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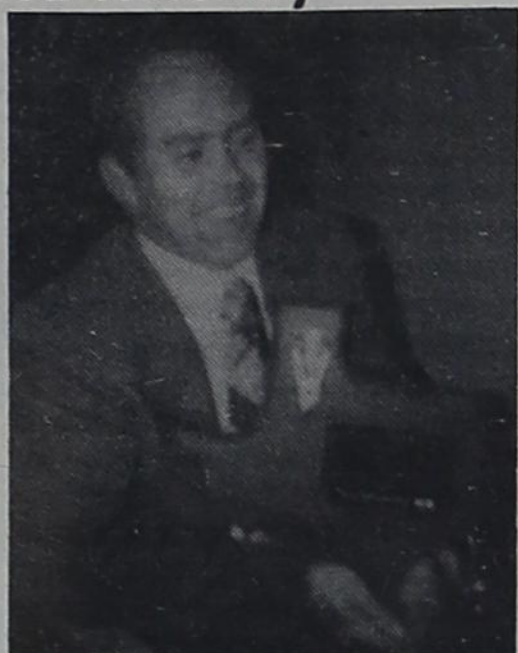
Donnie Morris Honored Recently

Local Wolfforth resident, R. Donnie Morris, was one of the honorees at the Night of Champions Banquet held Saturday at the Big Texan Restaurant. He was chosen as the 1975 MS patient of the year.

Those also honored were the 1975 Dance Marathon Finalists, the MS "Push for Strength" team, and Senator Kent Hance.

The "Push For Strength" team was made up of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Tech. The dance finalists are Richard Williams from Shamrock, Texas, an agriculture major at Tech, and Virginia Cain from Irving, Texas, in pre-med at Tech.

The pledges, raised a total of



\$850. Entertainment was provided by Banks and Shane from the Brookshire Inn.

"Push for Strength" Campaign Staged



The South Plains chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the members of the Texas Tech University chapter of Kappa Sigma recently completed the Kappa Sigma MS "Push For Strength" Campaign. The fraternity pushed a wheelchair 327 miles from Dallas to Lubbock during the week of the Tech spring break, from Sunday March 23 to Saturday, March 29.

The object of the wheelchair push, according to Larry Bissel, president of Kappa Sigma, is to call attention to the need to stop the spread of MS (Multiple Sclerosis), the crippler that sidelines young adults. Multiple Sclerosis is a disease of the central nervous system, brain and spinal cord. There are more than 500,000 reported cases of MS in the United States. "There's no cure,

yet", said Larry, "but our MS 'Push for Strength' team believes that there is hope through research."

The "Push" team was composed of 15 members of Kappa Sigma. They were: Larry Bissel, Jack Hahaffey, David Hanners, John Hutchings, Connor Chaddick, Lee Daniel, Craig Finlayson, Ron Oliver, Rob Shire, Tom Miller, Stan Watson, Miguel Burbano, Bobby Springfield, George Booten, and Ron Basset.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe, honorary chairman of the "Push for Strength" project, released a state proclamation designating March 22-29, 1975 as Multiple Sclerosis week in Texas, and urged all citizens to support the 1975 fund raising Kappa Sigma MS Dallas to Lubbock wheelchair push.

The Lubbock chapter of the MS Society received a proclamation last week from Dolph Briscoe due to the efforts of the campaign.

The campaign has brought in \$1800 donations, but pledges are still being sent in. The MS Society in Lubbock is still accepting pledges at this address:

National Multiple Sclerosis Society, South Plains Texas, 1215 Avenue J, Suite 50, Lubbock, Texas 79401. Phone (806) 747-3963.

Consumers to See New Beef Grades Beginning this Month

After April 14 consumers will begin to see "a new face" on beef cuts in their favorite supermarket.

That's when new grade standards by the U.S. Department of Agriculture go into effect. Of course, the grades will only appear on meat graded by USDA graders, which is a voluntary service that meat packers must request.

The new grades are designed to keep meat quality at a high level and may help lower consumer costs.

The major change in the grade standards is that all beef carcasses that are officially graded will be identified for both quality and yield. These two value grades will give a better determination as to the true worth of the carcass.

Another change will be that the conformation or shape of the carcass will no longer be a factor in determining the quality grade since it is not related to eating quality of meat. However, conformation is indirectly used in yield grade determination.

With the new standards, beef carcasses up to 30 months of age

will have the same minimum marbling (fat flecks among the lean meat) requirements in Prime, Choice and Standard grades as now required for the youngest carcasses classified as "beef".

This will mean more lean carcasses in these three grades since animals will probably be put through a shorter finishing period in feedlots. In turn, reeding costs should be reduced.

Furthermore, a "new" Good grade has been established that allows for slightly more marbling in the younger animals up to 18 months of age. Thus beef in the Good grade will be more uniform in quality.

Young beef animals up to 15 months of age with traces of marbling will no longer be graded Good but will go to the Standard grade.

All in all, the new grading system should be advantageous to consumers. Meat quality standards are not being lowered, as many people seem to think. While keeping quality at a high level, the new grades will hopefully bring more lean meat to the supermarket and help consumers reduce meat costs per serving.

Texas Grain Sorghum Value Jumps \$51 Million for 1974 Crop Year

Austin—Though Texas sorghum production dropped more than 100 million bushels last year, the value of the crop jumped to record heights.

The 1974 crop totaled \$926,640,000, a \$51 million increase from 1973 and the highest recorded sorghum crop value in history.

Home Town Tales Retold

by Mack Stanley

A lady watched her husband buying groceries for a hunting trip of one week. When they came to the meat department he told the butcher to give him 10 pounds of bacon.

The wife was just a little critical of the poor guy. She said: "That's more meat than he's brought home in the last three months."

My Uncle Oscar liked to get the most from anyone who was working for him. Once he was chopping out a patch of cotton and was hoeing backwards so he could keep an eye on all of the field hands.

In his concentraton, he forgot his land bordered on a large stream. He chopped off backwards, over the high bank and right into the Arkansas River.

Little Bill Smith from Chittlin' Switch, thinks everyone celebrates as ruggedly as he does, so he sends Get Well cards for Christmas and New Year's.

My old friend, Charlie Goodnight, always did want his own business. He rented an abandoned rock building three miles out of town, cut a few weeds from the driveway and opened up a little service station.

One month later, I ran into Charlie loafing happily down on Main Street. I wanted to know why he closed up the service station.

"Well," Charlie said. "When I first go out there, I have some money, but no gasoline. After I buy gasoline I have no money. In a few days I sell all the gasoline, then I have money again, but no gasoline. I buy gasoline again, then I have gasoline but no money. They I sell the gasoline again. It goes on like that for four weeks. Then one morning I get up and I don't have no gasoline. I don't have no money neither. I ffigure that is a good time to close up the filling station."

Agriculture Commissioner John C. White blamed the production decline on adverse weather conditions which crippled the entire state's agricultural industry. Sorghum yields were severely reduced by late plantings, slow growth and development, low moisture and cool, wet October weather.

"The rain did not cooperate with our farmers last year," White said. "Most of the dryland acreage was lost even before the planting season began. There just wasn't enough moisture in the ground for planting."

According to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, total production was 312 million bushels, a 25 percent reduction from the record 1973 crop. Yield per harvested acre was 52 bushels. In 1973 farmers produced 417 million bushels and averaged 60 bushels per acre.

In 1974, planted acreage dropped 600,000 acres with most of the decrease occurring on the Texas High and Low Plains. Total planted acreage was 7.5 million, compared with 8.1 million in 1973.

The average price for grain jumped 88 cents to \$2.97 a bushel, accounting for the record year in cash receipts. White reported, however, that prices have since dropped to around \$2.35.

Planting intentions show a marked improvement over conditions of the previous year. Texas acreage, which accounts for about 46 percent of the national total, is expected to be 9 million, 20 percent more than 1974. Most of the increase will be in South Texas and the Blacklands where much cotton acreage has been converted to sorghum.

Nationally, growers intend to plant 19.4 million acres for 1975, up 10 percent from 1974 and one percent from 1973.

Ben W. Gwin, an employee of Pioneer Natural Gas Company since 1963, has been named as Pioneers new local manager in Tahoka. Gwin, who assumed his duties on April 1, replaces Clifton Clark, who resigned.

Frenship Kittens Track Results

The Kittens, with only 8 team members, traveled to Denver City last Thursday. The weather was typical, cold and very windy. The Kittens scored 64 points and finished 5th in the meet which was won by Post with 133 points.

Jeananne Jones scored 21 points in the meet. She was first in the 440 with a time of 64.3 and 4th in the long jump with a leap of 15'5/4". She anchored the 880 relay which finished 3rd in a time of 2:01.7 and she also ran the last leg of the mile relay which was 2nd in a time of 4:38.8.

Jenny Hilton scored 20 points. She was 2nd in the shot put with a toss of 35'4", fourth in the triple jump with a jump of 30'6". She ran the first leg of the 440 relay which was 5th in a time of 57.2. She also ran the first leg of the 880 and mile relays.

Esther Gaya scored 8 points by being on all three relays. Terry McKee scored 7 points by running on the 880 relay and the mile relay. Patti Andrews scored 4 points by being 5th in the 100 (13.1) and 6th in the 60 (8.1), and also running on the sprint relay. Sheryl Harkness scored 4 points by being 5th in the 60 (8.0), 6th in the 100 (13.2), and running on the sprint relay.

The Kittens will be in the Amarillo Relays Friday and Saturday. Then, the District meet will be held at the Frenship track next Wednesday. Teams entered in the district meet will be Frenship, Cooper, Tahoka, Roosevelt, Post, Slaton, and Denver City.

The district meet will have divisions for 7th and 8th grade, and varsity. If anyone would like to help with this meet, contact Coach Ford or Coach King.

Frenship to Host Relays

Frenship will host the Little Tiger Relays on April 4th. Schools entered are Idalou, Littlefield, Roosevelt, Cooper, Tahoka, Slaton and Post.

The preliminaries will begin with the field events at 9:30 a.m. and running events at 10 a.m. The finals will start at 2 p.m.

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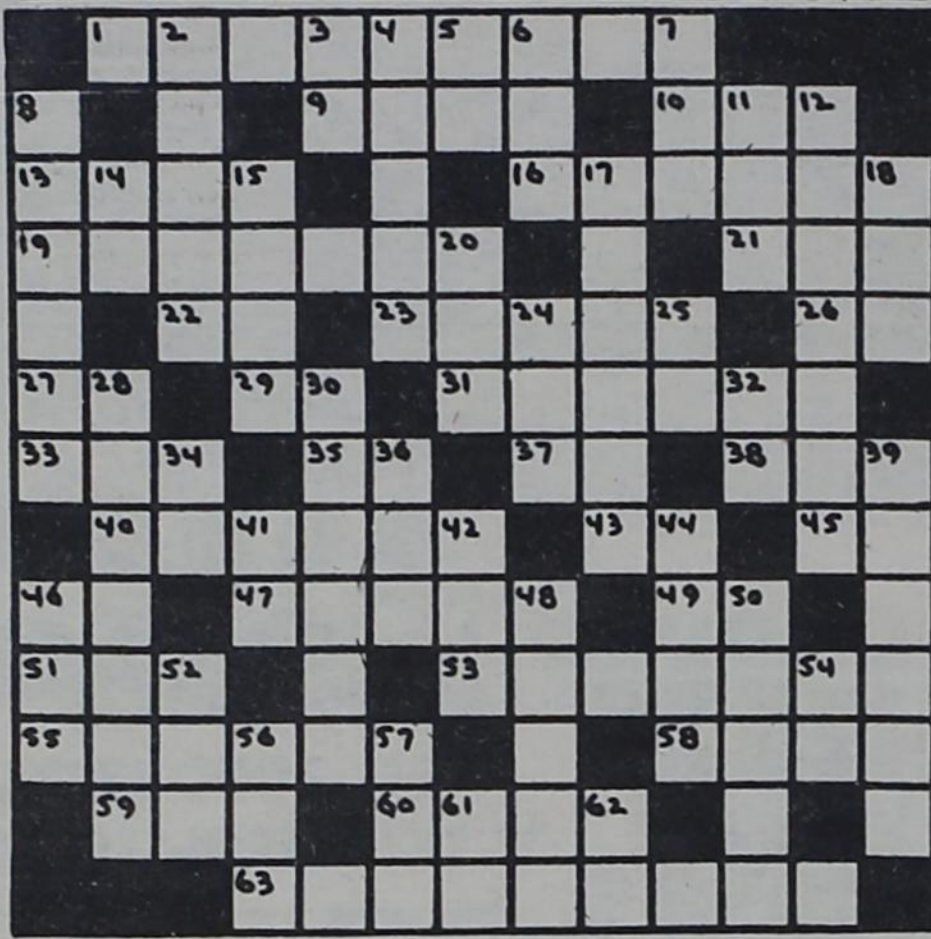
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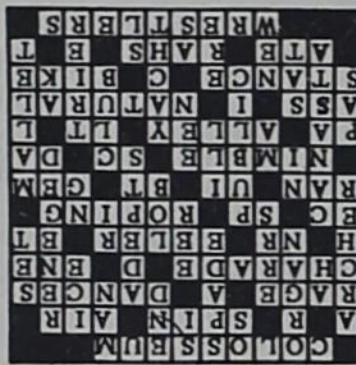


ACROSS

- 1 - Roman amphitheater
- 9 - Swivel
- 10 - Declare
- 13 - Fury
- 16 - Moves rhythmically
- 19 - Game of dramatics
- 21 - Compass direction
- 22 - Close by (abb.)
- 23 - Catcher of lampreys
- 26 - Latin "and"
- 27 - Economic Commission (abb.)
- 29 - First two-fifths of Spain
- 31 - Binding
- 33 - Hurried
- 35 - United Industrialists (abb.)
- 37 - Baronet (abb.)
- 38 - Valuable stone
- 40 - Adroit
- 43 - Science, in short
- 45 - Legal official (abb.)
- 46 - Parent
- 47 - Narrow passage

DOWN

- 2 - Musical instrument
- 3 - Bone
- 4 - Always call "this" a "this"
- 5 - Yes, in Spain
- 6 - Finis
- 7 - To fortify
- 8 - Bowman
- 11 - Freeze
- 12 - Renounced
- 14 - Exclamation
- 15 - Goes astray
- 17 - Skilled persons
- 18 - To position
- 20 - Poetical "always"
- 24 - Toss
- 25 - Smallest U. S. state (abb.)
- 28 - Card game
- 30 - Of the people
- 32 - No good (abb.)
- 34 - Nickel (abb.)
- 36 - Ailing
- 39 - Small maul
- 41 - Parent
- 42 - Poetical "evening"
- 44 - Organization
- 46 - Dance step
- 48 - Aquatic craft
- 50 - Essayer
- 52 - Perched
- 54 - Artistic Knowledge (abb.)
- 56 - Recent
- 57 - Before
- 61 - Like
- 62 - Scientific Literature (abb.)



Ropesville Area News

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Nabors and Lydia of El Paso ate Sunday dinner in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall of Ropes, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fowler and Mrs. Guy Davidson of Wolfforth returned home last Tuesday after spending a few days with their children and grandchildren, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Hall and children and Mr. and Mrs. Monte Fowler and children, all of Collierville, Tenn.

Mrs. Helen Bates of Lubbock visited in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall last Wednesday. Helen and Vaughn Bates recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land.

Mr. and Mrs. O.K. Briggs returned home last Wednesday after visiting in the home of relatives in Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moody of Sherman were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O.K. Briggs last weekend.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Snider for Sunday dinner were Rev. and Mrs. Merle Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Snider and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Snider and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Snider visited in the home of their daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Brewer and family of McGregor, Texas, during the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Ruby Drake and sons, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Drake, Scott and Joel of Ropes and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Drake, Robert and Bruce of Lubbock, went fishing at White River last week.

Robert and Bruce Drake of Lubbock spent the weekend in the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Drake.

Terri Littlefield of Odessa and Renae Tindel of Levelland visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield last week.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield Easter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Littlefield and children of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Tindel and children of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Gailey and Mrs. Isla Etheridge visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Glenn, Kevin and Tammy Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Vera Bridwell returned home Sunday after visiting relatives in Littlefield and Lubbock last week.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Vera Bridwell Sunday afternoon were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Staples and Rhonda and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bridwell, Sheila, Kerri and Brenna, all of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Young of Lubbock visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Young Sunday.

Mrs. Jessie Thomas returned home Saturday after being gone two weeks. She came home sooner than she intended because of her son, Mansfield being seriously ill. While she was away she visited her children, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chesney of Burnet, Texas, Mr.

and Mrs. Charles Thomas and family of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thomas and family of San Antonio.

Mansfield Thomas was taken to Methodist Hospital last Thursday and has been seriously ill. At the last report he was feeling better.

Mr. G.W. Sosebee is in Highland Hospital. He was better Monday night.

Ropes Lunch Menu

Monday, April 7

- Fried Chicken and Gravy
- Creamed Potatoes
- Tossed Salad
- Green Beans
- Rolls, Butter
- Cobbler Pie, Milk

Tuesday, April 8

- Tacos, Relish, Onions
- Pinto Beans, Green Rice
- Corn Bread, Butter
- Pineapple Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, April 9

- Super Dog with Mustard
- Peanut Butter, Crackers
- English Peas
- Candied Sweet Potatoes
- Rolls, Butter
- Chocolate Milk

Thursday, April 10

- Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy
- Macaroni Salad
- Buttered Blackeye Peas
- Lettuce Wedge, French Dressing
- Rice Krispie Cookies
- Rolls, Butter, Milk

Friday, April 11

- Fish, Tarter Sauce
- Cole Slaw
- Buttered Corn
- Corn Bread Squares, Butter
- Cinnamon Rolls, Milk

Frenship Schools Lunch Menu

Monday, April 7

- Bar-B-Q Weiners
- Versa Tators
- Apple Slices
- Hot Roll, Jelly
- Devils Food Cake, Milk

Tuesday, April 8

- Turkey, Dressing, Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes
- Spinach
- Cranberry Muffins
- Banana Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, April 9

- Roast Beef, Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Hot Rolls, Butter
- No Bake Cookies, Milk

Thursday, April 10

- Fish, Catsup
- Tossed Salad
- Apple Sauce
- Hot Rolls, Butter
- Peanut Butter Cake, Milk

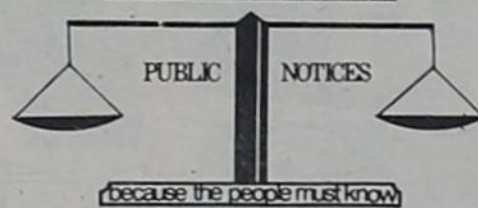
Friday, April 11

- Pizza Burger, Cheese
- Potato Chips, Pears
- Pinto Beans
- Ice Cream, Milk

Never lose your temper because someone else can't think clearly.

Pink and Blue Shower Set

There will be a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Martha (Smith) Franklin on Tuesday, April 8 in the Ropesville Nazarene Parsonage at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



BID NOTICE

The City of Ropesville is accepting bids for trash hauling and lawn upkeep. Deadline for accepting bids will be Tuesday, April 8, Mail bids to City Hall, Ropesville, Texas.

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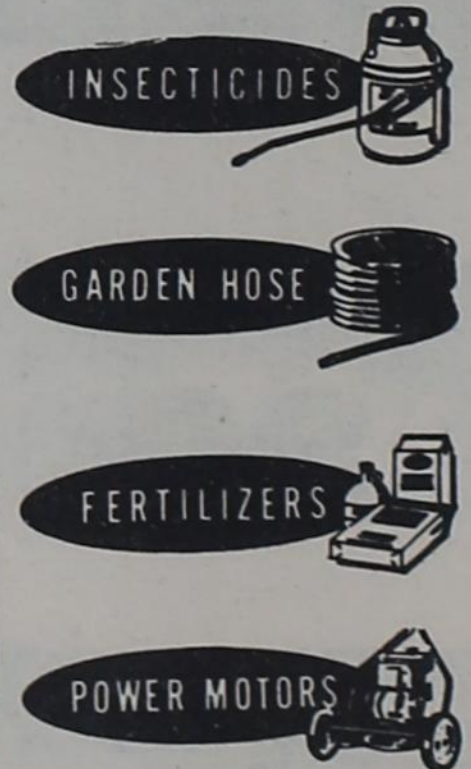
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