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Short Stuff

By JOE AWTRY

The voters of Schleicher County and Eldorado will be facing some very important elections Saturday, April 7. The elections are for the Hospital Board of Directors, precinct directors of the Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District, School Board Trustees and City Alderman and the school bond issue.

Nine persons have filed for the two seats for the school board. This is either a good indication of some people not being satisfied with the present board or a lot of people are taking more interest in the school.

From all indications we think it is the latter. The Eldorado schools have a very good academic record and this speaks highly for the school board, teachers and school administrators.

The bond issue, a \$1.2 million, is for additions for the school. This calls for an addition of a new learning center, cafeteria and elementary classrooms.

The additions for the school is a necessity for the school to function properly and keep pace with their high standards of education. At the present time classes are being held outside of classrooms due to the lack of space and the cafeteria has only one serving line and a small seating capacity, causing lunch to be served beginning at 10:30 a.m. in order to feed all the students. The learning center will make it possible to centralize all the library materials and avoid duplications. This would also give ample room to store all audio visual and other learning aids.

A yes vote for the school bond would be a very small price to pay for the dividends our children will receive for the quality of education they can receive from our local school if they have the facilities for acquiring their learnings.

The election for aldermen to the city council is another very important election for the citizens of Eldorado. Five people have filed for the two positions to be filled April 7.

The persons elected to these positions need to be people who will continue to work for the development of the city and the future growth of Eldorado.

The city needs to upgrade their gas system and streets, which the present council is now discussing, along with other important items to better our city.

The city government will play a very important role in the growth of Eldorado, and I believe the city will see some growing pains in the next few years, if we have a good strong city council that consists of people who care for our city and want to see it expand, population and commercial wise.

The Schleicher County Hospital District has three positions open and three people have filed while the Schleicher County Water Control and Improvement District has two positions open, precinct three and precinct four, with a candidate filing for each position.

These are all important elections and concern each and every one of us in one way or the other as citizens of Eldorado and Schleicher County. Please take the time on April 7 to vote and have your say in the government of the place where you live.

— Ss —

People can be divided into three groups: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened.

John W. Newbern

310 Persons Apply For Tax Exemption

Anyone qualifying for a homestead exemption has until April 30 to apply in the office of the school tax assessor and collector, Ray Lewis Ballew.

Ballew stated that he has received 310 exemptions which appear valid and there are about 250 more people who are eligible.

He explained that if a house and lot are assessed at 5,000 and the person qualifies for the exemption, he will not pay school taxes next year. If the person's property is valued over \$5,000, he will save \$36.25 without the bond issue. Anyone whose property is valued from \$5,000 to \$27,000 will pay less with the bond issue than they did last year because of this exemption.

Anyone who has paid their taxes has received an exemption affidavit in the mail and this should be filled out and returned to Ballew. Anyone who has not paid their taxes may receive this affidavit at Ballew's office.

This tax relief was passed by the state legislature last fall.



ESSAY CONTEST WINNER — Lorrie Powell is shown with a plaque she won for an essay written for the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District. Other winners from Eldorado in the contest were Susan Crippin, second and Linell Vannett, third. Christoval winners were Kelly Baker, first; Jimmy Caddell, second and Valerie McDonald, third. Each student will be recognized at the school's assembly and receive monetary awards at that time. Miss Powell presented her essay at the conservation awards banquet at Angelo State University's Houston Harte Center Thursday.

School Board Officers Explain Bond Effects

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the last of a three-part series on the upcoming bond issue for construction of three new buildings for the school system. The issue will go before the voters April 7 in conjunction with elections for school trustees.

The first thing anyone thinks of when they first hear of a bond issue is "How much will it cost?" They are not thinking only of the school system but also of their own pocket-books.

School board president Mort Mertz and board secretary Lynn Meador have offered some answers to this question.

"The toughest decision we have had to make is whether or not we need these buildings," noted Mertz. "And while we were making up our minds, inflation rose 1 1/2 percent a month. Now added space is an absolute necessity and there is an amount of urgency about this bond issue."

The bond issue is set at \$1.2 million which would build three new buildings: an elementary classroom building, a learning center, and a new cafeteria.

Accepting the bond issue is "a good sound business proposal and would not present any hardship on the community," says Mertz. First of all, the school is in good financial condition. With a lot of cost cutting and an ever increasing evaluation, the school board has accumulated about \$280,000 in surplus funds over the last few years.

Second of all, existing school buildings are in "tip top" condition, he says. The oldest building is only 30 years old. Everything has been kept in good repair and all buildings have a new roof. The bus fleet has

Informative Meeting Scheduled Monday

A town meeting to inform all voters about the various aspects of the upcoming school bond election is set for 7:30 p.m. Monday at the high school. If the crowd is small, the meeting will be in the library, and if it is large, the meeting will be in the auditorium.

The bond issue is for \$1.2 million and will be to build three new buildings for the school, an elementary building, a learning center and cafeteria.

Any eligible voter in the county may vote in the bond election.

been kept up, with two new buses due to arrive soon. "We never let it fall down; it is all in A number one shape." The only debt is two payments on the new football field, which will be made this spring.

As Mertz said before, there is an amount of urgency about building these facilities, but not only because of inflation. Presently, the oil and gas companies and people owning royalties pay over 70 percent of school taxes. The oil industry looks like it will increase for about the next ten years, but then could dwindle. "We want to do this now, while we have the gas in the county and evaluation is high," said Mertz. "Even when the oil and gas is gone, we still have the obligation to educate our children," he said emphatically.

The proposed bond is for \$1.2 million with the bonds selling for an (See BOND, Page 2)

Mikeska, Oglesby Are Honored

Ford Oglesby and Wayne Mikeska were named Outstanding Conservation Rancher and Farmer, respectively, by the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District. The presentation was made at the Annual Awards Banquet at the Angelo State University Houston Harte Center.

Lorrie Powell, a student of Eldorado High School, was presented an award as part of a district sponsored contest for writing the best Conservation Essay within the district. Miss Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Powell, presented her essay at the banquet.

Oglesby and Mikeska were presented with a plaque each by Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District vice-chairman, Steve Williams. The awards Banquet is sponsored annually by the eight Soil Conservation Districts within the San Angelo trade area.

Ford Oglesby, a District cooperator, since January 1970, operates approximately 17,000 acres, most of

which he leases from the University of Texas. Much of the ranch was severely abused in years past due to this area being used as a watering stop for livestock being driven to markets. A good deferment program has helped the ranch return to good production.

In 1972, Oglesby entered into a Great Plains Conservation Program Contract with the USDA, Soil Conservation Service, to facilitate improvement of the ranch. Since that time, three pastures have been treedozed and reseeded, three have been aerial sprayed with 2,4,5-T, and all have been adequately fenced and watered. This has allowed Oglesby to further his management program through his Planned Grazing System. The basic permanent herd has been reduced and stockers are run during the winter months. This allows Oglesby to defer more pastures during the growing season and also to be more flexible in his stocking rate.

Wayne Mikeska owns and lives on

Vandalism, Injunction Topics In Commissioners Court Meeting

Due to recent vandalism at the county airport, there will soon be a chain gate at the entrance of the runway and a sign warning against any vandalism. The action was taken during a meeting of the county commissioners court Monday.

The court has been approached several times in the last year to repair the runway. During the meeting Monday, county judge Johnny Griffin reported he had been to the airport to check on its condition. He said the facility is in great need of repair, mainly because of weather and people driving across it with cars.

"We should either completely neglect it or fix it," he said. All four commissioners, Richard Jones, Joe Christian, David Meador and Holvey Enochs agreed. After a short discussion, they decided to take the first step to repair the airport, namely constructing a chain gate across the entrance and putting up a sign warning vandals of fines.

The court also gave the judge authority to get state specifications for airports and estimates for its repair.

Most of the afternoon session of the meeting was spent discussing the injunction filed against the court last year prohibiting commissioners from using county owned equipment on private property.

According to the injunction, a map is to be filed with the document and should be amended as needed. All roads presently shown on the map are considered public roads and can therefore be maintained by the county. Commissioner Holvey Enochs asked other commissioners if the roads that had been declared public last year should be drawn on the map to show it had been amended.

Rangeland Contest Slated For April 12

There will be a rangeland evaluation contest at 3 p.m. April 12 at the Walter C. Pope III Ranch located in southwestern Schleicher County near Ft. McKavett. The contest is an annual event for 4-H and FFA students of the area schools and will consist of range plant identification, determining condition of rangeland, and determining needed management practices on rangeland. Sponsor for the contest is the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District. Dr. Bobby Joe Ragsdale of Texas A&M University will serve as contest judge.

For reservation or further information, call Freddie Williams with the Soil Conservation Service at 853-2720 or Jerry Swift, Schleicher County Extension Agent at 853-2610. Reservations should be made by Monday, April 9.

Mikeska, Oglesby Are Honored

a farm in Kaffer Community and leases additional farms in Schleicher County. Mikeska became a district cooperator in August of 1971 and in September of 1976 entered into a Great Plains Conservation Program Contract. One cropland field has been terraced with the new parallel terraces and another field is scheduled for next year. He has also contracted parallel terraces on a lease farm with more scheduled for next year. All lands are farmed on the contour to prevent erosion and increase production.

On the rangeland, Mikeska aerial sprayed with Tordon all the pastures in 1978. Mesquite, prickly pear and tasajillo were major competitors of his grasses and forbs. All of the prickly pear observed is dying as a result of the aerial spraying. The rangeland was deferred following aerial spraying to allow the grasses to respond to the increased moisture. A cross-fence was also installed to aid in his future deferment program.

County attorney T.P. Robinson met with the court briefly and explained that the map could be amended by words, and that to find an amendment in later years, commissioners or anyone else would have to look at the minutes of the meeting when the amendment was made.

He also told the court that as long as a road was shown on this map, it was public and could be maintained even if it lead to someone's house. "As long as you follow this injunction, you will not be libel," he assured the court.

Enochs asked the attorney if the court could declare a road public even if it did not have an easement for the road. "Yes, you can do that," Robinson replied, adding, "but you cannot close a road without going through the proper procedure."

Griffin asked the commissioners for their stand in maintaining existing county roads. General consensus of the court is that the county will continue to maintain roads as long as they are shown as public roads on the map filed with the injunction. Enochs commented, "If we quit now, all the time and money we have spent on all these roads will be in vain."

The court also agreed that before any action is taken to declare a road a public road, each landowner on the road would be contacted first. This action was taken after Billy Jack Reynolds and Bob Reynolds had met before the court asking that the road through their property be declared public because of an increase of oil

field traffic. However, the road passes through property owned by two other people as well.

The court did not take any specific action in this road or any other during the meeting.

In other business, the court also:

- Accepted the city-county agreement for maintenance of the sanitary land fill west of the city.

- Accepted a bid for a pickup for road foreman Clay Burleson from Ken Braden. The gasoline engine vehicle will cost \$5595.

- Agreed to redeem two certificates of deposit.

- Decided to talk with Tom Miner, president of the Golf Club board of directors, about installation of valves at the golf course and the duties of the golf course custodian.

- Decided not to let anyone board any horse at the 4-H roping arena. The court gave the county judge authority to contact the Jaycees about leasing the land.

- Agreed to a corrected clause of an agreement between Jack Mann and the state concerning water lines on his property that would cross FM road 2595. The court will pay for the water line and casing which will cross the road. The property owner will then be responsible for installing water lines on his property.

- Denied the 4-H club permission to have a portable shooting range in the Corral Room.

- Decided to clean up the shooting range east of the city, which has become a dumping area. The work will be done when the county equipment is in the city.



OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONISTS — Wayne Mikeska, top right, and Ford Oglesby, bottom right, receive plaques from Steve Williams, left in both pictures, after being named outstanding conservation farmer and rancher respectively for the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation district Thursday night. Williams is vice-chairman of the SCS district. Both Mikeska and Oglesby were cited for preventing erosion and building up grassland and croplands.

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CARDS OF THANKS

To our many friends, we take this means of expressing our sincere thanks for all the kindness and love shown us during the illness and death of our precious mother. Your visits, the cards, flowers, memorials, food, calls or any act of kindness, but most of all for your prayers on her behalf. We deeply appreciate your interest.

A special note of thanks to our doctors, Dr. Brame and Dr. Williams, also to the nurses for their loving care. We shall never forget the kindness and what it means to live in a town so rich with friends like you. In your time of sorrow, may you be so richly blessed.

- Mrs. Clara Mae Donaldson and Family
- Mrs. Dorothy Harris and Family
- Mrs. Fay Burk and Family
- Mrs. Desmond King and Family

When old and dear friends Remember and care, It makes our sorrow more Easy to bear.

Thank you so much for every expression of kindness at this sad time in our lives. May the Lord bless each of you.

The family of Floyd Spurges 329s1p

Public Notice

NOTICE To: All qualified voters of Schleicher County Absentee voting shall be conducted at the County Clerk's Office, County Courthouse by Helen Bebee, County Clerk of Schleicher County in accordance with the laws of the state of Texas with such office being open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lynn Meador Secretary to the Board of Trustees. 329s1c

Bond Issue

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expected 5 1/2 percent. If it is passed, the bonds will be for ten years, with an option to pay them off at seven years.

This will mean little if any changes for taxpayers, thanks to the high evaluation. "Our present rate of taxation will take care of the bond issue now. In the future, we are looking at a rising cost of operation, which might mean minor tax increase," he said.

Meador noted that the homestead exemption was passed by the state legislature last fall. With this tax relief, homeowners whose city property is assessed at \$5000 or less will pay no taxes, with or without a bond issue. He said 65 percent of the homes in the city qualified for this exemption.

Twenty percent of the city's home assessed at \$7500 paid \$54.38 in taxes in 1978 and would pay \$18.13 in 1979 without the bond issue and \$22.38 with it. Homeowners with homes assessed at \$10,000 paid \$72.50 in 1978 and would pay \$44.75 in 1979 with the bond issue.

1978 taxes on homes assessed at \$20,000 were \$145 in 1978 and would be \$134.25 this year with the bond issue. Taxes were \$217.50 for homes assessed at \$30,000 last year and will be \$223.75 this year, with the bond issue. Ten percent of the homes in the city are assessed from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and only five percent are assessed above \$15,000.

Taxes on rural ranch land was 14 cents per acre in 1978, or \$92.80 per section. If the bond issue passes, taxes will be 17 cents per acre, or \$114.56 per section. Farm land taxes would be slightly higher, at 29 cents per acre last year (or \$185.60 per section) and 36 cents per acre (or \$229.12 per section) this year, with the bond issue.

The school board has been aware that conditions in the school system were crowded for the past two years, and has worked constantly with researchers, teachers and administrators to finalize plans for additions to the school system. "We have toyed with every possible idea for building these facilities and we feel this is the way it should be done," commented Meador.

Along the same line of thoughts, Mertz repeated, "The time is now, while we have all this oil and gas in the county, because it is projected to grow now and possibly dwindle off ten years from now."

After the elections April 7, the board will see if the plans it has made will be completed.

TAX SCHEDULE

MARKET VALUE of PROPERTY (city)	1978 TAX	1979 TAX	1979 TAX WITH BOND
\$ 5000. or less	\$ 36.25	no tax if qualified	
\$ 7500.	\$ 54.38	\$ 18.13	\$ 22.38
\$ 10000	\$ 72.50	\$ 36.25	\$ 44.75
\$ 20,000	\$ 145.00	\$ 108.75	\$ 134.25
\$ 30,000	\$ 217.50	\$ 181.25	\$ 223.75
RURAL RANCH LAND	\$ 92.80-PER SECTION	\$ 114.56	
	14¢ PER ACRE	17¢	
RURAL FARM LAND	\$ 185.60-PER SECTION	\$ 229.12	
	29¢ PER ACRE	36¢	

TAX SCHEDULE FOR BOND ISSUE — This chart shows the effects of the bond issue and the new homestead exemption on taxpayers in the county. At left is the market value of property in the city, then what property owners paid in the way of taxes in 1978. The third column is what they will pay in 1979 with the homestead exemption (which was passed last fall) but without the bond issue being accepted. At the right is what they will pay in taxes this year if it is accepted. At bottom left is what landowners paid in 1978 and at right is what they will pay in 1979 if the bond issue passes.

Class To Be Honored

The Eldorado High School class of 1929 will be the "honor class" during the annual homecoming of the Mias Amigas this summer.

T.P. Robinson, president of the association said this week that according to the by-laws of the organization, this class would be designated for the honor.

Co-secretary of the group, Alta Cain has obtained a roster of the graduating class courtesy of school superintendent Guy Whitaker, high school principal Clifford Curry and his secretary, Kathy Grimsrud.

The roster is as follows: Ruby Chick, Mary Frances DeLong, Elton Ellis, Anne Pearl Finley, Oma Ford, Una Ford, Hayne Graves, Isabella Isaacs, Mabel McClatchey, Prince Murphy, Wince Murphy, Anna Florence Page, Lelia Parker, Leinna Parker, Roscoe Parker, Thorpe Parker, Edward Ratliffe, Glenn Ratliff, Mildred Smith, Nina Smith, Marie Stanford, Ola Mae Watson and Louise Williams.

Robinson said a strong effort would be made to see that all former eligible Eldorado High School graduates receive notice and invitations to attend this reunion.

Those eligible to join graduated from EHS 20 years ago and the honor class each year is the one that graduated 50 years ago.

Rabies Clinic Is Set Here

If you have pet cats or dogs, be sure to have them vaccinated during the rabies clinic at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Memorial building.

Dr. Johnny Fields of Sonora will be there to vaccinate the animals. Dr. J.B. Brame, county health officer, noted that it is important to have all pets vaccinated because of the large number of stray animals in the city.

A charge will be made for each immunization.

Sonora FM Station Set To Begin Operations

Walter A. Foster, president of Sonora Broadcasting, Inc., has announced plans for the formal operation of an FM radio station in Sonora. Mr. Foster said that the new facility should begin operation no later than mid-April.

"We are happy to be able to finally set the date and begin broadcasting on KVRN-FM," said Foster. The construction of the FM station has been in the planning stage for nearly three years but has been delayed for a variety of reasons. Foster said the FM station "will provide a much needed nighttime radio facility in Sonora." The new station will be licensed to operate 24 hours daily if desired.

"It is our feeling that Sonora will continue to grow and prosper for many years, as will the surrounding area, and for that reason we feel confident in offering this new service to the community," said Foster.

Scout Drive Starts Friday

A sustaining membership campaign for Boy Scouts will begin Friday in the Eldorado area with Johnny Griffin as chairman.

The campaign is to raise funds for the Concho Valley Council. There will be about 35 persons involved with the drive.

The drive ends Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Eldorado A's Win Four Practice Games

The Eldorado A's picked up their fourth consecutive win in the last two weeks playing practice games.

They won two games with the Concho Valley Devils of San Angelo March 18 and won two games with the Sonora Red Sox March 25 in Sonora.

They will play their final practice game A Sunday in Sonora against Big Lake.

Winning pitchers for the local team against Sonora were Andy Martinez and Juan Arispe. Losing Sonora pitchers were Hector Perez and Henry Mata.

ing area, and for that reason we feel confident in offering this new service to the community," said Foster. KVRN-AM began operation in April of 1976. The company hopes to mark its third anniversary with the addition of the FM outlet.

Tom Metzger, General manager of KVRN, said that the new transmitter was delivered March 19 and is in place at the studio. Work is in progress now to install the necessary additional equipment needed to make the station operational.

In addition to connecting the transmitter to existing facilities, a new antenna must be installed on the present tower and a consulting engineer will need to reevaluate the signal of the AM station. Metzger said "it is an involved process that will probably take about three weeks to complete."

The General Manager said current plans call for the FM station to operate until 10 each night, "or perhaps a little later on weekends." Initially the

Fatheree-Powell Team Wins

Toni Fatheree and Lorrie Powell were first place winners in girls doubles tennis tournament here last weekend.

Mary Byrd won a first place in girls singles while the doubles team of Ed Willoughby and Rene Rodriguez won their first round matches, but lost in the semi-finals.

Five Students Win Honors

Five Eldorado High School students placed in a journalism speech, business and science meet in Big Lake two weekends ago.

Jym Trimble won three honors, first in both editorial and writing and headline writing and second in persuasive speaking.

Jolynn Jay won second in both ready writing and calculator.

Paul McWhorter won second in veteran science;

FM will duplicate all AM programming until the AM signs off at sundown. Programming will then continue live on the FM. "We're happy to have this new outlet not only because we can provide entertainment for our listeners later in the day but also because we can provide much needed localized information, particularly concerning weather, where none is now available," said Metzger.

KVRN-FM will operate at 92.1 MHz with a power of 3,000 watts.

Plans will be announced soon for a formal open house to mark the anniversary of the AM station and the inauguration of the FM.

Sonora Broadcasting, Inc. is owned by Foster and Donald W. Griffis.

Clubs Combine For Bake Sale

The Hospital Auxiliary and the Extension Clubs in the county will be combining their efforts with a gigantic bake sale April 12 in front of Parkers Foods.

All proceeds from the sale will go to the hospital's fund raising drive which is commemorating its founding ten years ago.

Anyone wishing to put in orders in advance may contact any auxiliary member, or if anyone else wishes to bake something to sell, they may call auxiliary members that morning to have them picked up.

The auxiliary is sponsoring the year-long fund raising drive in order to purchase equipment for the hospital.

WEST TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

District Meet Is April 5

The Amangi Trail district will hold its district meeting at the El Dorado Restaurant at 7:30 p.m. April 5.

All adult scout leaders in the area will attend, including cub scout and boy scout den leaders.

Band Gets Good Rating

The "Going Band from Eagle Land" received a two rating in concert and a one rating in sight reading during the band competition in Coleman last weekend.

Over 70 students are members of the band, which is under direction of Wayne "Mr. Mac" McDonald.

The award winning band and the twirlers will give the public a sample of their abilities during an ice cream and cake supper from 2-5:30 p.m. April 22. The event will be on the courthouse square.

Tickets, which can be purchased from any band student, are one dollar each.

Library Week Begins Monday

Library week will be held in Eldorado next week at the county library. The library will be open from 1-5 p.m. and the public is invited to browse and view the library facilities.

An open house is set for Friday with refreshments being served.

The library week is being sponsored by the library board. Gladys Gunn is librarian.

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Track Teams Win Fourth Place

Both the varsity and the junior varsity track teams from Eldorado High School came home with a fourth place overall win during the Sonora Track meet last weekend.

Setting a new record in the pole vault with a 13'6" jump was Mickey Nixon.

The 440 relay team composed of Mickey Nixon, Tony Martinez, Michael Mertz and Sammy Whitten ran a 45.6 time to take third place. The mile relay team of Martinez, Mertz, Tommy Minor and John Paul Joiner won fourth place with a 3:36.4 timing.

In the high jump, Randy Morrison tied for fourth place.

In the 440 dash, Minor won third place, and teammate Don Garlitz won fourth. Tommy Martinez came in fourth in the 220 dash followed by teammate Sam Whitten who came in fifth.

John Paul Joiner won third in the intermediate hurdles and fourth in the 120 high hurdles, while Randy Morrison tied for fourth in the high jump.

In junior varsity competition, Keith McCormack and J. Lloyd won second places in the 880 yard dash and the mile run, respectively.

Raul Gonzales won fourth in the long jump, and Joel Robledo won sixth.

In pole vaulting, Trey

Jackson won fifth and Kirk Griffin won sixth.

The 440 relay team of J. Robledo, Raul Gonzales, Keith McCormack and Mike Griffith won fourth place. The mile relay team won third. It is composed of J. Robledo, G. Hennington, B. Thomas, and Keith McCormack.

—Home Front—

Capt. Gerald Harris of Palos Verdes, Calif., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rance McDonald.

Weekend guests of the Joe Awtreys were Mr. and Mrs. Hoby Bailey of Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Rogge have moved to Eldorado temporarily to live with her mother, Mrs. E.R. Bryant. Mrs. Rogge is the former Betty Bryant. The couple moved here from Lefors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jody Whitten and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Scott of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Whitten and Corey of San Angelo visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Burk and Fenna Whitten last weekend.

Also visiting in the Burk home were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burk of Waco and Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Burk of San Angelo.

Raul Gonzales won fifth in the 100 dash, followed by J. Robledo, sixth.

Brad Thomas won fourth in the 330 intermediate hurdles, with Eddie Montalvo winning fifth. In the 120 high hurdles, Trey Jackson won fourth, Montalvo won fifth and Thomas won sixth.

Joel Robledo won fifth in discus.

JUNIOR HIGH

The junior high made some showing in the Colt Relay meet in Sonora last Friday, with Danny Pina taking a second in the 220 low hurdles with a 29.5 and Rafael Rodriguez taking a third in the long jump with a 16' 6 1/2" jump.

In pole vaulting, Gene Edmiston won fourth and James Woodward won fifth, both with an 8'6" effort.

Clint Bumgardner and Arthur Adame won fifth in the 660 and 100 yard dashes respectively. Kelly Kerr won fifth in the 1320 run with a timing of 3:59.8.

In the seventh grade category, Michael Phillips jumped 8' in the pole vault for a second place. Sammy Santellano won third in the high jump with a 4'8" jump. The relay team of Bill Clark, Michael Phillips, Adon Santellano and Luke Brame won fifth with a 3:17.9 timing.

Calendar Of Events

Today, March 29 — One-Act play contest, 3 p.m., high school auditorium.

Sunday, April 1 — Sunday devotional at nursing home, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 2 — Historical Society, 3 p.m. museum; Town meeting about school bond issue, 7:30 p.m., high school. Library Week begins, library open 1-5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3 — Girl Scout leaders, 1 p.m., Memorial Building; TOPS, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Building; Kountry Kousins, 7 p.m., Memorial Building; City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall; Volunteer Firemen, 7:30 p.m., fire hall.

Wednesday, April 4 — Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Lions Club, noon, Memorial Building; Rabies Clinic, 1 p.m., Memorial Building.

Thursday, April 5 — Amangi District, 7:30 p.m., El Dorado Restaurant; Jaycees, 7:30 p.m., club house.

Friday, April 6 — Senior citizens spring party, 2 p.m., Memorial Building; Open house at library, 1-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 7 — Election day for school board, bond issue, hospital district board of directors, Plateau District Water board and city council; dance for hospital fund raising drive, 9-1, Memorial Building.

Sunday, April 8 — Mixed foursome at golf course; Sunday devotional at nursing home, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 9 — County commissioners court, 9 a.m., courthouse; Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall; School board, 7:30 p.m., high school library.

Tuesday, April 10 — Woman's Club, 2:30 p.m.; TOPS, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Building; Kountry Kousins, 7 p.m., Memorial Building; Volunteer firemen, 7:30 p.m., fire hall.

Wednesday, April 11 — Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Lions Club, noon, Memorial Building.

Thursday, April 12 — Bake sale for hospital fund raising drive sponsored by Extension Clubs in county and Hospital Auxiliary, 10 a.m., Parkers Foods; Rangeland contest, 3 p.m., Walter Pope Ranch.

Saturday, April 14 — Eldorado Jamboree, 8 p.m., Memorial Building.

Jay Wins Contest, Going To State

Jolynn Jay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jay, will compete in a state speech contest sponsored by the state Federation of Womens Clubs April 14. She won the right by winning first place during the district meeting of the Heart of Texas Confederation of Women's Clubs last weekend in Brownwood. She had previously won first place on the local level in Eldorado.

The contest is part of an overall program initiated by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to encourage more people to become actively interested in affairs of our government.

The state convention will be in Houston. First place winner will receive a \$100 prize. Miss Jay must present a different speech than she gave at district.

Also attending the two-day convention last weekend as voting delegates were Mrs. William Van Dusen and Mrs. Clayton Doremire.

Mrs. T.J. Bailey of Eldorado and Ozona, district president, presided over all sessions of the convention, which was attended by about 100 women. Most of them are expected to come to Eldorado this fall when the Eldorado Woman's Club hosts the fall board meeting.

Extension Club Plans Project

The Young Homemakers Extension Club planned a new service project for its members. They will be holding a bingo at the nursing home from 6-7 p.m. each Monday in July. The decision was made during a meeting of the group March 27 in the home of Karen Homer.


Also during the meeting, Mary Leigh Dunagan presented ideas on color in the home, and Nancy Lester presented slides on home decorating and creative ideas.

The spring senior citizens party will be April 6 in the Memorial Building.

Several members planned to attend the District 7 Texas Extension Homemakers Association meeting in Fredericksburg April 5.

Sue Young of the Texas Extension service, will be in Eldorado April 19 to give a program on decorating windows.

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Peaslee, Porter Win At Bridge

Tom Peaslee of Sonora and Billie Porter were first place winners in Duplicate Bridge Club play last week.

Winning second were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bebee and Marylue Olson and Pete Finley won third. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Kerr tied with Winnie Helen Hilliard and Mary Christian for fourth.

In Those Days

(Compiled From Eldorado Success Files)

ONE YEAR AGO
March 31, 1978 — Otis Deal was named outstanding conservationist of the Eldorado Divide Soil and Water Conservation District in San Angelo.

Mrs. Becky Sterling was to head the annual Girl Scout Fund Drive April 1-17.

Jym Trimble, Don Cavouti and Susan Crippin were preparing to participate in the Key City Invitational Speech Tournament in Abilene.

C.C. Lease sold its roustabout service interests to Corkey Hodges and Poynor Company.

Funeral services were held for Joe M. Boehm, Luther Samuel Hill, Randy Evers and Varina Caroline Ogden.

FIVE YEARS AGO
March 28, 1974 — Foxworth-Galbraith launched a large spring sale. Manager was J.H. "Skeet" Mace.

Wayne McDonald, local band director, was to be a judge for the annual Cisco Junior Music Festival in Cisco.

The Eagle band received a II rating in concert and in sight reading at UIL competition in Brownwood.

The Texas Agricultural Extension service cotton team had planned a visit to Eldorado to present an educational program.

35 YEARS AGO
March 31, 1944 — A total of \$229 was raised during a

sack supper for the Schleicher County Red Cross fund. The event was held at Bailey School, with H.T. Finley acting as auctioneer. Some children's sack lunches sold for six dollars, some adult sacks sold for as much as \$12 and one cake sold for ten dollars.

The Lions Club was asking for poultry eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, because it was impossible to secure candy eggs. The hunt committee was comprised of E.B. Keng, chairman, John Hughes and W.R. Bearce.

A heavy frost and light freeze hit the county, ruining most of the grain and fruit crops.

Mrs. Mattie Cozens sent her son, Robert Ripley, two pecan pies while he was stationed in Louisiana. However, he was gone when they arrived, so they were sent with his follow-up mail to England. Ripley replied that the pies were in perfect condition upon arrival, but lasted only an hour after the packages were opened.

Jimmy Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doyle of Rocksprings, broke an arm when he fell from a windmill tower. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Will Doyle of Eldorado.

It was reported that homemakers would have some relief from shortages of some household goods such as sheets and electric irons.

12 YEARS AGO
March 30, 1967 — The old Shell station west of town was leased as the site of the sanitary land fill for the city of Eldorado. The city council and the commissioners court were meeting jointly to arrange a cooperative plan for its management.

Ten new lots were added to the Eldorado Cemetery by the commissioners court.

The manse at the Presbyterian Church was being remodeled at a cost of \$9,000.

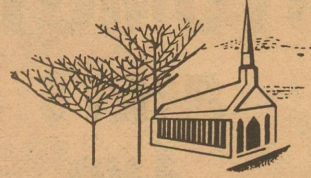
Eldorado firemen responded to a fatal wreck two miles south of Christoval. Elmer G. Rogers, driving an empty fuel truck, was apparently distracted when a turkey either flew in an open window or went through the windshield. The truck veered off the road, hit two trees, and turned over, bursting into flames.

Running for school board were Jo Ed Hill, J.F. Oglesby, Jr., John H. Murr, Jerroll E. Sanders and C.L. Martin, Jr. Mayor Eldon Calk, and aldermen Jimmie Harris and Granvil Hext were running for city council, without opposition.

The first annual all sports banquet for Eldorado was set, with Berl Huffman of Texas Tech as the main speaker. Arrangements were being made by Ray Morgan, head coach and athletic director.

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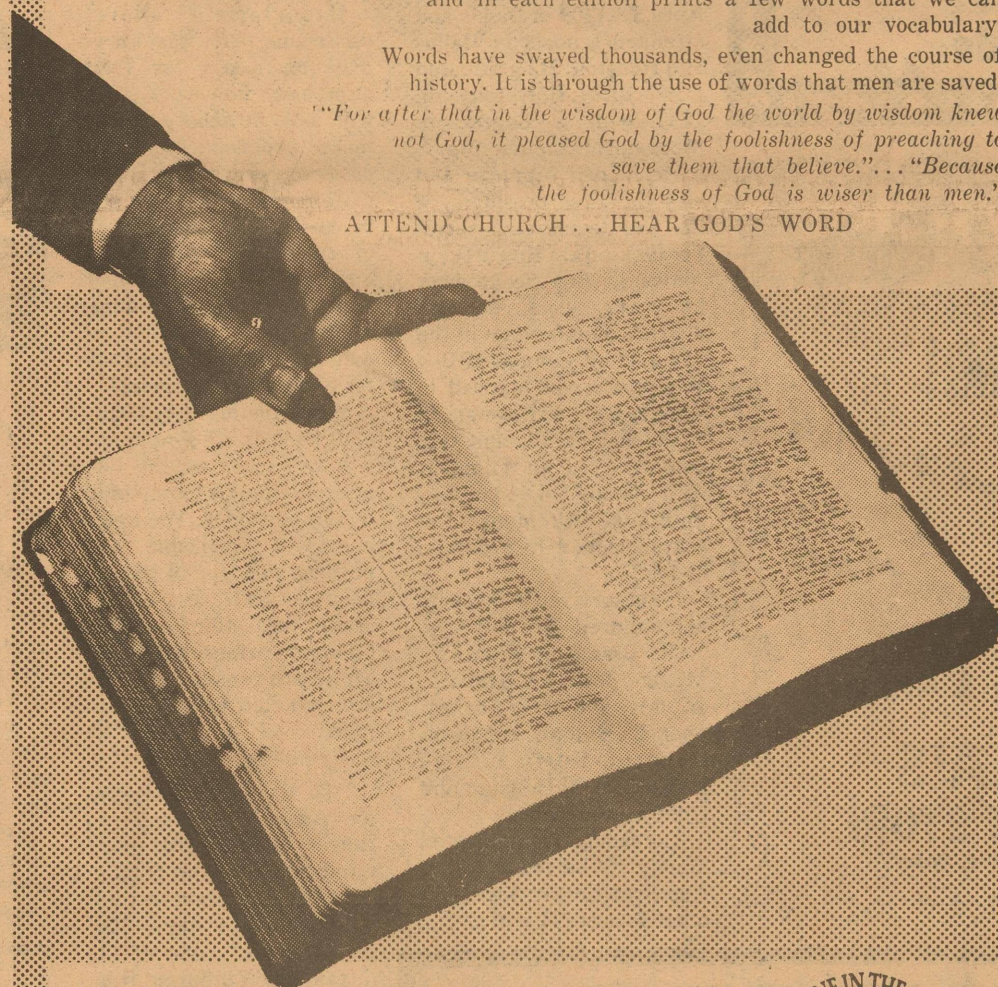
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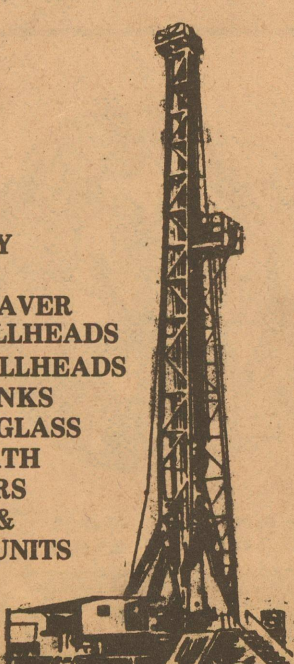
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Nursing Home News

We are still having spring weather, here in March, but it is about two weeks until Easter yet, and we used to always get, what we called, an Easter Spell of weather around that date.

I can remember that when I was a little girl, my mother would always make me a pretty little Easter dress, but some years it would be too cold and wet outside for me to wear it on Easter Sunday, and I would be very disappointed.

I suppose that most of Schleicher County received

a small amount of moisture last week, which will be a help in preventing the moisture that we had from drying out, and just maybe we can receive some rain in April.

We had a few visitors last week in the home.

Fannie Blaylock's daughter, Mrs. Maxine Howton of San Angelo, visited her one afternoon.

Jerald Harris from Calif., visited his grandmother, Beulah Harris.

Ada West Browder, of San Angelo, came out one day last week and visited

Mary Oglésby, yours truly, and others in the home.

Margarite Gillaspy visited several in the home one afternoon.

The bingo winners last Wednesday were: Juanita Sanchez, 1; Beulah Harris, 2; Myrtle Wade, 1; Frank Reed, 1; LaVita Brooks, 2. On Friday: Bess Andrews, 1; Beulah Harris, 1; Frank Reed, 1; LaVita Brooks, 2; Erna Rexroat, 1.

Bess Ratliff was moved into the hospital one day last week. We miss her in here. She has such a sweet smile always when someone steps in to see her.

The First Christian Church conducted the service here in the dining room Sunday afternoon. Miss Ruth Baker had charge of the service and we enjoyed it very much. A few other members of that church attended the service Sunday.

Next Sunday the First United Methodist Church will conduct the service. Rev. Dan Adams is the pastor of that church.

At least one dental patient tried to turn the tables on his dentist after all the work had been done, by commenting, "This may hurt a little. I don't have any money." Reporters

LaVita Brooks and Beulah Harris



ENGAGED — Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Prather of Sweetwater have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sheila Prather, to Derrick Adams. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Adams of Eldorado. The couple will be married June 22 in Sweetwater First Baptist Church. Miss Prather is a student at Sweetwater High School where she was chosen the outstanding junior girl for 1978-79 by the Optimist Club. She is a member of the Junior Engineering Technical Society and the National Honor Society. Her fiancé is a 1976 graduate of Eldorado High School and a 1978 graduate of Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater, where he studied radio and television servicing. He was president of the student council at TSTL. He is presently employed by B&H Maintenance and Construction here.

Service Held For Mrs. King

Funeral services were held Sunday in First United Methodist Church for Mrs. Katie Mae Churchill King, 90, who died, Friday in Schleicher County Medical Center. Burial was in Eldorado Cemetery.

Mrs. King was born May 15, 1888 in Llano County, where she married Way King Jan. 23, 1908. He died in December of 1950. The couple moved here in the fall of 1921. Mrs. King was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Desmond King, who died in July of 1975.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Orland Harris and Mrs. Sandy Donaldson, both of Eldorado and Mrs. A.J. Burk of San Angelo; a sister, Aldora Hillmin of Goldthwaite; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Walter Donaldson of Eldorado, Hal King of Kingsland, Taylor King of Sonora, Alva Lee Harris of Van Horn, Jimmie Wayne Harris of Marfa, Jackie L. Harris of Clint and Allen J. Burk, Gary Donaldson, Larry Donaldson, and Billy Donaldson, all of San Angelo.

Tennis Club Offers Class

Two new sessions have been added as part of the Eldorado Tennis Club. Because of a large turnout of players Monday night (22), the club will have two sessions each Monday night, one at 7 p.m. and the second at 8:30 p.m.

Also, the club is having a beginners night at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. All meetings are at the tennis

courts. Club members will be present for instructions.

Anyone interested in joining the club can contact Mr. or Mrs. Ray Willoughby, club presidents. Dues must be paid before participating in club activities.

High lady during Monday night's competition was Salene Willoughby, and high man was John Edward Meador.

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Funeral Mass Held Tuesday

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday afternoon in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church here for Mr. Fay Hilliard who died Tuesday morning in Schleicher County Medical Center. A graveside service was held Wednesday in Lawndale Cemetery in Houston.

Mr. Hilliard was born April 30, 1909 in Dallas and attended schools in Dallas and Houston. He graduated from Rice University in 1932 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He helped organize and was the first president of the San Jacinto chapter of Professional Engineers. Active in Boy Scout work for many years, he was district commissioner of the San Jacinto Council of Boy Scouts. He was married to Winnie Helen Beaman in Houston in 1930, and was employed as an engineer with Shell Oil Company until his retirement. The couple moved to Eldorado in 1975.

He is survived by his wife and children, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Brame of Eldorado, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Hilliard, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Christopher L. Hilliard and Miss Deborah-Doris Lisette Hilliard, all of Houston and eight grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or other favorite charities.

New Telephone Equipment Planned For Eldorado

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Grand Jury Is Released Now

A list of grand jurors has been released. On the grand jury are Magdalena Arispe, Fred Case, Luis Lozano, Billy Cawley, Bill Freitag, Fay Dell Derrick, Paul Page, Jr., Jerroll Sanders, Cara Factor, Earl Lloyd, Kenneth Homer, Moises Hill, Jr., Maria Gauna, Gene McCalla, Richard Preston, Reuben Minor.

The jury will meet Monday morning for five civil non-jury cases under district court judge Earl W. Smith.

Civil jury trials are set for April 23.

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Man Fatally Injured

Fernando Monreal Gamez, 24, of Sonora was killed during a one-vehicle accident early Monday morning on Highway 277.

Apparently the man was killed instantly when his 1977 Ford pickup missed a curve on the highway and went airborne over the fence and landed nose first under a bridge on the highway. He was apparently thrown out of the windshield and the car rolled over him.

He was found about 9 a.m. by an Eldorado man who was working in the draw for an oil company. It

was impossible to see the wreck from the top of the road. The accident happened several miles north of Eldorado, on the Patton Enochs place. Services for Gamez were held Wednesday afternoon in Sonora, with burial in Sonora Cemetery. He was born Nov. 23, 1954 in Sonora. Survivors include his mother, Eloisa Gamez of Sonora and two brothers, Joe Gamez of San Angelo and Pete Gamez of Fort Worth.



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SHORT NOTES

Jewell Farrar visited with her mother, Cynthia Smith, in Deming, New Mexico this last week.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Rouse was Mrs. Rouse's sister from Alaska.

There will be a firemen's meeting in the Community Building April 7 at 7 p.m. The firemen meet the first Monday of each month. The public is invited and the youth of the community are especially encouraged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clark went to Brownwood this past week to watch their grandchildren play soccer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Menchaca of San Angelo are the parents of a baby girl born in San Angelo. She has been named Valerie Ann. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Menchaca of Christoval.

Wahoo champs, Evon Freeman and Faylene Sloane, report that "revenge is sweet!" They beat husbands, Jim and Delmar by three straight games and in record time.

Don't forget that April 2 is the date for the monthly luncheon in the Community Center. Bring a covered dish and join us.

Charlene Kirk has a great-granddaughter named Misty Laine Nance, born Feb. 27. Her parents are Jeff and Tommy Nance of Takoka.

To all you fishermen — a 25 lb. catfish was caught by visiting fishermen in Christoval Saturday.

Ambulance Service Receives Donations

The Christoval Volunteer Ambulance Service has received a donation from Mayme Daniels.

The ambulance service is free to all who need it and is run as a community service. It depends totally on donations from the public for upkeep of the ambulance and other expenses so any donation is greatly appreciated.

It is inspected by the state for use as an emergency ambulance.

Area Forts Featured In 'Texas Highways'

Fort Concho, Fort McKavett and Fort Chadbourne are all familiar names to residents of this area but now have been introduced to over 150,000 persons world wide.

Texas Highways, the states' Official Travel magazine, in two articles by Bob Parvin toured these and other frontier forts.

These forts, the activities of the settlers (Spanish, Mexican and Texans) and the soldiers' fights against the Indians and nature over a century ago are part of our history.

The stories by Parvin make you feel as if you are riding with Colonel Ronald McKenzie as he chases the Comanche Indians to the north. Emotions are running high as you stand on the parade grounds at Fort Concho that warm June day in 1889 as the flag was lowered and the band played "The Girl I Left Behind Me" and the Fort was closed.

Fort McKavett is

presently being restored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Service.

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation (DHT) has a slide program with a taped narration that visits eight of these frontier forts and other points of interest along the Texas Forts Trails. To schedule this or other programs for your club or organization contact the Public Affairs Officer at the District Office, Loop 306 and Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo.

Texas Highways is a monthly publication that lets you tour many interesting places and events throughout the state from your easy chair. Each month its "Fun Forecast" lists many activities you may want to visit on a "mini vacation." It is available on a subscription basis at five dollars annually or 50 cents per copy. Orders should be addressed to: Texas Highways, P.O. Box 5064, Austin, Texas 78763.

Nursing Home NEWS

Elena Ramirez's family from Del Rio visited her Thursday.

Mrs. Valeria Tate is in Shannon Hospital. We all wish her a very speedy recovery.

The Jolly Time Band was here Friday night. Everyone enjoyed the music and dancing very much.

Mary Ann McShan and her daughter visited with Grace McShan and Annie Henson.

Marvin Barnes visited with his aunt, Velma Barnes.

Toni Earle visited with friends here at Golden Years over the weekend.

Thelma Lasater visited with her mother, Mrs. Bell.

Rev. Gaston conducted the service this Sunday and Chicken Jones played the piano.

Floyd and Maggie Roddens granddaughter and family visited with them.

Mr. Funderburk visited Sunday with friends at Golden Years. He used to

live here.

J.W. Henson visited his mother, Mrs. Henson.

Mrs. Swarts son, Charles, and his wife visited.

Four of Edna Mayfields grandchildren visited her.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cann visited with his mother, Mrs. Derr.

Beth McKinney visited her mother, Mrs. Aber-

Lackey Joins WTRC Staff

Jerry Lackey of San Angelo has been appointed public relations-field representative for West Texas Rehabilitation Center, San Angelo. The announcement was made by Shelley Smith, WTRC executive director.

Lackey, agriculture editor for the San Angelo Standard-Times the past five years, will be headquartered in San Angelo. West Texas Rehabilitation Center operates campuses in San Angelo, Abilene, and Snyder. It is the largest non-profit out-patient institution in the nation and functions on an independent, gift-supported and donations basis.

Lackey is a former editor-manager of Sheep and Goat Raiser and The Ranch Magazine; a field editor for The Cattleman magazine in Fort Worth and associate editor for the Livestock Weekly.

Lackey's wife, Deanna, is a news writer and journalism instructor for Angelo State University. The couple has four daughters.

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Don and Carolbessire visited with Mrs. King.

Mary and Basil Huckaby and son Kevin of San Angelo, visited with Mrs. Annie Henson. The Huckabys are friends of Mrs. Henson.

SCHOOL DAZE

The senior class barbeque date has been changed to April 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Community Park.

"Where the Red Fern Grows" will be the movie featured at school this Monday night. Showtime is 7 p.m. The movies are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. All proceeds go toward the senior trip.

The Christoval boys brought in a total of 49 points to place fifth in the Big Lake track meet last Friday. Scoring was as follows:

440 relay — M. Herrera, Jacquez, C. Herrera, Solomon, 48.1.

110 High Hurdles — T. Arthur, 16.6, third; M. Herrera, 17.2.

220 — J. Jacquez, 24:0, fourth.

880 — F. Arrango, 2:13, fourth; D. Duke, sixth.

1 Mile Relay — F. Arrango, C. Herrera, J. Chavez, C. Solomon, third, 3:47.

Shot — Byron Sawyer, 50'2", first.

Discuss — Byron Sawyer, 131'7", second.

Indoor Plants Need Cleaning

Indoor plants do not have the advantage of the cleansing effect of rainfall to keep their leaf surfaces free from dust. To keep them looking their best a careful cleaning once or twice a month is helpful.

For smooth leafed plants a wet sponge or soft cloth rinsed frequently in clean water is a dependable method. For specimens having many small leaves it may be best to take the plant outdoors and syringe with plenty of water.

Plants with hairy leaves require special attention. A camel hair brush used carefully to avoid bruising the leaves works well.

If commercial leaf polishes are used be sure to water the plant thoroughly several hours before application. Oils should be avoided but a mild soap and water solution may be used for extremely soiled leaves. Since cold water can cause leaf blemishes, be sure that the water you use for cleaning is near room temperature.

Winter months are generally difficult for indoor plants. Many good gardeners like to send the plants outdoors for several months as soon as warm temperatures are here to stay. A shady location is best since most houseplants grow naturally in the shade of other plants and are damaged by strong, direct sunlight.

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Preserve One To Preserve The Other

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the essay chosen as the outstanding essay in a contest sponsored by the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District. The contest, sponsored by the conservation district, was held for Christoval High School and Eldorado High School. Miss Powell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Powell of Eldorado.

By **LORRIE POWELL**

Soil and water are two of our natural resources that must be protected and conserved in order for life to exist. The two are closely related as far as conservation is concerned and if we can get them to work together we can protect each while building up the other.

We must first examine the cause of the problem. Water run-off is one of the main reasons we are losing our topsoil while it also contributes to our polluted lakes, streams, and rivers. As the water runs off the ground after some form of storm, it can carry with it topsoil containing various fertilizers, pesticides, and disease producing organisms which all contribute to polluting and poisoning the water supply. Along with washing bad elements into the water, it also carries away valuable elements such as nutrients, minerals, and salts which are necessary part of the soil.

Because our water supply comes to us in the form of precipitation falling on the land, its fate depends largely on where it falls, on the kind of soil and its cover. This means that if the ground is covered properly with types of grasses, trees, shrubs, or other forms of foliage, which serve as a restraint to the run-off, the water will be slowed giving it time to soak into the soil. This greatly benefits the soil while also allowing the best opportunity for clean water. As the water soaks in through layer after layer of soil, it is undergoing nature's natural filtration

process which produces the cleanest water possible. After the water has undergone this, it can be obtained for use by man through natural springs or by drilling water wells. For the above reason, soil conservation at its peak results in an abundance of clean water at its best. While preventing run-off which pollutes our water, we would be conserving our topsoil, and producing an even larger water supply.

Of course ground coverage isn't the only way the situation can be handled. Other solutions are also used such as contouring and terracing. These ways of preventing water run-off don't completely stop it, but they do give some aid and possibly with more technique development and experimentation even better ways to conserve our soil and produce clean water will be found.

In the meantime, man must manage and conserve water to the best of his ability as it becomes available — when it falls on the land — in order to prevent the loss of soil and in order not to lose the fresh water's values.

PAR TEE

By **JUANITA TAYLOR**

We finally had a nice Sunday & 21 players turned out to enjoy the Mixed Foursome.

Taking first place with 6 under par was the team consisting to Tom Miner, Bob Bland, Earl Schmitz, & Steve Short.

Coming in second place with 5 under par was Steve Whitten, John Callison, Jo Callison & Wrey Crippin.

Last Thursday was Ladies Play day but due to the windy weather, the girls cleaned windows, kitchen & club room. Sure looks nice but there was a lot of sore muscles. We welcome Jo Callison as a member of our Ladies Auxiliary.

Remember to get your team together for our tournament, 3 men & 1 lady, April 7 & 8.

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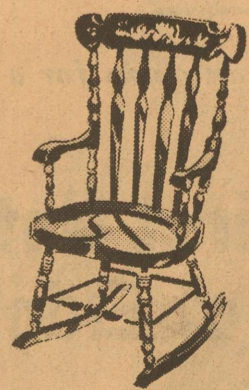
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Chalker, Churchill Are Elected To Top Posts With Companies

Durwood Chalker, president of West Texas Utilities Co., Tuesday was elected chairman and chief executive officer of Central Power and Light Co. in Corpus Christi, and has submitted his resignation at WTU, effective July 1.

Chalker will be succeeded at WTU by Glen D. Churchill, former WTU vice president who since July 1976 has been executive vice president of Central Power and Light Co.

The changes were announced after being approved by the boards of directors of both companies in meetings Tuesday morning.

At Corpus Christi, Chalker will succeed Roff W. Hardy, also a former Abilenian, who will retire on July 1. Hardy has been chairman and chief executive officer of Central Power and Light since resigning as WTU president on Jan. 1, 1975.

WTU and CPL are sister companies within the

Central and South West Corporation, an electric utility holding company with central offices in Dallas. Other CSW operating companies are Southwestern Electric Power Co., Shreveport; and Public Service Co. of Oklahoma, Tulsa.

Central Power and Light currently is the largest operating company in the Central and South West System in terms of annual revenue, number of customers and number of employees. It serves more than 200 towns in a 44-county area in South Texas extending from Bay City to the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and including the cities of Laredo, Del Rio, Uvalde and Victoria.

Also announced following the WTU Board meeting was the resignation of Glenn Rosilier, corporate treasurer and director of accounting and finance. Rosilier has been elected controller for the Central and South West Corp.

effective July 1. At Dallas, he will succeed Robert L. Range, who is moving to Corpus Christi to become executive vice president of Central Power and Light.

Promoted by WTU as result of Rosilier's resignation were Don Shahan, to secretary-treasurer, and Larry Connors, to controller. Shahan has been corporate secretary and assistant treasurer and manager of federal taxes and financial analyses. Connors has been assistant controller and manager of accounting.

Chalker, a native of Stephens County, joined WTU as a junior engineer in the Transmission Department in June, 1950, after earning a degree in electrical engineering at Texas A&M University. He has spent his entire professional career at WTU, all of his service in Abilene except from 1954-60 when he was district distribution superintendent at San Angelo.

Chalker was elected vice president in 1968 and to the WTU Board of Directors in 1969. He was elected president and chief administrative officer in 1975 and was named president and chief executive officer in 1976.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Abilene, a director and member of the Executive Committee of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, currently serving as chairman of the Chamber's Industrial Manufacturing Committee. He also is on boards of the Abilene YMCA, Hendrick Medical Center Foundation, Boy Scouts of America Council, West Texas Rehabilitation Center and the United Way of Abilene. He is past-president of local chapters of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and a recipient of the TSPE Engineer of the Year award.

Chalker and his wife, Vada, have three sons: Daniel, a student at Texas A&M; David, a junior at Cooper High School; and Jason, in Austin Elementary School. They live at 777 Elmwood and attend the First Baptist Church.

Churchill will return to Abilene to head the Company he joined as an assistant to the controller in August, 1964. He is a graduate of Texas A&M with a degree in accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant.

He was promoted to assistant controller at WTU in 1965 and to controller in 1966. He was elected vice president and treasurer and to the Board of Directors in 1972. In March, 1976, he

was designated vice president with overall responsibility for employee affairs, accounting and financial functions of WTU, and served in this capacity until he joined CPL.

During his 12 years in Abilene, Churchill was active in United Fund, the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and served as a director and secretary of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. He also was a member of the Abilene Exchange Club and the Abilene A&M Club. At Corpus Christi, he has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and a member of the Executive Committee.

He is a past-president of the Abilene Chapter of Certified Public Accountants, and is a member of the Corpus Christi Chapter of CPA's and the Texas Society of CPA's, in which he has served as a director and member of the executive committee. He also is a member of the American Institute of CPA's and has served on the Editorial Advisory Board of Accountancy.

Churchill and his wife, Joy, have three children: Mrs. Susan Cook, Sheryl and David.

Shahan will become secretary-treasurer of WTU just 11 years after graduating from Cooper High School. He earned a degree in electrical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin in 1972 and a Master of Business Administration Degree in accounting and finance in 1975. He joined WTU in April, 1975, as a management assistant in San Angelo, and moved to Abilene a few months later.

Connors is a graduate of St. Edwards University and was an accountant with Arthur Andersen & Co. in Houston for three years before joining WTU as assistant to the controller in October, 1976. He was promoted to assistant controller in February, 1977.

Just Talking

By NELL EDMISTON

It's been a while since we reported that E.H. "Top" Topliffe was tearing down the old garage building next to City Hall. The building at one time housed the Eldorado Water Works, but in later years housed a garage.

Well, Top is finally getting to the end of the job. He got all the outside part of the building off the wooden frame right before Christmas. But then he couldn't reach the top safely. So last week, he tied a rope around two studs and pulled the entire frame down with a pickup. It came down with a bang that could be heard for several blocks. "Got it down to where I can reach it," he grinned.

Helping him (or at least offering sound advice when needed) was Jimmy West. "I was the first thug Top met here," he recalled. "I was working at a filling station when he and Wilma (Top's wife, Wilma Milligan Topliffe) were dating. Here he came in a Ford Model A sports coupe."

"Yeah, with a rumble seat," interrupted Top. (He had to get that in; you can tell he is still proud of that car.)

West continued, "He just drove up and yelled 'Where's the Milligan ranch?' And we've been crossways ever since." But he said it with a smile so I knew he was just kidding.

West also told this story, as he looked at the old water works building (directly behind the garage building Top is tearing down): He met a man in another town who had lived here many years ago. "When I lived in Eldorado the Smith brothers owned the water works," said the man. "The water was \$1.25 and lights were three dollars, flat rate each month. And that's about all the service you got, too; because they were broken down most of the time!"

West said all he could do was agree with him, because that's the way he remembered it, too.

During the county commissioners court meeting Monday, the upcoming bond issues for the school and the new county law enforcement center were mentioned. Someone noted that if the bond for the school were passed, it would not really effect local people because oil companies here paid over 70 percent of the taxes. County Judge Johnny Griffin made a correction by saying that was not entirely so. "It's the oil companies and those owning royalties who are paying over 70 percent of the county's taxes," he said.

Also during the meeting, commissioners mentioned the fact that it was getting harder for them to obtain caliche to pave roads with. In fact, one local rancher could not find any caliche on his ranch until his neighbor started charging for it; then he seemed to have an abundant supply. Commissioners had talked briefly at one point about purchasing a rock crusher and paving the roads with tiny crushed rocks. They seemed to think it would be a good idea, if they could afford the rock crusher.

And they all agreed there would never be a shortage of big rocks to use in this county! In fact, each one of them had a pile of rocks they would personally donate to the cause.

Schleicher Brand Put On A&M Branding Wall

Several persons from Schleicher County travelled to Texas A&M University last weekend to put several cattle brands on the branding wall at the university.

Placing their brands on the wall were Howard Derrick, Bobby Sykes, Otis Deal and Gene Edmiston. Mary Helen Stockton and Becky Terry put on the brand of Mrs. Stockton's uncle, Will Davis.

W.F. Edmiston put on the brand used by James Rae Powell, and Orval Edmiston put on a brand used by Ford Oglesby. Glen Watson of Alpine placed the brand used by C.C. Doty.

Also attending the ceremony were Gary Derrick, Steve Sykes, Jerry Swift.

All the brands are well known in this county and are among about 20 from Schleicher County that are already on the wall.

WEATHER LOG

date	high	low
March 19	80	57
March 20	74	50
March 21	78	47
March 22	68	38
March 23	62	34
March 24	64	32
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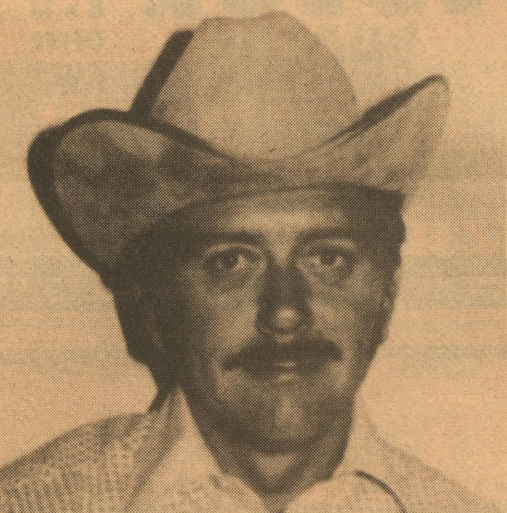
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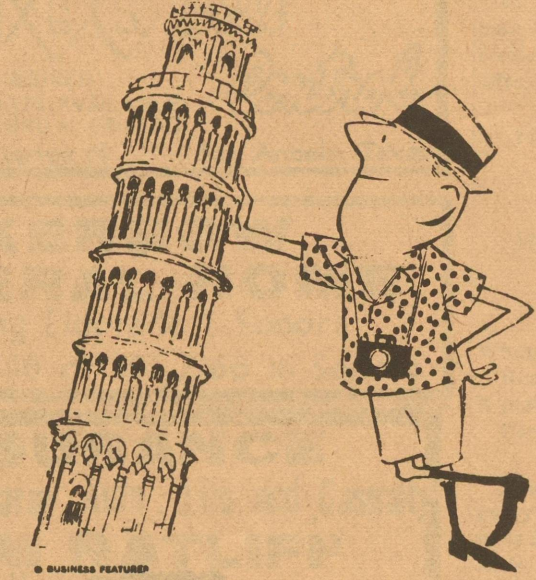
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- Tuesday April 3**
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Creamed potatoes
English peas
Orange Jello
Chocolate pudding
- Wednesday April 4**
Beef stew with vegetables
Cheese strips
Cornbread or crackers
Applesauce
Peanut butter cookies
- Thursday April 5**
Turkey and Dressing
Giblet gravy
Waxed beans
Cranberry sauce
Harvest cake/icing
- Friday April 6**
Sloppy Joes
French fries
Ranch style beans
Chocolate peanut clusters
- BREAKFAST**
One-half pint of milk served with each breakfast.
- Monday April 2**
Orange juice
Hot biscuits-bacon-jelly
- Tuesday April 3**
Grape juice
Hot oatmeal-toast
- Wednesday April 4**
Pears
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- Thursday April 5**
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Choice of ready-to-eat cereal
- Friday April 6**
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