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THE ELDORADO RED SOX — Pictured are the Eldorado Red Sox coached by Jackie Willis. On the front row, from left to right, they are Jeffrey Hausenfluck, Clint Griffin, J.R. Griffin, Chris Aguilar, Herman Walker and Nick Dacy. In back row are, left to

right, Jm Turbeville, Ron Mittel, Gilbert Gauna, Juan Garcia, Shannon Key, Steven Saldivar and Jody Romero. Willis is in the back. Other teams will be pictured later.

Commissioners Give Permission For Gates On Page-Freitag Road

The issue of the Page-Freitag road popped up again during the meeting of the commissioners court Monday morning. The court had previously refused to declare the road private, which would have allowed Mr. and Mrs. Bill Freitag to put up gates across the road and lock them if they wanted to.

However, the couple appeared before the court again Monday and presented a written request to put gates across the road if they were kept unlocked. Attached to the request was a copy of a statute saying landowners have the right to put unlocked gates across a third class or neighborhood road.

"This is the law," noted commissioner Holvey Enochs, "If we can't abide by the law, we're in bad shape."

Judge Johnny Griffin agreed, "We're just spinning our wheels. We shouldn't consider the convenience or inconvenience or anything else. They have the legal right to put up the gates and we have to make the decision down the line. Each road should be considered on its own merits."

County attorney T.P. Robinson told the court the couple had the right to put gates across their road and there was nothing the court could do except follow the statute. "They already have the right (to put

up the gates)," he said.

Enochs recommended the court grant permission for them to put up the gates and commissioner Richard Jones seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Mrs. Freitag told the court, "We wish it hadn't gotten to this. This should have been settled two and a half years ago. This is what we wanted from the first."

During other business, the court met with sheriff and tax assessor-collector Orval Edmiston. Edmiston discussed duties of both offices and told the court that the work load of both offices had increased so much both needed a full-time person. He said a full-time tax collector could do a better job and the amount of taxes collected would offset his salary.

Commissioners voted to have an election on separating the two offices. It will probably be held in conjunction with the bond election the court is going to schedule at a later date.

The court also agreed to raise the assessment ratio of real property from 27 1/2 to 33 percent and leave the tax rate the same as before, \$1.25. Commissioners pointed out this would keep real property taxes in line with taxes on real estate, oil and other taxes.

Griffin said the 33 percent ratio would mean a 20 percent increase in taxes for next year's budget, or \$80-100,000. However, he noted the pay raises the court granted recently

would cost an additional \$34,000 for each of the next two years. "We might make it through 1980 with a 20 percent increase and not have to get into 1981's taxes. But it will be nip and tuck," he said.

The real property taxes concern livestock, cars, trucks, tractors and other property.

Commissioners voted to leave all cars on the tax rolls, not using a newly created option which was part of a tax relief program passed last year. If the county would have used the option, families with more than two cars, could drop two of them from taxes. However, commissioners felt this would help a handful of people and taxes on cars are not very expensive for taxpayers.

A public hearing on revenue sharing money was to be part of the meeting, but no one appeared for the hearing. Therefore, the court voted to incorporate the monies into the county's general fund.

The court will have an auction Friday morning to sell several used items stored on the third floor of the courthouse. The items include jury chairs, cots, mattresses and other items.

A bid on two pickups presented by Walter Ford were accepted by the court. Ford bid \$515 for a 1965 pickup and \$420 for a 1962 pickup.

The court authorized Griffin to work out problems with water pressure at the public park and golf course. Griffin explained the water pressure drops when the swimming pool, golf course and park all water during the daytime hours.

16 Going To Camp

Sixteen 4-H members have left for the district 4-H camp Wednesday and are returning Friday afternoon.

They will swim, dance, have arts and crafts, physical fitness, cook fish, play cards and games and attend a district council meeting.

The camp is at the 4-H center in Lake Brownwood.

Three New Coaches Are Hired By Board

The Schleicher County Independent School board hired three new coaches for 1979-80 during their meeting Monday night.

Matt Chalmers of Sunray was hired as first assistant coach and head boys basketball coach. John Rodriguez of Lubbock Christian College was hired as boys junior high school coach. He will also teach high school math. Greg Copeland will be the junior varsity coach and social studies teacher. He is finishing his studies at Texas Tech University.

The board also hired Linda Evans as a reading teacher in the junior high school grades and Marcie Willis as an English and speech teacher.

A resignation from Clifford Curry, high school principal, was submitted to and accepted by the board.

The board also granted an adjustment to the girls coaches, granting a \$500 raise to bring their salaries up to salaries for boys coaches.

School tax collector Ray Lewis Ballew discussed tax evaluation with the board and explained several of the new laws effecting taxes in the district. Evaluation this year is about \$5 million over last year's. This is the

second year in a row the evaluation has increased by this amount.

No action was taken by the board on several bids submitted for repairs on the track and bleachers, because the board members felt several items needed to be clarified before any bids were accepted. The board will have a special called meeting Thursday to discuss the bids and possibly take action on them.

Curtis Andrews and Pete Peters met with the board to discuss several of the school's insurance policies. No action was taken on this item because it was not placed on the board's agenda for the meeting. This will also be discussed during the meeting Thursday.

The board voted to purchase a pickup for the agriculture department and give the one presently being used by that department to the maintenance department.

The board will also purchase a lawn mower

Annual Horse Show Is Saturday

Many youngsters from the surrounding counties will gather at the rodeo arena Saturday for the annual Schleicher County 4-H Club Junior Horse Show.

The show will begin at 10 a.m. with the halter classes. Performance classes will follow.

John Menzies, county agent from Ector County, will be the judge.

The show is open to any boy or girl who has not passed his or her 19th birthday on Jan. 1, 1979. Entries must be signed by the contestant's parents or guardians.

Horses must be owned by the

contestant or his immediate family and only one horse may be entered in any one class.

Performance classes will be divided into junior, senior and sub-junior divisions. Sub juniors are those eight years and under; juniors are nine years to 14 years and seniors are over 14 years of age, but not over 19.

Contestants may show more than one horse in the halter classes, but must enter the halter division to be considered for the all-around award. Stallions will not be allowed to enter either the halter or performance classes.

Only one horse will be considered for all-around points and it must be designated when entries are made, although more than one horse may be entered in the show.

Halter classes are divided into: 1977-78 registered or non-registered mares, 1976 and before registered mares, age non-registered mares, champion and reserve champion mare, 1977-78 registered or non-registered geldings, 1976 and before registered geldings, age non-registered and champion and reserve champion geldings.

Girls Take Part In 4-H Contest

Four Schleicher County 4-H club members participated in state 4-H Round-Up held at College Station last week. Cindy Hausenfluck was a contestant in the state food show and received a blue ribbon for her entry, strawberry nut bread. Cindy and other food show participants were honored with a reception Monday night given by the Texas Turkey Producers.

Judy Pitts was awarded a \$300 college scholarship at the awards assembly which was held on Tuesday evening. This scholarship is provided by the Whirlpool Corporation and is administered by the state 4-H Foundation. Scholarship recipients were honored with a dinner following the awards assembly.

Patricia Trimble and Cindy Velez participated in the horticulture preparation and use demonstration contest. The title of their presentation was: "The Great American Pastime." The girls discussed the importance of fruits and vegetables in the diet. This contest is sponsored by the Texas Vegetable producers.

The First National Bank of Eldorado and the Southwest Texas Electric Cooperation sponsored the Round-Up expenses for the 4-H participants from Schleicher County. Accompanying the group to College Station were Mrs. Janelle Hausenfluck and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lester.

Red Sox Slip Past The Tigers, 10-8

The Red Sox came out on top of the game with the Tigers Tuesday night, 10-8.

Shannon Key was the pitcher for the winning team, which is coached by Jackie Willis.

Pitching for Tigers were Frank Barrajas and Duwain Moody. Fred Morrison and Dale Storie coach the team.

The Tigers have won three and lost one; the Red Sox have won two and lost two.

Just Talking

By NELL EDMISTON

The mobile skating rink is back in Eldorado, after several years of absence and lots of people are enjoying it. Don't think of this as a recreational activity for only youngsters, I saw a lot of adults on the floor Tuesday afternoon and they were really enjoying themselves.

In fact, that lead to a rather interesting conversation between sheriff Orval Edmiston and deputy Barry Hale Monday night. They were at the restaurant when the skating rink was mentioned.

Seems like one thing lead to another and before long, Barry dared Orval to put on a pair of skates. "I will if you will," he dared. "You're on," said Orval with a determined look.

Well, the pair went to the rink and guess who watched and who skated. I'll tell you Barry sure got a lot of ribbing Tuesday when he didn't put his skates on.

"Well, how was I to know he was a roller king?" he guffawed. "I didn't know the guy could skate."

But he does and did for about 20 minutes. "Used to be, I'd rather skate than eat," Orval said, remembering past days when the roller rink was the best summer entertainment offered in the town.

The reason Barry didn't skate? "Didn't have a skate big enough to fit me," he said, pointing to his big foot which he says is a size 15.

Well, if he does wear a size 15, that's okay, because the Lawsons at the rink have skates up to size 13. But, more than that, he admits, is that "I prefer to keep my bones where they are and not around my neck."

I was talkin' to the Lawsons at the rink Tuesday afternoon and they were saying the business is their summer money making project. Their two girls, ages 11 and 15, go with them and apparently enjoy skating as much as their parents do.

The Lawsons reported the crowd Monday night was nice and quiet and well mannered one and that seems to speak well for our community, even if there was one badly embarrassed deputy watching the sheriff show off on skates.

Of course, there's another angle to the story, as Orval admitted Tuesday morning he could only skate about 20 minutes before "my old legs started shaking. It's been too long since I'd done it."

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Teresa Sanders showed me an essay a girl from Forsan wrote for her English teacher. Seems the teacher had the class write an essay each Friday and each Friday Rhonda would write an essay worthy of an "A".

However, on one particular Friday, the subject for the essay was "Writing In My Spiral." Her mind went blank, she thought, and this is the resulting product:

Writing in my spiral is very hard because I can never think of anything to write about. I love to write, but I can't ever think of anything interesting to talk about. Everytime Friday comes along I dread it because I can't ever think of anything to say.

When the teacher got to this part, she wrote on the top of the page "You always manage."



ROLLER KINGS — Chris Woodward and friend Brian Gawrychowski had a good time roller skating Tuesday afternoon. After getting the hang of the eight wheels, the pair took turns pushing each other around the tent now located between the post office and Southwest Texas Electric



Cooperative. It took a little longer for two smaller boys, Scott and Doug Belding, right. Doug took lessons from tent owner Carl Lawson while mother, Melanie Belding, watches. However, Scott, on left, really doesn't seem that interested in learning to roll instead of walk.

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STARTS FRIDAY — Ref. air conditioner, vacuum, remodeling scraps, toys, clothes — Boys to 2T. Ladies 7 to 10, linens, curtains, drapes, lamps, miscellaneous. 505 Warner.
67b1p

GARAGE SALE — Sat. June 9, 9-7. Sunday 2-6 p.m. Clothes, building supplies, pipe, carpet, hot house, guns, miscellaneous. Dorris and Colorado.
67c1c

CARDS OF THANKS

To Dr. Williams: Thanks, I needed that!
Seriously, I want to thank the ambulance drivers for getting me to the hospital on time when I was being stung last week.
A special thanks to Dr. Williams and the nurses for their prompt, efficient work and special care.
Louise Radle
614r1p

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, addressed to the Commissioners' Court of Schleicher County, Texas, will be received at the office of the County Judge of said County, in the Courthouse at Eldorado, Texas, until 10:00 A.M. June 11, 1979, at which time such bids will be opened and considered by said Court, meeting in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Courthouse, Eldorado, Texas, for the furnishing of the following:

Fencing of the right-of-way on R.M. Highway 2596, Schleicher County. Specifications for the fencing will be available in the Judge's office.

The Commissioners Court of Schleicher County reserves the right to waive all formalities and accept or reject any or all bids. The bid deemed by the Court to be in the best interest of Schleicher County may be accepted whether or not such bid be low.

Helen Bebee,
County Clerk
Schleicher County, Texas
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

Schleicher County Independent School District

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the City of Eldorado, Texas, Schleicher County, Texas at 9:00 o'clock a.m., beginning on Friday, the 22nd day of June, 1979, and from day to day thereafter, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in the said Schleicher County Independent School District, until such values have finally been determined for taxable purposes for the year 1979, and any and all persons interested, or having business with said Board, are here notified to be present.

DONE BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF SCHLEICHER COUNTY Independent School District, Schleicher County, Texas, at Eldorado, Texas, the 6th day of June, A.D., 1979.

Lynn Meador
Secretary
Schleicher County Independent School District
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TO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST — Brown paper sack with fishing rods & reels & fishing stuff. If found, please contact Billie Cawley at 853-2277.
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Just Talking

The rest of the theme went thus: Whenever I write, I try to make my handwriting as neat as possible, but it is very difficult writing neat when you're just trying to think of something to write.
Every Friday, I just sit in this same old desk and rack my brain trying to think of something to write about.
See. I can't even write about not having anything to write about. I only have a page and I still have another whole page or more to go.

I do wish I could think of something to write about on Fridays, because I like to write, but I wish that there was a way to think or learn how to think of something to write about.

Well, Mrs. Walker, I have got a whole page and this makes another half more. So, please, don't make me write anymore than this because I'm running out of words to talk about.
Since this is fixing to be another page I guess I can just quit writing now. Okay? Thank You.
At this point, the teacher couldn't help herself and wrote on the bottom

of the page, "You didn't this time." Instead of an "A", she got a "B." But it was a cute essay nonetheless.

I forgot to mention in my column last week that we were missing the Eldorado Success issue for June 11, 1944 from our files. For one reason or another, it was not bound with the rest of the papers of that year.

If anyone happens to have a copy of that paper or knows why it was not in the file, please let us know.

Re-Evaluation Helps Businesses

Small business firms hard pressed for new sources of capital may find it advantageous to consider property re-evaluation as a means of boosting collateral needed for loan guarantees.

This suggestion comes from Jaime Roman, Sr., economist in charge of small business develop-

ment with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

"Growing firms are often faced with an increased demand for capital expansion with which to finance larger inventories of or provide for a 'safety cushion' due to higher accounts receivable," notes Roman. "Since banks usually demand specific collateral for term loans, the small entrepreneur may have to take a

closer look at the possibility of an increased net worth resulting from inflated property values."
Inflation may have vastly boosted the value of real estate and capital equipment far beyond the net value reflected in the firm's

books. An independent appraiser may be hired to make a re-evaluation of the company's property as a means of reaping the benefits to be derived from this source of new collateral, suggest Roman.

Calendar Of Events

Today, June 14 — FmHA representative, 1:30-3 p.m., county agent's office; White Sox vs. Tigers, here, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 15 — Ministerial Alliance, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 16 — Junior 4-H horse show, 10 a.m., roping arena.

Sunday, June 17 — Sunday devotional at nursing home, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, June 18 — Good Neighbor Extension Club, 2 p.m., Frankie Schrier home; Tennis Club, 7:30 p.m., high school courts.

Tuesday, June 19 — Reynolds Home Extension Club, 2 p.m., Country Store; Volunteer Firemen, 8 p.m., fire hall; TOPS, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Building; Kountry Kousins, 7 p.m., Memorial Building; Red Sox vs. Wall No. 2 and Tigers vs. Wall Firestone, there 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 20 — Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Lions Club, noon, Memorial Building.

Thursday, June 21 — Social security representative, 1:30-2:30 p.m., fire hall; Jaycees, 7:30 p.m., club house; Red Sox vs. Wall Firestones and White Sox vs. Wall No. 2 team, here, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Beginners Tennis, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 24 — Mixed foursome at golf course; Sunday devotional at nursing home, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, June 25 — Commissioners Court, 9 a.m., courthouse; Tennis Club, 7:30 p.m., high school courts; peewee game, 7 p.m., here.

Tuesday, June 26 — TOPS, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Building; Kountry Kousins, 7 p.m., Memorial Building; White Sox vs. Red Sox, here, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 27 — Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Lions Club, noon, Memorial Building.

Thursday, June 28 — Red Sox vs. Wall Firestones and White Sox vs. Tigers, here, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF TAX INCREASE

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SCHLEICHER COUNTY PROPOSES TO INCREASE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES BY TWENTY (20) PERCENT.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INCREASE WILL BE HELD ON JULY 9, 1979 FROM 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M. TO 9:30 O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE SCHLEICHER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ELDORADO, TEXAS.

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SCHLEICHER COUNTY HAS CONSIDERED THE PROPOSAL AND VOTED IN A MEETING OF THE COURT AS FOLLOWS:

FOR the proposal to increase taxes:

- THOMAS R. JONES, COMM. PRECT. NO. 1
- HOLVEY H. ENOCHS, Comm. Prect. No. 2
- JOE M. CHRISTIAN, COMM. PRECT. NO. 3
- DAVID MEADOR, COMM. PRECT. NO. 4.

AGAINST the proposal to increase taxes:

NONE

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Nursing Home NEWS

We had a good time Saturday night. A band with people from Ozona, Big Lake and Eldorado came and played for us. We sure enjoyed it and it's quite a treat.

We also had a good turn out from the Primitive Baptist Church for Sunday's service.

Bingo winners last week were Dave Locklin, Bess Andrews, Beulah Harris, Ernie Boehler, Juanita Sanchez, George Kisselberg, Elva Daniels, Annie Blaylock, Delia Gardenier and Frank Reed.

The different home demonstration clubs have started having bingo on Wednesday night. We are really going to enjoy this new activity. Last Wednesday bingo winners were Myrtle Wade, Elva

Daniels, Dorothy Ratliff, Delia Gardenier, Frank Reed, Bess Andrews and George Kisselberg.

Out of town visitors were Alberto Lonjaun, Rachel Zamarrilla, and Eva Alva who all came to visit Juanita Sanchez.

Carl W. Voylar from Sonora visited Zeral Holland, Fred Gunstead, Beulah Harris and Lester Garrett.

Fannie Blaylock went out on pass Sunday with her sister from San Angelo and her daughter, Maxine Houston of San Angelo. Dave Locklin also went to Sonora for the weekend.

Kim and Arlene Poyner of San Angelo visited Beulah Harris.

Beulah Harris, Reporter

Fiesta Is Growing

Fiesta del Concho 1979 in San Angelo, Texas is going to be bigger and better than ever in its 7-year history. Stanley Mayfield, 1979 Chairman for Fiesta del Concho, has announced that the 1979 4-day Festival from June 20-24 will have enough activities that will be fun for everyone. All events have been improved. The River Parade, one of the Festival's most popular events, promises to be one of the best and most colorful. Fiesta del Concho will also have such events as an Air Show, Fiesta Dance, Fiddler's Contest, and the ever-popular crowd pleaser, Armadillo Races.

The schedule of events is as follows:
 Sunday, June 17 — Children's Theatre - 3 p.m., Sarah Bernhardt Theatre.
 Monday, June 18 — Children's Theatre - 10 a.m., Sarah Bernhardt Theatre.
 Tuesday, June 19 — Patron Ball - 8 p.m., San Angelo Convention Center.

Wednesday, June 20 — Children's Preliminary Talent Contest - 7:30 p.m., Sarah Bernhardt Theatre.

Thursday, June 21 — Adult Preliminary Talent Contest - 7:30 p.m., Sarah Bernhardt Theatre.

Friday, June 22 — Talent Show Finals for both age categories - 7:30 p.m., Sarah Bernhardt Theatre. Fiesta Dance - 8:00 p.m., San Angelo Coliseum.

Saturday, June 23 — Fort Concho Activities - 7 a.m. to noon; River Events, 11 a.m.; River Parade - 9:00 p.m.; Street Dances - (Following Parade); Antique Aircraft Static Display - Mathis Field, 1-5 p.m.

Sunday, June 24 — Antique Aircraft Flying Show - Mathis Field, 1 p.m. River Events, 12; Home Tours - 2-5 p.m.

Satellite Events — Tennis Tournament, Big Sky Roadriders Ass. Motorcycle Rally, Soccer Exhibition Game, Canoe and Kayak Races.



SHE KEPT THE BIG ONE — Using a rod and reel and a grasshopper for bait, five-year-old Amy Robledo, managed to land this seven and half pound bass near Fort McKavett last Saturday. Amy, who is visiting with grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Radle and Alice Robledo of Eldorado, says she has caught several fish, however this is the largest one. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Robledo.

Son Is Born To Youngbloods

A son was born to Joe and Susie Youngblood of Fredericksburg June 4 at the Hill Country Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg. Named Joseph Randolph, II, he weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces.

He is welcomed by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Damon Wagoner of Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Youngblood of Fredericksburg; great-grandparents, Ella Wagoner of Eldorado, Bernice Youngblood of San Antonio and Iowa Lewallen of Wheeler, Miss., and aunt, Mona Kichne of Fredericksburg and uncles Mark and Herman Youngblood of Fredericksburg.

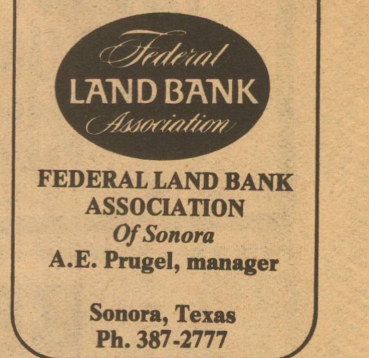
Computers Develop Feedlot Runoff Areas

Through a computer model, land areas for feedlot runoff have been developed, says an agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. These are as follows: same size as the feedlot surface in Far West Texas, twice the feedlot size in the High Plains and West Central Texas, four to five times the feedlot size in the Rolling Plains, Central and South Texas, and nine times the feedlot surface size in East Texas.



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Brownies Going To GS Camp

Four girls, Crystal Hyde, Traci Richards, Ginger Sterling and Nikki Lenamon, are going to Girl Scout Camp Jo Jan Van in Barksdale this weekend.

All members of Brownie Troop 72, the girls are leaving Sunday and returning June 23.

Crystal and Ginger won their week in camp by selling the required number of Girl Scout cookies. The girls will go swimming, horseback riding, have nature hikes and do arts and crafts at the camp.

Miss Niblett Plans Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Niblett have announced the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Elizabeth Niblett, to Mark Louis Lloyd. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lloyd of Houston.

The couple is planning a September 1 wedding.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Eldorado High School and a junior at Texas A&M University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of A&M where he received an undergraduate degree in agriculture economics and a masters degree in agriculture with a real estate appraisal option. He will be working in Athens for the General Land Board.

Family, Food, 4-H

by Nancy Lester County Extension Agent - Home Economics

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Gray Leaf Spot Attacks Grass

Gray leaf spot, a fungal disease, can give St. Augustinegrass lawns a blotchy appearance. The disease can also attack centipede grass.

The disease thrives in warm, humid weather and is characterized by irregular gray, dirty-yellow or ash-colored spots on grass leaves. Borders of leaf blades may have a brown, purple or water-soaked appearance. A gray mold may cover the spots.

Dr. Walter Walla, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service plant pathologist, says the disease develops rapidly during periods of warm temperatures and abundant moisture. It first appears in damp, shaded areas. Grass with heavy disease development may have a scorched appearance, adds the Texas A&M University specialist.

Walla says the disease becomes more severe when excessive nitrogen fertilizer is applied on certain St. Augustinegrass types, newly-sprigged and rapidly

growing grasses are more susceptible than a well-established grass, he explains.

In addition to avoiding excessive nitrogen fertilizer, Walla advises watering during the day so foliage won't remain wet overnight.

He also points out that most turf fungicides effectively control the disease when used at 10-day intervals during warm, humid periods. Mix the fungicide in 15 gallons of water plus 2 ounces of liquid detergent for each 1,000 square feet of lawn.

WEATHER

date	high	low
June 4	83	62
June 5	82	65
June 6	88	67
June 7	92	67
June 8	88	67
June 9	80	58
June 10	74	48

A total of 1.27 inches of rain was reported for the period with 1.10 reported on June 4 and .17 reported on June 9.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER — Judy Pitts, a Schleicher County 4-H member, was presented a \$300 Whirlpool Corporation Scholarship during the 1979 State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University, June 5. The scholarship was presented by Tom Davidson at College Station, executive director of the Texas 4-H Foundation. Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Pitts of Eldorado.

Make A Basic Landscape Plan For Summer

What better time than the present to begin planning your landscape development for this summer, suggests Everett Janne, landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

"A well-planned, simplistic design is the secret to keeping down labor costs as well as time-consuming maintenance," Janne points out.

Understand the plants' space requirements as they mature to aid you in selecting plants that won't out-grow their allotted space. "If constant pruning will be needed to keep a plant in bounds, it's better to select another plant," Janne advises.

Eliminate unnecessary borders along drives and

walks since border plantings emphasize rather than hide these elements in the landscape, notes the horticulturist.

Janne suggest having only one or two small well-kept annual flower beds rather than numerous beds which require constant work to be attractive. "Plan your landscape to enjoy it, not to be a slave to it."

Consider soil and climatic conditions in your area when selecting plants, adds Janne. It is much easier to select plants suited to a given area rather than attempt to modify the soil and environment to a given plant. For the amount of care needed, native and adapted plants will provide more pleasure and enjoyment than exotic plants.

Poole, Jackson Win First Place

Lou Poole and Winnie Jackson of San Angelo were first place winners in Duplicate Bridge last week. Lottie Puckett and Fred Adkins of Sonora were second and Zeila Baker and Winnie Helen Hilliard were third.

Fourth place was won by Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Callan of Menard, and Evelyn Wimer and Bernice Sweatt won fifth. Joe Nell Johnson of Sonora and Jack Bebee won sixth.



Bonds might be a good choice for you.

From The Horses Mouth

By JERRY SWIFT
Schleicher County Agricultural Agent

Thrips 'like' young, stresses cotton. And if current cool, wet weather continues long into June, a lot of cotton from the Blacklands to the South Plains will be under stress from one source or another. Excessively wet fields, possible herbicide damage, seedling diseases and cool nights will all take their toll.

Watch out for movement of thrips into late-planted cotton, especially from nearby maturing grain and hay fields that have just been cut. The 30-day weather outlook indicates that better growing weather for cotton is coming up, so perhaps the thrips problem will end. Thrips need not be controlled on vigorously growing cotton.

Fleahoppers from the Blacklands to the Rolling Plains will also be a problem until cotton makes good growth. June weather, on the average, will be on the dry side for all of Texas, according to the National Weather Service. Temperatures will be on the cool side in South Texas but are expected to be near seasonal levels elsewhere.

Cotton in South Texas, including the Lower Valley, is past the danger stage for thrips and fleahoppers but is heading into mid-season insect problems. Dry weather would help farmers, since cotton that is on the dry side is not as attractive to bollworms and tobacco budworms as lush cotton. Also, survival rates of eggs and young worms are lower in dry weather.

Boll weevils have a tougher time in dry weather, too. Squares that are shed tend to dry out before the boll weevil can complete his life cycle. Since most cotton growing areas have good moisture, the potential is set for mid-season insect problems.

Sorghum will have midge problems as a result of weather delays in planting. Some sorghum planting dates in the same area varied by more than one month. Regardless of June weather, past weather has

CHRISTOVAL ★ News & Views

SHORT NOTES

The El Concho Study Club will have a health clinic the third Monday of each month this summer from 9-11 a.m. The health clinic this month will be June 18.

Tonda Gaines and Jimmy Caddell left Friday morning on a two week all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. They are with the Rural Electric Youth Tour and are sponsored by the Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Athlee Henson, Tammy and Roger visited Jessie Henson Sunday. Douglas Henson also visited.

Rita Stroud and son, Michael, visited her grandmother, Emma Derr.

Bessie Brazeal made some beautiful flowers for us. We are enjoying them.

Carrie Cox of Sonora and Amy Hooper of San Angelo were visitors of Velma Barnes and Edna Mayfield.

Mac and Karen visited with Grace McShan. Also visiting were Dorothy and Tommy Parker of Harlingen.

Nursing Home

Stella King went to church last Sunday at Christoval Church of Christ.

Valeria Tate spent the weekend with her daughter, Dee Wilson. Earlier in the week, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Colton of San Angelo visited with her.

Toni Earle is visiting again. So good to have you back.

Doris Parker is in the Shannon Hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery.

We had a nice surprise

Thursday, Lois and Earl Barnes, former residents of Golden Years, came back for a visit and had lunch. Earl brought some tomato plants for us.

Those of us attending the Community luncheon were Emma Derr, Edna Mayfield, Jessie Henson, Opal Joiner, Maria Barboza, Myrtle Brown, Sam Nance, June Pettit, Rena Gaines, Lola Brown, Chicken Jones and Pauline Turnbow. Everyone enjoyed that hot, homemade bread and all the other goodies.



PLANNING WEDDING — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Beeky Lynne Blair, to Joseph Houston "Joey" Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones. The couple is planning to be married Sept. 1 in the First Baptist Church of Eldorado. The bride-elect is a graduate of Eldorado High School and attended Angelo State University. Her fiance is a graduate of Eldorado High School and attended Howard County Junior College in Big Spring.

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Look For Weining Weight In Bulls

In selecting a herd bull, the producer should look for one with a high weaning weight that hopefully will be transmitted to offspring, says a beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. In addition to improved weaning weights of offspring, high performing bulls will also mean improved gaining ability of offspring fed to slaughter weight.

set the stage for extensive midge control.

Greenbugs and cornleaf aphids have not been major problems so far in sorghum. Frequent, heavy rains in most central areas have effectively controlled these aphids. Watch out for population increases if the weather turns dry, though.

Screwworm potential will remain high as long as mild, wet weather persists. Survival rates of pupae and adults are enhanced by moist soils and mild temperatures. Stockmen should take good care of herds, be careful to dress wounds from surgery, check stock frequently, and send suspect larvae samples to the Mission laboratory. Tick populations tend to be up in wet weather, so wounds from ticks will have to be treated.

Grasshoppers shouldn't be as big a problem this year although there has been some scattered build-ups of lubbers in the Permian Basin and other West Texas areas. If the weather does turn dry in June, grasshoppers could become more of a problem; otherwise, wet weather should keep them largely in check.

Insects will continue to thrive on abundant grasses, wildflowers and other native plants as a result of a wet spring through most of Texas. Some may migrate into crops if a dry spell develops; otherwise, only one potential problem comes to mind. Peach growers need to control grasses and weeds in orchards to cut down on population potentials for leaf-footed plant bugs and stink bugs. These have moved into peach trees in the past and damaged fruit when their preferred food plants dried up.

Homeowners will continue to have insect problems until wet weather ends. Cockroaches, ants, termites, fleas, and ticks all are favored by mild, wet spring and early summer weather. And, of course, mosquitoes are widespread.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—State Capitol halls that were crowded just one week ago are quiet now that the 66th Texas Legislature has packed up and gone home, but speculation continues as to just when Governor Bill Clements will call lawmakers back for a special session.

His timing will depend heavily upon the subjects he wants included in the special session. To date he has already told legislators he may want them to consider the topics of initiative and referendum, a regional presidential primary and wiretapping. More may be added.

Although one guess is as good as another, many optimists think that if Clements decides to call a session strictly for initiative and referendum and wiretapping, he may wait until sometime just before the 1980 primaries so that voters will have the results of that session fresh on their minds as they go to the polls.

However, Clements last week expressed strong interest in a proposed multi-state presidential primary and said he might be persuaded to include the proposal in the upcoming special session, whenever it may be.

The regional primary concept is also being advanced by Speaker of the House Bill Clayton, who said it would give Texas and neighboring states a collective regional voice through simultaneous presidential preference primaries, possibly in March.

Clayton appeared with Clements at a press conference last week to say he has been working with legislators from Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico and Georgia, but that the concept "depends on a lot of legwork" to install it in time.

Should the states agree to hold a regional primary, Clements may move to call a special session as early as late summer or early fall in order to set up the primary.

The regional primary would have the effect of spotlighting Southern and Southwestern issues early in the presidential race, rather than the traditionally first-in-the-nation New Hampshire primary.

Whatever the outcome of Clayton's efforts, Clements has further clouded the special session crystal ball by stating there is no doubt in his mind that Texas Republicans will hold a presidential primary and called on Democrats to do the same.

Meanwhile, with lawmakers out of town for awhile, the attention turned to Clements as he began to sign bills into law.

One of his first actions last week was sign into effect the "Tax Relief Amendment" approved by voters in November 1978.

One immediate provision is that each residence homestead will be exempt from \$5,000 in school district taxes. Because the act is retroactive to January, 1979, the exemption will be on the 1979 tax notices most taxpayers will receive in October.

Persons older than 65 and disabled taxpayers will be eligible for another \$10,000 exemption on homestead property. School taxes on a home will be frozen for a person's lifetime once he or she qualifies for a senior citizen exemption.

Also effective immediately are all non-business vehicles owned by a family from state, county, city and school district property taxes.

Something farmers and ranchers have been waiting for is a new system to appraise farm, ranch, and timber land. Such land will be taxed on its ability to produce cash crops, rather than market value, beginning this year, unless local taxing agencies vote before July 15 to postpone the start of the new evaluation methods until the 1980 tax year.

Clements also signed into law a bill making Texas Eastern University at Tyler part of the University of Texas system and a bill expanding the troubled State Commission on the Blind from six to nine members with a gubernatorially-appointed chairman. At the same time, he indicated he may use new powers under another law to put that agency into temporary conservatorship because of its money management problems.

Speaking at another time, Clements said safe driving and "not topping off gasoline tanks" may help spot fuel shortages which he thinks will appear this month. He and his staff energy chief Ed Vetter made it clear Texas will have available only 91 percent of its June 1978 allocation. Ten percent of that, he pointed out, is set aside for high-priority uses such as agriculture, petroleum drilling and mass transit.

The governor, a driller himself, said he has no evidence that major oil companies are holding back supplies of gasoline.

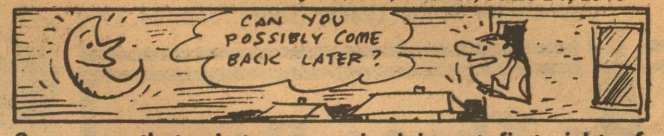
Other Texas officials who commented in Washington, DC or in Austin on the energy situation were Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Attorney General Mark White, Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong, Railroad Commission chairman John H. Poerner and his fellow commissioner Mack Wallace.

Both Hobby and Armstrong criticized President Carter's proposed windfall profits tax on oil companies, Hobby testifying before a U.S. House of Representatives energy subcommittee. Hobby called the tax "misguided" and said it would "create the worst of both worlds" by driving up fuel prices and stifling exploration. Wallace, who accompanied Hobby, generally supported the lieutenant governor's views.

In Austin, Armstrong said the windfall profits tax, if implemented, would deprive Texas schools and universities of some \$245 million in oil royalties during the next five years unless states were exempted. "It simply does not make sense to equate a state performing governmental service with a corporation. Every dollar we get from oil royalties will go to education, not into someone's pocket," Armstrong said.

Attorney General White, testifying before a Senate subcommittee considering deregulation of railroad rate-making procedures, said deregulation would drive up the cost of transporting coal into Texas from Western states and effect the rest of the nation as well. White said "Railroads use their monopoly power to claim the right to make captive Texas electricity consumers finance other traffic and generate a bonanza for their stockholders."

But on an energy up-beat note, Poerner told a meeting of the Texas Gas Association that the state's natural gas industry is the strongest it's ever been, because of a decision to keep prime fuel in Texas rather than sending it to other states. "As Texans, it's ours. We paid to develop it. Our needs must come before the needs of other states."



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our total energy and electricity. The dependence on nuclear power is increasing. By 2000, between 300 and 500 new nuclear power plants will have to be added to the 70 plants now in existence in order to meet our needs at that time.

Q. Why do we need the fast breeder reactor?

A. The uranium used to fuel our current reactors is limited and could be exhausted before the end of this century. The fast breeder reactor generates new fuel, more than it uses in fact, while it produces electricity. In this way, our nuclear fuel supplies could be stretched for centuries to come.

Q. What is the purpose of a demonstration breeder?

A. A large-scale demonstration breeder reactor nuclear power plant is designed to show the economic potential and environmental advantage of such a plant as a source of electrical generation. Following successful demonstration, bigger, commercial-sized plants would then be feasible.

Q. How will the breeder affect the environment?

A. The breeder reactor is one of the most environmentally attractive technologies available today. Its higher operating temperature will result in a higher efficiency than other nuclear power plants

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(Compiled From Eldorado Success Files)

ONE YEAR AGO

June 15, 1978 — Alvin Kothmann won the Jess Koy Memorial trophy during the Schleicher County 4-H junior horse show.

4-H members participating in the state 4-H competition were Judy Pitts, Jed Edmiston, Jay Behrens, Todd Swift and Curtis Griffin, Kara Homer and Lou Ann Turner.

Schleicher County commissioners discussed progress on FM road 2596 and repairs on the airport during a regular meeting.

Johnny Mayo and Steve Williams were shown preparing for the Jaycees charter banquet.

FIVE YEARS AGO

June 13, 1974 — Mike Ferguson was awarded a \$750 scholarship from Clark Foundation from the Texas Interscholastic League.

Services were held in Dallas for J.D. Huckaby, father of Mrs. Paul Page.

The Rev. Fred Cox, pastor of First Methodist Church for the past three years, was planning a move to Charlotte.

Joy Connell of Rock-springs was named all-around boy in the junior rodeo, and Marsha Kothmann was named all-around girl.

12 YEARS AGO

June 15, 1967 — Mr. and Mrs. Don McCormick were surprised with a house warming at their recently purchased new home.

Jim Holley was the new scoutmaster of the Boy Scout Troop.

Jo Ed Hill was elected president of the local boards. Ford Oglesby Jr. was named vice president, and Bob Bradley was named secretary.

Mrs. Max Wilkins, secretary and contracting officer for the Eldorado Housing Authority, announced a ground breaking ceremony. J.W. Conner, field gauger for Shell Pipe Line Corporation, completed 40 years of service with the company.

Mrs. L.D. Oschner returned from visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scherz and family.

Sandra Marcom became the bride of Terrance Robert Carlman and Linda Ann Kappes was the bride of Johnny Stigler.

Kathy Robinson won a second award for an essay

sponsored by Upward, a publication of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Wheeler visited their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene McCalla.

35 YEARS AGO

June 16, 1944 — Lt. Wallis Cozzens, son of Mrs. Mattie Cozzens, was reported missing in action in Belgium.

Jack Ratliff and his brother, Lt. Charles Ratliff, announced plans to open a furniture store in Eldorado immediately. The new firm was to be located in the Eldorado Wool Company's Feed Department.

More than one million pounds of wool clipped in 1944 had been received by the Eldorado Wool Company. New appraisal prices were set from 42-55 cents per pound for the year's clip of wool.

Mrs. Josie H. Word, pioneer of this county, was honored on her 86th birthday when six of her eight children entertained with a barbecue. Children present were Mrs. B.F. Jones, Mrs. Charles M. Morris, O.W. Word, Mrs. Jud Brannan, Mrs. Liza Bridges and W.R. Word.

Mrs. Mable Jay and Sgt. Billy Blaylock were married in San Angelo. Blaylock was to leave shortly for Camp Pendleton in California. She was to go to Dallas to enter the Stamps School of Music.

The Eldorado Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Miss Ruth Baker with Mrs. Jerry Pennington, president, presid-

Judy Pitts In Washington

Judy Pitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pitts, will be traveling to Washington, D.C., this week to participate in the National 4-H Citizenship Short-course. 4-H members from across the state are traveling by chartered bus to the capitol to see their government in action. While in Washington they will spend a day on capitol hill visiting with legislators from Texas. Judy will be returning on June 26.



ON TRAINING WHEELS — Jamie Sanchez, in middle, put on his "training wheels" Tuesday afternoon and with help from Mickey Romero and Mike Belman, he got a good lesson in roller skating. After a few bruises and bumps, he did well on the wooden floor. At bottom, veteran skaters, Mrs. Carl Lawson and her daughter feel at home under the skating tent which will be here only a few weeks. The Lawsons' who are from Divide, are operating the skating rink in several different towns this summer.

Bumgardner Rucker New Supervisor

Receives Degree

Britt W. Bumgardner of Eldorado received a bachelor's degree cum laude at Texas A&M University's spring commencement exercises.

A record 2,991 degrees were awarded, including 2,633 bachelor's, 272 master's and 86 doctorates.

Bumgardner, Route One, majored in wildlife and fisheries sciences. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Bumgardner.

Ben Rucker has been named Farmer's Home Administration County Supervisor for Schleicher County in Eldorado.

The local appointment was made by W.H. Pieratt, state director of FmHA, headquartered in Temple.

For the past six years, Rucker has serviced Concho and Menard Counties with the headquarters office in Eden and will continue with the headquarters office in Eden. In addition to the Schleicher County FmHA office in Eldorado, Rucker's new appointment also includes FmHA offices in Sutton County in Sonora, Kimble County in Junction, and Crockett County in Ozona.

Individual FmHA programs include farm operating loans, emergency loans, soil and water loans, and irrigation and drainage loans. One purpose of Farmers Home Administration farm ownership loans is to help promising young people and other, unable to get needed funds elsewhere, to get a start in agriculture. Farm operating loans assist mostly to cover production expenses.

Individual home ownership insured loans are made to families of low to moderate income, including senior citizens, who need adequate housing; maximum term for repayment is 33 years. Interest rates are adjustable and are determined by formula. Interest benefits may reduce interest to as low as one percent for low-income families. Direct loans are made for home repair to very-low-income families for 20 years at one percent interest; loan limit is \$5,000.

The agency also finances community facilities and makes business and industrial loans. However, the latter two types of loan are usually handled by personnel at a district, or from the state, office. The county office has informa-

Rabies Cases Increase In Many Areas Of Texas

Rabies a disease all but forgotten by many people, is once again on the upswing. Cases of rabies have increased sharply in many areas of Texas, points out Dr. Jim Armstrong, veterinarian with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

There were more laboratory-confirmed cases in Texas last year than any other year since 1961. And 1979 is off to a rousing start.

The first quarter of this year produced over twice the number of cases reported in 1978's first quarter, notes Armstrong. He says 80 to 90 percent of the cases are in skunks. However, domestic animal cases are increasing.

Twenty-two rabid dogs have been reported in the El Paso area, possibly due to rabid stray dogs in Mexico, he says. As a result, special immunization clinics have been set up to increase the vaccination level. Armstrong says intensive stray dog pick-up activities are under way on both sides of the river.

The veterinarian says the keys to rabies control are public awareness, pet vaccination (both dogs and cats) and stray animal control.

There are 3.7 million dogs in Texas, yet only 1.25

million rabies vaccinations are given annually by Texas veterinarians, Armstrong points out. A 70 percent vaccination level is considered the minimum necessary for rabies control.

During the first four months of 1979, laboratory confirmed cases through the Texas Department of Health totalled 370, compared to 183 confirmed lab cases for the corresponding period in 1978, representing an increase of over 100 percent.

"Of the 370 cases this year, 139 of them were confirmed in April alone.

About 80 percent of all confirmed cases have been in skunks, and the Department of Health has announced that 46.2 percent of all skunks examined have been positive," notes Armstrong.

Cases confirmed through the laboratory during the first three weeks of April include: Skunks, 108; foxes, 2; bats, 4; raccoons, 2; cats, 1; dogs, 6; horses, 2; and cattle, 7. Although the two horses were confirmed in Brazos County, they were brought here for testing from the Houston and Hempstead areas, the lab report indicated.

Texas 4-H Summer Camp Hosting 1,000 This Summer

Texas 4-H Summer Camp will host about 1,000 youth this July for five three-day sessions in which they will learn canoeing, archery and outdoor cookery — among other activities.

Held at the Texas 4-H Center, overlooking Lake Brownwood in Central Texas, the summer camp will include sessions for three age groups and provide food and lodging. Age groups are senior youth, ages 15 and up, youth ages 10-11 and youth ages 12-14.

Texas' 4-H Center features 78 acres of wooded

land for the out-of-doors activities which also will include campfire programs and nature trails.

Other facilities are 10 housing units, a main service building, a swimming pool, baseball field, tennis court, volleyball court and shuffleboard.

A new amphitheater completes the Center.

Additional camp activities will be dancing, song-fests, skits and stunts and several sports.

For more information about the 4-H Summer Camp, contact the county extension office.

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