

Municipal Court's initiation postponed

Although Mayor Pat Ragsdale believed the ground work for the city's new municipal court was completed last week, he has since encountered some snags.

Original plans for the court were based on the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. However, Ragsdale learned during a conference with San Angelo city judge Allen Gilbert, that the code was outdated. Therefore, some of the plans for the court

will have to be changed.

"The ground work has been laid," said Ragsdale, "but we need to find the absolute duties of those involved and need to observe a court in operation." He said the city also needs time to appoint a full time judge, a court clerk and a city marshal. The clerk will have to be trained for extensive bookwork.

He also said the city council will have to revise several of the

ordinances, which are "just not acceptable in court."

He was in San Angelo Thursday watching the court there in operation. "We don't want everyone to think we are playing little brother to San Angelo," he said, "because not everything that applies to San Angelo will apply to Eldorado. But they do have a working court and a mode of operation."

He said the court would not become official until everything was set up according to law.

The mayor said that when he began plans for the court he had no idea the code had been revised. "I am green at this," he admitted, "but we are working with all haste to perpetuate this court," but at the same time he added, "we are not hopping into this prematurely."

Mayor Ragsdale explains the court's delay

AN APOLOGY TO YOU IS IN ORDER. I informed you in my last article that our new city court would convene at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 1977. You are probably aware by now that we did not hold court as originally planned.

Several items came to our attention that made us decide to postpone the opening of court on the date set. We felt that opening on that date could raise a question of the legality of our court. The old days when a judge could take a law book and with the "rap of a gavel" declare court to be in session are no more. Law now requires that many procedures be determined and many policies set prior to opening court.

Last Monday we were privileged to be visited, on my request, by the Judge and City Attorney of the City of San Angelo. Their visit, to say the least, was both informative and educational. According to law

the Municipal Court of San Angelo and Eldorado both must conform to the same mode of operation. Our determination to establish Municipal Court came largely from a manual entitled "Code of Criminal Procedure" which spelled out, to our satisfaction, those procedures required to establish court. This manual, the one we used, is out of date. A later addition shows revisions which were not included in the older addition. Those revisions effect the establishment of a Municipal Court.

Required is a "City Code" which is a system of numbering of our ordinances so that they can be tried in court. In their present form they are not enforceable. We are in the process of making the necessary format changes now. Both Judges and Clerks of Municipal Courts must be bonded. This is being done. A seal is required on all

documents. This is being ordered. A municipal court can be convened by the mayor by law however, I believe that it is in our best interest to establish court by ordinance. An ordinance is required to appoint a court clerk. The law declares that a mayor is a magistrate but ties his hands in so many ways. Also required is an extensive accounting system. A municipal court is not a court of record but strict laws require that the books be ready for audit at any time.

As you can see, a few hurdles have been jumped, a few more lay in our path.

However, it is my personal feeling that it would be in the best interest of our citizens for our court to be established without any question of its legality, within the framework of the latest known laws. This will enable us to hold court with the knowledge that you, the citizen, are receiving absolute justice from our court.

We will keep you informed as we progress. Our new target date for opening court is the week of July 18, 1977. Please be assured that we are working toward the opening of court at that time. Thank you for your continuing interest in our

city's government and the support of your mayor.

Newspaper drive scheduled for July 5th

The second monthly collection of newspapers conducted by the Eldorado Woman's Club is set for July 5.

Club officers are asking that the newspapers be bundled and delivered to the Memorial Building before 10:30 a.m.

The first collection earlier this month netted the group 440 pounds of newspaper, which was sold to a firm in San Angelo to be recycled.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL McWHORTER

TWIRLERS OFF TO CAMP--The twirlers for the Eldorado High School Band wave good-bye as they leave for twirling camp this week. They are from top to bottom, Debbie Patton, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gail Patton;

Paige Helmers, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bobby Helmers; Donna Cantwell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jerry Cantwell; Kendra Dunham, daughter of Mr and Mrs Luther Dunham and Toni Fatheree, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ben Fatheree.

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THE ELDORADO EXPRESS NEWS

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Mias Amigas begin 47th annual meeting

Ex-students of Eldorado High School are meeting today and Saturday during the 47th annual meeting of Mias Amigas.

Registration is at 6 p.m. tonight in the Memorial Building, with a sandwich supper on the courthouse lawn afterwards.

Ex-students will ring the old school bell on the courthouse lawn at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. The reunion will convene at 10 a.m. when the class of 1927 will be

recognized and business session held.

A barbeque luncheon will be at noon.

At 1 p.m. R.D. Holt will present the program.

Eldorado residents should contact Mrs Frankie Williams for barbecue tickets.

Lions Club installs new officers

Phil Olson was installed as president of the Eldorado Lions Club during a ceremony at the El Dorado Restaurant Friday night.

Other officers installed during the ceremony were Curtis L. Andrews, first vice president; Jerry Jones, second vice president; A. T. Turner, third vice president; Lynn Meador, secretary-treasurer; Floyd West, Lion Tamer and John Pitts, Tail Twister. Directors will be Penfield Barker, Richard Ganschow, Willard Gentry and Robert Jay. Bill Watson of the Ozona Lions Club was the installing officer.

Fire hazard warned by sheriff

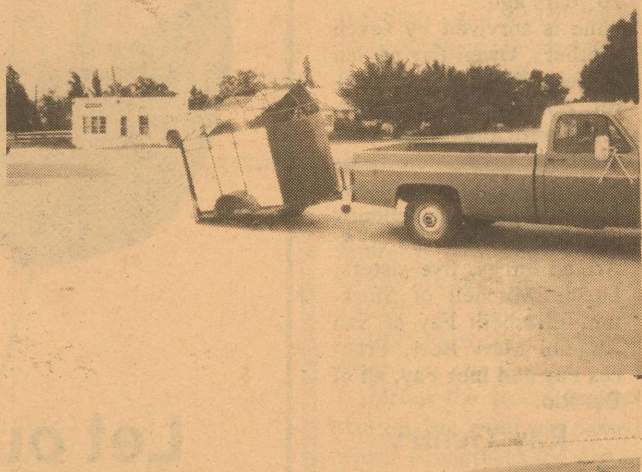
After a wet spring that produced a lot of tall vegetation and a hot, dry summer, Schleicher County Sheriff Orval Edmiston is cautioning everyone in the county to be careful with fires.

He pointed out that vegetation is "knee high all around the county and drying out rapidly."

See FIRE HAZARDS p.3

See HISTORY BOOK p.3

Local accident causes window damage



Tuesday began early for Tony Hernandez of Menard, as he headed his pickup toward Eldorado pulling a small horse-trailer. But his trip was delayed about 5 a.m. when he entered the Eldorado city limits.

Just as the pickup and trailer slowed down to pull into Sofge's Grocery Store, a wheel flew off the trailer and hit two plate glass windows in Doc's Liquor Store. The wheel bounced off the windows, shattering them.

Sofge said that damage was not as much as it could have been because the wheel did not go through the windows.

There were no injuries in the accident, although the horse was shaken considerably.

County history book started by Historical Society

One of the first steps in publishing the History of Schleicher County has been completed, as the seal which will be on each book has been received by Schleicher County Historical Society leaders.

The seal, oval in shape, contains a sketch of a typical ranch scene, complete with a live oak tree, rock tank and wooden windmill. Around the sides are the words, "A History of Schleicher County, Texas 1977." The sketch was drawn by Eldorado's Rita McWhorter.

The next step in publishing the book is to send out letters to all families in the county asking for their histories, said Mrs Margaret Frost, society president. She said the letters would

be sent out soon.

The letters will explain what the histories should contain, how they should be written and to whom they should be sent. Mrs Frost emphasized that the society wants histories about "newcomers" as much as old established families.

Family histories should give the state or country from which the family came, the approximate date and the area where they settled in what is now Schleicher County. Stories should be about 600 words, typed in double space and signed. They should be sent to Mrs Margaret Frost, Box 473, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

The society is asking persons to send in at least one picture to



Something To Think About

by Jannette Wilkerson

"OPERATION SHRINK"

Does it seem to you our world is shrinking? Well, it is! The rising cost of building has forced us to live in less space. The cost and availability of energy has made the big car a relic. The big, pillared homes of yesterday would even have trouble finding fuel for the fireplace. So what? That only applies to material things. We, as individuals, can expand and grow for as long and to what extent we desire. Our minds are not limited by the space we inhabit. I don't necessarily mean your I.Q., but your awareness. You sure don't have to have a degree to learn something everyday, and the best teachers aren't always books. The best teacher comes from within each of us. We're each very different and special and the lessons we learn each day are the personal truths we live by.

The old slogan "The Bigger, The Better" is not as valuable as "The best things come in small packages". For instance, a two ton elephant or a two carat diamond. Besides, how do you measure honesty or weigh love. The quality of our lives are so much more important than the quantity. For whatever time God has planned for us - seems a shame to waste even a day. So however we chose to expand within our shrinking world, we have the opportunity to watch the sun set on a red horizon, make a new friend, think about an old friend, or make up silly poems like this one:

We have eyes, but do we see?
We have ears, but do we hear?
We have hands, but do we reach?
We have minds, but do we think?

Each day that dawns is a new beginning and a day we lose and whatever we do, how we perform in that time -- are deeds we cannot alter.

So make it count 'for you' - cause 'you're' the one that counts! . . . and that's something to think about this week.

Summer Youth Program needs your help to continue

An Editorial by Jim McWilliams

The American Legion Summer Youth program is facing a severe problem. There is a lack of participation by adults in Eldorado.

Many individuals give lip service to programs that help youngsters. Many businesses have given a lot of money. But few have given their time to the American Legion Program, including those in the Legion.

There are almost thirty people who are working in various areas of the program. Some give as little as one hour a month, others give two or three hours a day to the program. All of the people now working for the kids are doing all they have been asked to do. But the program needs an hour or two of your time each week.

If you don't care what our city's children do for recreation, then please stop here and read another story. If you do care about them, then please try to find an hour or two to help the kids.

Here is a list of positions that need to be filled and the hours during the week needed to complete the job. Any age person is welcome. If you feel you can help, please contact Odis McDonell or Jim McWilliams. We need:

Three assistant co-ordinators -- 1 night a week, 4 hours.

Five official scorers: 1 for Wednesday night -- 2 hours; and two for Thursday night -- 2 hours each.

We need two adult coaches for the Pony League team. They have a game in San Angelo on June 27. And a head coach for the Red Sox. The coach will practice 3 days a week and have a game on 2 days.

The youth program is having trouble finding concession stand help. We need 2 people per night. This would not be a problem if most of the parents would help. In fact, if all the parents would donate their time they would only have to work two hours during the entire season. Is that too much time to give to your child every three months?

We need four more umpires. (We have three.)

If you have the time to fill one of these positions, please contact Odis McDonell or Jim McWilliams and help the program continue.

Those who are contributing to the program should be recognized. This list may not be complete, so I apologize in advance if you are not mentioned.

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See SUMMER YOUTH p.3



Call me your Home Front News items. 853-2688 or 853-2032. Billie Porter.

Home Front News

Mr and Mrs Dick Bearce have returned from a visit with their daughter and family, Mr and Mrs C.R. Sproul, at Golden, Colorado. The Bearces flew up for the visit and were joined by all of their grandchildren, Renee of Tennessee, Mike and his wife of Louisiana and Rhonda of Florida.

McWilliams, is spending the summer with her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Robert Hopper, in upstate New York. The Hoppers visited Texas for the first time last fall and marveled at our mountains and trees!

Deborah Diane Kellogg received her nursing cap during capping exercises June 16. Attending the ceremony were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles

Kellogg and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Taylor.

Jerry Edmiston, Ricky Jones and Eddie Teale were on the Pecos River this week for a fishing trip. They left Saturday noon and returned Wednesday night.

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June 13		98	66
June 14		93	59
June 15		93	63
June 16		92	68
June 17		92	70

OBITUARIES

J. D. Hext

Funeral services for John
D. Hext were Monday in St
Mary's Catholic Church in
Fredericksburg with burial
in St Mary's Cemetery.
Mr Hext died at 1:30 a.m.
Saturday in Hill Country
Memorial Hospital after
suffering a heart attack.
He was born August 12,
1915 in Mason County and
attended school in Eldorado
during the 1920's.
He married the former
Doris Pyka in Fredericks-
burg.
A retired truck driver for
East Texas Motor Freight
Company and a rancher, he
visited Eldorado often. He
and his wife had planned a
trip here this past weekend.
He is survived by his wife;
a daughter, Mrs Carolyn
Bohnert of Fredericksburg;
three sons, John D. Hext,
Jr. and Robert Hext both of

W. Schuller

Funeral services for Win-
ford Schuller, 64, of Rt. 7,
Lufkin, were conducted last
Saturday afternoon at 4:00
p.m. in the Gipson Funeral
Chapel, Lufkin, with Rev.
David Snowden officiating,
and burial in Glendale ce-
metery.
Mr. Schuller was born in
Lufkin May 16, 1913 and
died suddenly the preced-
ing Thursday night at his
residence. He was a Quality
Control Engineer with Luf-
kin Industries. He was a
member of Eldorado Maso-
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A.M., past patron of the
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It's hard to believe that with our next issue the Eldorado
Express News will be observing it's first birthday.
We started out with the feeling of being a literary success
from the very first because of the tremendous support given
us by our subscribers and readers. And now, after a year of
hard work, we can see that our efforts are becoming
economically successful too. Our advertisers, the lifeblood
of any newspaper, are steadily increasing and the results
they get from space in our paper are benefiting them and
the public.

So here we are on the threshold of our second year,
looking forward with dedication, and the hope of making the
Express News even more meaningful in the life of this
community.

Special mention has to go to Jim and Lynne McWilliams
for the total effort they have put into making the Express
News a successful enterprise. If everyone in Schleicher
County worked as hard as they do, we'd soon be known as a
super county. At the same time, they have made their place
in the community, taken an active role in its affairs, and
have brought with them a sense of pride and craftsmanship
that is inspirational.

There's been a lot of help from others too. Billie Porter,
Marylue Olson, and Pat Gentry have been the "wheels"
that kept turning, while Jeanette Wilkerson and Nell
Edmiston have written features and reported the news in an
exemplary manner. And Paul McWhorter has done an
outstanding job with his photography. Susan Wade, our San
Angelo sales representative, has been our element of
success and goodwill in that community, and we are looking
forward to the time when she and Wes move back to
Eldorado, and to her becoming a full time member of our
staff.

So we'll be celebrating our birthday next week with an
outstanding multi-page production. We hope you will join us
in this celebration. We know you will like what you read and
see.


Just so you will know and understand a little better all
that goes into publishing a quality newspaper, one of these
days we're going to take you behind the scenes with pictures
and words and let you see how it is all put together. You will
gain a deeper appreciation of what a community newspaper
is all about. And there's one special thought we would like
for you to keep in mind... it's really your newspaper, and it
can be and will be all that you want it to be.

Remember... all of you Eldorado graduates... this is
the weekend for the annual Mias Amigas gathering.
Yesterday in Midland, I ran into Young Newsom and had a
delightful visit with him. Young graduated in 1937, finished
college, and has been with Gulf Oil Corporation for many
years. He is looking fit and feeling fine after open-heart
surgery some three months ago. He plans to attend this
weekend's festivities and is looking forward to seeing many
of you there.

Have a nice day!

CARD OF THANKS
Many thanks for all the
prayers, Get Well cards
sent, flowers, gifts, phone
calls, sweets and visits that
Nicky received while in
Shannon Hospital and at
home. The Lester Dahlberg
family also wants to thank
everybody who offered
help. We also want to thank
Sheriff Orval Edmiston and
Phil Olson for transferring
Nicky from the rodeo
grounds to Schleicher
County Medical Center and
then to Shannon Hospital in
San Angelo. Also a thank
you to Dr Jim Brame and
Dr Barbara Schroeder and
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Short Notes

John Cox and Briggs Browning of Doole visited in the home of Mr and Mrs Travis Parker last week.

Hector, son of Mr and Mrs Phillip Montalvo was slightly injured early Friday morning in a two vehicle accident south of San Angelo. Hector was treated and released at Shannon Hospital.

Top Arrott has returned home from Houston where he underwent minor open heart surgery. Top is doing great and we are all glad to have him home.

The horse races at Wilkie Downs Saturday and Sunday

were enjoyed by several members of our community. Fred Mason won 3rd in one of the races.

Cleo, Jeanne and Jason Rogers spent Father's Day in the home of their parents, Ann and Lester Rogers.

Travis and Lorraine Parker attended a react meeting in San Angelo Tuesday night, a coffee north of San Angelo and a booth at Fiesta Del Concho was planned. The coffee will be over the 4th of July holiday.

Bill Green has graduated from a cast to crutches after a recent leg injury. Good to see you up and about, Bill.

Our area received 10 inches of rain this week. One drop every 10 inches - that is! Every little sprinkle helps though.

Rene' Clingaman and Allison Antony of alexandra, Louisiana are visiting with Rene's grandparents, Mr and Mrs Dale Wells. They are also attending Vacation Bible School.

Recipe Corner

Pineapple-Marshmallow Cream

1 pkg Pineapple pudding mix
1 carton Cool Whip
1 can Pineapple (crushed)
1 pkg small marshmallows

Mix: pudding mix (use dry) to Cool Whip, pour in crushed pineapple. Mix well, add marshmallows and mix again. Garnish with cherries and nuts and refrigerate. 1 use large portions - Serves 8 - 10.
Liz Clark

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Dryness is also said to yield to a daily rubbing with the following: Wheat germ oil or Vitamin E (prick a capsule with a pin and rub the oil on your face before going to bed); honey mixed with vitamin E and left on the skin for 15 minutes. Wash but dont peel half a cucumber. Cube and blend with 1 egg white, 2 tbs mayonnaise and 1/2 cup wheat germ oil. Apply morning and night and wipe off.

Eye Refresher

For dark circles or puffiness under eyes, the following is very useful:

Cotton pads soaked in milk or witchhazel; avocado or cucumber slices, a compress of grated carrots or raw potatoes.

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go with their stories. Pictures will be returned after the book is completed.

The book will contain between 400-600 pages, depending on the number of biographies sent in and the number of books ordered. It will be 8 1/2 x 11 inches in size and will be bound in a

leatherette cover with a silver stamped embossed seal.

Books will be available on a pre-sale basis only for \$24.95. Families may purchase a printed memorial page to memorialize a member of their family. For information about memorial

pages, contact Schleicher County Historical Society, in care of Mrs Ben Isaacs, Jr., Drawer J, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

Historical society members note that the purpose of the books is to preserve historical records for the education and enjoyment of future generations.

Summer Youth program

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The following businesses were willing to sponsor a team, but none was available: Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Brown Electric, Cardinal Chem-

ical and Eldorado Shamrock Station. **THOSE WHO GAVE** County Commissioners' Court -- \$1,000. Schleicher County I.S.D. is paying the light bill and gave \$250. Coca Cola Bottling Co. of San Angelo -- \$86. Elton McGinnes and Sonny Turner gave individual support to the program. And a thank you is in order to those who bought candy and tickets for the fund raising

drives.

UMPIRES

Ken Wilson, Albert Torres, Bert Field, and Odus McDonell.

CONCESSION STAND HELPERS

Mrs J.L. White, Pam Moody, Mildred Phillips, Puggy McDonell and Lynne McWilliams.

We have had a lot of help from some...a little help from a few... and now all we need is a LITTLE help from a FEW MORE!

Fire prevention

He said that a man threw a wheel off a truck on the Toe Nail Trail last week and it was hot enough to begin a grass fire.

"It was still green enough that it did not burn very quickly," he said, "but after a few more weeks of this weather, it will be real dry and we can have another big fire like we did in February."

Edmiston said the new fire truck ordered by the county is in San Antonio and is scheduled to arrive in 30 days.

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Vacation Bible School is going very well. On Monday we had 39 youngsters and 23 helpers plus those making and bringing punch and cookies. On Friday we will sing songs of praise at the Golden Years Nursing Home. We also plan on bringing sack lunches to eat in the park. Mills Caraway, ASU student from San Angelo has been helping with our singing. He is doing a mar-

velous job of song leading. The children are really enjoying the Story Telling. In the art department, the creations they are turning out are just beautiful. We can't forget the swimming and wading. Don't think that anyone has been able to resist getting their feet wet. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with our Vacation Bible School. YOU are wonderful!

Sure, people are interested that your son or daughter is home for a visit, even for a few days. Tell the Express News.

Christoval Appreciation Dinner set

Everyone is invited to an Appreciation Dinner in the Christoval Park at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 28th. Just bring a covered dish and yourself to help us how you how much we appreciate all the help you have given us to build the Community Center. After the dinner, we will go to the Christoval Community Center for a ribbon cutting ceremony with special guest Andy Kever, and Open House at the Center.

Home Front Continued

Mrs. Jack Faulk and her sons, Joel, Jay and Paul came to Eldorado Friday to spend the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Joe Max Edmiston. They were joined by their father, Al Price of Midland, on Sunday for Father's Day.

Lester, Mary Louise, Nicky and Matthew Dahlberg went to San Angelo on Father's Day to visit with Mrs Dahlberg's folks, Mr and Mrs Otto J. Schwartz, and her brothers and sister. Mr and Mrs Harvey L. Schwartz had a barbeque at their home for the family and friends. Frank White from Lake View High School did an act for entertainment.

Mrs Evelyn Stigler visited in Hico recently with her sisters, Mrs Viola Guthrie and Mr and Mrs Floyd Jones from Morris, Ill. They attended a Wright cousins reunion at Pecan Plantation near Granbury, Texas on Saturday, June 11. About fifty relatives gathered for a picnic supper and a get-acquainted with relatives not seen for years. Mr and Mrs Johnny Stigler and family from Euless also attended, and a grandson, Duane, came home with Mrs Stigler for a visit.

Mr and Mrs L. D. Mund and Mrs Orval Edmiston were in New Braunfels over the weekend attending the marriage of Ann Louise Mund to Greg Miller. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Tart Mund of New Braunfels.

Mrs. Gene Edmiston is at home after a lengthy stay in Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. With her is her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd (Mary Dell) Baskin of Ohio, and Amy. Another daughter, Ann, will come this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller of Liberty visited her sister, Mrs. Mae Thompson and her niece, Mrs. Helen Blakeway. Mrs. Thompson is in the local hospital.

Guests in the R.E. Griffith home over the weekend were Mr. Griffith's sisters and families, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pickle of Austin and Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Henderson of Mineral Wells.

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Sher Hastings of Val Paraiso, Fla., is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Penfield Barker. She came to Eldorado with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker, who visited in Florida last week.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gutierrez and sons this weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gutierrez Sr. and Mary Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gutierrez and Jaime, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mancilla and Joey, all of Seagraves.

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Clay Porter spent Sunday at Lake Buchanan where he attended a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones were in Lubbock for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Miller and family of Seagraves visited a few days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lambert, this week.

Bob Frost from Saberna Park, Maryland visited several days last week with his mother and sister, Mrs. Margaret Frost and Mrs. Carol Shewbart and other relatives.

Mickey Nixon and Charlie Bradley left Sunday June 19th for track camp at UTEP in El Paso. They will be there for one week.

Ola Ruth Barbee returned Monday from a vacation trip to El Paso and Juarez, Mexico. Her young grandson returned with her to spend some time here.

Nicky Dahlberg, who was injured while competing in the Eldorado Junior Rodeo, is at home and doing well. He was hurt while riding a bull at the rodeo. Nicky will have to undergo surgery in December when a plate will be placed in his forehead.

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SINGING IN THE RAIN-Sister Ann Marks, Terri Garcia and Sister Julie Daigle lead a song at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church during

classes Wednesday as it misted outside. Trying to catch on to the lyrics are, from left to right, Craig Gutierrez, Ken Cowert, Enereida Garza and

Odilia Garza. About 20 students attended the morning classes, and 20 more attended the afternoon classes for teenagers.

Miss Griffin is married to Russel Stewart

Miss Esther Hope Griffin and Russel Wayne Stewart were united in marriage Saturday, June 18 in the Eldorado Rock Church of Christ at 4:30 in the afternoon.

R.T. Williamson, Church of Christ Minister, of Roosevelt, Texas, performed the ceremony. He also married the bride's parents twenty-five years ago and also her older sister.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Derl Richard Griffin of Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Earl Stewart of Midkiff.

Mrs. Kenneth Homer was the organist. She accompanied Miss Janet Miller of Del Rio who sang "Oh Promise Me" and "The Lord's Prayer".

The altar was enhanced by an arch and two brass candelabras entwined with greenery. A basket of white gladiolas was beneath the arch.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of candelight delustered satin with a Queen Ann's neckline and empire bodice. The bodice, skirt and bishop sleeves were decorated with rose point lace. A Juliet's cap of rose point lace held the finger tip veil of elusion lace. She carried a bridal cascade of blue carnations, yellow daisies and baby's breath.

Janet Griffin of Austin served as her sister's maid of honor. Gina Martin of Del Rio, cousin of the bride, was the junior bridesmaid. The bridesmaids wore long-sleeved floor length gowns of yellow polyester knit accented with white lace. They wore yellow and white picture hats with streamers of yellow ribbon and carried nosegays of yellow daisies, blue carnations and baby's breath. Amy Henderson of Eldorado, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl. Her dress was identical to the bridesmaids. She carried a white wicker basket filled with blue and yellow flowers.

Cy Griffin of Eldorado, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer. Mark Wheeler of Rankin was the best man. The groomsmen were Donnie Medley, of Lubbock, cousin of the groom. Ushers were Mike Hodges of Midkiff and Donny Cole of Rankin.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Memorial Building. The brides table was covered with a white lace cloth over a white undercloth with an arrangement of white flowers as a centerpiece. The three tiered wedding cake was decorated with flowers, angels and doves.

Serving at the brides table were Janet Miller of Del Rio and Becky Blair of Eldorado.

The groom's table was covered with a beige lace cloth over a blue undercloth. A silver candelabra containing blue and yellow tapers accented the silver coffee service. A german chocolate cake was decorated with swirls. Serving at the groom's table were Diana Fitzgerald of Del Rio and Kim Manning, cousin of the bride.

Lori Griffin of Eldorado, cousin of the bride, was at the guest register.

Members of the house party included Mrs. Johnny Griffin, Mrs. Lynn Griffin, Mrs. Dan Griffin and Mrs. Sam Henderson Jr., all of Eldorado and Mrs. Guy Martin of Del Rio.

Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hyman of Stephenville, grandparents of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Koe Jr. and Michelle, of Lubbock, sister and niece of the groom; Mrs. John Caraway and Amy, of Lubbock, sister and niece of the groom; Mrs. Ray Medley, Missy, Wendi and Donnie of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Hodges of Midkiff; Mr. and Mrs. Graham Miller and Janet of Del Rio; Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Welch of Sonora; David Craig and Diana Fitzgerald of Del Rio; Janet Griffin, sister of the bride, of Austin, Texas and Mrs. R.T. Williamson of Roosevelt, Texas.

The couple will live in Eldorado when they return from their wedding trip.



Mr & Mrs. Mr. & Mrs. Russel Stewart

Winners are named in 4-H dress revue

The 4-H Dress Revue and craft show was held June 15th at the Memorial Building.

The winners of the craft show are as follows:

Sub-Jr Div
Kelly Squires, red ribbon, tiger wall hanging.
Amy Key, red ribbon, yellow ceramic turtle.

Kelly Squires, blue ribbon, green ceramic turtle
Devonna Coates won the rosette for her embroidered scarf.

Jr Div
Rochelle Williams, red ribbon, dog figurine.

Margaret Jasso, red ribbon, ceramic angel.

Margaret Turner, blue ribbon embroidered cup towels.

Shanna Swift, blue ribbon, liquid embroidered pillowcase.

Deanna Yocham, red ribbon, yarn covered hangers.

Shelly Squires, blue ribbon, framed picture.

Diana Harris, red ribbon, covered bottle.

Margaret Jass, blue ribbon, beads.

Rochelle Williams, red ribbon, pair of ceramic figurines.

Deanna Yocham, blue ribbon, dolly dusters.

Kara Homer won the rosette for her patchwork frog.

Senior Div
Patti Hausenfluck won a red ribbon for her yarn flowers and a rosette for her pillow.

Dress Revue
Blue Ribbon Winners for the sub junior division were: Becky Schrier, Amy Key, Kelly Squires and Devonna Coates.

The rosette winner in the sub-junior division of the dress revue was Kelly Squires.

Junior Division
Blue ribbon winners were: Lou Ann Turner, Shanna Swift, Kara Homer, Cindy Hausenfluck, Jill Pitts, Deanna Clark, Sherry Powell and Shelly Squires.

Red ribbon winners were: Deana Harris, Jeanne Redwine, Patricia Trimble, Lonnie Jarrett, Dana Coates, Joan Schrier, Rochelle Williams and Margaret Jasso.

The rosette winner was Cindy Hausenfluck.

Senior Division
Blue ribbons went to Judy Pitts, Cynthia Schooley and Patti Hausenfluck.

The rosette winner was Judy Pitts.

The District Contest will be held in Abilene, Texas, July 8th.

A reception followed the Dress Revue.

New Products can help modern homemakers

A recent survey of house-keeping tasks may inspire new ideas for cutting down their demand on most homemakers' total time and energy usage, says Lynn White, a family resource management specialist.

Mrs White is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Homemakers spend about one-third of their time on laundry -- and another 20 percent on vacuuming,

sweeping, scouring and washing -- according to the survey by the Market Research Corporation of America.

Based on the report's findings, Mrs White says that to save the most time and energy, reduce the tasks that take the most -- by using the most efficient products and operating procedures.

"For example, dish-washing and laundry are two housekeeping practices

that require a good job the first time around.

"Teaming efficient cleaning products with the cool-dry dishwasher cycle and the cool-rinse laundry cycle does the job -- and saves energy."

Although dishwashing is a daily activity, the survey reported that most homemakers perform that task 11 times a week -- those with automatic dishwashers use them 42 percent of the time and wash dishes by hand 58 percent.

Laundry loads washed weekly ranged from four to nine loads -- with 83 percent machine washed and four percent of those done in a laundromat.

A wide range of laundry products do all that washing, according to the survey.

Bleach is used by 53 percent of the homemakers, rinse-fabric softeners by 43 percent, dryer products by 21 percent, pre-treatment products by 41 percent, and 46 percent use a soil-spot remover.

AROUND The HOUSE and OTHER PLACES
by Nancy Lester
County Extension Agent - Home Economics

A number of Schleicher County 4-H members attended District 4-H camp this week at Brownwood.

Representing Schleicher County at the District 4-H Dress Revue in Abilene on July 8 will be Cindy Hausenfluck and Judy Pitts.

This week I have some information for you on Summer "Kitchen Escape" plans.

Summertime "kitchen escape" tactics are easy--and still allow for nutritious menus. Following is a 10-point "kitchen escape" plan:

1. Prepare gelatin desserts--they're easy to prepare and to eat.
2. Use the outdoor grill for the entire meal including vegetables and breads.
3. Serve one-dish meals such as casseroles--and round out the menu with a cool salad and packaged bread.
4. Plan menus that cook in the oven at one temperature--this eliminates the extra heat of surface burners.
5. If you have a microwave oven--use it!
6. Prepare your main dish in a slow cooker. Serve vegetables and salads that don't require cooking and last minute preparations.
7. Serve cold meat salads as a main dish for a change.
8. Do baking in the early part of the day while temperatures are still relatively cool.
9. Serve fresh fruits in season for dessert.
10. Eat out--you deserve a break!

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ELDORADO BRIDGE CLUB

Mr and Mrs Phil Olson hosted the Eldorado Bridge Club Wednesday evening in their home. Attending were Mr and Mrs Clay Porter, Mr and Mrs Hollis McCormick and Mr and Mrs P. S. Dudley. Mrs McCormick won Ladies High, Phil Olson won Men's High and Mr Dudley won Bingo.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Winners last week: Sarah Hall and Jack Bebee - 1st; Bob Frost, Saberna Park, Maryland and Margaret Frost - 2nd; Tom Peaslee, Sonora and Billie Porter - 3rd; Mr. and Mrs. Penfield Barker - 4th; Bobby Sanders and Billie Andrews - 5th; Ina Lambert and Clay Porter - 6th.

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SCHLEICHER CO ASCS NEWS

By Ronnie Mittel County Executive Director Schleicher County ASCS

BEEF REFERENDUM REGISTRATION

125 producers registered in Schleicher County for the beef referendum. These producers are all that will be eligible to vote during the period July 5-15. We can mail ballots to eligible voters if they can not come to the ASCS office during the period for voting.

CERTIFICATION OF CROPS

Both allotment and non-allotment farms are being asked this year to report their acreages of planted crops. July 15 is the final date to certify cotton, wheat and feed grains. You are asked to report your acreages as soon as possible.

The county office is currently spot checking farms selected at random to determine the accuracy of certification of crop acreages. No penalties are applicable if your farm is spot checked and a discrepancy is found. However, should a farm payment be forthcoming, it will be based on our measured acreage rather than the farmers certified acreage.

LOANS

Loans can be obtained on oats at the rate of \$1.15 per bushel. If you have oats stored on your farm, check with us if you are interested in obtaining a loan.

Loans are available on grain bins or structures. Grain sorghum was selling for less than \$3.00 per hundred in South Texas this week. Are you prepared to store your milo crop this fall if prices continue to be depressed? We have a good program on these type of loans but you cannot wait until the last few weeks before harvest to get approved or obtain delivery on a structure. Loans can be made on 85% of the net cost. Interest is 7% per year and the loan is repayable over a four year period.

The national loan level for grain sorghum is \$3.04 per hundred. The rate for our county will be available soon.

The Eldorado Express News is interested in the activities of YOUR Church, club, or organization. All you need is a phone call to the Express News and your activity will be in your HOMETOWN Newspaper. Call 853-2032 to have it in the next issue of the Eldorado Express News. It's important to you, and that makes it important to US. WE DO NOT CHARGE FOR LEGITIMATE NEWS ITEMS. TRY US!!!!



By Freddie J. Williams District Conservationist Soil Conservation Service

Planned Grazing Systems have proven to be the most efficient means of improving Texas rangelands. Through the past 20 years, many grazing systems and variations of systems have been used to maximize profits for cattle and sheep producers. We will publish a two week series of articles describing four of the basic types of grazing systems. Each must be adapted to the individual ranching situation.

2 PASTURE SWITCHBACK GRAZING SYSTEM

This grazing system involves two pastures of the same carrying capacity. Your herd size will be based on the stocking rate for both pastures together. You place the herd in pasture A for four months and then switch to pasture B to be grazed for four months while pasture A rests. One cycle is completed every two years.

One year one pasture is grazed for eight months and rested or deferred for four. The next year that pasture is grazed for four months and rested for eight months.

Some advantages of this system are:

1. it allows for a rest period during seed production and season of growth every 24 months.
2. less labor than a high intensity system and you can coordinate cattle working procedures to time of movement.
3. only two pastures are necessary which allows for less fencing.
4. allows for faster range improvement than a normal deferred rotation system.

Some disadvantages are:

1. you need two pastures of the same carrying capacity (not necessarily the same size).
2. some risk involved due to double stocking rate for four months in one pasture.
3. you need more water in each pasture due to concentration of herd.

SHORT DURATION GRAZING SYSTEMS: A SYSTEM FOR THE FUTURE

Short duration grazing, commonly referred to as high intensity-low frequency grazing, was first installed in Texas by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station on its research ranch near Barnhart over 20 years ago. However, it wasn't until the late 1960's that this system was introduced to the commercial ranching industry of Texas. Since that time these systems have increased in popularity among ranchers throughout the state. In the last five years over 300 ranchers have implemented systems on their ranches.

In an intensified grazing system livestock are generally

grouped into one or two herds for grazing and are systematically rotated throughout a series of pastures. The number of pastures usually varies from 4 to 12, but the average is about 8. The length of the grazing period for each pasture is based on the amount of forage being produced in that particular pasture. Generally, grazing of a pasture is accomplished in 20-60 days with the complete rotation or grazing cycle being completed in about 7 to 12 months.

During the last 10 years there has been a considerable amount of conflicting information circulating throughout the state on the advantages, disadvantages, and problems associated with short duration grazing. Since there has been a very limited amount of research data published on these grazing systems, range scientists of the Soil Conservation Service made an extensive evaluation of existing grazing systems being used across Texas. The following is a resume of their findings:

- Purpose of short duration grazing systems
 - Improve the quality and quantity of vegetation
 - Provide for flexibility in grazing management
 - Provide for systematic rest periods for each pasture to permit vegetative recovery
 - Develop a grazing system that will maximize efficiency of vegetative harvest consistent with vegetative production
 - Benefits generally received after two or more years in operation
 - Rapid change in vegetation; there is an appreciable large increase in the better species
 - Increase in livestock production per acre
 - Frequently results in greater numbers of livestock being run; particularly after two or more years because there is greater forage production
 - Lower operating cost per head of livestock
 - Better breeding efficiency. Most producers reported a small increase (1 to 5 percent) in calf crop
 - Fewer internal parasites, since in most cases the parasitic reproduction cycle is broken by shorter grazing periods
 - Wildlife habitat is improved
 - Reduction in labor
 - Provides for flexibility in herd management during drought, since the rancher has a better opportunity to analyze forage on hand versus rate of regrowth is grazed pastures
 - Provides for maximum flexibility in herd management by moving livestock to permit them to take advantage of special vegetative features such as: short term palatable growth of annuals, above average growth of Texas wintergrass, short term availability of field crops, etc.
 - Provides for maximum flexibility in use of all types of crops produced on any given operating unit, be it native grassland, improved pasture, or grazing of field crops
 - Permits easier manipulation of breeding herd for AI operations
 - Occasionally with large herds less male animals are needed for breeding, since there is less travel time required when breeding herd is bunched
 - Provides "fresh" forage with each move as well as forage that has not been used before
 - Creates a condition whereby cattle with less desirable traits can be selected out more easily - i.e., more timid animals, late breeders, etc.
- For more information concerning the benefits and disadvantages of these Short Duration Grazing Systems, contact your local Soil Conservation Service Office. We'll try to develop a system that will work for you.

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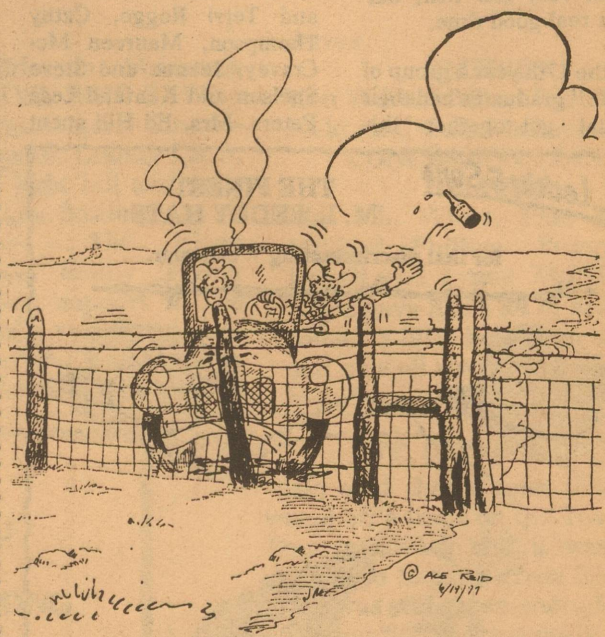


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COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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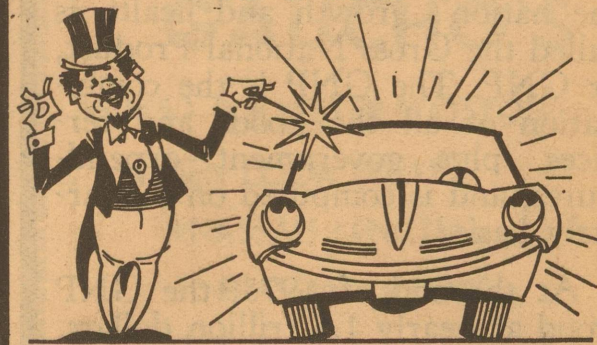
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Fashion designers are responding to energy conservation efforts by featuring fabrics and designs that are compatible with "warmer summer" and "cooler winter" controlled environments, says Mrs. Becky Culp, area clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

In buying a side of beef, remember it is only about one quarter steaks-the rest is about evenly divided among roasts, hamburger or stew meat and waste, advises Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.



Sheep & Goat Industry News

convention promises a full slate of activities including receptions, dance, the annual banquet and awards ceremony, scenic and historic bus tours, as well as the business meetings that make the entire affair legitimate.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Friday and continues through 5 p.m. The Texas Animal Damage Control

Assn. will meet at 10 that morning, followed by the past presidents' luncheon at 11. Committee meetings begin at 1 p.m. with the predatory animal committee, the wool and mohair marketing and promotion committee and the tax and labor committee.

Later that afternoon, the health and product development and natural resources committees will meet, followed at 5 p.m. by the districts 6 and 11 caucuses and the general resolutions committee.

A reception hosted by American Cyanamid Co. is set to begin at 7:30, a western dance to follow at 9 p.m.

Saturday's activities include the convention general session featuring Rep Jim Nugent, keynote speaker. Tim Indart, past president of California Wool Growers and current treasurer of National Wool Growers Assn., will report on NWGA activities. Past TS&GRA president Sutton Allison, San Angelo, is scheduled to outline current activities of the American Sheep Producers Council wool and lamb committees.

Howard Derrick, Eldorado, past TS&GRA president and immediate past president of ASPC, will report on the Lamb Promotion Coordinating Committee, and current Mohair Council of America president Sid Harkins, Sander-

son, will outline MCA highlights, including the recently concluded International Mohair Assn. meeting in San Antonio.

Election of new officers will cap the general session, and an American Cyanamid reception will precede the annual banquet, set at 8 p.m.

Banquet speaker will be recently appointed Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Reagan V. Brown, and awards, including the coveted Earwood Memorial Award, will be presented at the banquet.

How about those scenic and historic tours? They're part of the Woman's Auxiliary program, but the men are welcome, too, as long as their schedules tally. The Friday tour will leave the Inn of the Hills at 11 a.m. for a trip to Fredericksburg and will include stops at three restored Sunday houses, other points of interest and lunch at a German restaurant. The Auxiliary Advisory Board will meet later that afternoon.

Saturday bus tour will take in the unforgettable Y O Ranch and a Guadalupe River drive. The Auxiliary will meet at Riverhills, Kerville's newest country club, for a luncheon and short business meeting. A tour of the James Avery silversmith shop is scheduled to follow. Reservations for the Auxiliary tours must be made by July 10.



Newell Lucas, Cliff Schooley, Jr. and Mr and Mrs John Luman spent two days near Dryden, Texas, on the Rio Grande River last weekend. They caught one

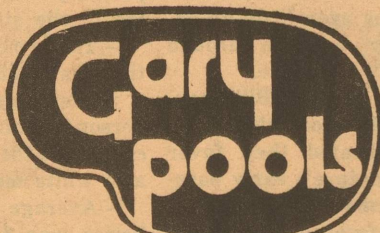
cattfish that weighed 40 lbs. and the 5 shown in the picture weighed a total of 115 pounds. The group caught lots of fish not shown.

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Mr and Mrs Jack Harris and Dianna, Mr and Mrs Sam A. Whitten, Mr and Mrs Earl Dean Clark and children, Mr and Mrs Tony Cheatham and children, and Mr and Mrs Raymond Standeford spent last weekend fishing at Brady Lake. It was reported that they caught very few fish, but had a real good time.

For the 17th year a group of "EHS" graduates had their annual get-together this

past weekend. They met at Lake Buchanan and had an enjoyable time visiting, boating and fishing. Graduates and their husbands are Betty and Sid Rogge (Lefors, Texas), Rachel and Bill Spiller (Houston, Texas), Sarah and Bill McCravey and Frances and Pete Peters of Eldorado. Also attending this year were some of the children: Bob and Terri Rogge, Cathy Thompson, Maureen McCravey, Jeanne and Steve Snelson and Ken and Lesa Peters. Mrs. Ed Hill spent

the weekend with the group and Rachel Spiller's mother and husband spent Saturday visiting with the group. Liz and Bob Bradley, who are usually in attendance, were unable to attend this year.

Mr and Mrs P. S. Dudley and their daughter, Mrs Ed Meador, recently made a trip to Dallas, Texas. While there they visited Claudia Meador and also had a short visit with Rusty Meador who was in Dallas on business from Houston, Texas.

While in Dallas, Mr and Mrs Dudley attended a new organization of Sun Oil Company Retirees. Mr Dudley worked for the company for 30 years before he retired in 1953 while living in Gainesville, Texas. Approximately 300 retirees in the Dallas area attended the meeting and luncheon which was held at the North Park Inn Ballroom. Addressing the group were Mr Bob Donahue, Vice President and head of personnel from Philadelphia, Penn; and Mr A.F. Carriello, who published a newsletter sent to over 6,000 retired Sun Company employees all over the United States. Cecil Colville, an ex-SMU Rose Bowl football player, is the organizer of the Dallas Club. He and Dudley worked together for the Sun Oil Company at Freer, Texas, in the 1940's. Mr and Mrs Dudley had the pleasure of visiting with many former co-workers and friends.

On the way home, the Dudley's and Martha Lee visited Mr and Mrs Alfred Miles and Mrs Mattie Wilkerson in Denton, Texas.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL McWHORTER
IN THE DUCK HOUSE NOW -- Stanley (the duck) tells Suzie (the dog) that she best remove her tail and the rest of her body from Stanley's duck house. From the look on the dog's face, she believes it too!

Scout jamboree plays big role in strengthening scout program

"The 1977 National Scout Jamboree will play a major role in strengthening Scouting here and all over America by developing leadership abilities in young men through friendly competition," said James Young, jamboree chairman of the Concho Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America.

According to Young, a total of 40 Scouts and leaders from the Concho Valley Council are scheduled to participate in the celebrated quadrennial event August 3-9 at Moraine State Park near Butler, Pa.

"This event offers our Scouts a once-in-a-lifetime chance to compete and grow with thousands of other boys from all 50 states and around the world," noted the jamboree chairman. "And most im-

portantly, our young men will return from Moraine State Park with new skills

and program ideas that can be shared with their fellow troop members to advance the cause of Scouting on the troop, district, and council levels."

"The jamboree program will feature a wide variety of competitive events on a patrol and individual basis, with national champions being determined. Bronze, silver, and gold medals also will be awarded.

Patrol events include a "Liberty Bell" race during which a patrol erects a tripod with a bell at the top, and then hoists a patrol member who rings the bell; a "Bicentennial Salute," involving flagpole construc-

tion; plus a fire-building contest and first aid relay.

Individual events are log-sawing, marksmanship, orienteering (map and compass), fire by friction, fire by flint and steel, and metrics (Scouts are scored for accuracy in measuring heights, distances and weights in metrics).

On a more sophisticated level, jamboree Scouts will engage in an electronic fox hunt, and vie for honors in a national cooking and baking contest.

New WTU employee



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL McWHORTER
WTU EMPLOYEE -- William B. Hodges, 24, is the new serviceman for West Texas Utilities. He is single and moved here from Bronte, replacing Leland Moore.

Slimmin Women still meeting

The Eldorado Slimmin Women Club still meet every Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Club Room of the Memorial Building. A fruit basket is received every week by the person who lost the most weight for that week. Charms are received by the six-week queen and most inches lost. We are starting another charm for this six-week contest. It will be the exercise charm.

Please stop by and visit with us. We will welcome you to our club.

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ENGAGEMENTS



Dale Harrell and Marsha Kothmann
KOTHMANN-HARRELL

Mr and Mrs Nook Kothmann of Menard, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marsha, to Dale Harrell, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Harrell of Eldorado.

The wedding will be September 10th in the Eldorado Rodeo Club area.

The bride-elect is a 1974 graduate of Eldorado High School and a 1976 graduate of Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde, and is an LVN.

Dale is also a 1974 graduate of Eldorado High School and a 1976 graduate of Southwest Texas Junior College, majoring in Ranch Management.

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One yardstick used to measure the nation's growth and health is called the Gross National Product, or GNP. The GNP is the combination of all the goods and services, plus government expenditures, and is computed on a quarterly basis.

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BIRTHS

Mercer boy

Dr and Mrs Jimmy Mercer announce the birth of their first child, a son named Andrew Christopher. The baby arrived June 15, 1977 at John Sealy Hospital, Galveston, Texas, weighed 6 lbs and 15 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Harry Mercer of Eldorado and Mr Pat O'Harrow of San Angelo and a great grandmother, Mrs Van O'Harrow of Eldorado.

Duke girl

Mr and Mrs Stanley Duke announce the birth of a daughter Melissa Marie, on June 9th in San Angelo. She weighed 7 lbs 4 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr and Mrs W. F. Self of Temple and Mrs Heffner of Temple. Great grandparents are Mr and Mrs W. L. Self of Belton.

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Gaston to speak Sunday

The Rev William Gaston will be guest preacher during services at the First United Methodist Church here Sunday.

He is a retired Methodist minister and lives in Christoval.

The resident preacher, the Rev Keith Wyatt and his family, will be in Bridgeport with Mrs Wyatt's sister and brother-in-law, Mr and Mrs Wayne Harbeson. They will also visit in Arlington.

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights
by Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Gov. Dolph Briscoe cleared his desk of legislation passed during the regular session and announced he will call lawmakers back to work July 11.

Briscoe settled on the early July date for a special session on the complex issue of public school finance which evaded all earlier efforts at solution.

"I think it should be possible to accomplish the work of the session in a week to 10 days," Briscoe said. "There is enough agreement that we should be able to work out a good school finance bill in a relatively short period of time . . . I am giving everybody an opportunity to plan around the (July 11) date."

House Speaker Bill Clayton and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby have indicated they favor the legislature's early passage of something similar to the conference committee report which died on final night of the regular session. The bill provided about \$900 million in additional school aid.

Briscoe saved some of the most important bills until last. Among the last measures approved were consoli-

dation of three major state water agencies, the "sunset bill" providing for phase-out of outmoded state agencies and the new medical malpractice act.

Crime Unpredictable

Total "index" crime doubled during the last four years, and may do so again 1977-1980.

City areas with 78 per cent of the population reported 78 per cent of the crime, but the violent crime rate is higher in rural areas.

The C.J.D. study also revealed these findings—

—Last year, a quarter billion dollars worth of property was reported stolen in the state.

—The typical murder victim was 20-35 years old and a white male. The typical person arrested in murder cases was the same age and also white male.

—Average take in robberies was \$440. About 41 per cent of Texas robberies are solved.

—Nearly 20 per cent of the 187,182 burglaries were committed without need for force, and more than half were committed in daylight

—the vast bulk in private residences.

Allowable Set Texas Railroad Commission set the July oil production allowable — again at 100 per cent.

Commissioner Jim Langdon noted the U.S. is importing 38 per cent of the crude oil it needs, but said the nation could become self-sufficient if "willing to pay the price."

Langdon also proposed storage of synthetic oils, and said he will spell out his plan in writing.

Total nominations of Texas crude oil purchasers for July were 3,915,851 barrels a day, a decrease of 26,543 barrels from this month.

AG Opinions

Bulk of a Mexia State School investigative report is not available to legislators or the public since it deals with personal medical records, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

—A telephone company is authorized to lay buried telephone lines within the right-of-way of a county road without the approval of the commissioners court. However, the company must place its lines in such manner as not to inconvenience the public in use of public roads.

—A county has no present authority to enact land use regulations for flood-prone areas unless it qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program of June 30, 1970.

—Political subdivisions which are self insurers under the Workmen's Compensation laws are liable for the gross premium tax on insurers.

—A soil and water con-

servation district may deposit its funds in interest-bearing accounts in a state or national bank, but it may not purchase certificates of deposit. Nor may it deposit its funds in a savings and loan association.

Courts Speak

The U.S. Supreme Court ordered an indefinite stay of execution for James Paul Burns, condemned Texas murderer, pending his appeal to the top court. Burns' stay by a state court would have run out June 24.

Short Snorts

Texas Water Development Board is monitoring cloud seeding operations in Castro, Swisher, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Bailey, Parmer, Deaf Smith, Randall and Lubbock counties.

A \$200,000 community center and museum honoring the late former Gov. Coke R. Stevenson at Junction is being planned through a private solicitation of funds.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 663,043,946 mcf of gas in March 1977, down 19 per cent from field runs a year earlier.

Average calendar day allowable of Texas oil production as of June 15 totalled 3,607,813 barrels.

The Middle Colorado River Watershed Project covering 4.5 million acres of the Texas Colorado River basic mid-section has been named the nation's top special flood prevent project.

A Texas Aeronautics Commission hearing examiner has recommended that Chaparral Airlines, Inc. of Abilene be permitted to offer scheduled air passenger service between Abilene Municipal Airport and Dallas Love Field.

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 A Message from Eldorado's Ministerial Alliance
 by Gene Stark, Pastor
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With Father's Day still fresh on our minds, I found an article that is very interesting in the matter of parenting.

- HOW TO RAISE A CROOK**
1. Begin from infancy to give the child everything he wants. This way he will grow up to believe that the world owes him a living.
 2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. It will encourage him to pick up "cuter" phrases which will blow the top off your head later.
 3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let him decide for himself.
 4. Avoid the use of the word "wrong". It may develop a guilt complex.
 5. Pick up anything he leaves lying around—books, shoes, clothing. Do everything for him so he will be experienced in throwing the responsibility onto others.
 6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hand on. Be careful the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feed on garbage.
 7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of the children. Then they won't be too shocked when the home is broken up.
 8. Give the child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?
 9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that every desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustrations.
 10. Take his part against the neighbors, teachers, and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
 11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourselves by saying, "I never could do anything with him."
 12. Prepare for a life of grief—you will have it.
- But remember—"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6)
- Be sure to attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

TENNIS CLUB NEWS

The Eldorado Tennis Club held its second tournament Saturday, June 18, with competition held in four divisions and trophies awarded in each event for the first two places.

Womens Division-Randy Mason and Jill Yates defeated Pam White and Charlene Warnock, 6-1,6-2. Mens doubles-Chris McCravy and Paul Page defeated Kenneth Thomas and Tim Terry, 7-6,5-7,6-2. Mix Doubles Draw-Pansie Jay and Tim Terry defeated Holly Brame and Rick Sterling, 6-4,3-6,6-3.

Open Mixed Doubles-Chris and Chris McCravy defeated Frankie and Jim Hardy, 6-3,6-3.

Special thanks to Robert and Pansie Jay who served as tournament directors.

In Monday night play this week Bobby and Sandra Helmers were high in the first round and Judy Meador and Richard Preston high in the second. Marta and Larry Smith are new members this week.

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Express News SPORTS Par-Tee

The monthly Bingo party was sponsored by the ladies auxiliary last Tuesday night and a nice crowd enjoyed the fun and fellowship. They will also have the Bingo party July 12 at 7:30 p.m. so keep this date in mind.

The Ladies Auxiliary had their monthly special Playday last Thursday and 12 players teed off at 9:30 a.m. After 18 holes of golf, we enjoyed a salad luncheon and business session. Myrta Rathbone was hostess and 13 members were present. Ernestine Hext won first for having the lowest putting score and Wenona Isaacs won high. Our next monthly Playday will be another luncheon, July 21st, with Melissa O'Harrow as hostess.

This Sunday is our regular mixed foursome, so be there by 1:30.
 Thought for the day! An hour of anger means you've lost 60 minutes of happiness.
 Happy golfing!!

Little League Results

The Freshman White Sox of Eldorado helped their season record Tuesday night as they defeated the Wall Eagles 8-5 in Wall. The team is sponsored by the First National Bank.

In other American Legion Summer Youth Program competition, the Tigers, sponsored by Davis Fina, defeated the Wall Hawks in Eldorado during a double header June 16. In the second game, the Wall Eagles defeated the Red Sox, sponsored by the Western Company. Exact scores for these games were not made available.

In girls softball action, the Cardinals defeated the Squaws 14-7 on June 13, but the Cardinals were defeated by the Wall girls 14-7 on June 17.

The Cardinals squeaked by the Squaws Monday night 12-11. Tonight the Squaws will face the Wall team.

Foxworth - Galbraith is sponsoring the Cardinals and McCalla's Department Store is sponsoring the Squaws.

Scores for Pee Wee league competition were not available.

Annual 4-H Horse Show attracts many area youths

The Jess Koy Memorial Trophy was presented to Alvin Kothmann of Menard during the annual Schleicher County 4-H Horse show last weekend.

The Menard youth also won the all-around junior award donated by Eldorado Wool Company. Runnerup was Jan Bierschwale of Hext.

In the sub-junior division, Kandace Stevens of Fredonia was the all-around winner, and the runnerup was Tammy Stoker of Sonora. The award was donated by the First National Bank of Eldorado.

Senior all-around winner was Tonia Mittel of Sonora. The award was donated by John Edward Meador. Runnerup was Lisa Mitchell of Ozona.

Miss Mitchell also showed the champion mare, Nathan's Jewellers donated the award. Patti Hausenfluck of Eldorado showed the reserve champion mare, an award also donated by Nathan's Jewellers.

The champion gelding award was given to Karen Crosby of Christoval. The award was donated by Eldorado Wool Company.

The Wool Company also donated the reserve champion

award which was presented to John Ben Cawley of Eldorado. Class results are as follows:

Halter Class 1/2 - 1st - Wanda Stone of Ft Stockton, 2nd - Regina Morris of Brady.

Halter Class I - 1st - Patti Hausenfluck of Eldorado; 2nd - Danette Dunagan, Eldorado; 3rd - Christi Barton, Knickerbocker.

Halter Class II - 1st - Lisa Mitchell of Ozona; 2nd - Jody Hollingsworth of Del Rio; 3rd - Marshall Doran of Sonora.

Halter Class III - 1st - Shelly Behrena of Ozona; 2nd - Karen Kirby of Ozona; 3rd - Mary Ann Valis of Eldorado.

Halter Class V - 1st Jay O'Harrow of Eldorado; 2nd - John Ben Cawley of Eldorado; 3rd - Marshall Doran of Sonora.

Halter Class VI - 1st - Karen Crosby of Christoval; 2nd - John Ben Cawley of Eldorado; 3rd - Tammy Stokes of Sonora.

Halter Class VII - 1st - Shanna Swift of Eldorado; 2nd - Kim Bishop of Ozona; 3rd - Jeffrey Hausenfluck of Eldorado.

Showmanship - Sub-Junior Class IX 1st - Stephen Luman Stone; 2nd - Tammy Stokes, Sonora.

Showmanship - Junior Class X 1st - Christi Barton; 2nd - Nancy Benson; 3rd - Jody Hollingsworth.

Showmanship - Senior Class XI 1st - Lisa Mitchell; 2nd - Karen Crosby; 3rd - Karen Kirby.

Western Pleasure Sub-Junior Class XII 1st - Michael Benson; 2nd - Kandace Stevens; 3rd - Regina Morris.

Western Pleasure Junior Class XIII 1st - Nancy Benson; 2nd - Karen Stevens; 3rd - Bill Cawley.

Western Pleasure - Senior Class XIV 1st - Marshall Doran; 2nd - John Ben Cawley; 3rd - Lisa Mitchell.

Junior Reining Class XV 1st - Alvin Kothmann; 2nd - Jody Hollingsworth; 3rd - Karen Stevens.

Senior Reining Class XVI 1st - Tonia Mittel; 2nd - Lisa Mitchell; 3rd - Johanna Lynn Bierschwale.

Sub-Jr Pole Bending Class XVII 1st - Kandace Stevens; 2nd - Pam Schuessler; 3rd - Regina Morris.

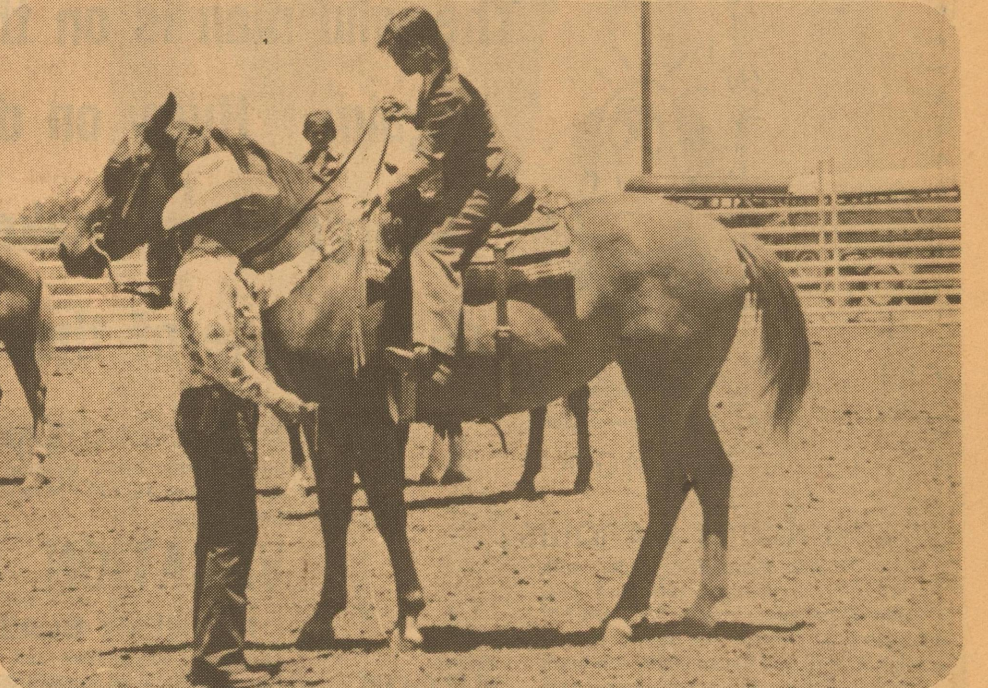
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The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
 Attorney General

AUSTIN—Four years have passed since the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act gave our Consumer Protection Division and private consumers new and effective remedies for fraud, deception, and misrepresentation in the marketplace.

only for the amount the consumer had to pay, plus reasonable attorneys' fees if the consumer had to hire a lawyer.

Second, if a merchant has not received a written notice of the consumer's complaint before the consumer files a lawsuit, he can only be assessed the amount of the damage, plus attorneys' fees, rather than treble damages. Also, if the merchant gets written notice of the complaint and refunds within 30 days the money the consumer was out, or the cash value of the benefit promised, whichever is greater, he cannot be assessed treble damages.

Third, in cases where a consumer is charging breach of warranty, the merchant who can prove he was not given a chance to correct the product's defect or malfunction before a lawsuit was filed cannot be forced to pay treble damages.

The intent of all of these changes in the Act is to give the honest, reputable merchant the opportunity to correct a consumer problem before the consumer takes the problem to an attorney. In the past, a few consumers have never even notified a merchant that they were dissatisfied about something before heading for the courthouse.

These changes should help prevent a merchant from being hit with three times the amount of the consumer's damage, plus legal fees, when he would willingly have corrected the problem in the beginning if notified. Yet the revised Act keeps intact the protection Texas consumers have enjoyed for four years against false, misleading, or deceptive actions by unscrupulous merchants.

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A man in his 20's writes: "I intend to do a lot of underwater snorkeling and diving on my vacation in the Bahamas, and a friend says that I can get sunburned under water. Is that true?"
ANSWERline: Yes. The sun's rays can search you out—even three feet under water. Since the skin can be damaged by the sun's ultraviolet rays, and most skin cancer is sun-related, it's important for you to be extra cautious under the strong Caribbean sun. A sunscreen lotion containing PABA (para-aminobenzoic acid) protects the skin and permits gradual tanning. But, it must be reapplied when your sun exposure includes swimming. Lifeguards often use zinc oxide, a thick white ointment to totally block out the sun's ultraviolet rays. If you are floating on the water's surface to snorkel, this kind of ointment might help protect the back of your neck. The American Cancer Society Unit in your community has an informative new pamphlet called, "Sense in the Sun." It is yours free for the asking.

Chrysler & Big K Marine

1977 Ouachita 16 ft. Boat, 75 hp Chrysler motor & trailer.
SALE PRICED \$3995.00

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SALE PRICED \$695.00

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BIG K MARINE
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 944-4513

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MUSIC RADIO 98
KVRN
 FEATURING

AVELICA FIERRO
 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Avelica has been with KVRN since they first opened. Her show features Spanish music with request and dedications. Also featured is news from the Spanish Information Service Network at 1:30 and 2:30.

THE BEST OF 3 WORLDS
 Serving the Sonora, Ozona and Eldorado Triangle

NURSING HOME NEWS

It is threatening rain this Monday morning and I believe the farmers and ranchers would all be glad to receive about one inch or so of moisture now.

Members from the West Side Church of Christ here in Eldorado conducted the service here in the dining room Sunday. There were twelve people from out in town who came for the service and to visit in the home. We were so glad to have them. We all enjoy visitors and we wish that more friends of the resi-

dents in the home would visit here more often.

There were a few who came this last week as follows: Mae Mercer's daughter, Lois Tyler, from San Antonio and her grand daughter, Nora E. Poe, of San Angelo, visited her last week - Charles W. Sudduth and son, Larry, from Carrollton, Texas, visited their grandmother, Lizzie Mc Angus and also Vernal Sudduth, their grandfather. Hexie Potter's guest was Virginia Striegler from Edinburg, Texas. Mrs E. L.

Maytow and Mr and Mrs I. Love from Luling, Texas, also visited Vernal Sudduth.

Beulah Harris's grandson, Alva Lee Harris from Van Horn, and his six children, Robert, Scott, Kirby, Melanie, Lee, and Jane Ann visited her last week. Evia Daniel's son from Oregon came by to visit her. He was on his way to Atlanta, Ga., for the company he is employed by. Frank Reed seems to be having a little back set the last few days, but we hope he will be

much better soon. Ebbie Donaldson is still in the hospital and isn't doing as well as we wish he could, but we hope he will begin improving soon.

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

LaVita Brooks, Rep
Beulah Harris, Rep

Let us know about your engagement. It doesn't cost a thing!



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL McWHORTER
Beans anyone? Schleicher County Nursing Home residents will shell your peas and beans if you will bring them by the

home. Some of those helping are (l to r) Georgia Springston, Mary Oglesby, LaVita Brooks and Maggie Sluder.



MANAGER

The wild man is on the rampage again. Hurry on down to see George and make a great deal on one of these fine cars.

'76 MERCURY MARQUIS

Grand Coupe, completely loaded with most Mercury options including V-8, power steering & brakes, air, AM-FM tape, cruise control, tilt wheel, electric seats & windows, Raven black with black vinyl top. Burgundy leather interior. This week only

\$6995

'75 T-TOP BUICK CENTURY

Automatic, air, power steering & brakes, bucket seats.

\$4995

'75 PONTIAC GRAND PRIZ

Blue & white, automatic, air, power steering & brakes, tilt wheel, power seats & windows, AM-FM tape, rally wheels.

\$5395

'75 CHEVY IMPALA

4-door, automatic, air, power steering & brakes, beautiful blue.

\$3495

'74 COUGAR XR-7

V-8, power steering & brakes, air, bucket seats and console. Silver-blue color

\$3995

'74 OLDS CUTLASS

Midnight black, automatic, air, power steering & brakes

\$3995

'74 HONDA CIVIC

Extra good economy, automatic transmission, 4-cylinder, factory air

\$2295

'73 COUGAR XR-7

V-8 automatic, power steering & brakes, air

\$3295

'73 OLDS 98

4-door, loaded

\$3395

'72 OLDS CUTLASS

V-8 automatic, power steering & brakes, air, bucket seats, AM-FM tape, beautiful gold

\$2595

VACATION SPECIALS!

'76 CHEVY BLAZER

Custom Deluxe, blue and white, 350, automatic, power steering & brakes, air, 4-wheel drive. Jackman wheels with off road tires. Jerry Can Rack, AM-FM tape

\$6495

'76 CHEVROLET PICKUP

V-8 standard, long, wide wheel base. Bonanza with Scottsdale Package and 1974 Kawasaki 185cc motorcycle. Both for

\$3995

'75 RANGER XLT F-150

V-8, automatic, power steering & brakes, air, 32,000 miles

\$4595

'75 MONTEGO STA. WAGON

Automatic, air, power steering & brakes, extra nice, 6 passenger

\$3695

'74 GMC SUBURBAN

V-8, automatic, power steering & brakes, air, custom interior, tilt wheel. Special this week only

\$4595

'73 LTD STATION WAGON

9-passenger, V-8, automatic, power steering & brakes, air, luggage rack, tilt wheel, cruise control, AM-FM

\$2695

'73 VEGA G-T WAGON

Automatic transmission

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'72 CHEVY SUBURBAN

2 to choose from, both extra nice, one 1/2 ton, one 3/4 ton

\$3395

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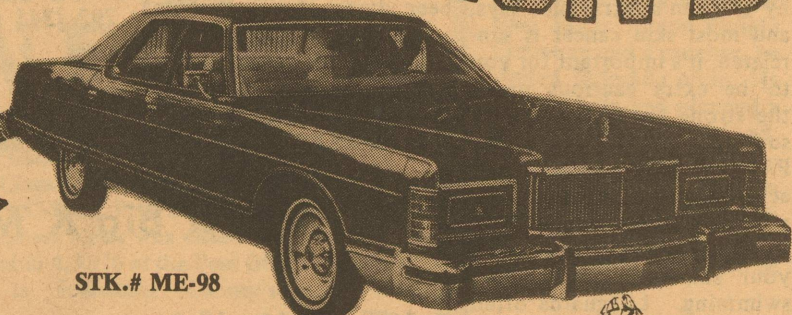
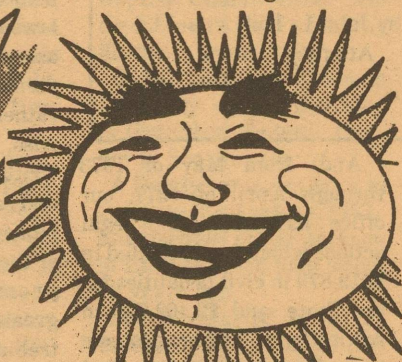
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VACATION BUYS



STK.# ME-98

'77 MARQUIS 4-Door

- White finish
- Steel belted white wall tires
- Tilt wheel
- Cruise control
- Air conditioning
- Tinted glass
- Illuminated visor vanity mirror

List Price \$6798
SALE PRICE \$6139

'77 COUGAR BROUGHAM 2-Door



STK.# CG-84

Loaded, silver with blue Landau top. List Price \$6670

SALE PRICE \$6184

'77 COMET 4-Door

Dark blue metallic, fully equipped.



STK.# CO-9

List Price \$4825
SALE PRICE \$4509

JERRY FREDERICK LINCOLN - MERCURY

15 W. CONCHO, SAN ANGELO PHONE 658-1581

Washington, D. C.--Senator Lloyd Bentsen said Wednesday that a shortage of doctors makes the very existence of medical care a critical problem for rural America.

Bentsen, Co-chairman of the Joint Economic Subcommittee on Economic Growth, presided Wednesday over a second day of hearings into the economic problems of rural America. "Rural counties average less than 60 doctors per

100,000 people, compared to over 200 doctors in large cities," Bentsen said in his opening statement. "In my own State of Texas we have 23 counties, at last count, without any physicians at all. We have 49 counties that have been designated 'critical health manpower shortage areas' by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare."

Almost no rural medical care

While cities are legitimately concerned about the quality of medical care, the overriding concern in many rural areas of this country is simply the existence of medical care," Bentsen said. Bentsen also reviewed other problems afflicting rural Americans. "There are 60 million American -- one quarter of the population of this country -- living in rural

Accident on 277 claims one life

A wreck involving two pickup trucks five and 7/10 miles north of Sonora Monday night claimed the life of a 19 year old man from Earth.

Pronounced dead at the scene was Randy Glen Latham who was riding in a Halliburton truck driven by Billy Joe Hukill Jr. of Rankin.

The accident happened when the Halliburton pickup collided with another pickup driven by Steve

Tuckness of Christoval. His pickup belonged to South-west Supply Company.

According to the Department of Public Safety, the supply truck was traveling on the wrong side of the road around a curve.

Tuckness is in Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. Hukill is in Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital in Sonora in satisfactory condition.

Latham had been working for Halliburton two weeks.

June brides should change their SS name

June brides should remember to change their name with social security. That reminder comes from Franklin Upp, social security district manager in San Angelo, Texas.

"No matter which month she's married, a bride should give us her new name so we can keep her social security card and her earnings record accurate and up to date," Upp said. "Then earnings she had

both before and after her marriage can be correctly credited to her record."

Earnings women have in jobs covered by social security will determine the amount of their cash benefits--"and not just when they retire," according to Upp. "During their working years, women also build disability, survivors, and Medicare protection for themselves and their families," he said.

To get her name changed on her record, a new bride can call or write any social security office. "Or," Upp said, "she can use a form available at any post office and at many employer personnel offices."

The San Angelo social security office is at 2214 Sherwood Way. The phone number is 949-4608. The Social Security Administration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

TOWER TALKS
by U.S. Senator for Texas
JOHN TOWER

WASHINGTON--Texans and all Americans by now probably have concluded that the more things change with the postal system, the more they remain the same.

It's small wonder. Pending congressional hearings into continued budget deficits and exhaustive studies conducted by the Commission on Postal Service, established last year to assess overall postal operation, point to the fact that a further overhaul of the financially-troubled mail system can be expected.

The extent of reform remains to be seen, but such efforts in the past usually have preceded an increase in the cost of first-class mail.

Larger postal revenues through stamp increases have not proved the answer to inefficiency, however. In fact, since 1971, the cost of first class postage has increased from eight to 13 cents while the service we've received in return has fallen off perceptibly. Mail reliability has never been worse.

What will it take to bring some sanity to the postal quagmire? First of all, it may require a realization that the U.S. Postal Service cannot long endure unless management adopts some very fundamental principles understood by every good businessman--the most important of which include emphasis on productivity and adaptability to change.

The postal service, after all, was meant to operate more like a business when it received quasi-independent status in 1971. But strings to the federal government were kept intact in the form of taxpayer subsidies, and without the interjection of this money, the postal system would have been forced to close its doors long ago.

Why the poor showing? Sharply rising costs to mail and to advertise have driven many companies to seek other means to reach customers, and the result has been a steady drop in parcel post volumes.

But more importantly, new electronic communications systems have begun to attract a sizeable market for the 80 percent of the first-class mail which is business mail, and especially that part of the business mail which involves the transfer of money--checks, bank statements and the like. The postal system has been slow to recognize its potential.

Despite hard evidence that mail volumes decline as costs continue to rise, postal officials have pressed for further stamp increases and a commitment for further subsidization, in addition to more stringent measures to curb basic services such as a cutback in delivery days from six to five.

Postal management even went so far as to say a reduction in delivery days would result in a one-cent savings for Americans: the expected increase in first-class postage by 1978 could be held to two cents rather than three if one delivery day--most likely Saturday--were eliminated.

No plan could work a more severe hardship on small rural Texas communities which have little enough postal service as it is. And this plan disregards the very real public service Americans should be able to expect from the mail system--one not measured in dollar terms. It's a public service which must be preserved.

Comprehensive solutions to the ailing postal system are long overdue and no doubt some drastic action may be required. But half measures such as cutbacks in delivery days and other basic services are not the answer.

It's time that emphasis on efficiency and innovation replace bankrupt notions that stamp increases and slashed service are the only ways the postal system can become self-sustaining.

New supply company opens

A new oil field supply company, Beta Supply Company, in Eldorado opened its doors Monday morning offering anything pertaining to oilfield production.

Beta Supply Company is located in the Butler Barns on East Street.

Charles Kincheloe, store manager and sales representative, said the company also handles garden supplies and equipment plus coolers for the general public.

The company is a branch of Beta Supply Company in Ozona. Floyd Butler is part owner, salesman and stock purchasing agent and Ronnie Kerr is salesman.