Arts & Crafts Show Around the Square(all day)
- 10:30 am—Parade Begins
- 11:00 am—Games begin-Volleyball, Horseshoe Pitching, Registration, etc.
- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm—Registration of Pioneers and Guests  
At the Sandhills Headquarters across south of Pavilion
- 12:00 noon—Hamburgers, Baked Potatoes, Mexican Food  
Other Food Booths also
- 1:00 pm— Recognition of Pioneers and Guests  
Softball Tournament
- 2:00 pm—Childrens' Games, Petal Pushers, Tractor Pulls
- 2:00 pm—Entertainment and Gift Certificate Drawings (Olton Bucks)
- 6:00 pm—Ex-Student Supper in the Olton school Cafeteria (OHS Junior Class)
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It's all happening the weekend of Aug. 11-13 as part of "Denim Daze," which has been chosen as theme for the 1994 Harvest Days Celebration.

The Castro County Fair will be held Friday and Saturday at the Expo Building. Entries are due by 6 p.m. Thursday. Viewing will continue through 5 p.m. Saturday.

Arts and Crafts exhibits will be available for viewing all day Friday and Saturday.

The rodeo, sponsored by the Dimmitt Roping Club will be produced by Blackwell Rodeo Company. It is a TRCA-sanctioned event.

Saturday action is highlighted by the

annual Harvest Days Parade.

Parade line up time is 9 a.m. The parade kicks off a full day of fun activities.

A fairly new fun is the second annual Tug O War, sponsored by the Dimmitt Fire Department. The first pull will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday. Prizes will be awarded the winning team.

The Class of 1939 of Dimmitt High School is holding its 55th reunion in conjunction with this year's harvest event.

Coordinators are J.R. and Mary Jo Brown, Dorothy (Graham) Sheffy and Garnett Holland.

The Class of 1939 will meet at the K-Bob Steak House at 7:30 p.m. Friday for a dutch treat dinner. They will also convene at 10 a.m.

Saturday in the Senior Citizens Building, 218 West Jones. The Early Settlers and class members will visit, watch the parade and have lunch.

Dimmitt's Friendship Quilters are sponsoring a quilt show Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Last year's event drew 55 entries.

Various awards will be given top quilters.

The annual Horseshoe and Washer Pitching Contest will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, with registration ending at noon.

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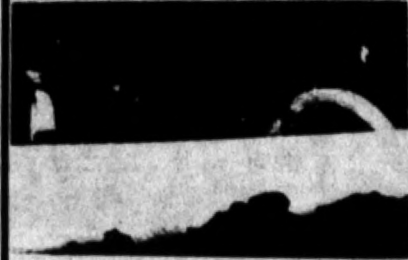
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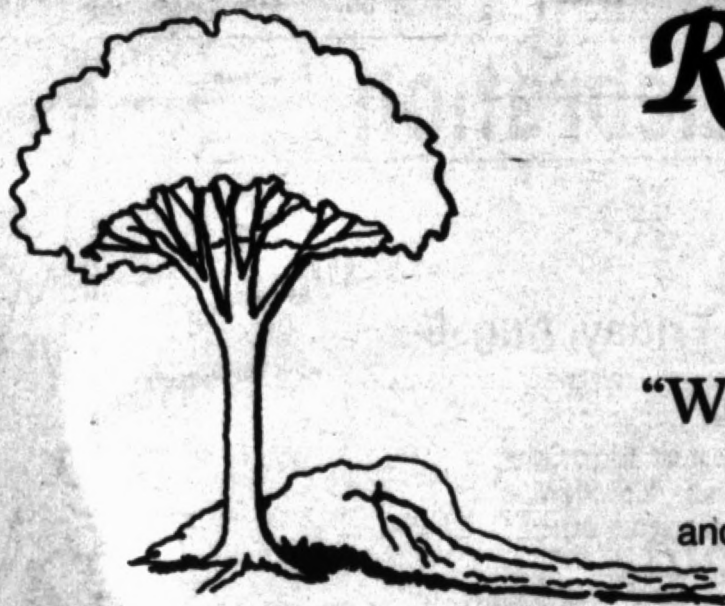
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# People, events from Old Tascosa to Lubbock part of drama/musical

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an outdoor setting, in a theater on the prairie two miles south of Olton on FM 168.

Show goers may enjoy Dinner on the Draw from 6 to 8 p.m., including a barbecue meal with all the trimmings.

The drama begins at 8:30 p.m.

The original play is written by Mardema Ogletree, a Lubbock resident and Olton native, with musical score by Harold Dean Carson.

Jay Brown, director of the Theater of the Performing Arts at South Plains College in Levelland, is directing.

**Ballad of Catfish Draw** is an entertaining version of the area's history from about 1890 to 1909.

To the west of the prairie theater can be seen the sprawling Catfish Draw valley.

A historic wagon road which wound beside it was part of the shortest route to Santa Fe from Spanish Texas.

High on a hill to the west and surrounded by big trees is the old two-story home of a former XIT ranch cowboy and his family.

The characters in the drama, for the most part, are based on some of the Crawfish Draw area pioneers.

The first scene opens on the last of the old buffalo hunters near

the Sand Hills.

The choral group explains about the travels along the trail of mustangers, cattlemen and the buffalo bone pickers as well as the Texas Rangers.

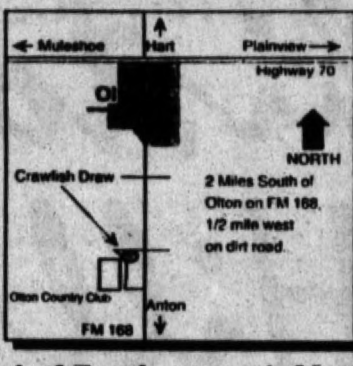
The group tells about Sam, a former buffalo bone picker picking up a wife, as well as sheep in Tascosa.

He also acquires a still, which he illegally operates out in the Sand Hills. The scene shifts to Sam's place where he has one conflict after another.

Hospitable Mr.

Cunningham, based on a character whose name once was associated with a prominent dune in the hills called Cunningham's Hill,

was a friend of Frank Norfleet. They manage to provide a prospector with plenty of information about the Catfish Draw country. Sam gets an official visit from the Castro County



deputy sheriff and continues to agitate and be agitated.

An unforgettable finale in this scene is Martha's poetic tale of her early years in Crawfish Draw country.

At intermission, the time is early May of 1908. The place is the Castro County court-

house in Dimmitt. A crowd's excitement first focuses on the outcome of Col. C.C. Slaughters lawsuit against Sam.

There is a great deal of conflict concerning the signing of the petition to organize Lamb County and locate the county seat. Old Spring Lake and Olton were the only towns in the county at that time.

Sam disappears in

the sand hills; his horse comes home alone. Neighbors search for Sam.

The ending will be revealed at the performance next week.

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# Meet the 'historian' of the Sand Hills country

■ Play results from untiring study of Plains area history

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

**O**LTON — Mardema Ogletree's effort to recreate life of the 1890s in Olton Sandhills country and portray its authentic heroes and heroines on a

prairie stage under the stars next week stems from her lifelong love of area history.

Yet, her discovery of the historic details now part of *Ballad of Crawfish Draw* is a more recent phenomenon.

Not more than a few years ago the Olton native accidentally stumbled on what could be likened to the original cradle of Lamb County civilization on the banks of a valley whose name she never knew until then. It lay along a route believed to have been heavily travelled by a who's who of Southwest history: including pre-Puebloan Indians, Coronado's army, Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie, Comancheros, buffalo hunters and the list goes on. It lay along what was a main route between Spanish Texas and Santa Fe, one of the oldest settlements in North America.

It was here on the banks of a minor, wandering draw called Crawfish that the Olton area's key players first settled.

Shortly after her visit to the site, the drama



Playwright Mardema Ogletree



Photo By Sue Cannon/Olton

## Last evidence of wagon road

A sandhill since levelled for ag purposes was photographed several years ago as it still revealed evidence of the old wagon road along Crawfish Draw. Called the main route from Spanish Texas to Santa Fe, the road was traversed by wagons which left ruts along the bottom of a v-trough left in the shifting dunes.

all but jumped onto the page and wrote itself, she claims.

"I had gone to Olton and was interviewing old timers, because I was very interested in local history," she said. "I was into local projects, like working on the Lamb County History, so I was seeking first hand historical accounts."

On visiting Walter Struve, member of a pioneer family, she was shown an old photograph of a long-forgotten wagon road winding along

what he called Crawfish Draw.

"I had never heard of Crawfish Draw," Ogletree admits. "Walter Struve showed us the photo, and took us out to the site. About then I realized it was along that draw that the very first pioneers had settled."

That discovery was like hitting pay dirt, and it turned into the major inspiration for what was to follow.

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## The past fuels tourism in today's 'Olde Olton'

**O**LTON — Tourism has become a driving force in this Lamb County town which sprang to life in 1908 when an influx of settlers began putting down roots in rich agricultural land north of the sandhills.

Almost a century later the culture of Olton has matured to the point it looks back with pride on a long and rich heritage known to be at least as old as some historically significant pre-Puebloan Indian campsites scattered through the sandhills south of here. (Some believe the archeology here to be as significant as the Lubbock Lake Site)

Restoration of bits and pieces of Olton's past has become a focus of efforts to rejuvenate the economy via tourist development.

Some quaint shops have sprung up here: Main Street Classics, unique antique car museum on main street, and a new bed and breakfast hotel next door opened several weeks ago just in time for a major event.

Due in part to some local promotion, out of town visitors have begun to visit Olton on a regular basis, according to local merchants.

In August for the past 15 years, Olton has held its annual weekend fun fest celebration

called Sandhills Days

The event has begun to draw hundreds annually to its crafts show, food booths and fun events held from sunrise to sunset near a downtown pavilion.

This year, the big celebration day is Saturday with a host of fun events on the card.

The event is not actually staged in ancient sand dunes, (it takes place in Olton while the formations are actually located about six miles south of town).

Yet, it stands as a memorial to an almost forgotten tradition of picnicking and frolicking in the dunes of the sandhills. It is an oft remembered popular pastime dating from the time of the pioneers.

Former chamber manager Lois Brimhall is credited with pushing the celebration about the time of the nation's Bicentennial as a "good idea to celebrate our sandhills heritage."

Its schedule of events spotlights recreation more than it does history.

Yet, someday soon, the town's dream will be to develop that heritage by developing the Sand Crawl Museum and Library.

That facility will benefit from proceeds of a two-day performance of *Ballad of Crawfish Draw* next week.

The original drama/musical production will be a history lesson in itself, since its author Mardema Ogletree has based it on the experiences of several pioneer families of the area.

The Sand Crawl museum will be developed as an interpretive center to tell the story of the unusual sand formation south of here, a one-of-a-kind geologic formation stretching from the Lamb/Hale County boundary into Eastern New Mexico.

The sandhills fascinated early day explorers. Its prominence to them is evident on an 1875 map of Kansas, Indian Territory, Texas and New Mexico which shows nothing on the South Plains (then called Staked Plain) except the "Sand Hills" plus a trail near it with a few springs and water holes.

Mrs. Ogletree, an Olton native who has devoted her life to the study of South Plains history, said she is excited to be part of an effort that could lead to the development of a museum honoring the sand hills area.

"I would like to see the museum develop to interpret the rich history of the area, because that is important to me," she said recently. plains history

Staging of the *Ballad* fo

Crawfish Draw marks the second original Lamb County historic drama of this century. In 1976, the town staged another outdoor production, *Giants of the Great Plateau*, written by Bettye Givens.

Barbara McFadden, manager of the Olton Chamber of Commerce, said the town is already noticing a strong appeal their efforts are having with folks in the Panhandle/South Plains region.

She is one of seven women who are partners in the Wild Plum

Bed and Breakfast, a lodging establishment which is a restoration of a 1940s era mercantile company/boarding house on main street.

Popularity of the Wild Plum is evidenced by the fact it has already been booked solid for the next three Sandhills Celebrations.

Olton has a lot to offer this weekend, or any weekend area residents wish to get away from the hustle and bustle of life in the city.

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### On the Cover . . .

In this artistic photo collage, Olton Chamber Manager Barbara McFadden shows off Sandhills Days t-shirt, seemingly standing on a classic sand dune in the unusual geologic formation south of town. The sand hills background is actually an old file photo from the *Plainview Daily Herald* and was superimposed electronically.

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most unusual celebrations, owing to its celebration of a rare geologic formation called "Sand Crawl" south of town. A schedule of events for tonight's activities and for the all day Saturday celebration appear elsewhere in this issue.



**PLAY, Pg 4**

She now had a setting for a play. All that remained would be pulling in a cast of characters based on historical facts. Her research and interviews conducted years ago would help produce the script.

Thanks to assistance from Jay Brown, director of the Theatre of the Performing Arts at South Plains College and composer/musician Harold Dean Carson, the play has come to fruition with expert direction and musical touches applied with artistry.

Mardema admits the play has come a long way since her first close up look at Crawfish Draw country.

She remembers the day several years ago when she teamed up with Olton Enterprise newspaper publisher Sue Cannon to do a modern day survey of the draw and the sandhills.

"We took pictures of the area, crossing the sandhills in my station wagon," she laughs.

Out of towners who gather on a hill south of Olton next week to view the play will experience the same geographical locale that inspired her that day.

"It's on a hill in the Crawfish Draw valley two miles south and a half mile west of Olton," she explained. "From there the audience can see up the valley all the way to Olton feedlot. It is a tremendous view. One can also see the the first settler's old house on a hill in the distance, a two story home belonging to E.N. Burrus."

Information furnished by the Burrus family on an earlier occasion yielded many details incorporated into scenes of her present drama.

Much information was furnished by Mrs. E.N. Burrus, wife of the third county judge of Lamb County who had worked for the XIT Springlake Division.

"She was a wonderful lady," recalls Ogletree. "I interviewed her years ago. One of my characters is loosely based on her life and on some of the stories she told me."

Characters in her play are a who's who of Lamb County heritage.

"It includes the last buffalo hunter in the area," she explained. "Old Man Hart is in the play, namesake of Hart Camp, where he established a dugout camp south of the Sandhills."

Also portrayed is Frank Norfleet, the colorful character who hailed from Hale Center.

The time line for *Ballad of Crawfish Draw* is the 1890s.

A student of history will note numerous connections between the Olton Sandhills area and pivotal persons and events of the 19th

Century. Col. C. C. Slaughter had a dugout nearby on the Runningwater Ranch.

N.C. Payne, an early day pioneer windmill had a two-room dugout in a ravine nearby.

Indians often camped near the pioneer settlements.

"There once was a skirmish between Indians and buffalo hunters at a water hole south of the sandhills east of Hart Camp," relates Mrs. Ogletree. "It is mentioned in John R. Cook's book, 'The Border and the Buffalo,' which describes that site. It occurred in the spring of 1877."

One of the less than savory personalities, but a main character in her ballad is a bone picker named Sam Samuels, a villain whose character is purely fictitious. According to her script he comes on the scene about 1890.

This connection with the buffalo of the sandhills owes to a belief that the last of the area's buffalo hid out in the sandhills, which offered water and cover among the numerous hackberry groves.

"Supposedly, hunters

went into that area and killed off the last of the buffalo," she said. "Frank Norfleet reportedly told his son, Pete, that pioneers told him at one time that hides were piled high after one of the final hunts in the area."

The first surveyor to enter the sandhills, O.W. Williams, is said to have used buffalo skulls to mark his corners.

Early day explorer Albert Pike (no relation to Zebulon Pike) is supposed to have camped near some Comancheros in the Sandhills in 1832. Pike, an adventurer; from Taos, N.M., wrote a book "Second Journey on the Prairie, about his travels in 1832, and mentions going into the eastern part of the sandhills.

Historians like Pike noted the many trees growing in the hills, mostly the hills in Lamb County.

Pike wrote of leaving the sandhills and following Blackwater draw into the present site of the City of Lubbock. In what is now Mackenzie Park and specifically Meadowbrook Golf Course, Pike stopped at Canon De Rescate

(Canyon of Ransom) where Mexican Comancheros regularly met Indians to trade items.

Some of the more colorful tales spun by pioneers to Mrs. Ogletree are highly uncorroborated, but have nevertheless proved entertaining.

One related by a pioneer woman was a claim that "hunters from Plainview were responsible for killing off all the antelope in the Sandhills".

Another major event of the 1890s, one she was compelled to drop from the script due to time constraints, was a harrowing tale told of a group of hunters from the area who found themselves hopelessly lost in the Sandhills during a blizzard.

Armed with these countless details gleaned in a lifetime of research, Mrs. Ogletree says she could talk about the history of her home county for hours, and perhaps write several more dramas.

"I loved the Sandhills as a child, it was a recreation area," she said. Growing up in Sandhills Country near the old XIT Ranch.

Spending memorable

hours trekking through the sandhills formations on family outings — including one weiner roast she recalls vividly — has equipped her with the a feel for history.

The playwright knows the Sandhills like her own back yard. She talks of its 19 varieties of native grass, its native hackberry and cottonwood trees, its pre-Pueblo Indian campsites and its dwindling untouched springs and dunes hidden on private land.

Her study has revealed a changing face of a land once dotted with pristine, untouched dunes. In recent years, many farmers have levelled the hills for ag production of potatoes and other crops. She says the only real preservation of the original beauty has been on private land.

Her knowledge of its major archaeological sites and all the references by early day explorers is vast.

Born in Olton and now living in Lubbock, she remembers that regular treks to the Sandhills (about six

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**Play, from Pg. 5**  
 miles south of the city) were a focus of family fun and entertainment for many in the area during her childhood — much like the annual tradition of getting together each summer in Olton for Sandhills Days.

"There was also a lot of courting done there," she laughs.

Through the years she has met more than one couple whose first meeting was at the

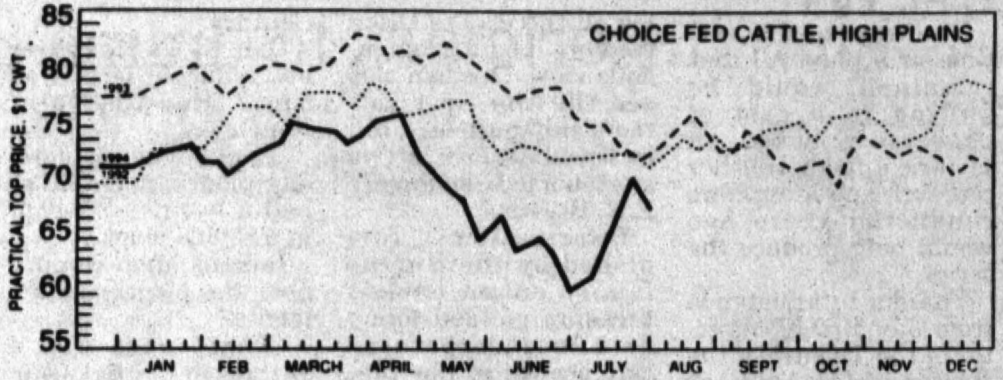
dunes. "Families came from all around, giving young persons from various communities a chance to meet," she said. "Alice Willis, a pioneer, said that is how she met her husband, Guy Willis, a pioneer abstractor.

One of her first major history papers in school was written about the history of the Sandhills.

She studied history as a part of a General Studies degree she

earned at Texas Tech in 1973. A love for delving into the past has led her into many independent research projects — and her most rewarding ever began on the banks of Crawfish Draw several years ago, and inspired this latest Texas High Plains prairie drama.

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# Cast has historic ties to drama characters

By GORDON ZEIGLER  
AgReview Writer

Seen through the eyes of Gayle Allcorn, one of a host of cast members rehearsing for next week's debut of *Ballad of Crawfish Draw*, it appears the experience of putting on an original drama has been an exciting one for all the local volunteer cast members involved.

"It is beginning to come to life," she says of the drama/musical. "And we are beginning to feel just like a family," remarked Mrs. Allcorn.

She credits guest director Jay Brown (director of theater arts at South Plains College) with "really bringing life into the drama."

Cast members include many adults with special ties to real life Olton pioneers being portrayed.

Jay Cowart, for example, plays the part

of Lamb County pioneer Fred Schrier — based, coincidentally, on his own grandfather.

Mrs. Allcorn plays his wife, Emma Schrier.

There are also a few characters drawn from imagination, added to help the plot along.

That includes crusty old bone picker Sam Samuels, played by Olton area farmer Mark Gunter.

Heroine of what has been likened to a Greek tragedy on the High Plains is Mary Harper played by Gay Snider.

Also portrayed in the action are the last buffalo hunter in the area, Old Man Hart, Hale County's colorful J. Frank Norfleet and others.

Without revealing the outcome of this tragic tale, it is suffice to say it will end on a happy note.

The theme music, sung A Cappella throughout the play, carries the story to its end, proving that

despite adversity and sorrow that life on the prairie. Many tunes will be familiar, others will be new.

Harold Dean Carson has written many original tunes to accompany lyrics by play author Mardema Ogletree. Carson's tunes join favorites like Red Wing, Red River Valley and Streets of Laredo.

The Cast: Rick Harper, a buffalo skinner; Delmer Givens, Old Man Hart; Mark Gunter, Sam Samuels; Gay Snider, Mary Harper; W.B. Dickenson, Foreman; Sam Thomas, Billy Kilmer; Mike Wilcox, Frank Norfleet; Alan Debnam, Hiram; Tanya Debnam, Martha; Billy Carson, Mr. Cunningham; Terry Snider, Bob Smith; W.B. Dickenson, Deputy; Margie Dickenson, Katherine; Kerwin Oliver, First Juror; Rick Harper, Second Juror; Landon Smith, Petitioner; Terry Snider, Henry;

Alan Williams, Henry Williams; Bob Perry, Old Man Wicker; Lucille Perry, Mrs. Wicker; Gayle Allcorn, Mrs. Schreier; April Gunter, Stella Schreier, James Cowart, Fred Schreier; Justin Gunter, Danny Harper and Melissa Wilcox, Indian Maid.

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city. Mrs. McFadden believes.

**WHAT TO SEE:**

The Wild Plum Bed and Breakfast is owned by seven Olton women: Judy Lee, Glenda Goen, Barbara McFadden, Lois Brimhall, Tomie Struve, Twila Sawyer and Jean Green.

Mrs. Green, a local art teacher and artist, has paintings hanging throughout the Wild Plum.

Each of seven guest rooms has been decorated in a decor designed by each partner separately. It is described as an experience in country elegance, much like that exhibited on the pages of Southern Living magazine. Its lobby is complete with historic player

piano.

The Wild Plum features a tea room often reserved for family reunions and parties. It is equipped with a gift shop and is located on the city's main street.

The Wild Plum tea room is open for breakfast, and for luncheons on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, plus by special arrangement the rest of the week.

**Olton now boasts five gift shops:**

**The Mini Mall**, owned by Patsy Mills features consignment goods

**Bizzell's Dress Shop**, owned by Mable Bizzell, is a fashion and clothing store

**The Flower Shop** owned by Mac and Gaylon

McGill features silk flowers and gifts

**The Gazebo**, owned by Cynthia Lawson, features fresh flowers.

**Plums and Pretties**, the shop in the Wild Plum, features all types of decor and gift items.

An antique car museum located next door to the Wild Plum features nifty 50's and other old cars. In

the back it has the recreation of an early day service station with gas pump and is the resting place of Olton's original old cross-roads stoplight (Olton no longer has a stop light in operation).

The car museum, owned by Willie and Nick Green, features a new "treasure car" of the month owned by an area old car buff each month.

The Old Circle Store owned by Bill and Lea Langford and located on U.S. 70 five miles west of Olton, is the restoration of an old grocery store and filling station which served the community long ago. It features antiques, decorator specialties and gifts.

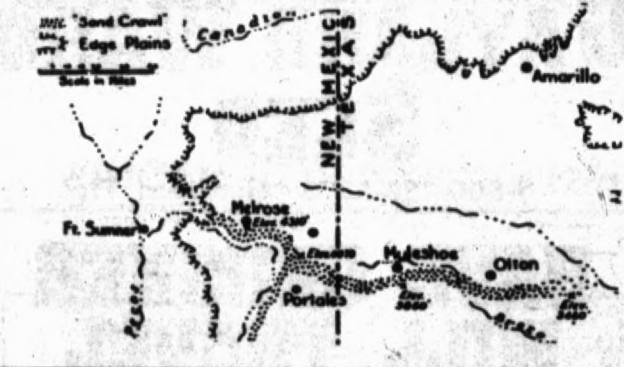
**Museums in the area with exhibits related to South Plains and sand hills area:**

**Museum of the Llano Estacado:** On the campus of Wayland Baptist University, it is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

**Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum:** Located south of Hale Center on Interstate 27 and open daily from 1 to 5 p.m. weather permitting.

**Floyd County Historical Museum:** Located on the courthouse square in Floydada and is open Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

**Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum and Community Center**, located at US 82 and FM 651 in Crosbyton, is open 9 to 12 a.m. and 1:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Offers local and regional archives plus a Texana library for onsite research.



**U.S. & Canada solve wheat trade troubles**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Canada reached agreement Monday in a contentious fight over wheat that had threatened to spark a full-blown trade war, members of Congress said.

The agreement will limit overall wheat imports from Canada by imposing high tariffs on shipments above certain levels, according to farm state lawmakers who were briefed on details of the accord.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor was scheduled to discuss the agree-

ment with reporters later in the day.

"It's not everything I would like to see, but it nonetheless is the first step that will essentially stop the shipments above a certain level," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. "It will bring the speeding train to a halt."

Dorgan said the agreement will create a separate set of tariffs for durum wheat, the variety grown mainly in North Dakota and Montana that is used to make pasta. The fight over durum wheat was at the core of the dispute.

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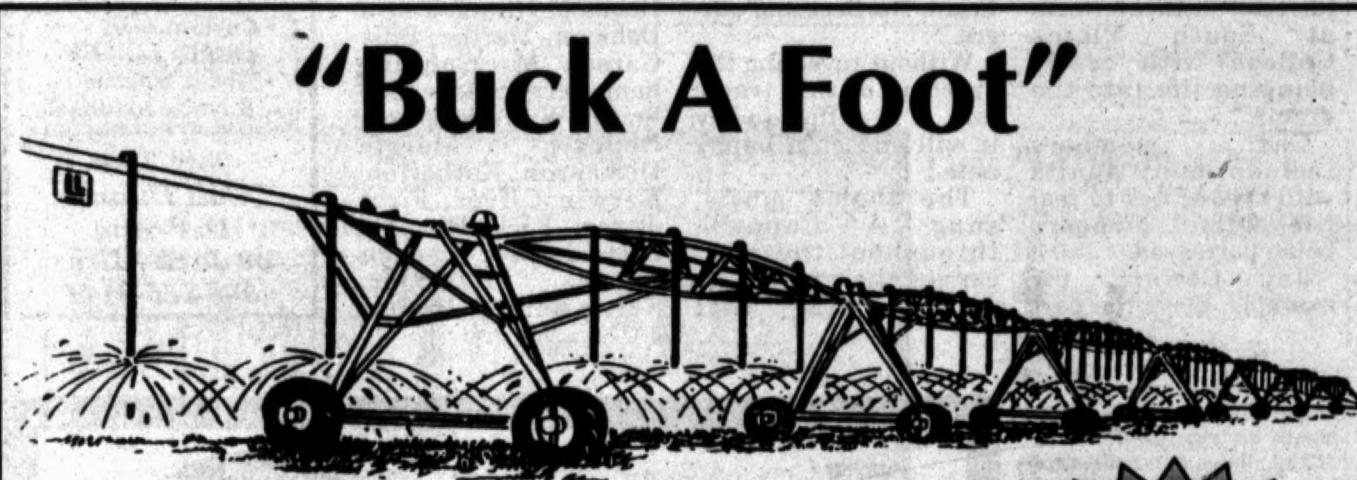
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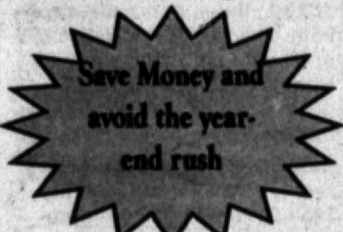
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