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NEWS BRIEFS



The Tyler County Dogwood Festival is set for the weekend of April 5th with a parade, Queen's Coronation, Historical Pageant, and Dance. Western Weekend will be March 29th with a parade, Rodeo, Beard Contest and Western Dance. This all takes place in Woodville, Texas, located between Lufkin and Beaumont.

Jim Odom, an Abernathy farmer and owner of White Gold Gin, was named "Outstanding Conservation Farmer" at the Hale County Soil Fertility meeting Feb. 18 at the Agriculture Center in Plainview.

Grady Nutt will be the featured speaker at the annual Tahoka Chamber of Commerce Farmer-Businessman banquet to be held Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The Ozark-Mahoning Company's plant at Cedar Lake, southeast of Seagraves, is engaged in a major expansion program.

The expansion, scheduled for completion next November, will cost approximately \$1.5 million. It is expected to increase production of sodium sulphate at the plant about one third.

The Southwest Farm Show opens Friday morning, March 7 and continues through Sunday night, March 9th at the Tarrant County Convention Center in downtown Fort Worth.

County treasurers from Texas will meet at the Aggield Inn March 26-27 to review current fiscal matters in county government.

Ropesville Area News

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Price were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crone of Ralls and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walker of Lubbock.

Mrs. Jim Franklin of Lubbock visited in the home of her parents last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Pointer returned from Edinburg last week where they had been visiting his aunt and uncle. They also visited Mrs. A.K. Krause of San Marcos while they were on their trip.

Mrs. Myrlene Hill of Hamilton, daughter of Abb Russell, who recently had major surgery, is now at home.

Mrs. Emory Hobbs and Merlin Hobbs of Ropes, and Mrs. Joyce Dorsett of Brownfield, attended the funeral services of Mrs. R.C. Forbis at Brownfield last Wednesday.

Steve and Bruce Dorsett of Brownfield visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs, Monday and Tuesday.

Ropes FFA-4-H Members to Take Part In Levelland Livestock Show Saturday

We the supporters of Ropes 4-H and FFA members, would like to extend to you the opportunity to attend the Levelland Area Jr. Livestock Sale, March 8 at 1:00 p.m. at the Levelland Fair Grounds. We feel this offers you a chance to invest in the future of young men and women. In a few short years they will become your potential customers.

We sincerely hope you can attend this event. If not, we hope you can contribute a cash donation to go toward the purchase of an animal belonging to one of these young boys or girls.

If you can not attend and care to contribute something, you may mail it to Ropes 4-H & FFA Livestock Fund, Box 92, Ropesville, Texas 79358, or one of the following supporters will call upon your business and pick up your donation.

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Fix-It-Festival Set for Next Thursday, the 13th

Everyone is invited to attend the Wolfforth Home Demonstration Club's Fix-It-Festival on Thursday, March 13th at the Precinct I Clubhouse located at 5012 50th street in Lubbock.

The programs presented will be aimed at beating the high cost of home maintenance and repairs by showing us how to do them ourselves. Programs will be conducted beginning at 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The registration fee is \$2.00.

The Fix-It-Festival is sponsored by the Lubbock County Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System.

Life Saving Course is Scheduled to Begin Monday at South Plains College

A senior life-saving course will begin Monday, March 10, at South Plains College.

The class will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday for two weeks. Classes will be in the SPC Natatorium. Cost is \$10 for SPC students and \$15 for all others.

Interested persons should be 15 years of age or older and have completed the ninth grade. Eligibility requirements for the course include the following:

- 1) performing standing front dive in reasonably good form.
- 2) swimming 440 yards continuously, demonstrating some ability in using a stroke on the front (hand over hand), a side stroke utilizing a scissor kick and a stroke done on the back using an inverted scissor or breast stroke kick.

- 3) diving from surface to minimum depth of six feet and swimming 15 feet underwater.
- 4) treading water one minute with hands beneath the surface for use as auxiliary supports.

In order to qualify for a certificate, each student must satisfactorily complete all the skills and knowledge requirements in the course content. An outline of requirements will be given at the first class meeting.

Interested persons may register either at the first class meeting or anytime between now and then in the central office of the Technical Arts Building. For further information, contact W.A. Wise, director of intramurals, or

Bystanders are those who can do the job better.

Mrs. Sheri Moore, Natatorium director, at 894-4921.

WOLFFORTH AREA NEWS

On Feb. 21, the Wolfforth schools did not hold classes when the bus drivers discovered that gas caps on the school buses had been loosened. Three of the buses were found to contain sugar in the gas tanks. The tanks had to be removed and cleaned. The 6th grade students responsible were caught and are now under probation authority.

Wolfforth will have a fire meeting Monday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Morris and family attended an anniversary party Sunday, March 2 in Levelland for Mr. Morris' aunt and uncle, Thad and Marvin Henderson. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Two building permits have been issued here recently to contractor Mr. Joe Fletcher. They are located at 822 8th St. and 824 9th St.

Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Foy of Wolfforth had visitors this weekend from Anson. Her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Debusk and daughter Emily.

The Wolfforth 7th and 8th grade varsity girls will hostess the Frenship Relays Friday, March 7th. Those teams entering will be Lubbock Cooper, Tahoka, Post, Seminole, Denver City, Idalou and

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Wolfforth Sorority To Celebrate First Birthday

Alpha Mumu Mu of Beta Sigma Phi was organized in Wolfforth on March 12, 1974. The organization will celebrate its first birthday Thursday with a rush.

The members are Nita Black, Barbara Elder, June Hobgood, Shirley Jerden, Mary McFatter, Judy Richardson, Nina Richardson, Pat Sally, Rene Schroeder, LaRue Starr, Sylvia VanStory, Reba Wade, and Sue Reed.

The guests to be attending the rush are Ethelyn Shuey, Carol Daniel, Jane McCartor, Brenda Goolsby, Camille Mitchell, Marvin Snead, Mildred Teal, Margaret Sparks and Margaret Garner.

Levelland Boxing Club Fighters Capture Regional Championships

Four Levelland Boxing Club fighters captured regional boxing championships last weekend and won the right to compete March 6-10 in the Texas Golden Gloves championships at Fort Worth.

They were Levelland's only contestants in the open division of the Lubbock regionals, and all four won. That accounted for almost half of the nine slots decided.

Mark Martin won 2nd round TKO over Efen Duran of Lubbock in the 119-pound classification.

Mark Murphey decisioned Raymond Amalla of Lubbock in the 139-pound bracket.

Truett Murphey decisioned Bob Waters of Lubbock in the 147-pound class.

And Joe Martin won by default when Steve Manahan of Lubbock decided against appearing for his 175-pound bout.

It will be the second trip to the state tournament for Truett Murphey and Mark Martin.

Mark went to the state tournament last year in his first year to box. Murphey went in 1972.

"Truett looked good but lost a close decision at Fort Worth. But that was three years ago," team coach T.J. Watt said. "Truett laid out of boxing a couple of years,



and it has been awful hard for him to get back in shape and sharp again. But he's capable, in good shape, of really doing good."

Mark Martin lost his second bout last year at the state tournament, but it was to the fighter who went on to win the state championship. Mark Martin's 119-pound class may very well be the toughest class at State this year. Mike Ayalla will be in this class. He has just returned from a boxing tour of Europe, boxing with the Pan-American team. Mike won state three times, the National Golden Gloves and National A.A.U. twice. He was selected for the 1972 Olympics, chosen for the A.A.U., Pan-American boxing teams.

Mark will have to win over Mike Ayalla and win over the present

State Champion, Tommy Young. If anyone can do it, Mark Martin can.

Mark Murphey has been fighting all year in the high school division, but switched to the open division just before the regional tournament.

"We just finally talked him into it," Watt said. Mark then lost some weight to get into the 139-pound class and went to Lubbock, where he won.

"You don't want to go to state any heavier than you have to be," Watt said. "Everybody is trying to fight in the lowest category they can."

Joe Martin has come down with a light case of pneumonia, this will hurt his chances at State. Joe has been fighting two weight divisions heavier than he should.

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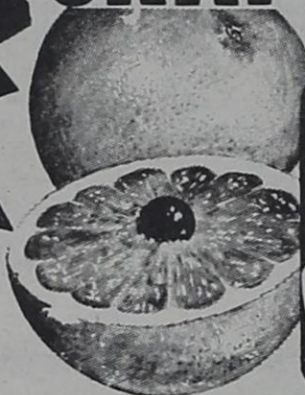


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Services Held for Father of Ropes Resident Thursday

Services for Thomas Alexander Johnson, 77, were held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Slaton, with the Rev. J.L. Cartrite, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Englewood Cemetery under direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Lubbock. Johnson died at 10 a.m.

Tuesday in Methodist Hospital after a short illness.

He moved to Slaton in 1917 from Vernon. A veteran of World War I, he belonged to First Baptist Church in Slaton and the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Vera; four sons, Melvin and Sidney both of Lubbock, Howard of Ropesville, and Earl of Slaton; a brother, G.W. Johnson of Exeter, California; three sisters, Mrs. Edna Darland of Blythe, Calif., Mrs. Nellie Fincher of Morton and

Mrs. Maude Gentry of Slaton; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services Held for Mrs. R.E. Daniel



Services for Mrs. Ruth Esther Daniel of Four Corners, near Wolfforth, were held today, Thursday, March 6 at 2:30 in the Wolfforth First United Methodist Church. Wayland Dodd and pastor Richard Pittman, officiating. Mrs. Daniel, 73, passed away

Tuesday afternoon at University Hospital in Lubbock. She has had lengthy illness and recently underwent serious surgery.

Ruth Daniel was born at Rockport, Texas. She married Truman Daniel on July 24, 1920 at Clarendon. They moved to West Texas in 1945, and have lived near Wolfforth for the last eight years. She was a member of the Hurlwood Women's Club, the Women's Society of Christian Service, and the Wolfforth First United Methodist Church. She received a lifetime membership from the WSCS in 1960 for outstanding service.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Mrs. R.W. McVay Jr. and Mrs. J.D. Weems, both of Levelland, and Mrs. Keith D. Albee of Lubbock; a son, Truman R. Daniel of Midland; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Moore of Brookston; three brothers, H.B. and H.D. Redus, both of Paris, and M.D. Redus of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Marvin Thompson Celebrates 90th Birthday Wednesday

Mr. Marvin Thompson of Ropes celebrated his 90th birthday Wednesday, February 26. Some of the Ropes men carried him to Underwood's Cafeteria for lunch. Those attending were, Newt Green, Bud Rucker, Gary Rucker, J.R. Smith, S.D. Buchanan, Charles Shannon and Terry Redford.

Sunday, February 23, some of Mr. Thompson's friends gave him a birthday dinner at his home. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Terry Redford, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Miller, Toby and Tracy, Ray Suter and Sidney Price, all of Ropes. Tommy Redford and Sharon and Julie Barrett of Lubbock.

Ropes School Lunch Menu

Chicken Pot Pie
Buttered Spinach, Tossed Salad
Fruit, Slice Bread, Milk
Tuesday, March 11
Vegetable Beef Soup
Corn Bread, Crackers, Cheese
Jello, Fruit Punch, Milk
Wednesday, March 12
Tamalie Pie
Pinto Beans, Green Rice
Cole Slaw, Corn Bread
Cobbler Pie, Chocolate Milk
Thursday, March 13
Steak Fingers
French Fries, Catsup
English Peas, Rolls, Butter
Rice Krispie Cookies, Milk
Friday, March 14
Barbecued Franks
Potato Salad
Oven Baked Beans
Cake, Rolls, Butter, Milk

Frenship Schools Lunch Menu

Monday, March 10
Swiss Steak
Spinach, Hominy
Hot Rolls, Butter
Peace Pie, Milk
Tuesday, March 11
Roast Beef, Gravy
Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes
Hot Rolls, Butter
Cheese Cake, Milk
Wednesday, March 12
Hamburger, Catsup
Lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions
Three Bean Salad, French Fries
Brownies, Milk
Thursday, March 13
Fish, Catsup
Orange Slices, Cauliflower
Hot Rolls, Butter
Peanut Butter Cake, Milk
Friday, March 14
Burritos, Cheese
Avocado Salad
Refried Beans, Spanish Rice
5 Cup Salad, Milk

Wolfforth Area News . . .

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Abernathy. Coach King asks for help from anyone interested in running off the track meet. This goes for the boys meet on Friday, March 15 also.

PERSONALS

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the flowers, cards, prayers, visits, gifts and every act of kindness shown me while I was in the hospital. May God bless each of you.
Edith Suter

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SPECIAL ELECTION APRIL 22, 1975

NUMBER ONE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. No. 3)

Repealing Sections 48a, 48b, 51e, and 51f of Article III and Sections 62 and 63 of Article XVI of the Texas Constitution, Article XVI of the Texas Constitution is amended to:

Provide for the revision and consolidation of provisions relating to state and local retirement systems and programs and to provide that all general laws that have established retirement systems and optional retirement programs for public employees and officers in effect at the time of the adoption of this constitutional amendment will remain in effect, subject to the general powers of the Legislature.

Provide that the amount a participating officer or employee contributes to the employee retirement system or the teacher retirement system shall be established by the Legislature but may not be less than 6% of current compensation and providing further that the amount contributed by the state may not be less than 6 nor more than 10% of the aggregate compensation paid to participating persons, except that in an emergency, as determined by the Governor, the Legislature may contribute more than 10% of the aggregate compensation paid to persons participating in state retirement systems.

Provide that the Legislature shall provide for local retirement systems created by any city or county for its officers and employees and shall further provide for a state-wide system of benefits for officers and employees of counties or other political subdivisions of the State which may voluntarily participate, and

to further provide that a state-wide system of benefits shall be provided for officers and employees of cities which may voluntarily participate.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment revising and consolidating provisions relating to state and local retirement systems and programs and providing for a maximum state contribution to state systems of 10 percent of the aggregate compensation paid to individuals."

NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. No. 6)

Amending Article III, Section 24 of the Texas Constitution to:

Provide an increase in salary for members of the Legislature from \$400 per month to \$600 per month.

Provide an increase in the per diem rate for members of the Legislature from \$12 to \$30 for each day during each Regular and Special Session of the Legislature.

Provide an increase in the transportation allowance for members from \$.10 per mile to the rate prescribed by law for employees of the State of Texas.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment setting the salaries of members of the legislature at \$600 per month and setting a per diem of \$30 per day during legislative sessions and a mileage allowance at the same rate provided by law for state employees."

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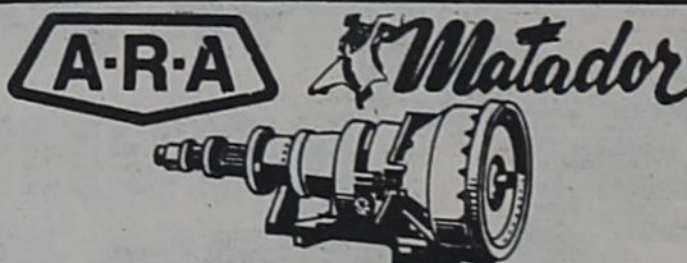
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