

County Commissioners approve completion of FM road 2596

by Nell Edmiston

Schleicher County Commissioners court approved the completion of Farm to Market Road 2596, more commonly known as the McIntosh Road. The Road, which joins Highway 29 east of Eldorado, runs south until it turns into a dirt road.

Officials from the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation asked the court for permission to connect the road with the Sonora-Fort McKavett Road two weeks ago. The new portion of the road will have two miles of roadage in Schleicher County and five miles in Sutton County. Therefore, the Sutton County court had to give its permission for completion of the road also.

The court approved the acquisition of the right of way and fencing of the two miles to the Sutton County line.

The court also held a public hearing on the proposed use of revenue sharing funds, which total about \$60,000 yearly.

Two persons representing the Soil Conservation Service asked the court for funds for both their overall programs and the range tour the SCS is sponsoring this September. Steve Williams, a member of the board of direct-

ors, told the court the SCS depends on donations for its yearly operation, although the state matches any funds given to the service. He pointed out that the SCS sponsors tours, a soil stewardship week at local church-

hes, an essay contest, range judging contest, and a quarterly newsletter. He said that in the past, Schleicher County has not donated anything to the SCS, although surrounding counties do.

Freddie Williams, SCS district director, outlined plans the SCS has made for the range tour it is helping sponsor this Fall, and told the commissioners that the tour was one of the largest ever planned by the SCS.

The commissioners decided to give the SCS \$200 to be used in its overall program.

David Lloyd, a local farmer, also appeared before the court and requested that the county hire a spot checker who would check county farms for harmful insects. County Judge Bob McWhorter and County Attorney T.P. Robinson told Lloyd they were not sure it would be a legal expenditure, but that they would look into the matter.

The court set a public hearing on the county's annual budget for 10 a.m. August 8.

In other business, the commissioners named election judges for the four precincts. They are Curtis Andrews, Thelia Mayo, Frankie Short and Jerroll Sanders.

O.B. Singleton, supervisor of the county road crew, asked the court if he could continue working until the end of the year although he turns 65 years of age this week. McWhorter and commissioners Richard Jones and Joe Muller Christian told him that the resolution passed by the court would allow him to work until the end of the year. The court met with Singleton in a closed executive session for about 10 minutes.

City Council will have budget hearing Monday

The City Council of Eldorado will hold a public hearing on the city's yearly budget at 7:30 Tuesday, Aug. 2 in City Hall.

The budget for the city is about \$180,000, according to city secretary Phil Olson.

The council consists of Mayor Pat Ragsdale, and aldermen Richard Kent, Raymond Hall, Bobby Sykes, Billy McCravey and Jimmy Doyle.

During the meeting, the council will also set the tax rate.

There's no "blue" with these bonnets!

by Nell Edmiston

Fourteen years ago, 32 women in the Good Neighbor Home Demonstration Club sponsored a demonstration on making hats. It was a typical demonstration which is part of Home Demonstration Club work.

A handful of women made hats for a while, but one of them, Mrs Bethel Jeffrey, enjoyed it so much, making hats became a new career for her. For the last 14 years, the new career has been both profitable and fun.

A visitor in the immaculate Jeffrey home gets the immediate impression of a sense of pride as the talented seamstress shows off her sewing room. It is lined with dressy hats, scarf hats, floppy hats and bonnets, which she sells to the public.

Behind the door is a set of shelves full of dressy hats which were among the first of her creations, made when dressy hats were "the thing".

There are two form hats made of peacock feathers and a third of pheasant feathers. The feathers were glued on one at a time to make a masterpiece.

Another is made from wool milled at the El Dorado Woolen Mills, and another is a clutch hat made from an old fur collar, which she says is "really neat". Sitting beside the clutch hat are

two straw hats she also made by hand.

Above her sewing machine hangs the now popular floppy hats made out of denim and other cotton materials which she makes on a regular basis for sale to the public. On one side are several caps with brims and scarf hats, which she says are very handy for spring and fall gardeners. There are also net backed caps made with brims which some people like to wear fishing.

On one side of the floppy hats are several bonnets in a variety of colors. "I still don't like bonnets," she laughed, "they are hard to do."

However, she made an uncountable number of them last year during the bicentennial celebration. She has at least one unfinished bonnet which will be a masterpiece in itself. It is a solid pink and will have a white star quilted on both sides.

The newest creation to come the "Jeffrey Sewing Factory" is a fishing jacket. The idea started when a local woman wanted a jacket with pockets to hold bait and other equipment needed for fishing.

After a few alterations and suggestions were made, the original jacket features a zipper down the front to a pocket for

bait, a pocket on the side for a pocket knife, two on the bottom front and two on the back, one for sun glasses and one for a minnow seine. The matching hat has a zippered pocket on two sides of the crown and one on top.

Mrs Jeffrey quickly made three more, which are now on the market to be sold with hats or caps to match.

Keeping a ready supply of jackets, bonnets, hats and scarf hats on hand keeps the active woman busy for most of the week. But on Thursday and Friday she helps her husband barbeque beef, ribs and chicken or make chipped beef to be sold on the courthouse square on Fridays.

Somehow, she also finds time to garden and fill her spacious pantry with peach preserves, canned green beans, peas, pears and other tasty goodies.

"I just can't stand to sit still," she laughed, "so I have to keep doing something."

All of these activities plus her attitude on keeping busy netted her a well deserved title of Home Maker of the Year last year, earned after 30 years of membership in a home demonstration club.

The title is a well deserved one and well fits the constantly active and productive Eldorado seamstress.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL McWHORTER

TAKING IT EASY? -- Although at first glance, someone may think Elton McGinnes, general manager for Southwest Texas Electric Co-

operative, is loafing. But at a closer glance, you can see that he is donating blood during a Bloodmobile visit to Eldorado last week.

Parts of Eldorado have short blackout

When the lights blinked and went off in several parts of the city Monday afternoon, Eldorado citizens immediately thought of a major blackout similar to the one in New York City recently.

However, the city was lucky and the lights and power were turned back on after only two slight delays.

John Pitts, local West Texas Utilities manager, said the power failure was caused by an unbalanced load, a loose insula-

tor on a pole and the very hot weather.

WTU workmen shifted the load to equalize it at the substation and raised the amperage taps with help from the Abilene mobile substation.

Pitts said the work was "standard procedure" and would be done again in the Fall.

Because of the trouble in Eldorado, television cable service to Sonora and Ozona was out temporarily, because it feeds through Eldorado.

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Both county fire trucks never made the fire

Volunteer firemen will be keeping their fingers crossed for the next two weeks, hoping there are no major fires, as the fire department is down to only one truck.

On Saturday, Eldorado firemen were asked to help extinguish a grass fire on the DeLong ranch in Irion County. The 1970 model Dodge truck broke down in downtown Eldorado and the wiring burned. It has been repaired and is available for use.

The second truck, the 1961 model Dodge, traveled on to the fire but blew a rod about 20 miles out of town. Richard Kent of Kent's Automotive said the truck would need a new motor and the

company sending the motor said it would be two weeks before it would arrive.

The county commissioners ordered a new fire truck at the first of the year, however, they and fire department officials are still waiting for it.

Firemen fought three fires in the last two weeks. They fought grass fires at Brushy Top July 15, on the Toe Nail Trail July 20 and at Pat Joiners' field last Monday. All were small.

Firemen and county officials are warning local and county residents to use extreme caution in burning trash and tossing out lit cigarettes because of dry foliage in the county.

Bloodmobile comes up short

The bloodmobile of West Texas Blood Services Center in San Angelo collected only nine units of blood during its visit here last week.

The nine units was a far cry from the 20-30 units collected

here during the previous visit. The service collects blood to be used in 41 hospitals in West Texas.

The Bloodmobile visit was sponsored by the Lions Club.



Something To Think About

by Jannette Wilkerson

THE CORN IS AS HIGH AS AN ELEPHANT'S EYE"

Three weeks in a hotel was everything I expected. The first week we visited the zoo, several museums and toured Oral Roberts University. The second week we continued to explore the parks, rose gardens, more art galleries and area points of interest. We saw the musical production of "Oklahoma" - and it runs a close second to our "Texas" pageant in Palo Duro Canyon. Tulsa is a wonderful city. It's beautiful, friendly and clean . . . and HOT!

There are a lot of things 'going' on in Tulsa, however, the real action was at our hotel. Upon our arrival we met Glenn and Nancy Smith and their six year old son, Terry. Terry and Heather immediately formed a friendship and an alliance that probably set hotel management back 50 years. Armed with a toy machine gun and various hand weapons, they met people at the elevator and escorted them safely to their rooms, assuring them they would be on call until their bedtime to ward off hostile Indians as well as bank

robbers. The pool was also their domain and they dripped on the pages of everything from PLAYBOY magazine to comic books that belonged to those hardy souls tanning in the 110 degree heat by the pool. Once they were retrieved going into the cocktail lounge where they were planning to listen to the featured singer. They were in total control of the ice and coke machine and anyone seen carrying a briefcase was under constant surveillance. They knew the hotel security staff by their first names and I'm not sure, but I heard the two little adventurers being called "Bonnie and Clyde" one day.

Hotel living is a nice way to visit but I wouldn't want to live this way - I haven't had a piece of burned toast or a greasy french fry since I left home. I just don't know how much of this our system can take.

It's true -- Oklahoma is O.K. - - - but a Texas summer evening can only be found just across that state line . . . and that's what 'I'm' thinking about this week. . .



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL McWHORTER

ANYBODY HUNGRY? -- Mrs Bethel Jeffrey stands by a barbecue pit she and her husband use to sell home-made barbecue at the courthouse each Friday. The couple sells barbecue ribs, beef, chicken and chipped barbecue beef on a bun.

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Home Front News

Mr and Mrs E.C. Anderson spent the weekend in Brownfield. Mr. Anderson's mother, Mrs. Nellie Anderson of Earth returned home with them for a visit.

Mr and Mrs B.L. Simmers and daughter, Ann Marie of Lubbock, spent the week end with his sister and family the R.E. Griffith's on their way to take Ann Marie to camp at Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Williams of San Angelo were Sunday visitors in the Clay Porter home.

Claudia Meador of Dallas is visiting her parents, the Ed Meador's.

Margaret Frost, Liz Bradley and Frankie Williams returned from San Antonio Tuesday after a short trip to San Antonio.

Elizabeth Ballew, her daughter, Ann Barker and her grandchildren, Jamie and John Ray Barker of San Angelo went to Six Flags over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy McCravey, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Snelson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lester visited Ruidoso, N.M. over the weekend.

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wonderful place for a 'hick tourist' like me. Take
care.
Jannette

P.S. I haven't met a real 'shore-nuf' Indian yet, but
I almost ran over one in a shopping center. They
were dancing at the opening of some store and I
was gawking around, as usual. I didn't hit him—but
the feathers sure flew—What a great souvenir he
would have made.
See ya soon!

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The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—It's hard to resist
a smiling youngster who rings
your doorbell and asks you to
subscribe to a magazine to
help him earn a college
scholarship.

It's especially difficult when
he adds that part of the
purchase price of the
subscription will be donated to
charity—and even more
enticing when the price you
are quoted seems so reason-
able.

But watch out! That's the
word from our Consumer
Protection Division attorneys
about such situations. There
are numerous instances of
travelling magazine "crews"
working one part of the State
and moving on to another,
selling magazine subscription
contracts on the basis of fraud
and deception. Our lawyers
recently obtained a perman-
ent injunction against one
such operation, which was
representing itself to be a
"community service" and
"youth education service."

And while consumers are
being defrauded in such
operations, in many cases the
youngsters who are working
on the crew have also been the
victims of misrepresentation.
Many have responded to
classified newspaper adver-
tisements which indicate
glamorous jobs involving
travel, resort hotel stays, and
the opportunity to meet
interesting people are
"available to the right
applicants."

What they frequently find is
a job selling magazine
subscriptions as part of such
travelling crews—most often
at below average wages.

In our recent court case,
sales persons on the crew were
telling potential subscribers
that they were working
toward a college scholarship
which they would get if they
sold a certain amount of
magazine subscriptions.
Sometimes they varied the

story by saying they were
working for a savings bond
bonus. In reality, they were
paid a straight sales
commission on the subscrip-
tions they sold.

In addition, in this case,
subscribers were given the
impression that the price they
agreed to orally was the total
price, when in reality they
learned later that their
agreement required that they
pay an additional amount to a
third party before their
subscription would begin.

The defendants also told
consumers that part of the
purchase price would be
donated to charity, although
none was. Also, they failed to
tell purchasers of their right to
cancel a home solicitation
contract within three business
days and to supply a "notice of
cancellation" to mail if
cancellation was desired, as
required by Texas law.

Our lawyers note that many
times, in such operations, the
purchaser ends up paying
more than he would if he
ordered the magazine from
the publisher directly. The
typical sales pitch in such
magazine sales operations is
that you'll only pay "pennies
per week." Remember,
though, that 48 pennies per
week equals \$24.96 per year,
so it's important to consider
the total price you are
agreeing to pay.

You should also be aware
that some magazine sales
operations have failed to
provide the subscriptions even
though they were paid in
advance for them.

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complaint involving door-to-
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and proud to be a part of
such a caring community.
Imogene Edmiston



WANTED: RAINMAKER -- Even a black and white
photograph can show the need for a slow, soaking rain
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**JUST
JOGGIN'
ALONG!**
By Express News
Publisher, ED MEADOR

It's been so hot the last few days, even the afternoon
clouds are wilting. And they have a lot of company. With
temperatures hanging right in close to 100 degrees every
day, the grass has turned a tawny beige and is curling fast.
The nearby photo gives you a pretty good idea of what is
going on in case you haven't ventured out into the
countryside. A couple more weeks of this, and there'll be
some long faces beginning to show up around here. The last
thing we need is an extended dry spell. While you're
waiting for that big rain though, you might remind yourself
and your neighbors that a misplaced spark or a lighted
cigarette carelessly dropped could spell disaster. Be careful!

Speaking of the need for rain, Jim McWilliams has
promised to do an Indian rain dance for us if it hasn't rained
in the next couple of weeks. When I scoffed at the idea, he
reminded me that a rain dance is really the early American's
way of praying for rain. Jim also pointed out that the Indians
kept right on dancing till it did rain . . . which was a
tremendous expression of faith. Our own heritage reminds
us that an unselfish prayer for rain has a lot of value. We
could all do a bit of praying for those people out West and in
the Northwest who have suffered drouth so many months
now. They could sure use all the help they can get . . . and
it's not hard for any West Texan to appreciate the suffering
they're going through.

Granvil Hext is spending these hot days in St John's
Hospital in San Angelo where he underwent knee surgery
recently. Sorry about the knee, Granvil, but you're just right
on your timing. Maybe by the time they turn you loose
things will have cooled off a bit. Meantime, we all extend
our best wishes for a rapid recovery and look forward to
seeing you back and jogging right along.

I saw in the daily paper recently that Jack Anderson, the
"know everything about everything, and to hell with how I
found out" columnist will be in San Angelo next April.
I sincerely hope Anderson gets well introduced to West
Texas and I also hope someone gives him an education
about the oil business if they can attract his attention that
long. Seems he spends so much of his time stealing secrets
"from reliable sources" that he can't see his way clear to
tell the truth about much of anything. To me, Anderson is
the epitomy of what Lester Jordan used to describe as
"yellow journalism" . . . the printing of matter whose only
purpose was to attract attention . . . and the facts be
hanged. Take heart . . . Drew Peason, Anderson's teacher
and predecessor, is now almost forgotten.

As a result of the new legislation recently passed by the
called session of the Legislature, Dallas school district has
extended the summer vacation by a week. Most likely others
will follow, so Mom and Dad, grab hold . . . you might get
lucky and have the pleasure of having 'em around for
another whole week!

Been nice visitin' with you folks . . . stay cool, and have a
nice weekend. Oh, guess what . . . we've done a little
checking and have determined that the Express News is the
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NOTICE

There will be a budget
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pendent School District on
August 8, 1977 at 7:30
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Short Notes

The next Fire Department meeting will be Tuesday, August 2nd, in Christoval Park at 7 p.m. The Ladies Auxiliary will also meet at the same time and place. Everyone is invited and urged to attend these important meetings.

Sue Jones' nephew, Reagan Wilson, has an illustration in this month's Playboy (a football scene). He had done a lot of posters for the Oilers and Cowboys and is a professional commercial illustrator.

A huge turnout for the Jones Family Reunion - all 12 of Laura Jones' children were present. Approximately 125 were here. Millard Smith and wife were here from Pecos. He lived in Christoval years ago and had been a friend of the family for years. The Garland Gaines spent the weekend at Robert Lee at the King Reunion Saturday and Gaines Reunion Sunday. Approximately 100 were there Saturday.

Ex-Christovalites Kena dn Dee Musck and daughter, Mandy, will be in Christoval for vacation the first week in August to visit with Dee's parents, Lorraine and Travis Parker and all their many friends.

Shirley Rogers, daughter of the "Hummingbird's", Lester and Ann Rogers, who recently underwent surgery in Big Spring received a multitude of company on Sunday. Those visiting in her parents home included Mary Lee Sargent, Marcie Wright, Gwen Micca, and Angie Flores and son, Stephen, all of San Angelo, along with Christoval visitors which fairly filled the house.

The Jerry Arthur's, "Jole Bion" and "Rubarb" and the "Hummingbird's" safaried on a treasure hunt via metal detector in the Roger's backyard and came away with 2 toy cookies cutters, an old coffee can, and a toy sugar scoop - no great find but great fun!

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department will be meeting Tuesday, Aug 2nd, to plan a fund raising project. The time is 7 p.m. at Christoval Park.

We hope the next Boy Scout meeting will include in their Pow Wow a rain dance. We missed the one San Angelo enjoyed last week.

John Clark, who spent the summer in Corpus Christi, is expected home the first of August.

Bill Donaldson of San Angelo reports catches of large catfish at Christoval Bridge. The fish weighed in at 9, 11 and 12 pounds.

Ex - Christovalite Junior Vaughn, now Park Ranger at the lake, suffered a collapsed lung from smoke inhalation at a recent fire at the lake in San Angelo and was rushed to Shannon Hospital. At last report, his wife Sandy said he

was out of intensive care and hopefully will be home by the time this went to press.

Cary and Tommy Tomerlin have just completed their NMA final qualifier in Houston. Cary is 1st in 125 modified Intermediate class and 1st in 125 Stock class. Tommy got a 2nd overall in the 100cc Novice Stock class. This is standings in District 20 which includes Texas, La., Okla, and Miss. The top 5 out of each district will go to the national finals which will be in Houston August 20 and 21. Tommy also made the finals in the AMA Schoolboy Motocross Nationals which will be held in Morgantown, West Va., August 6 and 7.

Mrs. Doris Parker flew to Calif. last week to the bedside of her brother, Ross Evans, of Fresno, Calif. who has been in intensive care at a Veterans Hospital there. Mrs. Parker reports that her brother is much improved at this time. Also, Mrs. Parker reported that all of the country side that she saw was extremely dry.

Fish Fry

Three Rivers Dam was the site of a recent fish fry on the 21st honoring "Little Generator's" birthday and "Lady Hummingbird", "The Hummingbird", "Chili Patine" and "Sunshine" joined in the festivities. Hosts "Copper Penny" and "Spicy Lady" wooed well wishers via the CB to the wackiest fish fry imaginable.

Thunderclouds threatened as the daredevils bravely crowded around the fry pot which somehow was cooking on top as well as the bottom. After the burning grease was disposed of the pot was refilled, the fire stoked and the fish added. This time - just at the right time. The right time - for rain, that is for sure enough big drops of rain dropped sizzling wildly into the fry pot and does rain sizzle.

The "Supervisor" and his wife, "Catnip", gamely grabbed an asbestos type tarp making a temporary tent of the cooking fish. "Little Generator's" XYM "Tackle Box" and others ran to the rescue to help hold up the smoke filled tent where only the foolhardy (most of us) remained and frequent head wetting breaths were sneaked by the tent holders.

The rain passed on by just in time for the Hush Puppy's turn in the pot, as we rushed to load

FIRE CHIEF ELECTION RESULTS

Travis Parker remains Fire Chief with Gilbert Aguirre as assistant Fire Chief in Tuesday nights election.

Travis is 58, has lived here all his adult life, is married to the former Lorraine Clark and has 5 stepchildren and 3 grand children and is a roving ranch foreman on three ranches.

Gilbert is 34, married to the former Josie Fava, the father of 2 daughters age 7 1/2 and 3 1/2. He is employed by Harold Pettet of Christoval.

A large crowd of interested citizens gathered at the election in Christoval Park to hear the yearly report and to view the new fire fighting equipment and aides on display.

Parker, known as "Chili Patine" on the CB reminded those attending that his React No was 0151 and that he was on channel 9, the official emergency number at night and one 19 days. He also added that our dispatcher Ann (Lady Hummingbird's) React number was 0152 and her phone number is 896-2378 for all emergencies.

The loud applause echoed the crowd's approval of the two newly elected officials when the hand count voting ended.

The Ladies Auxiliary served refreshments of cookies and punch to the happy crowd.



Parker



Aguirre

BENTSEN SAYS SENATE ACTION DUE ON RURAL HEALTH BILL BENEFITS 23 TEXAS COUNTIES THAT HAVE NO DOCTORS

Senator Lloyd Bentsen said Monday he is hopeful that the Senate will take action soon, possibly before the August recess, on legislation he is pushing to make medical care available to elderly and disabled residents in many of the 23 Texas counties that have no medical doctors.

At Bentsen's urging, Senator Herman Talmadge (D-Ga.), Chairman of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Health, has called hearings on the legislation for this Thursday. The proposal could be reported to the full Senate as early as the latter part of next week.

"Many rural areas in Texas have been unable to attract medical doctors. For example, when someone in Olton, Texas -- a South Plains town of 2,000 -- gets sick or is injured, he has to either drive 30 miles to Littlefield or 23 miles to

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Plainview for medical care. This is a special hardship on the elderly and disabled." Bentsen said. "The fact is that as of the last count, on December 31, 1973, there were 23 Texas counties that had no medical doctors. We lead the

country in the number of counties without physicians."

The legislation Bentsen is backing provides that in rural areas where no medical doctors are available, Medicare can reimburse health clinics for service

Recipe Corner: Seasoning Salt, Zucchini Casserole, Pepper Jelly. Lists ingredients and instructions for each.

remaining ingredients. Bake in over in baking dish until its se and is lightly brown on top about 35 to 40 min. at 350 degrees. You won't believe its zucchini squash.

Bring peppers, vinegar and sugar to a boil and boil for 5 minutes. Strain and add Certo and Coloring. Pour into sterilized jars and seal. Good with meat.

Cook sugar, peppers and vinegar to a full rolling boil. Cook min. longer. Remove from heat and add Sure Jell. Mix well wait 5 minutes and put in jar and seal. Good on eggs and meat.

PHOTOSYNTHESIS DISCOVERED 200 YEARS AGO

It was a little over 200 years ago that Joseph Priestley accidentally put us on the road to discovering photosynthesis. In connection with his discovery of oxygen, he showed that a living mouse exhausted the air supply in the same way as a burning candle. However, when he introduced mint plant into the chamber, the opposite occurred the purified air was not able to maintain the animal. Although it was left to others to show that light is needed for plants to produce oxygen, Priestley's experiments were the first important step to understanding the most important botanical process on earth.

of the health care legislation Monday in a parliamentary maneuver. It was cosponsored by Senator Talmadge and Robert Dole (R-Ka.) to facilitate coming hearings, which will include both House and Senate versions of the legislation.

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NURSING HOME NOTES

This article will have to be short this week, as there hasn't been very much happening here this past week.

After this report had already been taken to the newspaper office last week, we heard that one of our residents, Weynona Bennett, had passed away during the night. We were sorry to hear of her death and we extend to her large family our deepest sympathy.

There were only a few visitors last week. Margie Pope visited her mother, Pearl Edmiston; Mrs. Gerald Nicks of Sonora, Texas came to visit her aunt, Georgia Springstun.

For some reason a record was not kept of the Bingo winners on Wednesday of last week. On Friday, the winners were: Maggie Sluder 2, Beulah Harris 2, Carrie Blakeway 2, and Ella Casbeer 1.

Frank Reed is doing much better this week. He came to the dining room at noon for a day or so. Lizzie McAngus was not feeling well for several days, but she is some better today.

The happiest miser on earth is the man who saves up every friend he can make.

LaVita Brooks, Beulah Harris, Reporters

Things moved along about as usual last week except for two exceptions.

Myrtle Wade fell and broke a hip and of course, was taken to the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo by ambulance. The last report was that she is doing well. This is twice in less than a year that she has had a broken hip and we hope that it doesn't ever happen to her again. The last time she fell at home.

Weynona Bennett, who had not been doing very

well, was moved into the hospital, here, the latter part of the week.

Frank Reed still isn't able to sit in his chair in the hall or be brought into the dining room.

Ruthie Dacy has returned from her vacation and we are glad to have her back with us. We missed her very much.

We had a few visitors as follows: Christelle McAngus and Brother Richard Gage and son, Bruce, of Oklahoma City, Okla. visited with Lizzie McAngus. Claude Smith of El Paso, Texas came to visit his sister, Hattie Blaylock. Flossie Crawford's guests were Mr. and Mrs. R.B. McNeil of Odessa, Texas; Zona Holcomb, Mary Jess Childress and Mabel Freitag were Georgia Springstun's guests; Mr. and Mrs. M.V. Deaton and two granddaughters, Debbie and Susie Towers, of Concord, Calif. visited with Beulah Harris and LaVita Brooks; Zella Whitten and Johnnie Mornion of Sonora, Texas visited with Beulah Harris.

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

LaVita Brooks, Beulah Harris, Reporters

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



AROUND The HOUSE and OTHER PLACES

by Nancy Lester
County Extension Agent - Home Economics

This is the time of year when it seems that everyone is busy canning vegetables from the garden. Free information on Food Preservation is available at the county extension office. Call or come by if you would need this information.

Now, on to an entirely different subject! Our Family Life Education Specialists put out a newsletter that contains information on a wide variety of subjects. Recently they sent out a newsletter that contains information on a wide variety of subjects. Recently they sent out "Ten ways to Fight Depression." I hope you find it interesting.

TEN WAYS TO FIGHT DEPRESSION

Do you sometimes feel low, depressed? And almost ashamed to admit it? Experts in the field tell us that depression can be normal. It is a natural reaction to stress, loss, the departure or the death of a loved one, in-law trouble, criticism of what you do, fear of losing your sex appeal, plus many other situations that cause anxiety. Inability to tackle retirement is one of these.

Here are some suggestions for fighting depression:

1. REMEMBER - depression is normal. Recognize that depression is nearly everybody's normal reaction to stress. Emotions that provoke stress include fear, rage, anger, resentment, frustration, anxiety. Eliminate or side-step any of these that you can - when you can. When you can't, and depression follows, know that it's normal and take action to get out of it.
2. SEEK OUT A FRIENDLY EAR. Share your feelings, don't let them bottle up. Choose a friend to talk to -- someone who can maintain perspective and someone you can trust.
3. TRY TO ISOLATE WHAT BOTHERS YOU. Try to determine just what it is that makes you feel depressed and eliminate it. Make your environment as friction-free as possible.
4. DON'T KNOCK YOURSELF. Work to maintain your sense of worth and self-esteem. Learn to give AND take. Whether it's petunias, cake, advice or whatever -- it takes both to make you happy.
5. DON'T OVER-MAGNIFY THE PROBLEM. Be sensible. Put the problem in perspective and know that the "blues" will soon pass if you try a little.
6. DON'T BE AFRAID TO TURN TO A TRAINED COUNSELOR. If you see you are not lifting yourself out of depression through your own efforts, seek help. Clergymen, physicians and professional psychologists can provide sensible two-way communication. Take advantage of their skills.
7. DON'T USE YOUR AGE AS AN EXCUSE FOR NOT FIGHTING BACK. Remind yourself daily that you are free to be who you want to be. At no age do we lose this capacity. If you accept the opposite as truth and stay in a rut then you have a problem. Recognize the truth and move with it. Feeling free also means shedding the sense that every problem is your fault. Not all of them are.
8. GIVE YOURSELF CREDIT. Be yourself. Recognize your own unique powers. Don't constantly measure yourself against others. You have much of value. Concentrate on those values. Be happy with yourself.
9. APPROACH RETIREMENT POSITIVELY - NOT NEGATIVELY. Depression may creep up on you because you're nearing retirement and you moodily wonder what you will do with yourself? Or perhaps you've recently retired -- and feel a bit at sea. Remember this: retirement is freedom! Sit down and outline the dozens of new adventures that time kept you from enjoying until now. Then whittle down the list to those with the most immediate appeal. A trip? -- if you can't do Europe, see your state or your county. Try school -- enroll in something you've always wanted to know more about: macrame, oil painting, astronomy or English History. Consider a new job - politics. Explore possibilities. Get the pros and cons of each possibility. Try out some of the ideas. For instance, are you considering moving to Florida or Arkansas? Go there and stay for two weeks to see how it "feels". Retirement means change. Change means adjustment. And these CAN mean great personal fulfillment.

YOU'RE O.K.? Bravo! Did you REALLY know those nine things listed? Congratulations, you've fought off depression.

Woman's Club needs papers, books

The Eldorado Woman's Club will make its monthly collection of old newspapers at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 1.

Persons donating old newspapers may leave them on the front porch of the building before the designated time.

The Woman's Club is collecting the old papers and selling them at minimum price to a firm in San Angelo which recycles

them into new paper.

Mrs. S.D. Harper, spokeswoman for the club, said the firm is now taking feed sacks as long as they do not have plastic liners.

The group is also collecting books for the M.D. Anderson Hospital Library in Houston.

Mrs. Milton Jones, book chairman, has collected 193 books from county residents and the Schleicher County library.



LOOKIN' GOOD -- Cindy Hausenfluck, left and Judy Pitts, right, model garments they made as 4-H sewing projects this summer. Both girls were granted the right to model the garments in the District 4-H Dress Revue in Abilene July 8, when these pictures were taken. Both girls made their garments with a cotton blend fabric and both won second places, Cindy in the junior division and Judy in the senior division. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hausenfluck and Mr. and Mrs. John Pitts.

THIS WEEK'S BRIDGE

Tournament

We had a large turnout for our club tournament last Thursday night, with 12 tables of players. Winners were:

HIGH OVERALL

Pub Scott and Sally Sheen, San Angelo, first
Bobby Barber, San Angelo and M. H. Callan, Menard, second
Mr and Mrs Frank Tillman, Ozona, third

HIGH NORTH-SOUTH

Mr and Mrs Frank Tillman, first
Mrs M. Hickox and Mrs Albert, San Angelo, second
Melissa O'Harrow and Sue Barber, third
Lola Lusby, Big Lake and J.E. Coles, Iraan, fourth

HIGH EAST-WEST

Pug Scott and Sally Sheen, first
Bobby Barber and M. H. Callan, second
L. Capehart and Mrs Thomas, San Angelo, third
Tom Peaslee, Sonora and Billie Porter, fourth

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Players represented Sonora, Big Lake, Ozona, Iraan, Rocksprings, San Angelo and Menard.

Mrs L. T. Barber was tournament director. The local club furnished refreshments for all the players.

We will meet this Thursday night at our regular time of 7 p.m.

Couples

The Couples Bridge Club met July 21 for dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Bill Hubble. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCormick won high and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Porter won bingo.

Wednesday

The Wednesday Bridge Club met July 20 at the ranch home of Mrs. Ruth Case for dessert at 1 p.m.

There were three tables of players with one guest, Mrs. Ruth Harper. High prize was won by Mrs. Ruth Harper and Bingo was won by Mrs. Grace White.

New perm system is at Love's Beauty Barn

Love's Beauty Barn has announced the arrival of a precision perming system, a new method that features pre-programmed permanent wave results. Called UniPerm, it replaces guesswork perming with an automatic curling process. From coast to coast, hairdressers have noted that they could "concentrate more on creative cutting and styling, now that the technical aspects are completely automatic."

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processes eliminate virtually all of the potential post-perm problems, including an over-curl or over-permed look, uneven curl, curl relaxation, dryness, dullness, and poor condition. Instead, the results are said to be extremely natural, in terms of curl, appearance, and texture.

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NEW SECRETARY -- Mrs. Barbara Behrens types out a form for Bobby Phillips at the Eldorado Instruments and Controls Company in Eldorado. The new secretary is married to David Behrens and has three children, Kyla Behrens and Kymm Nixon. She and her family have been residents of Eldorado for almost five years.

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State Cancer Society elects officers

J. Harold Cheek, M.D., of Dallas, was elected President of the Texas Division, American Cancer Society at today's 32nd Annual Meeting of the Membership Luncheon. Russell Perry of Dallas was re-elected Chairman of the Board.

Other officers elected were: Gerald L. Woolam, M.D. of Lubbock, President Elect; Larry K. Fuller of Borger, Vice Chairman of the Board; Mrs. Irene Wis-

cher of San Antonio, Secretary; and Glen Soderstrom of Amarillo, Treasurer.

Area Vice Presidents elected were T. Paige Carruth, Ph.D., Canyon-Area I; Carl Norton, Waco-Area II; D.P. McClure, Corpus Christi-Area III; Mrs. Jack Clarke Jr., Conroe-Area IV; Weldon Mays, Greenville-Area V; and Garland Dummit, M.D., Fort Worth-Area VI. Dr. Cheek is a twenty-one year volunteer who has

served as District 23 Medical Director-at-Large, as a member of the Division Medical and Scientific Committee, and as chairman of the Division Service and Rehabilitation Committee. He is also a longtime Dallas Unit volunteer who has been involved in programs ranging from being chairman of the Walter Hagen Golf Tournament, as an advocate and pioneer in the Reach to Recovery Mastectomy Rehabilitation program, in Breast Self-Examination educational efforts, and often as a member of Professional Education Traveling Teams.

Dr. Cheek received a B.A. degree from Texas Tech, his M.D. from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, and an M.S. in Surgery from Baylor University. He is a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons and Diplomate - American Board of Surgery.

Russell H. Perry, also of

Dallas, was re-elected as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Perry is another longtime ACS volunteer from Dallas, having served as Chairman of the Board and Crusade Chairman in that unit plus being involved in the various fund raising and Educational projects. He is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer for Republic Financial Services, Inc. and is said to be "involved in every worthwhile project in Dallas". He was named Dallas Boss of the Year in 1976 and has worked extensively with the Dallas and Texas Chamber of Commerce organizations. Mr. Perry graduated cum laude from Brooklyn Law School and is a member of the American Judiciary Society, the Federation of Insurance Council, and the American Insurance Institute.



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WHO'S AHEAD? -- Frankie Williams, center, scores a hand during the Eldorado Bridge Tournament held last week. There were 12 tables of players in the tournament, which was directed by Mrs. L.T. Barber.

This space could have had a news item about you. Just call your news to us at 853-2032. The Express News personnel care about you.

Make fruit leather for picnics, trips or desserts

Fruit leather is all-occasion, so take it along--on picnics, camping trips, to the pool for a snack, or use it at home in beverages and desserts.

Fruit leather is dried fruit made by pureeing fruit, adding citrus juice (and sugar, if it's tart)--and drying it, says Mary K. Sweeten, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Leather lasts--for up to 30 weeks--at a room temperature of 70 degrees or less. It

may also be stored for years in the freezer or for months in the refrigerator.

"Fruit leather is also the best way to save overripe fruit," she says.

To make fruit leather, start with a thick puree of any fruit, add a tablespoon of lemon or lime juice--and, if you are using a tart fruit, such as orange or pineapple pulp, add two tablespoons of sugar per quart. Other fruits may not need sugar.

Next, dry the fruit mixture on a tray or sheet--in the sun or in an oven. "Sundrying is best, if your part of the country is arid," says the specialist. "The mixture will dry in two or three days, and sunshine is free. Be sure to cover it with nylon net or cheesecloth to screen out insects."

In humid areas, use the oven or a dehydrator. For oven drying, bake the fruit at about 140 degrees F. for four or five hours.

"Dried fruit leather, a staple for outdoorsmen, will also make a beverage. Add five parts water to one part leather and mix in blender or jar with a lid.

"Or use fruit leather in cooking, pie fillings and toppings for dessert," Ms. Sweeten suggests.

Home Front

Four members of the Bradford family celebrated July birthdays Saturday the 23rd at the home of Mr and Mrs Dean Bradford. Dean, his wife, Mary, twin sister Joy Ann Colbaugh, and sister Arbutus Bradford are all Leo's. Guests included Mrs. A. L. Bradford, Mr and Mrs Dale Bradford, Mrs. Doyle McKinney, Mrs. Clifford Gibson and Rocky, Mr and Mrs Jerry Don Tyler, Kevin and Dinky Barton. Cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Edmiston, Rachel and Will were in Wall last weekend attending the wedding of Miss Anna Braden and Dr. Bill Bartosh.

Jim Trimble, a junior student at Eldorado High School, went to Waco Monday to attend the week long Baylor University Oral Interpretation Workshop.

STATE 4-H DOG SHOW-- The 7th annual State 4-H Dog Show will be held at the Jackson Middle School in San Antonio on Aug. 13. Entries will be checked in from 8 to 9 a.m. and judging will begin at 10 a.m. 4H members wishing to participate should send their entries to the Bexar County Extension Office by Aug. 1.

Gift showers

Miss Priscilla Holsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Holsey, was honored with a shower at the home of Mrs. Clarice Williams Saturday.

Hostesses for the event were Mes. Richard Kent, Charles Adams, Duain Sauer, Sam Carrell, Phil Olson, Jerry Jones, E.L. Carlman, Lester Nixon, Milton Jones, L.E. McCalla, B.G. Maness, Ken Nowlin, Charles Kellogg, Clyde Keeney, Harry Mercer, Claude Jenkins and Frank Williams.

Special guests were the bridegroom's mother and grandmother.

Miss Holsey and her fiance, Tony Alley, will be married July 30 in Greenlawn Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Engagement



Dana English, De Ann Freeman

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Freeman announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, De Ann Marie Freeman, to Dana Riley English, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Herring of Garland.

The couple plan to be married Saturday, at 2 p.m. August 20 in the First United Methodist Church in Stephenville.

Miss Freeman attended Midland High School and is a 1976 graduate of Eldorado High School. She is a sophomore at Tarleton State University.

The prospective bridegroom attended South Garland High School and is a May 1977 graduate of Tarleton State. He is currently employed as manager of the Stephenville Cattle Company.

Vegetable, fruit prices are reasonable now

Fresh fruits and vegetables offer economical variety, egg prices are very reasonable, but meat and poultry prices are higher, Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist, reports.

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

FRESH FRUITS - Peaches, cantaloupes and watermelons in plentiful supply have attractive prices. Other seasonal items at the most economical prices are nectarines, cherries, plums, seedless grapes, pineapples and bananas.

FRESH VEGETABLES - Best buys includes green peppers, cabbage, corn, carrots and cucumbers--along with head lettuce, okra, purple hull and black-eye peas, zucchini and yellow squash.

POULTRY - Eggs continue as a very reasonable priced protein food; however, fryer chicken prices are higher because of lower supplies.

DAIRY - Cheese, in large supply, reflects budget prices and wide variety. Other low price items are yogurt sour cream, two per cent and lowfat milk.

GROCERY MARKET AISLES - Features include canned applesauce, cooking oil, macaroni, cake mixes and breads.

FROZEN FOODS - Excellent values are frozen lemonade, strawberries, sherbert, french fries and fried chicken.

PORK - The more economical pork cuts include bacon, smoked picnics, whole semi-boneless hams and end chops, although prices in general are trending upward.

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Let's Pause a Minute

A Message from Eldorado's Ministerial Alliance
by Dean Brigham, Minister
First Christian Church

"BROTHERHOOD BEGINS WITHIN"

The Epistle to Philemon from Paul is a very simple letter. It says nothing about the institution of slavery. It doesn't suggest that a slave has a right to run away. It doesn't strike at property as an institution. What it deals with is the spirit within, and what it teaches is that brotherhood begins within.

Brotherhood begins with respect. I suppose one of the basic battles of our time is to look upon people and to be able to see them as people.

When Paul describes the runaway slave as a "brother beloved", he is using the Christian accent of respect which has in it the promise of a new day!

Brotherhood begins within—with regard. We have to go higher than the minimum level of respect, although many people never get that high. We have to move on, as Christians, into the area of regard and affection and to see a person through the eyes of Jesus Christ.

Brotherhood begins within—with responsibility. This is particularly pointed up by the story of Onesimus. Of course, Paul was asking Philemon to think of him in terms of respect and regard. That we can understand, but what about responsibility? Am I my brother's keeper? Am I my brother's brother? What is our responsibility as Christians in this world where people have various skins and belong to various races? What can we contribute in race relations in terms of responsible living?

To be a good Christian in our brotherhood I need to examine my inner self and see if I am living daily the kind of life the Lord wants me to live and then to go forward in leading others in the same direction. Faith without works is dead. Will you help me? Go to church Sunday and try and take someone with you.

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Sheep & Goat Industry News

ings over so-called "highest and best use" valuation.

All to the good. However, to protect its interest the Federal Government reserved for itself the right to place a lien against property so valued. Under this provision the tax savings would be regained by the government should such land cease to be used for such purpose or be sold to non-family members within 15 years. Other tax-break benefits included longterm tax payoff and also subjected the land to a security lien.

Again, the policy is sensible if taken at face value as an anti-fraud measure. Indirect effects, however, made the tax breaks and their resulting liens potentially disastrous. They also made the potential outside sale of subject land at once

a practical impossibility and a virtual necessity.

The problem related directly to agricultural realities. The industry survives at the mercy of its bankers, as improvements and normal operating expenses are usually covered by land-secured loans. Bankers would be reluctant, or in many cases unable, to advance loans on land already under lien, especially to a lienholder as omnipotent as the Federal Government. Consequently, estate executors faced the choice of either allowing land to be assessed at unrealistic rates or saddling heirs with a security lien that could bring normal operations to a halt.

The National Livestock Tax Committee, in the June edition of its monthly Tax Facts Publication, reported a recent official IRS announcement to the effect

that such tax security liens may not take priority over "agreements securing loans for construction or improvement of real property, raising or harvesting of farm crops...livestock or other animals."

As a result of the decision, says the Tax Committee, estate executors should be able to take advantage of the tax relief without fear that they are "impeding the ability of the surviving family members to obtain vital operating loans."

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Particular provisions of the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1976 gave a much needed break to heirs of farmers and ranchers, then turned right around and attached strings stout enough to rope steers with. The IRS recently took a knife to some of the strings in response to urgings by a number of livestock industry groups.

The Tax Act had granted executors of certain estates the right to value agricultural property for estate tax purposes according to its actual use rather than its speculative possibilities. In most cases, as almost any rancher or farmer will agree, agricultural production valuation would result in substantial estate tax sav-

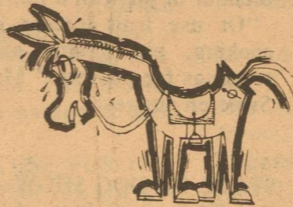
Freeze sea food ONLY if ice crystals remain on the food and ONLY if it has been held in the refrigerator for no more than two days, warns Mary K. Sweeten, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. The specialist adds that although flavor and texture may seem altered, the food is safe.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL McWHORTER
SNEAKY SNAKE -- Ceferino Duron, left, and Felix Chavez Jr hold a seven foot bull snake Felix's father, Felix Chavez, Sr, shot in Schleicher County this week.

From The Horses Mouth

by Jerry Swift
Schleicher County Agriculture Agent



HAY POTENTIAL STILL GOOD

Although hay making has been limited in some sections of Texas due to dry conditions, there is still plenty of time to get the barn filled before the north wind starts blowing.

"Good to average hay crops have been harvested in parts of the state, but recent dry weather has limited production in many regions," points out Al Novosad, forage and pasture specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Since most barns were empty this spring after the hard winter we had, producers need to harvest an abundance of hay."

Early cuttings have been short in eastern sections due to dry weather, and now parts of North Central, Central and South Central Texas are dry. So, hay production has generally been spotted to this point, notes Novosad.

However, all is not lost! Novosad points out that a good hay crop can still be

made over the state if late summer and early fall rains come on schedule. And, according to the National Weather Service, the outlook is promising for such moisture, especially for the southern and eastern halves of the state.

"Since there is still plenty of time for forages to grow after the rains come, producers should go ahead and fertilize their hay meadows now," suggests Novosad. "Then, grasses can make rapid growth once the moisture comes."

The forage specialist reminds producers to give particular attention to the stage of grass growth when harvesting hay crops. Early grass growth with an abundance of tender leaves and a lack of hard stems makes for top quality, high protein hay.

"The real key to good quality hay is to fertilize properly and then to harvest at the right stage of growth," says Novosad.

LEADERS TO MEET

Some 2,500 cooperative employees, managers and directors, educators, youth leaders, young farmer couples, and government staff people will be participating in the 1977 National Institute on Cooperative Education (NICE) of the American Institute of Cooperation at Texas A&M University, Aug 15-18.

Farm safety week underway

"Every year hundreds of thousands of farm and ranch residents suffer unnecessary injury and sometimes disability and death from accidents on the farm," said President Carter in a proclamation designating the week of July 25-31 as National Farm Safety Week.

Recognizing that accident injuries and property damage are an economic drain on farm and ranch income potentials, the theme for the week will be "Safety Is A Good Investment."

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NATION WIDE REFERENDUM DEFEATED

Cattle producers who endorsed the proposed Beef Market Plan are lamenting this week after the measure failed during a nation-wide beef referendum voting held between July 5 and 15.

A total of 61.6 percent of Texas cattle producers voted yes for the plan.

With reports in from 30 states, more than 100,000 cattlemen in the nation voted for the program, or about 55 percent of those voting. However, a two-thirds vote was needed to approve the program.

In Schleicher County, there are 260 livestock operations, with 125 persons registered to vote in the referendum. Only 94 of them voted, with 86 of them voting "yes".

In surrounding counties, 95 percent of those voting in Tom Green County approved it, 89 in Sutton County; 60 percent in Kimble County; 90 percent in Irion County; 92 percent in Crockett County and 71 percent in Menard County.

O.J. Barron, National Beef Development Taskforce Chairman, said, "We have a new unity in our industry and have learned much that can help us in the future. We have pinpointed many problems. We have uncovered new leadership and we have learned how to make our voice heard in Washington."

He concluded, "We must continue our efforts to find ways to stabilize our industry, increase profits for cattlemen and build a better future -- together."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL McWHORTER
PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS -- Dr and Mrs Lyman Mobley have just moved to Eldorado where the Rev Mobley will become pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. His installation is scheduled for August 28.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

By Paul McWhorter

Louisiana.

Concerning his goals while in Eldorado, Rev. Mobley said, "I would hope that we would be able to strengthen the common faith that we all have, and advance Christ's ministry through our ministry in the church."

When questioned about the role of teenagers in the church, Rev. Mobley noted, "Teenagers are not future members of potential members. They are full members and should participate in all phases of the church."

The Rev. Mobley further said, "We are very happy to be here and we are looking forward to being an active part of our community."

Rev. Mobley is a native of Decatur, Georgia and his wife has lived in Florida, South Texas, and South

Your Social Security

Peter Gonzales, social security representative for the San Angelo Social Security office, has scheduled his August visit to Eldorado. He will be at the Fire Station on Thursday, August 18th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Anyone who

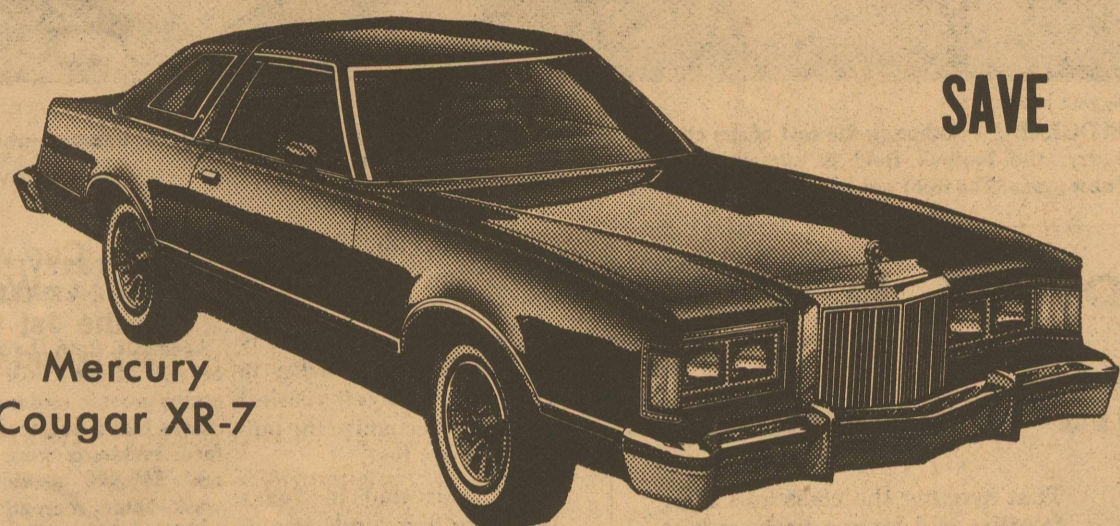
wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time. Persons who are unable to meet with him are encouraged to call the office in San Angelo.

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Cash and due from banks	1,045,000
U. S. Treasury securities	1,800,000
Obligations of other U.S. Gov't agencies & corps	300,000
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	2,741,000
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	0
Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock	14,000
Trading account securities	0
Federal funds sold and securities purchased	
under agreements to resell	190,000
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	5,496,000
Less: Reserve for possible loan losses	63,000
Loans, Net	5,433,000
Direct lease financing	0
Bank premises, furniture & fixtures, & other assets representing bank premises	87,000
Real estate owned other than bank premises	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Other assets	13,000
TOTAL ASSETS	11,596,000
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, prtshps., and corps	3,909,000
Time and savings deposits of individuals, prtshps., and corps	5,446,000
Deposits of United States Government	10,000
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	665,000
Deposits of foreign govts. and official institutions	0
Deposits of commercial banks	0
Certified and officers' checks	39,000
TOTAL DOMESTIC DEPOSITS	10,069,000
Total demand deposits	4,263,000
Total time and savings deposits	5,806,000
Total deposits in foreign offices	0
TOTAL DEPOSITS IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN OFFICES	10,069,000
Federal funds purchased and securities sold	
under agreements to repurchase	0
Liabilities for borrowed money	0
Mortgage indebtedness	0
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding	0
Other liabilities	6,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)	10,075,000
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Preferred stock a. No. shares outstanding none (par value)	0
Common stock a. No. shares authorized 75,000	
Common stock b. No. shares outstanding 75,000 (par value)	75,000
Surplus	375,000
Undivided profits	1,054,000
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	17,000
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	1,521,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL	11,596,000
MEMORANDA	
Average for 15 to 30 calendar days ending with call date:	
Cash and due from banks	1,077,000
Fed. funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	254,000
Total loans	5,485,000
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more in domestic offices	615,000
Total deposits	10,137,000
Fed funds purchased & securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Liabilities for borrowed money	0
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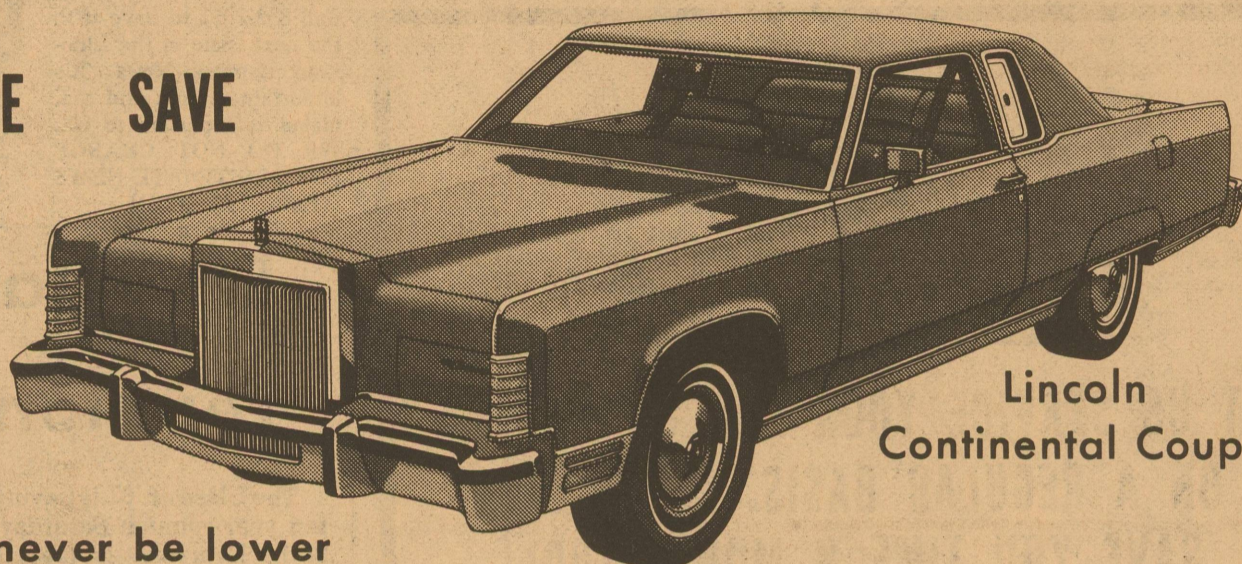
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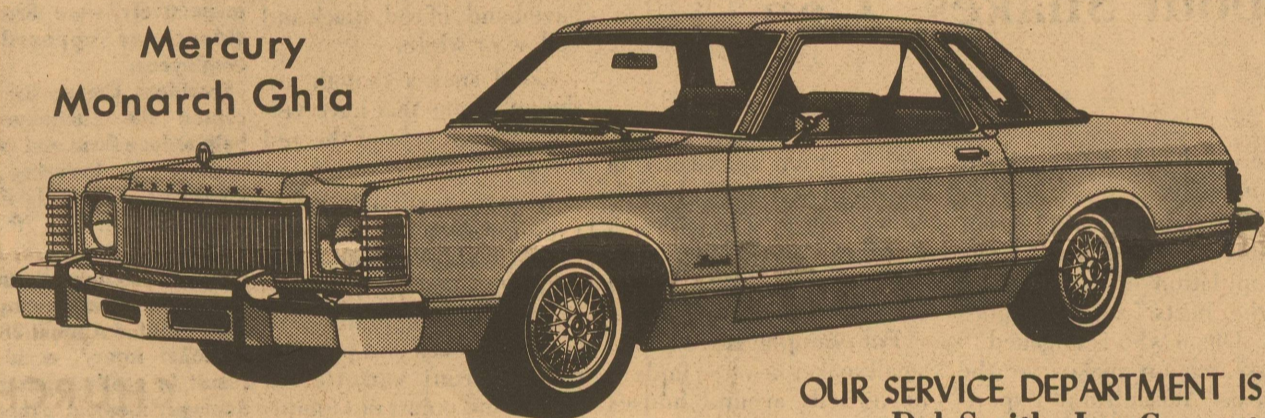
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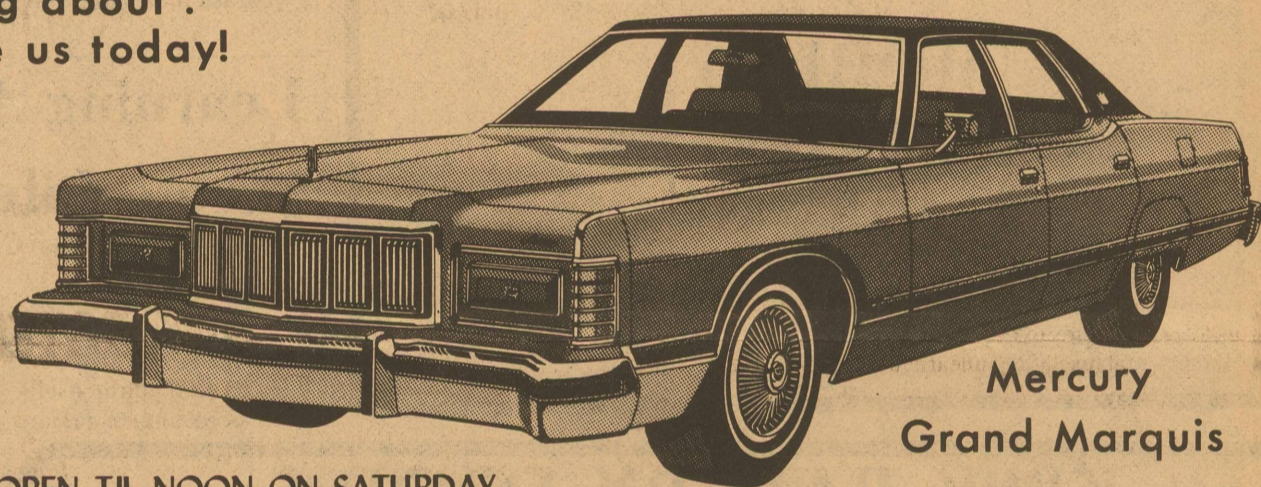


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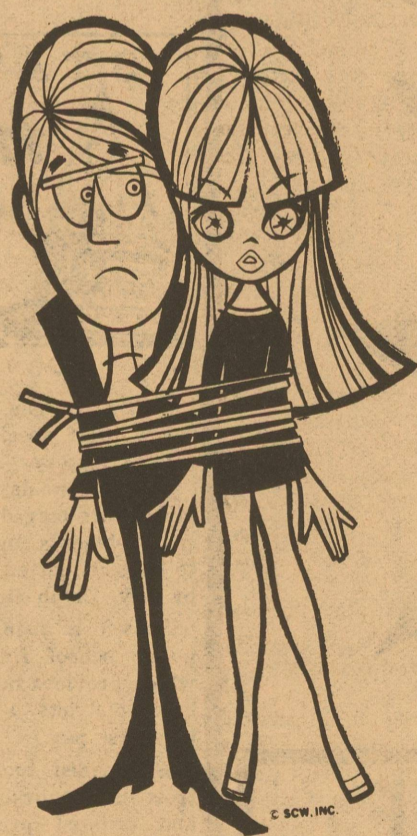
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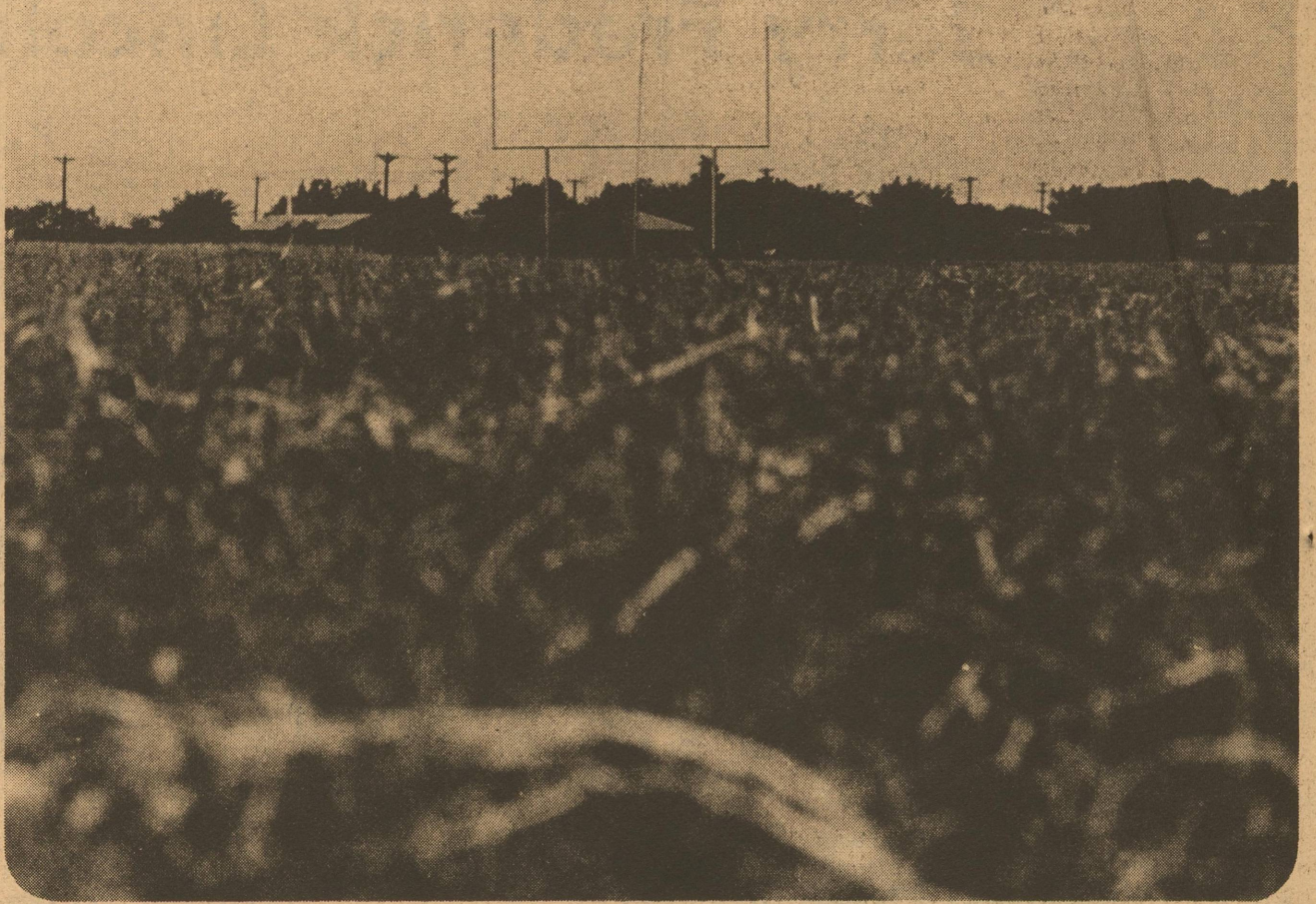
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EHS class of 67 plans reunion this weekend

The Class of '67 is having their ten year reunion Saturday, July 30th. Everyone is looking forward to the festivities planned by the Reunion Committee and hope that the public will come by and say "hello" to their old friends and fellow classmates. Activities planned will begin with a sack lunch at noon and visitation during the afternoon.

That evening the class and their families will have a barbeque at 6:00 p.m. To top off the evening there will be a public dance beginning at 8 p.m. sponsored by the Class of '67. "Bo Hutto and The Texas Pride" from Del Rio will be playing for the dance and we cordially invite all the area people to attend.

Learning About Snakes Can Save a Life

By Robert L. Haney
 TAES Science Writer

More than 90 percent of snakes in Texas are non-poisonous and quite useful to man, according to a noted

herpetologist at Texas A&M University.

"And even the poisonous ones help keep down the population of rodents and other pests," says Dr. James R. Dixon who is engaged in research on snakes for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

From years of study and research and a wealth of field experience, Dixon is able to relate dozens of useful findings. Since Texas is blessed

with such an abundance of snakes, he finds that knowledge of snakes can do much to relieve anxiety and prevent indiscriminate killing of all snakes.

For example, two types of small snakes he often finds in flowerbeds around houses are quite harmless hunters of slugs and worms.

Other larger, harmless snakes may go in garages or other out-buildings after mice or rats. And if a house

has any openings a snake may come inside for the same purpose.

Since there are so many different kinds of snakes in Texas, Dixon says it's easiest to learn to recognize the poisonous ones first.

He adds that in Texas there are four kinds of poisonous snakes: rattlesnake, moccasin, copperhead and coral snake. But, there are nine forms of rattlesnake in Texas, one of moccasin or "cottonmouth", four types of copperhead, and one type of coral snake.

Trouble with the coral snake is that it can be confused with the king snake and the scarlet snake. All have bands of red, black and yellow or white.

Coral snakes though are the only ones that have yellow on each side of the red band.

A good handbook Dixon recommends is *Conant's Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians of North America*. It's available in inexpensive paperback and pictures the different varieties of snakes and points out identifying characteristics.

Another good source of information is to check with your County Extension Agent for MP-1194, *Poisonous Snakes of Texas*.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION A GOOD INVESTMENT

Accident data being received from individual states provide national estimates indicating that 5,400 farm residents were killed and 500,000 disabled in work, home, recreation and traffic accidents during the past year, points out Dr Gary S. Nelson, a safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The occupationally related portion of these totals indicates that work related accidents claimed the lives of nearly 1,900 persons (200 in Texas) and about 180,000 suffered disabling injuries, of which 1,300 and 130,000, respectively, were farm residents as opposed to employees.

President Carter has accepted the challenge to help reduce farm and ranch accidents by declaring July 25-31 as National Farm Safety Week. The theme for the week is "Safety Is A Good Investment," notes Nelson. This theme emphasizes that in addition to personal injury, accidents result in costly equipment damage, medical expense, loss of valued talent and skill of agricultural producers and workers, and production loss due to time delays and the unavailability of injured workers and damaged equipment.

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams

AUSTIN—The legislature's brief special session is now history.

In the nine-day meeting, lawmakers logged these accomplishments in response to subject matter submitted by Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

Passed a \$945.4 million public school finance bill, which provides more aid to local districts and raises teachers' pay.

—Provided tougher controls over nursing homes and ordered prison sentences for employees who deliberately mistreat and injure patients.

—Voted standby authority for the state to finance an offshore oil unloading terminal through revenue bonds if a privately-financed superport plan folds.

—Amended the law to permit coastal counties to participate in a federal flood-plan insurance program, though they hadn't agreed to join before June, 1970.

—Guarantees that bonds and other debts of state agencies will be paid in full.

The special session was called by Briscoe after lawmakers failed to agree on a school finance plan in regular session.

The governor later expanded the agenda to in-

clude the other subjects but firmly turned down a long list of requests to broaden the special session assignments further.

City Tax Booms
 City sales tax rebates are 20.3 per cent ahead of last year.

Comptroller Bob Bullock said his office mailed checks totalling \$23.6 million to 868 cities as their July share of the one per cent local sales tax levies. The July checks raise to \$190.7 million the total income to the cities from the levy for the first seven months of the year. The figure compares with \$158.6 million for the same period last year.

Bullock said the increase is another sign of the strength of the Texas economy, since state sales tax collections in Texas are showing a bigger percentage gain than those of any other state.

Insurance Rates Studied
 Insurance companies want to raise auto increase rates on private passenger cars 11.3 per cent, but an actuary said there is a chance the hike can be held below the 7.3 per cent level recommended by the Insurance Board staff.

The actuary said actual company expenses are be-

low the figures used in a staff formula.

Rates were raised 7.1 per cent in October and 15.5 per cent 10 months earlier.

The Insurance Board will hear testimony at an August 2 hearing and will set new rates effective with policies written or renewed about November 1.

Courts Speak
 A federal judge in Austin found unconstitutional Texas' reliance on real property taxation alone to finance its public schools.

However, he did not halt distribution of school funds under the present system. The State Supreme Court has taken under study an Austin Court of Civil Appeals ruling invalidating a contract made by a widow before her marriage waiving the customary homestead rights. Heirs of a 72-year-old man sought to oust the widow from the couple's home.

The high court rejected a \$600,000 damage suit brought by a Kountze publisher and county employee against a county commissioner who injured him in anger at a news story.

A former Safeway employee won permission through the supreme court to obtain documents she needed in a workmen's compensation suit claiming fumes from plastic wrappings caused her to get lung cancer.

AG Opinions
 Records of the Department of Public Welfare relating to mistreatment of a nursing home resident who is a medical assistance recipient are exempted from public disclosure, Atty. John Hill said.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded: Commissioners of counties bordering on the Gulf of Mexico or its tidewaters

are authorized to enact land use regulations applicable to areas subject to Gulf flooding, including lakes, bays, inlets and lagoons. Limits may be established by resolution.

Removal of judges by address may be considered in a special legislative session even if the subject is not included in the governor's proclamation summoning lawmakers to work.

Appointments Announced
 Gov. Dolph Briscoe named Fourth Court of Civil Appeals Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow of San Antonio to the State Supreme Court, succeeding Don Yarbrough who resigned in the face of removal by the legislature. The Senate promptly confirmed Barrow, who was defeated by Yarbrough in the Democratic primary last year.

James L. Nelson of Houston was picked as general counsel in the Texas secretary of state's office.

Bob R. Harris is acting chief engineer of the State Railroad Commission's oil and gas division, succeeding Arthur Barbeck who retired. Billy Thomas became commission acting director of technical hearings.

Short Snorts
 Sen. Max Sherman of Amarillo is resigning to take over the presidency of West Texas State University in Canyon.

Republican County chairmen elected W. C. Lust of Tyler their president at an organizational meeting here. The chairmen adopted a resolution calling for GOP candidates in all ballot positions next year. Treasurer Jesse James reported \$1.8 billion in state funds are deposited in Texas banks at six per cent interest.

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Express News SPORTS

Football season tickets on sale next week

Reserved season tickets for the 1977 football season will go on sale beginning August 1, at the high school office. Those persons who held season tickets last year will have the opportunity to purchase the same seats if they do so before August 22. At that time, all tickets will be available to the public.

Season tickets will again be \$10.00 for the five home games.

Reserved seat tickets at the gate will be \$2.25 and general admission will again be \$2.00 at the gate for all ages.

School age children will again be able to purchase tickets at their school before the games for \$1.00. This applies to all Eldorado High School home games and all District 9A games regardless of the site.

Tennis Club

Twenty persons participated in one round of play Monday night with Bobby Helmers and Rick Sterling tying for high. The group decided there will be only one round of Monday night play beginning at 8:00 from now until September.

The Round Robin Tournament is in full swing with 8 men's teams and 6 women's teams. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams in both divisions.

Men's Teams

Larry Smith and Guy Whitaker
Buddy White and Freddie Williams
Chris McCravery and John E. Meador
Richard Preston and Larry Fatheree
Lynn Meador and Jim Brame
Robert Todd and De Lux
Bobby Helmers and John Callison
Tommy Schuch and Tim Terry

Women's Teams

Christy Meador and Chris McCravery
Holly Brame and Judy Meador
Frankie Hardy and Marta Smith
Pansie Jay and Jo Fatheree
Barbara Schroeder and Pam White
Sandra Helmers and Nancy Thomas

Play begins at 7:30 on Wednesday evenings. Men's play begins at 8:30 or as soon as their court number is available. Any persons interested in tennis lessons given by a professional instructor here in Eldorado can contact Jo Fatheree or Frankie Hardy for further information. The Clinic will be held on a Saturday in a 4 hour session.

State 4-H skeet shoot scheduled

Some 100 4-H members from throughout Texas are expected to participate in the second annual State 4-H Trap and Skeet Shoot,

Aug. 5-6, at the Winchester Public Shooting Center at Fort Worth. The shoot will feature a junior and a senior division, and 4-H'ers

may enter either trap or skeet shooting or both. Practice shooting and registration will be on Aug. 5,

with the shoot beginning at 9 a.m. the next day, says a fisheries specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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PAR-TEE NOTES

Even with the 100 degree weather, 27 players turned out for the Sunday Mixed Foursome. Congratulations to John Nikolauk for making a hole in one on No 1 using a 9 iron - his wife's club, no less. Many more for you, John. Needless to say, the team he was on took first place after a tie played off on the cards.

First place with 7 under par - John Nikolauk, Gladys Mittel, Lynn Whitaker, Larry Donaldson and Weatherly Kinser.

Second place 7 under par - John Callison, Gary Warnock, Michelle Woodfin, Gene Edmiston, Jr.

Third place 5 under par - Earl Schmitz, C. Duhon, O. Rolls, Wray Crippin and Derrick Adams.

The Ladies Auxiliary had a special playday and luncheon with Melissa O'Harrow as hostess. Next special playday will be the second Thursday in August, the 11th, with a luncheon also and Joan Edmiston as hostess. Everyone come.

Happy\$

Cheerleaders hold dance

The Eldorado High School cheerleaders are now \$60 richer after the dance they sponsored last weekend.

About 100 youths attended the dance which featured J.J. Mac and His Music Machine.

Proceeds from the dance

will be used for posters, paint and other supplies needed for boosting the boys during the school year, plus refreshments the girls serve the athletes during workouts. Parents of the cheerleaders were the hosts.

Masons honored

There will be an ice cream supper given by Eldorado Chapter #140, Order Eastern Star, to honor Masons and their families and Eastern Star members and families on Monday, August 1, at 8:00 p.m. on the Courthouse lawn.

Entertainment will be given by local musicians with a musical jamboree and later in the evening, the group will tour the local museum where both organizations have displays.

TOWER TALKS

by U.S. Senator for Texas
JOHN TOWER



Big Government

WASHINGTON—Too much intrusion into the lives of individual Americans, spiraling costs to taxpayers and a suffocating bureaucracy are typical of the chorus of complaints one hears when Uncle Sam's name is mentioned these days.

Unfortunately, the criticism is deserved.

Hardly a day goes by when Texans or the American public in general don't have good reason to shake their heads in disgust at government's ineptitude or some perversion of its public trust.

Opinion polls paint a dimmer picture of the public attitude toward the Federal establishment. The latest surveys indicate that only 23% of those Americans polled expressed confidence in the Federal government. While this percentage has edged upward in recent years, there is no mistaking the fact that government's job performance, as viewed by a majority of Americans, leaves much to be desired.

There are plenty of reasons why. Part of the explanation may be that leadership and institutions have come up lacking when serious answers to some of our most pressing national questions are needed.

This includes, for example, a solution to the Social Security dilemma: how do we make up the alarming depletion in the system's trust fund as an ever-larger number of Americans retire earlier?

What about a Federal budget that continues to swell, defying sound fiscal management while new and ever more expensive programs are proposed and implemented by a spendthrift Congress?

And as we witnessed this winter, energy shortages are real with a present danger which no one in Washington dreamed imaginable only a few years ago. Insufficient energy supplies threaten to disrupt our economy and way of life, yet the Administration's response to the problem is a stopgap measure centered around conservation and continued federal regulation of the energy market.

There are other reasons for government's tarnished image. Waste and inefficiency have become synonymous with government at every level, and thus far promises to reorganize or reduce the Federal bureaucracy have proved little more than the same campaign rhetoric heard every four years.

But it is here where some fundamental changes in the way government conducts its business may have some immediate impact. Congress may begin to make a dent in a burdensome regulatory process if, as expected, the House and Senate act favorably on legislation which finally will hold regulatory agencies and wasteful programs to account.

Appropriately named "sunset" legislation, these proposals if enacted into law will force the regulatory agencies to justify their continued existence at the end of set budget cycles. Those agencies and programs which could not pass muster would be terminated.

The sunset legislation answers a crying need for government to weed out expensive agencies, commissions, bureaus, and programs serving a marginal purpose but which have been reauthorized year after year because no mechanism existed in the budgeting process to force an assessment of cost effectiveness.

Such legislation is long overdue. It means that intrusive agencies like the Occupational Safety and Health Administration with rules and regulations that proved contrary to congressional intent and which have served to frustrate farmers and the small businessman for too long, must present a persuasive case for their continued existence.

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