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WHAT WE DO BEST. Hunter Preston and Shannon West were found busy at play this week under a shade tree at the home of their babysitter, Mrs. Ernest Bryant. Even when adults are complaining

about the heat, leave it up to youngsters like this to forget about the heat by plowing up the sand box with a tractor or better yet, just resting.

County Court Hires Consultant

The Schleicher County Commissioners court hired a financial consultant during their meeting Monday morning, taking another step toward the bond election for a new law enforcement center for the

county. The court hired Jack Brown of Rauscher, Pierce and Rufines who told the court his firm would not charge them anything if the election failed.

Commissioners and County judge Johnny Griffin discussed the proposed new building, its size and location. Commissioners discussed building the new center on the courthouse square, saying that many people they had talked to did not want it there, but took no official action on the item.

They decided to call the bond election during their next meeting, which is Aug. 13 for Sept. 11. The motion was made by Holvey Enochs and seconded by David Meador. It passed unanimously. Consensus of the court is to go ahead with the issue as fast as possible because of the rising rate of inflation.

Griffin presented the new 1980 budget to the court and it was approved by the commissioners. The public hearing for the budget was set for Aug. 13.

Also meeting with the court was Ray Willoughby who asked that the county clear out the weeds along one mile of road leading to his property. He told the court the county was given the easement to the road in 1935, adding that the weeds were very high on either

side of the road and several parties used the road.

Commissioners advised Willoughby that the equipment was in another precinct and would not be in that area for several weeks, but when it returned to that area, the weeds would be cut.

Jana Jefferys and Doug Hubbard of the Department of Human Resources met with the court and justice of the peace Pancho Bradley as the County Child Welfare Board founded here last year. The board is to meet twice yearly. During the short meeting, Ms. Jefferys told the court there would be a new protective office in Sonora which would serve Schleicher County.

Clay Bureson, County road foreman, appeared before the court asking that the county buy two tires for the grid roller which was granted. They also discussed installing a cattle guard for Howard Derrick on the new FM 2526, but no action was taken.

Commissioners also discussed selling two acres of land to the state department of public highways and transportation. They looked at the piece of land the department had staked off and approved the location, if the department decided to buy the land. The department is planning to build a warehouse on the site.

Raymond Hall Funeral Held Friday

Services were held Friday in First Baptist Church for Raymond Dee Hall, who was vice president of the First National Bank of Eldorado. Burial was in Eldorado Cemetery. The Rev. Gene Stark of Ballinger officiated.

Mr. Hall was born Feb. 26, 1927

in Lorraine and attended schools in Terryton. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1951. He married Lena Mason April 6, 1955 and moved to Eldorado from Rankin in January of 1959. He had been associated with the bank 20 years.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a deacon for several years, a member of the Lions Club, City Council and hospital board. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army and World War II.

Survivors are his wife, Lena; two sons, Alan of San Angelo and Ronnie of Eldorado; his mother, Mrs. Henry Fred Hall of Eldorado; a sister, Mrs. Dan Holloway of Beaver, Pa., three brothers, L.B. Hall of Fort Worth, Jack Hall of Phoenix, Ariz. and James Hall of Tampa, Fla.

Active pallbearers were Gail Rogers of Terryton, Charles Peckenpaugh of Canyon, Ben Bunyard of San Angelo, Ed Scott of San Angelo, Frank O'Banion of Fairfield and T.P. Robinson of Eldorado.

Honorary pallbearers were bank directors, Paul Page, James Page, Ed Meador, Jimmie Powell, Richard Sterling and Jo Ed Hill.

Just Talking

By NELL EDMISTON

There's a little whirlwind in our house and chances are, you have one or have had one in your house. We've had this "thing" for two years, soon to be three, although it seems like forever since we brought him home from the hospital.

This little stinker never slows down; never walks, always runs. He is always into something, thinking all the time what he can do next. It may be the sugar bowl, it may be sister's powder or Daddy's baseball "globe". It could be the dripping kitchen faucet, the bath tub or your jewelry box. When he leaves the room, there is no telling how he will return. He may appear with your sun hat on his head, your shoes on his feet or no britches on his bottom.

Whatever he does, he always has a reason. Like, "Daddy needs his globe." Like, "I needed a vitamin" (although he had one that morning). Like, "I wanted to smell nice for the babysitter."

He can tear things up faster than you can fix them, he can walk through the room and things just seem to fall on the floor. He can make the biggest mess eating you ever saw—all over him, the floor, the table, his sister, Daddy and you.

At the ripe age of two, he can tell you exactly what he wants to wear and that is the only thing he will wear, even if it's swimming trunks to church. And who cares if his baseball shoes, as he calls his regular shoes, are too small; he will wear them anyway. Never, never try to talk a two year old out of wearing his favorite shirt. It simply cannot be done. If he wants to wear his red shirt to bed, it's best to act like that's the thing to do or you will have World War III on your hands.

He can be just as mean as Dennis the Menace and bluntly declare he doesn't like you anymore. He can stick out his tongue more often than a lizard, no matter how many times you correct him and he can puff up like a frog and sulk for hours.

But then, just as unpredictable two years olds do, he can turn around out of the clear blue sky and softly say, "Mommy, I luv you." And then all of the mean, stubborn, mischievous things he's done seem to disappear, your nerves settle and you realize he's still your precious baby boy.

Leader Making Deadline Changes

Because of a new schedule in production, the Schleicher County Leader is announcing new deadlines.

Beginning next week, news and display ads must be in the office by 5 p.m. Monday. Classified ads must be in the office by 9 a.m. Tuesday. They may either be called in or sent in.

The paper will be printed on Tuesday night and be distributed Wednesday morning.

The change in deadlines is to insure a smoother and more efficient production process. The Leader will continue to offer fresh news stories and advertising possibilities.

Delegation Pushing For Highway In Sonora, Eldorado, Del Rio

Delegations from Sonora, Eldorado and Del Rio met Tuesday with the Texas Highway commission to present the case for establishing the terminus of the I-27/I-10 interconnector route at Sonora.

The case for that location was prepared by the committees of the three communities and was supported by letters for consideration and support from the three communities.

A solid community desire for that decision was evidenced by a petition prepared by the "I-27 Committee", Chairman Charley Graves assisted by Don Dooley and Tom Metzger. The petition was circulated by the Petroettes, an organization of Sonora women, dedicated to civic betterment. The obtained nearly one thousand names of supporters of the proposition in Sonora.

The rationale presented to the Highway Commission by Sutton County Judge, Charles Sherrill is as follows:

WHY THE PROPOSED FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY IN WEST TEXAS SHOULD JOIN INTERSTATE 10 AT SONORA

West Texas desperately needs the North-South limited access four-lane highway which was approved by Congress this year and authorized under the signature of President Carter.

This road (formerly proposed as Interstate 27) is designed to carry the increased flow of North-South traffic in West Texas. The road is needed to connect West Texas with the Gulf Coast area, and, equally important with the border areas and Rio Grande Valley. There is only one shortest route to serve these areas.

The citizens of Sonora, Eldorado, Christoval, Del Rio, Rocksprings and several other communities recently formed a task force to study possible routes for this road.

The task force believes that it is obvious that the proposed four-lane highway should be designated along Interstate 27 from Amarillo to Lubbock, the South along U.S. Highway 87 through Lamesa, Big Spring and into San Angelo. This is the main North-South traffic flow in West Texas, and San Angelo is one of the state's larger areas without access to an interstate.

The route that should be followed South from San Angelo to Interstate 10, however, is not so clear as there is no one established traffic pattern.

The task force from the citizens of communities directly South of San Angelo believe that the argument is overwhelming that the Texas Highway commission should

designate this route as following Highway 277 South from San Angelo through Christoval, Eldorado, and Sonora.

Here is a capsule of the reasons why we believe this to be the most favorable route:

(1) Construction cost based on rough estimates of Del Rio district experience: With the very serious economic need for our federal government to balance its budget and bring an end to inflation which is destroying the nation and putting severe hardship on its highway transportation system, dollars to build the badly needed West Texas highway will be in very short supply. Therefore, construction cost must be the most singularly important consideration.

If the Highway 277 route is followed South from San Angelo to Sonora, it will save many miles over the two other most likely routes. U.S. 277 follows a drainage divide. This eliminates numerous minor drainage structures. The one major stream crossing at Christoval is much smaller than crossing the San Saba River on the alternate possibility.

The Highway 277 route would involve 66 miles on construction (see Exhibit)

If Highway 87 is followed to Brady, Fredericksburg and joining Interstate 10 at Junction, it would involve 170 miles of construction

(Brady Route).

This four-lane highway will cost, by 1981 or 1982, at least \$1 million a mile -- and possibly much more.

Should the cost of the road, service area, traffic control devices and right-of-way by only \$1 million a mile, the savings by using the Sonora route would look like this:

ROUTE	MILES	COST
Sonora	66	\$66 million
Junction	97	\$97 million
Brady	170	\$170 million

This means a minimum distance savings of \$31 million for the Sonora Route over the Junction Route and a minimum savings of \$104 million over the Brady Route.

If the cost of the road is \$1.5 million a mile, the savings by using the Sonora Route would be much higher.

Also, the terrain between San Angelo and Sonora is much flatter and would require fewer cuts through rock mountains than the other two proposed routes. This factor could easily add another \$10 million to the cost of the Junction Route and perhaps double that to the Brady Route.

So it is easy to see that, at a time when saving taxpayer dollars is at the forefront of the nation's needs, the Sonora Route could save as little as \$41 million, over the Junction Route, and perhaps as

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School Board Shown Classroom Sketches

San Angelo architect Gary Donaldson presented sketches and floor plans for the new elementary classroom during the regular meeting of the Schleicher County school board Monday night.

The plans show the outside of the building in addition to the floor plans. Each classroom has 840 square feet of useable space. Each grade except the fifth and sixth grades has separate bathrooms inside the classroom and all classrooms have separate storage space and operable windows.

The board gave Donaldson the go ahead for progressing on the plans and discussed a revised contract with him.

The board also discussed revisions on the student handbook, which it has been working on for the past several months. Revisions made Monday night involved reports to parents, letter requirements for freshmen students, tardy slips, study suggestions, school records, attendance, excused ab-

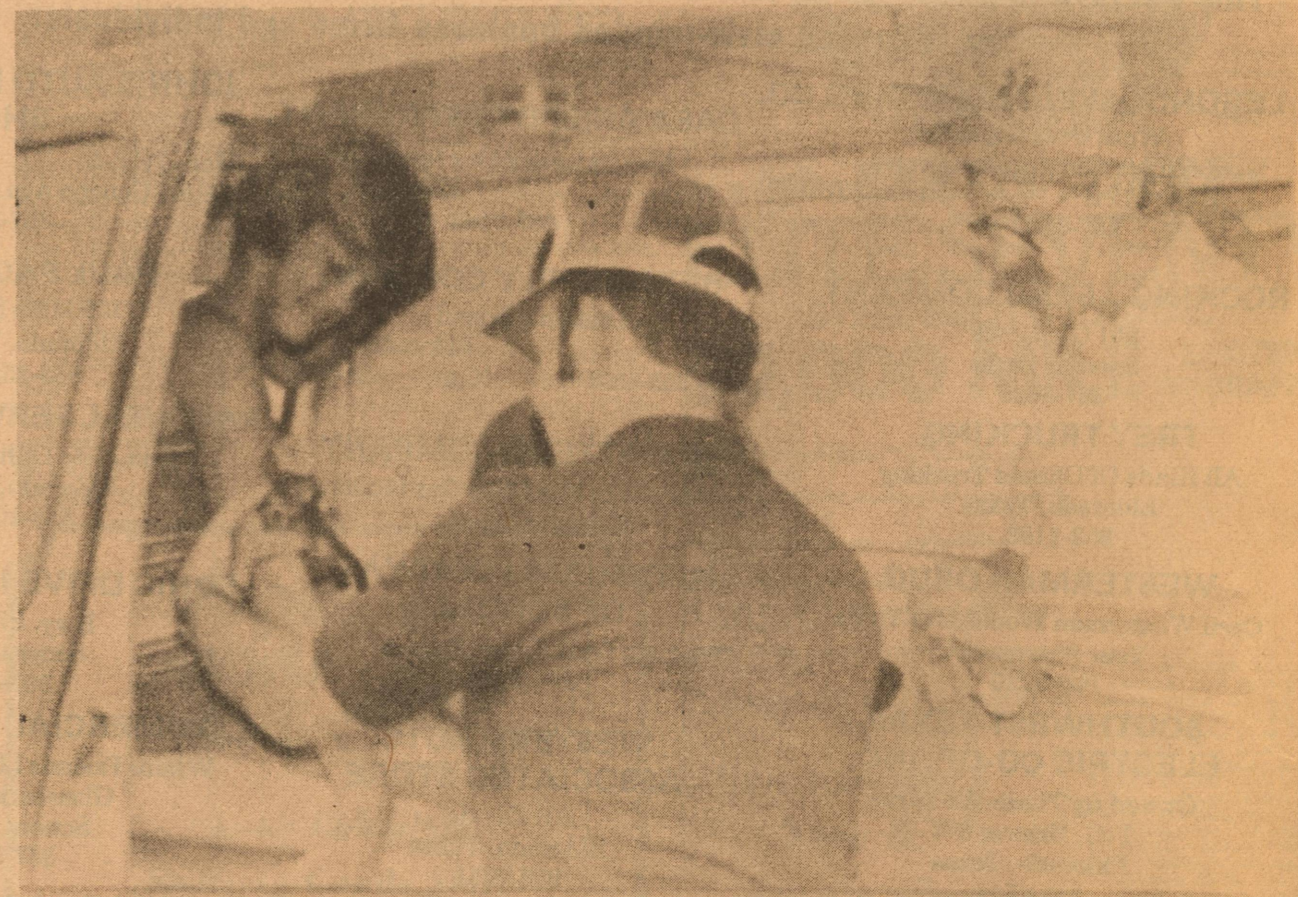
sences and the use of special rooms. The board hopes to have the handbook revised and in the hands of the students by the first of September.

In view of the fact that the gymnasium floor has recently been done, the board made a rule that refreshments and the use of tobacco will be allowed only in the foyer of the gym.

The board also discussed the new legislation creating the appraisal district for the county. Nominations for the board from the school board will be made in a few weeks.

The board okayed hiring Eckert, Story and Ingram Co. to audit the school's books for the year.

School superintendent Guy Whitaker made a report on a meeting he attended in Junction concerning personnel units which will be supervised by region centers. The personnel hired under this program will be directed and paid by the centers.



IS YOUR TICKER WORKING? Gina Patton, left gets a free check on her blood pressure from Schleicher County Emergency personnel Bob Lester, center, and Rusty Meador. The two men gave a lesson on first aid, emergency service and other health tips for

several 4-H girls Saturday. After this lesson, they had a program on water safety presented at the county pool by swimming instructor Mary Kay White.

Six Students At Band Camp

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Six students from Eldorado are participating this week in the fifth annual Angelo State University Band Camp which attracts high school students and band directors from across Texas.

Attending from Eldorado are Wray Crippin, Gary Miner, Sandy Miner, George Orr, Jeanne Redwine and Shelly

Squires. Nearly 600 persons are attending this year's camp which offers clinic sessions in twirling, drum majoring, conducting, ensembles and others.

In addition to the workshop sessions, participants are being treated to a variety of evening entertainment including a movie night, talent show, concert and disco dance.

Two Men Are Indicted After Two Year Search

Two years' investigation into a South Texas cattle theft case by field inspectors of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association culminated in the indictment of two men in Edinburg, Texas, recently, says Don C. King, TSCRA secretary-general manager.

Indicted by the 206th District Court grand jury there on five counts of cattle theft was Pete Stout, former cattle man-

ager of Monte Cristo Ranch near Edinburg. Also charged on three counts of cattle theft was Joseph Talmadge (Tab) Marchant, an El Paso cattle dealer.

Stout and Marchant are accused of unlawfully selling several hundred head of Monte Cristo cattle in 1977 and pocketing most of the money. The cattle were sold at private treaty and at auction.

Specifically, Stout is

charged with unlawfully appropriating 123 head of cattle, two bulls, 26 head of cattle, nine head of cattle and seven head of cattle from his former employer, millionaire recluse Wallace Groves. Marchant was charged with unlawfully appropriating 123 head of cattle, two bulls and 26 head of cattle.

TSCRA field inspectors estimate the value of the cattle and ranch equipment involved in the thefts to be in excess of \$600,000.

"The two purebred Simmental bulls, imported from England, were valued at \$26,000 each, but were sold for \$2,000 each," King said. The bulls have been located by inspectors on a ranch near El Paso.

The 123 head of percentage Simmental cattle have been located on a ranch in Duval County and another small package of cattle have been discovered in Bexar County, King said.

Stout, a former college football star at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth in the late 1940's and later a professional with the Washington Redskins, could receive up to 20 years and a \$10,000 fine on the second degree charges and up to 10 years and \$5,000 for the third degree charges.

Marchant's indictment includes two counts of theft over \$10,000 and one count of theft less than \$10,000.

Monte Cristo Ranch was sold by Groves in 1977. Allegedly, Groves, who now lives in the Bahamas, asked Stout to seek buyers for the cattle and ranch equipment, and the misappropriations began at that time. Groves became suspicious and TSCRA was notified. His law firm also retained a private investigator from Houston.

The investigation, which may involve others on civil and criminal charges, is continuing, King says.

The long-drawn, often complex investigation by the TSCRA inspectors, all certified peace officers with special Texas Ranger commissions, involved more than 20,000 miles of travel by car and 5,000 miles by plane. Investigating officers were TSCRA Field Inspectors J.G. (Chick) Saenz of Benavides, Jim DeLesdrenier of San Antonio, and Bill Hargis of Van Horn, and Texas Ranger Pete Montemayor of El Paso.

TSCRA, which employs 29 field inspectors in Texas and three in Oklahoma, is a 102-year-old livestock producer group representing more than 13,000 cattlemen

In Those Days

ONE YEAR AGO

July 27, 1978--County commissioners approved the creation of the County Child Welfare Board under direction of the Department of Human Resources.

County residents received a breather from the drought as they received from one-half to 1.2 inches of rain.

Melissa O'Harrow, Juanita Taylor and Joan Edmiston won placed during a meeting of the West Texas Ladies Auxiliary Roadrunners.

Mrs. Kerry Joy was named chairman of the fall campaign for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Patti Hausensluck won a cotton award during the district 4-H dress revue.

FIVE YEARS AGO

July 25, 1974--Capt. and Mrs. Thad Thompson had moved to Caracas, Venezuela. Capt. Thompson had recently suffered a stroke.

Leslie Baker had completed 50 years with the First National Bank of Eldorado.

Gail Claudine Storei and Pete Whitten were married.

Mr. and Mrs. Rance McDonald had returned from a trip to California.

The 1943 fire truck was to be sold by the county.

12 YEARS AGO

July 27, 1967--Roy Lynn Love was stationed at Cu Chi in Viet Nam, on the Mekong Delta.

Norman Cash, native of Eldorado and a member of the Detroit Tigers, hit a grand slam home run against the New York Yankees.

The Railroad Commission ordered all oil and gas operators to quit using unlined surface pits

for the disposal of oil field salt water.

Gene Nixon won a trip to the Astrodome in a contest sponsored by KGKL radio station.

Granny Munc celebrated her 91st birthday at the rest home in Christoval.

Going to Boy Scout camp at Camp Sol Mayer were nine boys, James Holley, Mike Manning, Benjie Jay, Dwaine Ruskens, Mark Calk, Mark Bland, Steve Sykes, Bob Sykes and Jerry Childers. The were accompanied by Jim Holley.

35 YEARS AGO

July 28, 1944--Funeral services were held for Leonard Isaacs, 33, a victim of an oil field accident nine miles from Fort Stockton.

Sgt. Gardner McCormick, stationed at Athens, Ga., returned to his duties after spending a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van McCormick and other relatives.

Miss Jean Sproul was transferred by Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company to Sonora.

Attending a home demonstration meeting in the home of Mrs. Ray Bruton were Mrs. W.E. Bruton, Mrs. John Lloyd, Mrs. Victor Sauer, and son, Mrs. Clemens Sauer and daughter, Mrs. J. Tom Williams and children, Miss Virginia Ryan, Miss Ruth Thompson and Mrs. Nick Jurecek and son.

The state health officer issued a warning concerning infantile paralysis, saying that mosquitoes and flies were under suspicion as carriers of the germ causing the disease.

Weatherization Grant Given To Texas

The State of Texas has been awarded a grant of \$2,722,500 to continue implementation of a Home Weatherization Program for low-income citizens throughout the State, it was announced today by G. Dan Rambo, Regional Representative of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy

The grant will allow the State to weatherize an estimated additional 4200 homes of low-income persons under a plan developed by the Texas Department of Community Affairs. This will be the third year that weatherization assistance has been provided to low-income Texans under the DOE Weatherization Program.

The Texas program is part of a Nationwide effort

to reduce energy consumption and improve the dwelling unit environment of the low income persons in the Nation.

Martin Service Held Saturday

A memorial service was held at First United Methodist church here Saturday afternoon for Robert Henry Martin, a native of Schleicher County who was burned severely in an oil well accident Monday night. He died Wednesday morning in San Antonio.

The Rev. Ron Sutto officiated during the service.

Mr. Martin, 53, was born here and was a long-time rancher in Schleicher County. He had lived in San Angelo for the past few years.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; two daughters, Candace and Gilliri; two sisters, Patsy Kenner of Houston and Bina Sue Martin of Menard and a brother, Jim Martin of Eldorado.

Local Women Win At Bridge

Imogene Edmiston and Mary Christian were first place winners in Duplicate Bridge Club competition last week.

Bernice Sweatt and Evelyn Wimer won second, and Ina Lambert and Clay Porter won third. Fourth went to Helen Bebee and Tom Ratliff.

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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny, the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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From The Horses Mouth

By JERRY SWIFT
Schleicher County Agricultural Agent

Although cattle grub damage appears as knot-like cysts on animals' backs during late fall and winter, now is the time to control the costly livestock pests.

To control grubs, use a systemic insecticide—one absorbed into the animal's blood system—between May 15 and July 15. Systemics are best applied as pour-ons or sprays.

Treatment for cattle grubs also controls hornflies for two to three weeks.

As always be sure to follow the insecticide's label instructions carefully.

Cattle grubs begin their life cycle when heel flies attach their eggs on a cow's flank and hind leg hairs. Cattle goose step or run wildly with their tails in the air when heel flies attack. They often

find relief by standing in deep water or shade.

Heel flies often disturb cattle sufficiently to keep them from grazing, thereby causing weight loss and reduced milk production.

Heel fly eggs hatch after four days and grubs enter the skin at hair follicles. They reach the throat after migrating five months. Don't treat then or the throat will swell, killing the animal. Grubs remain in the animal's throat for about six weeks.

About three months later, grubs reach the animal's back where they excrete an enzyme to form a breathing hole. Mature grubs work their way out of the cysts, drop to the ground and pupate (change into the heel flies) under trash or in the soil, emerging six weeks later.

Disability Explained By Angelo Manager

Franklin H. Upp, manager of the San Angelo Social Security Office, said that some people have the mistaken idea that everyone who qualifies for social security disability payments receives benefits for the rest of their lives. This idea probably came about because of the definition of disability in the Social Security Law. To qualify for monthly social security benefits, an applicant must have a disability that is medically determinable, and is expected to last 12 months or longer, or result in death. This is a very strict definition of disability. However, many people who have such severe disabilities do recover and return to work.

The law requires the Social Security Administration to furnish the state Vocational/Rehabilitation Commission the names and addresses of all applicants for social security disability benefits. Vocational Rehabilitation also receives information regarding the extent of their disability, work experience, and educational background. If Vocational Rehabilitation believes they can be of service in returning the individual to the work force, the individual is contacted.

Rehabilitation will help the individual with counseling, additional training, and sometimes assist him in obtaining employment that he can perform in spite of his handicap.

Rehabilitation has been quite successful, particularly with younger workers, in returning them to the work force. Many times young workers who

have never done anything but manual labor suffer disabilities that prevent them from ever doing this type work again. However, it is frequently possible for them to secure training that enables them to work at jobs that do not require strenuous physical exertion.

Mr. Upp said that anyone desiring information regarding the services available from Vocational Rehabilitation can contact them by telephone. The telephone number is listed under the heading of their state in the telephone directory, e.g., Texas-Rehabilitation Commission.

He said some workers make complete medical recovery and return to their old jobs without any outside assistance. The law requires that anyone who is able to return to work must have their disability payment terminated. Most beneficiaries who return to work are eligible for a trial work period of up to 9 months. This means their social security payments will not be terminated until they have had an opportunity to determine if they have recovered sufficiently from their disability to continue working. After the successful completion of a trial work period, payments can be made for an additional 3 months and the payments then are terminated.

Mr. Upp said anyone with questions regarding social security disability payments can visit, write, or call the nearest social security office for additional information.

Grimsley Rite Held Monday

Funeral services were held Monday for the father of a Schleicher County woman, Mrs. Otis (Ora) Deel. Robert William Grimsley, 97, died Satur-

day at West Texas Medical Center after a two-week illness. Services were at University Church of Christ in Abilene with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Mr. Grimsley was born May 12, 1882 in Fannin County. He married to Essie Smith in 1903 in Belcherville and moved to Abilene in 1926. He was an abstractor and retired at the age of 77. He was county treasurer of Montague County and an elder in the Church of Christ for more than 60 years. He was the author of two religious books. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Deel and Mrs. Penn (Orbie) Gilbreth of Abilene; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Fool Mother Nature By Using Transplants

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One direct way to avoid this problem is to set out transplants. This is all fine and good if the home problem is to set out transplants. This is all fine and good if the home gardener is interested in going through the process of transplanting, but often home gardeners prefer to seed certain vegetables directly into the garden.

How can you seed directly into the garden and get the plants to come up to a proper stand during the heat? One obvious method would be to provide a better environment in which the seed can germinate and thereby grow into a healthy and vigorous seedling. Believe it or not, this can be done in most areas of Texas by simply modifying the seeding area right in the garden.

A simple way to do this is to mark off the desired rows in the garden. In most areas of Texas, it is important that the soil be bedded prior to planting. This is especially true in fall gardens and in areas where excess rain occurs during the fall gardening season.

After the garden has been bedded and the rows marked off, take a hoe handle or stick and make a seed furrow. The seed furrow will vary in depth but in general is usually 3/4 to one inch deep. Next comes a very important step. After the seed furrow has been made, take a watering can or water hose and apply water directly into the seed furrow. Apply sufficient water to wet the

loosened soil to a depth of two or three inches. In some cases you might have to apply water several times rather than once.

Always plant more seed than needed. After the water has soaked in, scatter the seed evenly along the furrow. Soaking the seed in water overnight will help get the germination process started. Instead of covering the seed with the garden soil after it is sown, use a material such as compost, peat moss or vermiculite. By using a media like compost as a covering material, you will provide a better environment in which the seed can germinate and grow.

Problems associated with soil crusting and resulting poor aeration will be eliminated. If you use a light-colored material, the seeding area will be cooler. With a material like compost, depth of seeding is still important but not critical. Small seed planted a little too deep will still come up. In a few days, depending on the crop planted, the seed should germinate and begin to emerge. It is especially important at this time that you do not allow the soil to dry out. Additional water should be applied as needed.

Once the plants have emerged, you might consider applying a protective shade or cover on the west side of the row to protect the plants from the intensive summer sun. This protection can be in the form of a board, cardboard or shadetype cloth. Once the plants are an inch or two tall they should be thinned to the proper stand. From this time on, most crops will continue to grow and thrive and produce a highly productive crop of fall and winter vegetables.

Flowering annuals such as pansies, dianthus, snapdragon, phlox, nasturtium and violas should be transplanted since seeds are expensive and difficult to grow.

Letter To The Editor

The Jackie L. Harris family wants the people of Eldorado, Texas to know

Miss Warnock On Dean's List

Charlene Warnock, Box 114, Eldorado, has been named to the Dean's Distinguished Academic Honor List at Baylor University for academic achievement during the spring semester.

Miss Warnock, a junior at Baylor, was one of 825 students named to the University's two academic honor lists. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a grade point average between 3.6 and 3.79 while registered for a minimum of 15 semester hours. A grade point average of 3.8 or above qualifies a student for the Dean's Distinguished List.

Clinton Sykes Born July 21

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sykes became the parents of a baby boy, Clinton Reed Sykes, born July 21 in Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo.

He weighed six pounds, nine ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sykes of Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schrader of San Angelo.

we have moved back home. We are so proud and happy to be back in Eldorado where the people are the warmest and friendliest in the whole state. We just want to share our good fortune and happiness with all of you.

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by Nancy Lester
County Extension Agent - Home Economics

Barbecue can be a magic word. Barbecue suggests brown crusted meat with the aroma of wood smoke hovering about. It also suggests the enjoyable accompaniment of family and friends gathered about with enormous appetites whetted by the fresh air, bright sunshine and smell of cooking meat.

Cooking meat over an open fire is thought to be early man's introduction to eating cooked foods. Whether this was started by accident or on purpose, it was at that time simply searing and heat. Ages later when seasonings were discovered the barbecuing art was born.

Dry Barbecue Mixture

1/4 c. celery seed, bruised
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1/2 t. sesame seeds
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2 T. salt
Combine ingred. & mix thoroughly. Sprinkle over meat on grill after it has begun to brown & its surface is moist enough to hold the mixture. Sprinkle a little at a time but repeatedly, at interval, until surface of meat has a light but thorough coating. Excellent on spare-ribs. It may also be used on many oven-roasted meats. Try it on any pork

Young Farmers Are Organized

A group of Schleicher County agricultural producers met July 16 to organize the Schleicher County Young Farmer Chapter. Young farmers are a statewide organization that meets monthly for educational purposes.

Officers for the coming year will be Hyman Sauer, president; Roy Gene Lloyd, vice president; Johnny Griffin, secretary; Mike Mikeska, treasurer and Steve Williams, reporter.

Regular meeting dates were set for the third Monday of each month, with the next meeting on Aug. 20.

Membership is for anyone who is interested in agriculture. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and join the organization.

Good Neighbors Keep Officers

The Good Neighbor Extension Homemakers Club met July 16 in the home of Janie Sparks. Extension agent Nancy Lester gave a program on nutrition and weight

control. Members voted to keep the present officers for another year. Seven members were present. Mary Gausemeir was a visitor.

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Mack Wallace Says

"A Bolder And More Significant Proposal" Needed For Energy

Texas Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace today said President Carter's attack on the nation's energy dilemma this week could have packed much more punch.

"A bolder and more significant proposal by the

President would have called for the restriction of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the immediate lifting of price controls on all forms of domestic energy," he asserted.

Wallace discussed the

U.S. energy situation before an audience of crude oil purchasers and public interests representatives at the RRC's monthly hearing to set legal rates of Texas oil and gas production for August. The Commission continued the statewide oil allowable at the 100 percent market demand factor through the coming month.

Wallace told a near-capacity turnout in the Hilton Inn hearing room that the nation's energy, inflation and national security problems can be

solved by "unimpeded production of energy and construction of vitally needed transportation facilities and refineries."

Using a map of North America, Wallace traced the 7,000-mile-long sea lanes used to transport some 1.2 million barrels of oil from Alaska's flush fields through the Panama Canal and the Caribbean Sea to Gulf and Atlantic coast refineries. He emphasized the route is a "tenuous" and "vulnerable" energy lifeline for obvious reasons.

"One is the Panama Canal upon which the United States should no longer depend, and two is Cuba which is in eye's range of tankers which traverse the Windward Passage," the Texas energy official cited.

"It is as if our precious energy supplies all over the world move in the shadow of the Soviet Union," he observed.

Wallace pointed to the now-abandoned California-West Texas pipeline project and the proposed

Northern Tier pipeline from Puget Sound to Minnesota as alternatives to "the expensive, risk-laden (oil tanker) route" through the Panama Canal and by Cuba.

The Long Beach-Midland pipeline could save American consumers \$750,000 a day, while Northern Tier would affect a daily savings of \$1,772,500, he reported.

Wallace said Americans today are more dependent on their forefathers than on their forefathers were as colonists.

"We foresook the marketplace for the federal bureaucrat," he added in a blame-pinning observation.

"We've had too much bureaucratic mismanagement and environmental overkill, and too little national leadership," he contended.

Wallace deemed President Carter's proposal to create a National Energy Mobilization Board "an important step in the right direction if the President and the Congress do not want to make the hard

choices" necessary to solve U.S. energy woes.

Commission Chairman John H. Poerner expressed appreciation to Wallace for his comments.

"I admire you for all the energy to do all of this research in addition to your duties, your chores and such at the Railroad Commission," said Poerner. "That is duty beyond the call of duty and I know you feel strongly about it, as we all do. We admire your leadership in this regard."

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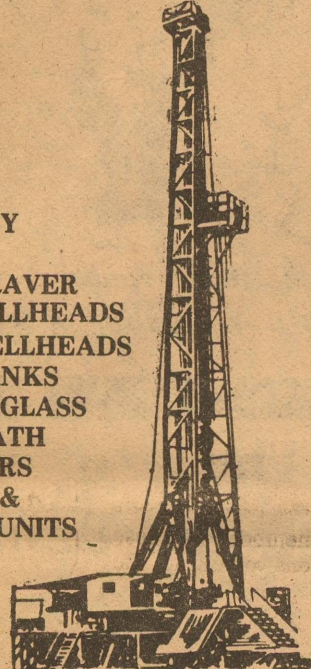
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Gasoline poisoning On The Increase

Gasoline poisoning has increased "tenfold" recently, according to Mike Ellis, director of the Texas State Poison Center, and Ellis says the upsurge seems to be directly related to the gasoline shortage in the area.

Ellis says his department is receiving an average of 10 calls a day about gasoline poisoning. "This time last year," he admits, "we were only getting about one call a day for the same thing."

The increased practice of siphoning, Ellis thinks, is a major connection between the rising number of gasoline poisoning cases and the gasoline shortage. He says adults, because of the shortage, are siphoning gas from car to lawn mower, from car to car to other car, and he calls this practice "dumb at the very least."

Gasoline siphoning can cause a person at least two major problems, he says. Ellis says a person can swallow gas while transferring it, and the effects can be serious, even deadly. "Gasoline can go into the stomach," he says, "if the epiglottis slams shut and does not allow it to go into the lungs." In the stomach it will be nauseating and may cause vomiting, he says.

"Once it is in the

stomach," Ellis says, "it is absorbed, the aromatic hydrocarbons can sensitize the heart to any catecholamine, such as adrenaline."

"What this means," he continues, "is with gasoline in the stomach and the heart sensitized, if a person becomes startled or afraid or experiences any sudden emotion that causes adrenaline release, that adrenaline can potentially cause the heart to go into ventricular fibrillation. That person can be dead in four minutes, unless remedial methods, such as countershock, are performed."

A second potential problem of gasoline siphoning is that of aspiration or getting it into the lungs. "If a person coughs or chokes after sucking on the hose, he may possibly have gotten some of the liquid into his windpipe and a set of new and different problems will occur," Ellis says.

Upon entering the trachea and lungs, the gasoline is quite irritating. "The lung tries to take care of the irritating liquid by diluting it."

The most severe effect of gas aspiration, however, is that the oil-based product physically spreads out and coats the lungs.

"Depending on how extensive the coating is," Ellis says, "will determine how

much lung tissue is spared. It will determine if life can be maintained." In simple terms, aspiration can mean death.

"Children" Ellis says, "are more likely to aspirate petroleum products than adults." Ellis recently watched two 15-month-old girls, in unrelated cases, die of petroleum

distillate aspiration. "We put them on respirators," he recalls, "but only about one-third of their normal body oxygen was getting through."

"Once a child ingests a petroleum product," Ellis says, "they're not out of the woods for 18 hours. We don't know whether they're absolutely clean

for 18 hours."

Ellis says if gasoline ingestion does occur in the home, the first thing to do is call the Poison Center at 713/765-1420. "If there is a lot of coughing or choking, we'll send the person in for an X-ray to see what the baseline looks like. If there's no coughing or

choking, we'll put the person on an 18-hour watch for fever, coughing, chest congestion or any signs that we may have an aspiration problem.

"Sometimes it may be that we tend to overreact," Ellis says, "but we would much rather be safe than sorry."

August Oil Production Set At 100%

The Railroad Commission today set the Texas oil production rate for August at 100 percent of market demand for the thirtieth month in a row and the 86th time since the Commission first went to the ceiling level in April 1972.

Chairman John H. Poerner and Commissioners James E. (Jim) Nugent and Mack Wallace directed the continuance of the maximum allowable after receiving and reviewing purchaser nominations for Texas oil in August totaling 2,728,735 barrels daily, a decrease of 7,452 barrels daily when compared with July buyer requests.

August permissible rate of output is calculated to average 3,500,485 barrels daily with actual produc-

tion estimated at 2,670,000 barrels daily. The maximum allowable applies to all but 11 fields in Texas that are assigned lower legal rates of flow for conservation reasons.

Poerner reported that August nominations for the purchase of Texas gas totaled 23,559,820 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) daily. Gas nominations for July amounted to 22,294,013 Mcf daily.

The next statewide oil and gas hearing will be held Thursday, Aug. 16 at 9 a.m. at the Quality Inn in Austin.

Major purchasers filed these floor nominations for Texas crude oil output in August:

Don Harris, Sun Petroleum Products, 104,100

barrels daily, down 1,700 barrels daily from July; Al Gagneux, Mobil 227,500, up 2,000; M.R. McKown, Marathon, 67,460, unchanged; D.L. Williams, Gulf Oil, 129,000, unchanged; Harry Nester, Conoco, 56,000, unchanged; J.C. Mann, Union Oil of California, 43,000, down 2,000; C.J. Boudreaux, Exxon U.S.A., 395,000, down 6,000; John Lee, Texaco, 110,000, unchanged; R.C. Mesec, Phillips Petroleum, 80,000, unchanged; Phillip T. Corrigan, Amoco Production, 285,000, down 2,500; Henry Cologne, Chevron U.S.A., 59,354, unchanged; Harold Lindley Jr., Cities Service, 90,000, down 5,000, and W.W. Con-

ners, Shell, 240,000, up 5,000.

Purchasers filing changes in their nominations from July advised the Commission that the moves were attributable to the companies' efforts to bring their requests more in line with anticipated receipts from producing leases.

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Increased Values For Oil & Gas Boost Texas Economy

Increased values for Texas oil and natural gas last year resulted in a substantial boost to the state's economy, but a sharp drop in Texas reserves marks a disturbing trend, according to report published by Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

In the new edition of its annual facts series, 79 Facts About Texas Oil and Gas, which is distributed free to the public, the Association points out that Texas oil and gas reserves dropped significantly in one year. The 1977-78 decline for natural gas was 12.3%, for crude oil, 9.2%.

Reversal of this trend would require additional drilling, application of sophisticated and expensive recovery techniques to older fields, economic incentive, and the productive forces of free enterprises, the report says.

According to 79 Facts, all Texans last year shared in rising values for Texas crude oil and natural gas, which pumped \$1 billion in tax revenues into the state's treasury, provided more income for royalty owners—including state government—and resulted in additional jobs and \$5.2 billion in wages for industry employees.

Spotlighting key elements of Texas oil and gas industry operations, 79 Facts offers facts and figures covering several performance categories, including production, refining, offshore, drilling, employment, economics, and taxation.

79 Facts may be obtained free on request to the Association, 1341 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas 75247.

Help For Holding Down Bills

Just as consumers can count on a long hot summer, they can count on utility bills rising along with the temperature. So this is a good time to ask, "What can be done to hold down rising utility bills?"

First, use the air conditioner only when it is really needed. Second, use a whole-house ventilating fan (not an attic fan) instead of the air conditioner when it's 82 degrees Fahrenheit or below outside, or unless it's very humid. This can cut utility bills considerably. Third, use or buy cooling equipment that meets the need. Overcooling is expensive and wastes energy. Select a unit with the lowest suitable capacity and the highest energy efficiency rating available to cool your home.

If an 80 degree setting raises the home temperature 6 degrees (for example, from 74 to 80 degrees F), savings of between 12 and 47 percent in cooling costs can be realized, depending on location. If air conditioning temperatures nationally were raised 6 degrees, the Nation would save the equivalent of 190,000 barrels of oil every day.

Setting the thermostat at a colder setting to accelerate cooling when the air conditioner is turned on also wastes energy. Set the fan on high speed except in very humid weather. When

it's humid, set the fan on low speed which will result in less cooling, but more moisture removed.

Here are some more tips on the efficient operation of an air conditioner:

Clean or replace filters at least once a month. When the filter is dirty, the motor has to run longer to move the same amount of air, requiring more electricity.

Turn off window units when leaving the room for several hours. Less energy will be used cooling the room later than if the unit was left running, even on low speed.

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Energy Conservation Plan Receives Grants

Grants totaling \$3,270,200 have been awarded the State of Texas Governor's Office of Energy Resources for continuation of implementation of the Statewide Energy Conservation Plan, it was announced today by G. Dan Rambo, Dallas, Regional Representative of the U.S. Department of Energy.

The grants will be used to continue the funding of program measures including: 1) Thermal and lighting efficiency standards, 2) Vanpool-Carpool Programs, 3) Energy ef-

iciency in government purchasing, 4) Energy programs for public schools, 5) Conservation programs for the residential sector, 6) Conservation programs for the commercial sector, 7) Conservation programs for the industrial sector, 8) Agricultural programs, 9) Local energy conservation programs.

Rambo said additional information concerning the State of Texas Energy Conservation Plan could be obtained from David Marks, Director, Governor's Office of Energy Resources, 7703 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas 78752.

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Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Says

Get "The Regulators Out Of The Energy Business"

The Federal government's efforts to regulate energy production, distribution and use have caused the current energy shortage and it's time to get "the regulators out of the energy business," says the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

The livestock producer group, meeting in Corpus Christi July 6-7, sent a resolution to President Carter and his energy advisors calling for deregulation to President Carter and his energy advisors calling for deregulation of U.S. energy so that "this country's vast energy resources may be located, developed and distributed to the American consumers in the most expeditious and equitable manner ever devised by a civilized society."

Texas Railroad Commissioner Jim Nugent of Kerrville told the 410 cattlemen in attendance that the long-term energy picture for Texas is bleak unless alternate sources of energy are developed. He pointed out that Texas is the leading state in lignite coal supplies, has a burgeoning gasohol industry, is rich in shale oil and has an excellent potential for solar and geo-thermal energy production.

In a bullish short-term outlook on cattle prices, Dr. Ed Uvacek, Texas A&M University livestock economist, warned that double-digit inflation was short-changing cattlemen and deflating current cattle prices.

A 10 per cent decrease in beef supplies for consumers in 1979 will be offset by an almost two

per cent increase in total red meat production. He also said cattlemen are beginning to rebuild depleted cattle numbers.

Feeder cattle this fall will not be in tight supply as expected earlier. Light calves should bring no less than 85 cents a pound this fall. He expected feeder prices to follow the fed cattle market, but with higher grain prices, that market's profit margins will be slim.

J. Evan Goulding, legal counsel for the National Cattlemen's Association in Denver, reviewed cattlemen's struggle to remove a ban on 2,4,5-T, a herbicide used in brush control for decades. NCA and other livestock associations have joined Dow Chemical Company in a lawsuit to overturn the Environmental Protection

Agency ban. Goulding warned that negative publicity and attempts to link the cost-saving tool to the controversial Agent Orange of Vietnam notoriety by the media, environmentalists and emotional elements within the Veterans Administration could force manufacturers to abandon production entirely.

Dr. George Race, special advisor to Texas Governor Clements on human and social diseases, reviewed his report to the governor on the brucellosis eradication program. His recommendations were similar to those prepared by TSCRA President John B. Armstrong of Kingsville for the Senate Committee on Appropriations recently.

The cattle raisers passed three other resolutions.

--Opposition to any limitation of hide exports which would have a negative effect and cause financial losses to the cattle industry.

--Endorses efforts of National Cattlemen's Association and other cattle organizations to have hexachlorethane reinstated or the delay of a ban by the Food and Drug Administration until adequate substitutes are provided. The drug is used in the treatment of liver flukes in cattle.

TSCRA also endorsed efforts to produce for Texas cattlemen the British product Valbazen, a drug used in 20 countries and available in Mexico for the treatment of the costly and debilitating parasites.

--Asked for a postponement of the ban on DES,

an estrogenic drug used to promote growth in cattle, and the possible ban of Synovex, a similar drug, until a high-level, impartial study by a qualified organization is made on the merits and demerits of both.

A detailed explanation of the recent law allowing agricultural lands in Texas to be taxed on productivity rather than speculative cash value was made by Ed Small, TSCRA attorney. Agricultural landowners have until July 16 to file for this valuation in 1979.

The two-day meeting concluded with a tour of King Ranch.

Armstrong said the next quarterly meeting of the 13,090 member group will be in Laredo November 9-10.

Let's Save The Rats?

Re-print from the Junction Eagle

W.J. (Dub) Waldrip on a recent trip to New York City discovered a story in THE NEW YORK TIMES about rats attacking a woman near City Hall. As general manager of Spade Ranches, Dub is acutely conscious of the work of wildlife preservation groups, and, fearing retaliation against the world's population, felt honor bound to take some sort of action in the rats' behalf since eastern conservation groups seem to be more concerned with eagles and coyotes.

After founding the Rat T Life Society, Dub fired off the following letter to the TIMES.

Editor
The New York Times
219 W. 43rd St.
New York, N.Y. 10036

Dear Mr. Editor:

I read with interest, and some alarm, your account in the May 13th edition of the rats attacking a citizen in your fair city. My alarm was triggered by the interference that some action was to be taken against the entire rat population. This is certainly unfair, and I am grateful that we are more civilized out here in this part of the country. At one time we were just about as ignorant. We have, at times, population explosions of coyotes, wolves or other predators; but clear thinking members of such organizations as Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, Wilderness Society and a multitude of others have pointed out how fortunate we should feel to contribute our lambs and calves to the care and feeding of these poor animals. The fact that we now support more of these animals than ever before in our country's history attests to the success of our program.

Since the great majority of the members of these associations come from the large population centers

such as those along the eastern seaboard, I surely expect them to join us in this fight to save our rats. Surely rats have as much entitlement to life as coyotes and other creatures. To identify and punish the guilty rodent is one thing - but to poison indiscriminately certainly will upset the delicate ecological balance. don't tamper with our ecosystem!

After all, you have plenty of folks up there. Don't you think it would be worth giving up a few of them for the joy of looking out at night and seeing a big trophy-sized boar rat silhouetted in the moonlight as he scampers up a pile of garbage!

Sincerely,
Wm.J. Waldrip, President
Rat To Life Society

While we have no accurate membership list for the Rat To Life Society, we feel sure the Save Our Rats movement has gained considerable support in the Southwest.

July Weather Favors Red Spider Mites

Be on the lookout for mites this month. Red spider mites and Banks grass mites are both favored by hot and dry weather--and this July may have more than its fair share of hot, dry day.

Weather projections for July show less rain than usual for all areas except East Texas, where wetter

conditions are expected. Temperatures will be above normal in West Texas, but should be around seasonal levels elsewhere, says Clint Langford, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

So, during a hot, dry spell, watch for mites in both field crops and home

gardens. Mites will attack most any plant but seem to prefer cotton, corn and sorghum in the field and beans, tomatoes, southern peas and eggplant in the garden.

Mite populations tend to

build rapidly when host plants are under moisture stress, so adequate water is the first defense against mites. In dryland crops, spot treatments of field margins on areas where crop stress usually shows

up first may keep mites from spreading throughout the field.

Heavy rains sharply reduce mite populations, so recheck fields and gardens to see if control is still required before you spray.

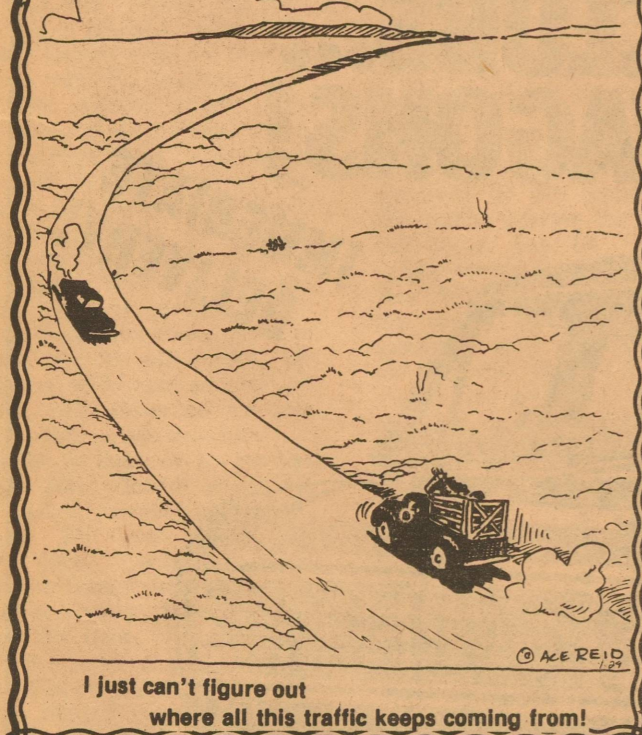
Gardeners can keep mite populations low by spraying vegetables with the garden hose every few days, suggests Clint.

While dry weather tends to hold down population increases of screwworms, fleas and ticks, face flies in cattle tend to get worse, especially when cattle congregate around water.

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Texas Farm & Ranch Safety Week Proclaimed

Governor Bill Clements has designated the week of July 25-31 as Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Week. The purpose of the observance is to encourage renewed emphasis to make Texas farms and ranches a safer place to live and work.

Texas Safety Association in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System will conduct a week-long statewide safety campaign.

Urging all who live and work on Texas farms and

ranches to make accident prevention a part of all activities, the governor noted, "One of the most persistent barriers to agricultural well-being has been farm and ranch accidents."


Texas Safety Association Vice-President for Farm and Ranch, Gary S. Nelson pointed out that, "Each year approximately 10,000 Texas farmers and ranchers suffer disabling injuries. Accidents not only cause human suffering but by causing equipment damage, time delays, and

permanent disabling injuries, accidents rob the agricultural sector of valuable talent and productive capacity."

Clements further noted, "It has been proven that accidents on farms and ranches can be prevented by controlling equipment hazards, ending unsafe practices and by the use of protective equipment."

The State of Texas joins the entire Nation in the designation of July 25-31 as Farm and Ranch Safety Week.

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Democrats Eyeing Methods Of Picking Their Delegates

AUSTIN — While President Jimmy Carter is shaking up his administration, Texas Democrats are busy selecting a method of picking delegates to the 1980 presidential nominating convention.

Some party leaders favor a presidential preference primary like the Texas Republicans are going to have. Others favor picking national convention delegates through the state convention route. The State Democratic Executive Committee is scheduled to approve an official plan on July 28, and many Capitol insiders feel the decision is more important than is generally believed.

Mrs. Carrin Patman of Ganado, chairman of the SDEC rules committee, says she is convinced SDEC will vote for a convention plan but leave room to add a non-binding presidential referendum to the primary ballot to be used as a guide at the state convention. The plan is a reasonable compromise between those who want a binding primary and those who don't want any kind of presidential contest on the primary ballot.

"Smoke-Filled Rooms" State Sen. Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas, is among the Democrats who favor a binding primary in which delegates would be apportioned according to popular vote.

During a Dallas County hearing last week, Mauzy argued that failure to hold a primary would signal the voters that Texas Democratic Party was heading back to the days when decisions were made in "smoke-filled rooms" and by manipulating the precinct-to-state convention process.

State Rep. John Bryant said "it would be a very bad mistake" to not hold a primary. The Dallas legislator said Democrats would be hard-pressed to explain to voters why the party is not holding a primary when the Republicans are gearing full steam for theirs.

One reason the Republicans are so eager to hold a primary which they feel will attract a significant number of conservative Democrats to cross party lines is they

are proud of three Texas Republicans; announced presidential candidates John Connally and George Bush and dark-horse Gov. Bill Clements, often mentioned as a vice presidential choice should Connally and Bush both falter.

Clements has refused to take sides in the primary matter, at least publicly.

A possible Clements opponent in 1982, Speaker of the House Bill Clayton also refuses to take a public position other than neutral in the issue of the Democratic primary. Clayton, by the way, attended the Southern Legislators Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, last week with Reps. Dan Kubiak, Bill Prenal, and Bob Davis.

Education Shake Up Dramatic changes have already taken place in the state's public education system and more changes may be ahead.

Texas Education Agency

commissioner Marlin Brockette announced he will retire later this year, and two deputies will leave with him.

Gov. Bill Clements has appointed a special advisory committee on education to study the public education system. He campaigned last year with a promise to return to basic education in Texas. Recently he has stated it may be necessary to change the make-up of the State Board of Education from an elected one to one appointed by the governor with Senate confirmation.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

"Public Not Allowed" Clements' new committee met last week and ran into a collision over the open meetings law with a House Education Committee official.

Saying the public was not allowed to attend, Clements' office manager Allen Clark asked Education Committee clerk Rock Fritz to leave a meeting of the governor's advisory committee. Allen said the committee wanted to talk "about personalities, assigning people to committees."

Fritz checked with the Texas Attorney General's office for an opinion on whether the Texas Open Records Act applies to advisory panels and was told the law was not clear.

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Card of Thanks

I want to thank all our many dear friends for the nice things they did for us at the loss of our loved one and for the visits, calls, cards, and for the food and beautiful flowers. We love you all,
The Family of Mrs. O. L. Woodward

We want to thank everyone who helped extinguish the grass fire on our ranch Friday. Without your help, it couldn't have been stopped. Words cannot express our appreciation for your effort.
Dick and Winnie Bearce

We want to thank everyone for the expressions of sympathy during this time of grief-for all the cards, flowers, prayers, food and calls. We appreciate each and every one of them.
Jim and Nelva June Martin

Public Notice

I, Orval N. Edmiston, Tax Assessor-Collector for Schleicher County, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7244c, V.T.C.S., have calculated the tax rate which may not be exceeded by more than three (3) percent by the Commissioners' Court of Schleicher County, Texas without holding a public hearing as required by Article 7244c, V.T.C.S. That rate is as follows: \$.95 per \$100 of assessed value

Orval N. Edmiston
Tax Assessor-Collector
July 16, 1979

There will be a public hearing held on proposed budget and setting of tax rate for the year of 1979 for Schleicher County Hospital District.
The hearing will be held in the dining area of the hospital at 7 p.m. July 30, 1979.

E. C. Peters
Secy-Treasurer

There will be a Woman's Aglow meeting Aug 2 at the Massie Club House in San Angelo. Starts at 9:30 am. For more information call 853-3091
726m1p

Highway 27

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much as \$60 million. The savings against the Brady Route would range from \$124 million to perhaps as much as \$176 million.

This factor alone should determine that the Sonora Route is the best choice for the West Texas four-lane road.

(2) Maintenance Cost: But building the road is only the most immediate part of the problem. The Texas Highway Department also must consider maintenance for the next 30 to 40 years.

Last year, it was costing \$4,000 a mile to maintain a four-lane highway in the Del Rio district. By 1981, this will be at least \$5,000 a mile. The average cost over the next three decades is certain to be at least \$10,000 a mile. Using this figure, the savings by using the Sonora Route would be:

\$310,000 a year less than the Junction Route, or a savings of \$9.3 million over 30 years.

\$1,040,000 a year less than the Brady Route, or a savings of \$31.2 million over 30 years.

To sum up construction and maintenance cost savings, the Sonora Route would mean a minimum savings of more than \$50 million against the Junction Route and a minimum savings of more than \$155 million against the Brady Route.

(3) Traffic Flow: Of the three possible routes out of San Angelo, the established traffic count pattern favors Sonora by a significant margin.

Using the Texas Highway Department's official traffic count

for 1977, the Sonora Route already carries more through traffic than both the other routes do. If the lowest traffic count along the routes is considered the best indicator of through traffic, more North-South West Texas traffic already prefers the Sonora-San Angelo route.

(4) Population served by Sonora connection would be substantial. Sonora population (including residents outside city limits but within 3 miles of city center) is approximately 6500. Residents of Del Rio, (population 35,000) of Eagle Pass (population 22,000) of Cuidand Acuna (population 46,000), Piedras Negras (populations 80,000) would get on the North-South controlled access route a Sonora. U.S. 56 and U.S. 83 to Junction is too tortuous for easy access to the Interstate system.

There is only one shortest route to serve this population.

(5) According to count, Amistad visitors in 1978 numbered 1,250,000. Projections for the 1979 year are 1,400,000. Easy access to this facility would afford even greater participation by West Texans. There is only one shortest route to Amistad.

(6) Military benefits: This connector would give a direct North-South route between Laughlin AFB at Del Rio and installations at Abilene, Lubbock and Northward. There is only one shortest route to serve this need.

(7) Industrial benefits would be enormous. The Sonora Gas field centering on Sutton County and extending into Val Verde, Real, Schleicher, Crockett and Tom Green Counties is served from an industrial site in Sonora. The next nearest service center is at Odessa, some 200 miles distant.

The future demands for drilling, servicing and delivery of petroleum products indicates an ongoing need for first class transportation needs for at least twenty-five years.

Lack of rail facilities and lack of a first class connector route with the Odessa-Midland complex will inhibit the growth of this petroleum recovery effort at a time of maximum national need. There is only one shortest route to serve these needs.

(8) A new port of entry to Mexico would result. Extensive

bridge, culvert, grade and alignment on U.S. 277 South of Sonora has been done in the last three years. At a time when the United States is making every effort to better its trade relations with Mexico a connector between the Western part of Mexico (Acuna, Musquiz, Monclova, Scltrillo) would promote tourism in Mexico on the one hand and our ability to transport products from the interior without funneling through the Eagle Pass or the Laredo ports of entry. There is only one shortest route.

If West Texas needs a North-South road, and it desperately does, the road should serve the growing North-South needs and not angle to the East.

When all the facts are considered, the task force is confident that the merits of the Sonora Route for the proposed West Texas four-lane will prevail.

The dollar savings to taxpayers would be tremendous if the Sonora Route is designated, and North-South traffic in West Texas from the border with Mexico to the High Plains would be better served.

Copies of the position of the committees of the three communities are being forwarded by the committee to Sens. John Tower, Lloyd Bentsen, Congressman Tom Loeffler, State Senator Pete Snelson, State Representative Susan McBee and to Governor Clements, requesting that each do his utmost to support the position of these West Texas cities.

The committeemen of each community urge interested citizens to correspond with their elected officials in support of this proposition.

Miss Brame Is

Now In Italy

An Eldorado student, Elizabeth Brame, is now in Parma, Italy as part of a nine week exchange program under direction of the American Field Service.

Miss Brame left Eldorado the end of June and spent two days in orientation in New York. From there, she spent four days in orientation in Rome and then traveled by train to Parma.

Additional Plans Made For Open Rodeo

Additional plans have been made for the Open Rodeo sponsored by the Eldorado Jaycees Aug. 17-18. The rodeo will feature five events, with one \$200 trophy buckle awarded in each event.

Festivities will begin with a parade starting at the Memorial Building Friday afternoon.

On Saturday, there will be a catered barbecue meal both at noon and at supper. A dance that night will follow the rodeo performance.

Books for the rodeo will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug 13. Anyone interested in entering should call Glynn Dell Glasscock at 853-2944. The rodeo is being produced by the Devil's River Rodeo Association from Sonora.

The Jaycees are busy this week preparing to pour cement for a new slab they are building at the rodeo arena. The slab will be used for the dance this year and then hopefully a building will be added at a later date.

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell, in accordance with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of the company's intent to implement a new schedule of telephone rates in Texas effective August 3, 1979.

It is expected that the requested rate schedule will furnish a 6.09 percent increase in the company's intra-state revenues.

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Home Front

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Gwendolyn Gunstead is in Eldorado visiting Laura and Linda Gentry. The Gentry girls had gone with their mother, Pat Gentry, to Lewisville to visit the Gunsteads the previous week Gwendolyn will be here until Saturday.

Leslie Baker is in room 258 of Shannon Hospital. He was to undergo surgery Tuesday morning. Bessie Doyle was in Kress last week visiting her son, Jerry Doyle and his family.

The John Hyde family has returned from a visit to Arizona.

Mrs. Imogene Edmiston and the Jerry Edmiston family went to Monahans for a cousins reunion last weekend. Going with them were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roth, Jason, Amy and Lori of Piedmont, S.D. Returning with Mrs. Edmiston at the end of this week are her sisters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Roth of Piedmont and Mr. and Mrs. R.T. McDaniel, and a niece and her husband Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morrison of Sidney, Montana.

Evelyn Wimer has returned from a ten day trip to Hawaii. She went with a tour out of San Antonio with 16 other people.

Producers Team

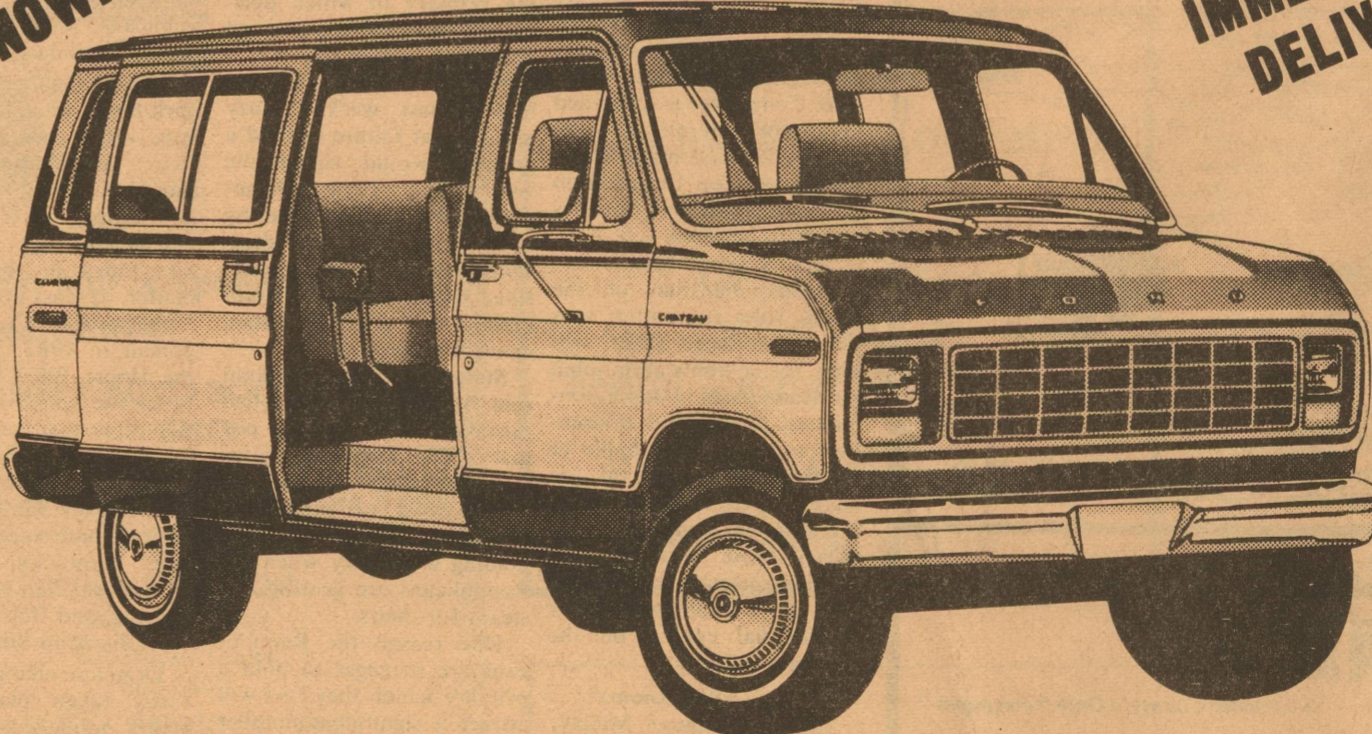
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