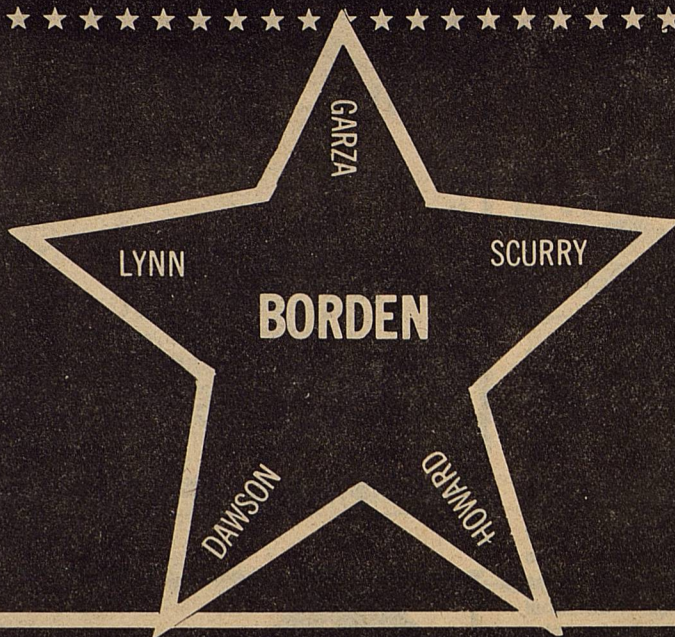


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ATTEND 4-H TEEN LEADER LAB-- Young leaders from Borden County 4-H clubs participated in the District 2 4-H Teen Leader Lab. The three-day summer workshop was held last week at South Plains College in Levelland. Attending from Borden County were, from left, CHIP SMITH, MARQUITA MENIX, KENT CAMPBELL, VAN LEE YORK, and TERRI MORENO (not pictured.)

## Teens Attend 4-H Leadership Lab

Nearly 200 young leaders from 4-H clubs in 20 South Plains counties participated in a district teen leadership laboratory in Levelland June 19 through 21.

The three-day summer workshop was held on the campus of South Plains College, said Billy C. Gunter and Mrs. Catherine Crawford, district agents with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Participants from Borden County were Marquita Menix, Terri Moreno, Van Lee York, Chip Smith, and Kent Campbell. They were accompanied by Sam Field and Kathy Blagrove, County Extension Agents.

Each year the lab provides an opportunity for outstanding 4-H Club members to receive training in leadership and program development. Participants are expected to assist local adult leaders in planning and conducting activities in local clubs. A team of older teen-age 4-H'ers will assist in conducting the training sessions.

Theme for this year's lab was "We'll Recreate and Play" (WRAP). Emphasis were on teen leader training for recreational activities. These

included songs, new games, folk dances, disco dances, quiet games, vesper programs and other forms of physical and spiritual recreation.

Officers and delegates for the 1979-80 District 4-H Council were installed at the lab.

In addition to developing their skills for working with younger club members, lab participants had time for relaxation and fun and opportunities to broaden their friendships.

Four-H is year-round program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service which is open to all youths.

## Wandering Wheels

Sixty-six Christian Bicycle riders came through Gail and stopped at the Sunshine Mercantile for refreshments, Friday, June 22. These riders, known as the the Wandering Wheels, departed from San Diego, California, June 7 and hope to arrive in Florida July 17. Their ages ranged from 15 years to 55 years old.

The 1979 bicycle touring group is the nineteenth Wandering Wheels team to travel coast to coast across the United States. The majority of the riders are from the Midwest. However, twenty states are represented.

The sixty-six riders ride in groups of six which include about 100 miles per day. The team includes male and female riders.

Each rider finances his or her own trip. They are self-supporting Ambassadors, encouraging the nation to have faith in her youth.

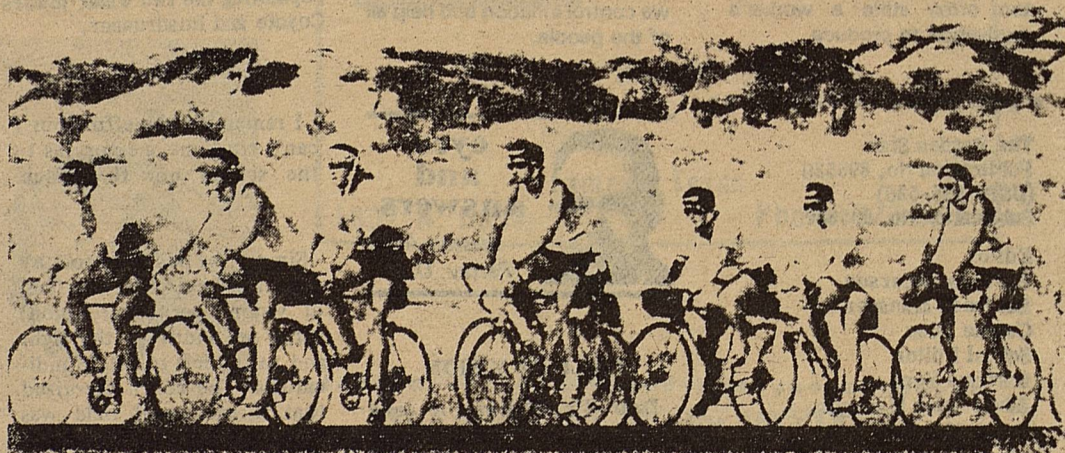
The majority of the meals are prepared by the Wandering

Wheels' staff. The riders sleep in sleeping bags on the floor or the ground during the trip.

Support vehicles carry the major portion of equipment. The riders carry only their daily needs.

Programs are given by the group throughout the trip, sometimes as many as five or six per week. The cyclists are not a choir riding bikes, but a cycling group that happens to sing. They have a good sound! Most of the music is about Jesus Christ and ones walk with Him.

The groups have had various experiences on their trips since 1966. Some of those experiences are: crossing deserts in 120 degrees - crossing mountains as high as 12,183 feet - meeting public officials (President Truman in 1966, President Johnson in 1967) - Receiving keys to several cities Being the subject of numerous newspapers and magazine articles, as well as radio and television programs.



HALF WAY THERE--Sixty-two bicyclists touring with Wandering Wheels, a religious organization, rolled into Gail Friday evening. The group left California June 8 and expects to arrive in Florida July 7. About one month will be needed to cover the 2,500 miles trip.

### Open 4-H Horse Show & Play Day

June 30 at Gail

start at 9:00 a.m.



**Congressman**  
**Charles W. Stenholm**

**Congressional Comment**

**Washington, D.C.** — A considerable amount of attention is being given these days to the growing dissatisfaction many citizens are having over high taxes and excessive government spending. People in Washington are finally beginning to reassess the will of the American people. Are the people most concerned about high taxes, excessive government spending, or waste? I believe they are telling us that they are not getting their money's worth for the taxes they pay. When workers get their paychecks every month and see the large income and Social Security tax withheld, they are wondering where and why it all goes — Good question.

One of the areas of greatest concern to the taxpayer is our growing social services programs. Next year the government will spend over \$300 billion on these projects. Much of this money goes for worthwhile services such as health care for those truly in need, income maintenance for the disabled, and services for the needy elderly. But a considerable portion of this money goes for programs that do not in any way increase the assets of America or provide gainful employment for those out of work. Often money is given to people who can and are supporting themselves. And one of the most costly side effects is the almost complete destruction of the work incentive for some of the poor on welfare. Why should anyone work if his or her income is already provided for? Government handouts too often stifle a worker's motivation to produce.

Last week the Agriculture Committee proposed to lift the spending cap on the Food Stamp Program and thus increase costs by over \$1 billion. In 1964 when the Food Stamp Act was adopted there appeared little question that the intent was to assist the legitimately needy of America in meeting their nutritional needs, particularly the children. This goal has grown out of proportion and the working taxpayer is now being asked to support too many people who are either voluntarily unemployed or who can and should be supporting themselves. In 1967 there were 1.5 million recipients, but 18.5 million people are currently enrolled in the program. The food stamp program is now out of control with one out of every four persons eligible for assistance and it is growing by leaps and bounds. The answer is not to spend more money, but to reform the system. We need to eliminate food stamps for strikers and college students. The eligible income levels should be lowered to make sure food stamps go only to those who are truly in need.

Certainly I realize that the government has to provide for those people who are physically unable to care for themselves — we are our brother's keeper. But the state has no obligation to support those individuals who can work, but don't. It is time to put people back to productive labor earning a living and not permit the government to rob a person of his dignity by giving him a handout. Only then will we control inflation and help all of the people.

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**eyes and answers**  
Weston A. Pettey, O.D.

**FIELD OF VISION**

Dear Dr. Pettey: A long time ago, a football coach in California had the field of vision of his players checked to see if a player did better in snagging a pass over his right or left shoulder, or on the right or left side of the field. I don't remember his name, but could you please tell us about it?

I remember the effort but I can't trust my memory as to the school nor the coach.

Simply, he had been told by a doctor friend that the field of vision (peripheral vision) varies in width to the right and to the left in *SOME* individuals. The coach theorized that if the visual field was wider on the left side, a pass catcher could, while running down the field, spot an oncoming ball more quickly and accurately looking back over his left shoulder than over his right. Therefore that player was sent down the right side of the field. The converse would be true for the oppo-

site field of vision width.

For a while the coach thought he had come up with something really good. But it turned out that not many players had a difference in width of vision fields to right and left; plus the fact that about that time, passing and catching became much more sophisticated—the ball being thrown to a calculated spot in a predetermined zone. The runner nowadays is supposed to "run under" the pass.

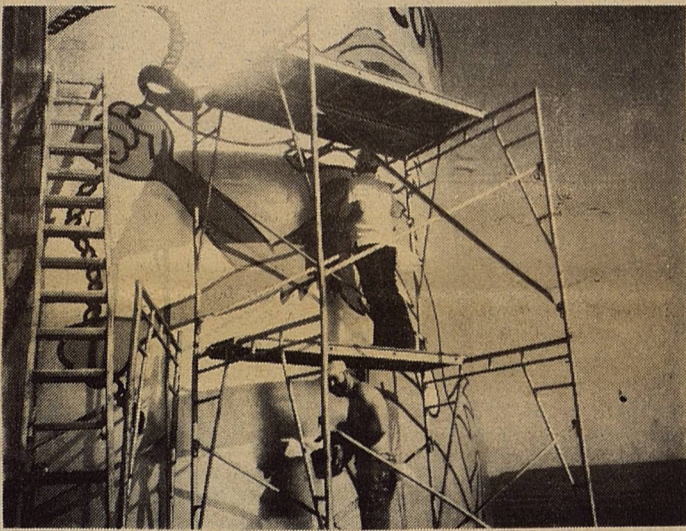
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COACH MAXWELL and COACH ROEMISCH are just putting the finishing touches on the Coyote. They spent just about 6 days repainting the two water towers and putting new "faces" on the Coyote and Roadrunner.

**The Speaker Reports**  
  
**by Bill Clayton**

AUSTIN—Don't believe it if you hear that the just completed session of the Legislature was pro-special interest/anti-consumer. The facts just don't match up with what actually happened.

It is a fact that in August the state's interest rate ceiling will be able to float from 10 to 12 per cent, but it is only for a two year period. The change was necessitated by money market conditions that sent costs of borrowing to record highs. The only alternative was the drying up of the Texas housing industry and the jobs it produced. Hundreds of thousands of future home owners would have likely been denied home ownership.

The usury rate bill, then, should not be termed anti-consumer, because consumers will have the product available to them and an entire industry will not be strangled to death.

Some say the consumer protection and deceptive trade practices laws were weakened, but the fact is that both sides of the issues agreed and in the final analysis the acts can be viewed as consumer oriented.

Line up as victories for the consumers the long-awaited Peveto bill, which mandates single county-wide tax appraisals and contains elements of initiative and referendum for the taxpayers.

Also to be counted are new health care programs, tighter regulation of hazardous toys, wider choice for selected medical services under insurance policies, broader automobile insurance coverage and doing away with automobile insurance increases because of speeding ticket convictions.

So by and large, you can determine for yourself after looking down the list, that this was not an anti-consumer/pro-special interest session but a very balanced session of the legislature.

# What's Hap-nin

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burkett Mr. and Mrs. Van Kountz and Mr. and Mrs. Corky Ogden traveled to Lubbock last week to entertain the R. V. Road-runner Club that meets once each month from around the area. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kountz of Lubbock are regular members.

Claudia Ogden won 4th place in the barrel race in the PRC A rodeo this week in Big Spring, Texas.

Bess Smith has just returned from the 10th Annual Livestock Marketing Congress in Denver. She also attended the National Championship Livestock Auction Contest in Brush, Colorado. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walker while in Colorado.

Aubrey Rogers spent last weekend at Lake Whitney where he attended the Rogers Family Reunion.

Lynn Maxwell's father, M. B. Maxwell of Rotan, Texas had surgery on his knee last Thursday in Midland. Mr. Maxwell is doing very well and should be home soon.

## Ambulance News

We had our first ambulance run in several weeks when Mrs. Johnnie Proffitt collapsed in Church Sunday morning. Buster Taylor and Larry Smith carried her to Lamesa Medical Arts Hospital where she was admitted for observation.

Donations since last publication:  
Mrs. Edna Miller

Please remember our EMS meeting on the 11th of July at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Building. We should have the new Ambulance by then and invite everyone to come and see it.

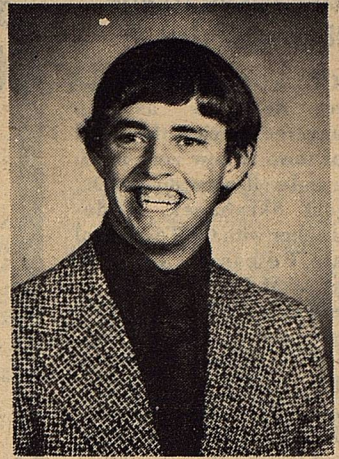
/s/ Fran Bennett

## New Arrival



Lin and Debbie Smith are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter to the Smith Ranch in Borden County. Dora Michaelin Smith was born June 10, 1979 and weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Bess Smith of Borden County and the late James E. (Bun) Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilson of Lamesa and Shirley Cates of Odessa.



CLIFTON D. SMITH

## Receives Scholarship

Clifton D. Smith, a 1975 graduate of Borden High School in Gail, has received a scholarship from the Society of Real Estate Appraisers and the College of Business Administration of Texas Tech University for outstanding grades in appraising. He will graduate from Texas Tech in August with a major in Agricultural Economics and an emphasis on Ag. Finance.

Smith is the only student chosen from Tech to be awarded Internship with the Veterans Land Board for this summer. He will be appraising land in the northeast area of Texas, while completing his course work.

He was listed in the National Dean's List for 1979 and Tech's Dean's Honor List for the spring semester with a 3.94 grade point average out of 4.00.

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## Athletic Patches Here

The patches ordered by Borden High School athletes have arrived and may be purchased in the school office.



JUDGES ATTEND SEMINAR--Lanette Patterson of Fluvanna, justice of the peace in Precinct 2, right, was among 56 justices of the peace from across the state attending a 24-hour justice of the peace training seminar in Odessa. The training center is based at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Shown with Mrs. Patterson are Lulu Adams, justice of the peace in Coahoma, and Bobby J. West, justice of the peace at Big Spring.

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Just why can you be so carefree about this salad? It contains fresh vegetables which need only a minimum of preparation; artichokes from a jar, with its marinade reserved for the dressing; instant foods such as Mozzarella cheese which needs only to be cut in strips and spicy salami sliced into triangles.

Brighten the dressing by adding vinegar, oregano, salt and garlic to the liquid from the artichokes. Chill this separately from the greens, vegetables, cheese and salami which may be arranged in a bowl, also, to chill.

If you want to keep the meal low in calories, then serve it with crisp bread sticks and chilled glasses of milk for balance.



Pizza Salad contains many of the ingredients in the popular hot dish, but this time they're chilled so you can keep your cool during hot humid days.

### PIZZA SALAD

8 servings

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| 1 jar (6 oz.) marinated artichoke hearts                     | 12 cherry tomatoes, halved   |
| 1 bunch romaine  | 1/4 pound thinly sliced fresh mushrooms  |
| 1 head iceberg lettuce                                       |  |
| 1/4 cup vinegar  | Drain artichoke hearts, reserving marinade. Remove outer leaves of romaine to line salad bowl. Tear 3 cups romaine and 5 cups lettuce; toss together and chill. For dressing, combine marinade, vinegar, oregano, salt and garlic. Set aside to blend flavors. To serve, line a large salad bowl with romaine leaves. Fill with chilled greens. Arrange artichoke hearts, green pepper, cheese, salami, tomatoes and mushrooms over the top. Pour dressing over salad. |
| 1 1/2 teaspoons crushed oregano                              |  |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt  |  |
| 1 clove garlic, crushed                                      |  |
| 1 green pepper, cut in strips                                |  |
| 1 package (10 oz.) Mozzarella cheese, cut in julienne strips |  |
| 6 slices salami, cut in eighths                              |  |

## Small Texas towns still alive today

COLLEGE STATION — Once depicted as an endangered species, the small Texas town is now very much alive and well, according to Dr. Robert Skrabanek, a demographer with the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University.

Between 1970 and 1975, three-fourths of all Texas towns with 100 to 500 inhabitants recorded population increases, he said. Of the 268 of this size, 194 had population gains. Only 74 had losses.

Skrabanek sees no end to the move to the country in the near future. He cites crime, pollution, congestion, drugs, delinquency and other related problems as reasons for dissatisfaction with big cities.

## Notice

NEXT WEEK'S PAPER WILL BE ONE DAY LATE DUE TO THE JULY 4 HOLIDAY.

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## Open Horse Show Scheduled

The 1979 Borden County 4-H Open Horse Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 30. The show will begin at 9:00 a.m. and entries are due then. There will be a \$3.00 entry fee charged per event.

Trophies will be awarded to 1st through 6th place winners in all classes. Champions and Reserve Champions will also be awarded trophies. The High Point Individuals in each age group will be presented with Belt Buckles.

The age of the participant on January 1, 1979 will determine which of the three age groups to enter. Groups will be 8 years old or under; 9-13 years old; and 14-19 years of age.

There will be four Halter Classes with all age groups together. The Halter classes will be Registered geldings, Grade geldings, Registered

mares, and Grade Mares.

The five performance classes will be; Showmanship, Reining, Western Pleasure, Pole Bending and Barrel Racing

In each performance class, contestants will compete only in their own age group with the exception of Reining, all age groups will compete together.

The Texas 4-H Horse Show Rule Book will be used as the Official Rule Book, with the following changes:

1. No married contestants are allowed.
2. Contestants in age groups 9-13 and 14-19 must be 4-H members.
3. The minors release on the official entry form must be signed by parents or legal guardian.
4. Contestants may use only

one horse at the show. The horse must be owned by the contestant, brother, sister, parent or legal guardian, and each contestant must use a separate horse at the show. (Contestant and horse constitute one entry.)

5. Contestants must show at halter to be eligible for the high point awards. Showmanship will be considered a performance event. Points will be counted on highest 4 classes

6. A six point system will be used in all classes.

7. No stallions are permitted at this show.

The Horse Show Committee stresses good sportsmanship and will not tolerate any unsportsmanlike conduct.

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# Tale of the Cat

BY John Stiles Griffin

What can a family on vacation do to protect itself from the wiles of a professional cat burglar? Plenty! And here's a professional cat to tell you how.

Anaheim, California: The family of five left their room wearing gaudy T-shirts, straw hats, and wide grins, and headed for "the Magic Kingdom." The stranger noted their room number and glanced at the dusty station wagon with Indiana plates.

An hour later the stranger left their room, the rest of the family's vacation in his pocket - \$1,000. The "cat" was hunting.

From 1957 to 1974 such happenings were everyday life for me. I was a hotel burglar, one of a faceless army of "cats" - as they're known in the trade - who prey on travelers. Today my capers are fictional and are read by mystery fans rather than detectives on the crime report, but new recruits have filled my place. The army marches.

Hotel burglars were once pictured as the exclusive nemesis of the jet set, balcony-hopping dashing figures plying their trade in the lofty towers of American and European luxury hotels. No more. The target today is middle-class America, and the time, summer vacations.

Figures aren't available for the true number of hotel burglaries that take place each year-diversity in categorizing crimes makes this impossible. Also, many thefts are never reported by hotels that fear bad publicity, even though it often is the guests' carelessness that makes them victims.

"This carelessness", reports one executive of a hotel chain, "causes much of the problem. If travelers used the services offered by hotels and motels, losses to thieves could easily be halved."

Granted, there does exist a burglar elite whose big scores you have undoubtedly read about - their second-story tactics and intricate methodology have fascinated crime readers for years-but the vast majority of today's cats are after dollars, not diamonds. They are more actors than acrobats, according to one Miami Beach hotel detective. "They can be stopped by becoming familiar with their basic ploys, and reacting to them with effective counter-measures."

## PARDON ME...

One of the most effective methods of entry requires little more than a sheepish grin and a convincing acting job. Innkeeping hospitality is the key-hospitality that is expected by travelers, too, I might add.

This was what happened to the visitors in Anaheim. A wet swimsuit, a hotel towel, and a somewhat embarrassed "Pardon me, but I guess I left my key in my room," provided entry. A maid immediately and courteously opened the door for the thief. Other circumstances may dictate a bathrobe and newspaper costume to accompany the "I'm locked out!" The roles are endless, and cats are confirmed hams.

## OPEN HOUSE

Another way inns key burglars is a housekeeping technique I call "open house". As with other businesses, cutting costs is a prime concern of innkeepers. One operation born of this need is "assembly-line housekeeping" in which several rooms are opened at once.

About 70 percent of today's inns-closer to 90 percent of smaller motels-now practice this method of preparing rooms. It saves money, I'm told, but it also lets a burglar prepare for future entry, as the rooms being revamped are left open for periods of 30 minutes to an hour.

"But no one is in those rooms," one house dick observed to a security consultant at a recent innkeeping seminar.

"That's right," he nodded, "but, given time, any pro can prepare for future entry," he explained, picking up a patio door lock which had the hasp filed off. "This took some character a minute to do and cost a couple of kids their honeymoon."

## KEY KEYS

No professional hotel burglar is without a stockpile of individual room keys which he constantly adds to and disposes of as they outlive their usefulness. One such keyman apprehended in California had more than 2,000 keys, representing about 300 hotels and motels in 18 western states.

This laxity of key accountability is a problem without a clear-cut solution, but travelers make it worse by failing to turn in their keys when they check out.

One motel in Texas recently

reported 130 keys missing in a single month. Another inn had a similar problem and the manager told me, "I know that some of the keys that come up missing find their way into thieves' hands, but at five bucks a door, changing locks is too expensive, particularly when two days later I may have to change them again."

## POOL WATCH

Another method of entry begins at poolside, particularly in motels where guest rooms open directly onto the swimming area. Here, the cat simply waits for his victim to hit the pool; well-established tourists habits assure that his wait will be rewarded.

After a day on the road, families usually swim in massees and leave their valuables in their rooms for safekeeping. This presents a golden opportunity for the cat.

When the thief isn't prepared in advance for entry, acting or observation becomes his or her forte (an increasing number of women cats - even families of felines - have been nabbed in recent years). A variety of ruses are used, from the casual introduction and name exchange at poolside to a quick check of your car (in most motels, it's parked directly in front of your room) for a name-and from watching you exit your room, he has your room number already.

## ROOM NUMBER

## NAME

## LOOT


This formula is virtually foolproof; and when accompanied by the "Pardon me/swimsuit act" at the hotel office, your second key can be garnered. Hello key - goodbye money.

## BLITZING

Travelers who utilize "Ready for Maid" signs often make themselves instant victims for what is known in the trade as a "blitz"; that is, the burglarizing of a number of rooms in a single spree. In theme-park towns like Anaheim, Orlando, Houston, and Dallas, blitzing is particularly popular. In the blitz, the cat first reverses the signs to "Do Not Disturb" and notes the rooms. Then he makes his rounds as rapidly as possible - one team of cats once hit 174 rooms in a single morning.

Remember, too, that burglars are past masters at un-

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By Wrangler Wrapid Transit

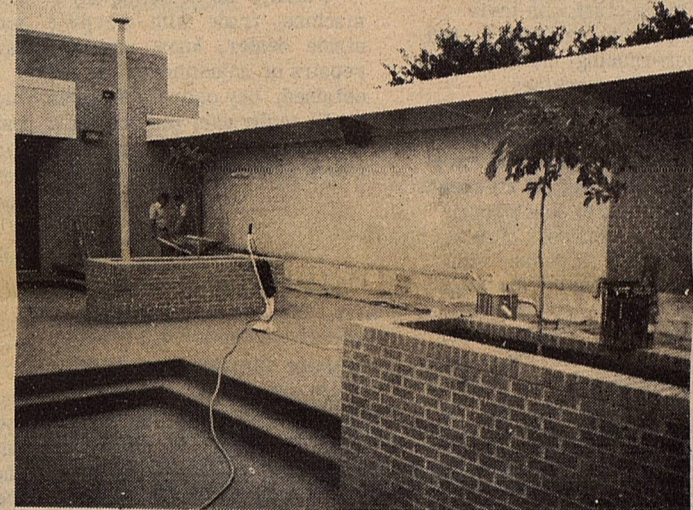
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## SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

By Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia



A diner said to a waiter, "Look here. I ordered chicken pie, and there's no chicken in this pie."

"Well," he replied, "we also serve cottage cheese, and there's no cottage in it."

And sometimes I am afraid that Christ is not in many of our so-called Christians and Christian churches.

Look at the word CHRISTIAN. If you take CHRIST out of CHRISTIAN you have I-A-N. Without Christ, I-A-N signifies I Am Nothing.

Yes, you can have cottage cheese without a cottage, horse radish without a horse, and chicken pie without a chicken. But you

cannot be a Christian without Christ.

St. John wrote in the Gospel that bears his name, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on His name."

Dr. Luke wrote in the book of Acts, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

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# The Chatter Box

by  
Kathy Elagrave

## ELECTRONIC SEWING MACHINES

Electronic sewing machines--some with a "brain" (computer) and pre-programmed touch buttons--have advantages and disadvantages, so shop carefully before buying.

Not all are fully electronic. Many are a combination of mechanical and electronic parts, but if a machine has just one electronic feature, the company may label it "electronic."

Electronic features on these machines range from simple electronic needle power to the complex touch-button pre-programmed stitches.

### ADVANTAGES

Advantages of electronic machines start with their having more reliability and cooler-running motors than mechanical machines.

Electronic machines have more sensitive foot power.

Also, they generally have full needle power at all speeds enabling you to sew through several thicknesses of heavy fabric, such as denim, without speeding up the machine.

In addition, electronic machines with touch-button stitch control let the home-sewer change from straight stitching to zig-zag to decorative stitching with the simple touch of a finger.

These machines almost "sew for you."

### DRAWBACKS

On the other hand, electronic machines have some drawbacks.

Most cost more than mechanical machines--the more electronic features, the greater the cost.

In shopping for one, ask to see the inside of the machine head to determine the extent of the electronics.

Drawbacks also include the fact that electronic parts are more sensitive, so they can be damaged easily by improper handling. This can make internal cleaning difficult or impossible.

### REPAIR PROBLEMS

Repairs may be expensive and difficult to obtain. Many machine repairmen don't know how to repair electronic machines, so a machine may require shipping to the company for repair.

If the "brain" is damaged in a pre-programmed touch-button machine, the entire part usually must be replaced. This can be costly.

Also, if the programming was not done correctly by the manufacturer, adjustments will be needed.

Parts may be difficult to obtain, too, because a particular model may have been discontinued.

Some machine companies change models as often as they perfect the machine.

Finally, in selecting any machine, trade with a reputable dealer, know where repairs or adjustments can be obtained, buy only the features you'll really use, and get warranties or adjustment agreements in writing.

Lack of consistency and negative examples set by parents, however unintentional, produce confusing situations for young children who do not have the abilities to sort and select "expected behavior," says Diane Welch, a family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Service, The Texas A & M University System.

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Make sure that electric and gasoline-powered garden tools are sharp and well-lubricated says a housing and home furnishings specialist.

Properly maintained tools use less energy, explains Pat Seaman, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.

## Cat

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covering the "secret hiding place" of money or valuables. I once illustrated this point for a friend by divining his carefully hidden cash from a pair of dirty socks in a little more than a minute - and I'm getting rusty. Practicing cats are in top form.

Lodging personnel are doing their part to stem the mounting tide of pilferage. Elaborate and costly security systems have been devised, including a computer-card system, which I believe will one day be standard fare in all inns - it reprograms the locks for each new occupant. But the real burden of protection falls on you, the traveler.

Now that you've seen how your opponent operates, it's up to you. Your knowledge and the following suggestions can send the cats scurrying in search of other game.

-Avoid traveling with an excessive amount of cash, and never leave your money in your room, no matter how well you think it's hidden. Use the inn's safe to store extra cash and valuables. The inn is accountable for property in the safe; they are not accountable for losses from your room.

-Inspect all room locks, including those on windows and patio doors, when checking in to make sure they have not been "fixed". If they aren't operational, call the hotel desk. A nightly lock check is also a good idea.

-Pick up the spare room key when you check in, thus depriving some would-be-thief of free admission to your room.

-Although it may seem unsociable, develop a healthy skepticism to chance acquaintances, particularly in motels where your entry to the pool area indicates your room number.

-Be certain your car is locked securely, and in motels with direct parking, that your name isn't visible in the car.

-Some kind words to the maid may well pay an extra dividend of protection. Be visible. Maids are the eyes and ears of any hotel complex and having them place your face with your room may keep some bathing suited actor out of your room.

-Never use the "Ready for Maid" sign.

-If possible, ask that your room be made up while you go out to breakfast. Then hang the "Do Not Disturb" sign out when you leave for the day's activities.

-If you go out at night, leave a light on, the patio drapes drawn, and the television on-an operating television during the day's activities is also a good idea.

-As a final protective measure, a rubber doorstep that sells for less than a dollar might keep you from losing all your valuables. By jamming the stop under your door at bedtime, you can prevent entry by even the most talented pro.

The author spent 15 lucrative years as a hotel and motel burglar and is currently imprisoned on an unrelated charge.

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# COTTON TODAY

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Cotton's Best Customers Counted: Men's and boys' clothing continues to wear the pants in cotton's family of customers and last year accounted for 688,000 bales in trousers and shorts alone. Towels and wash cloths consumed 618,000 bales for a close second, and sheets and pillowcases used 493,000 bales. These and other facts about cotton's use are outlined in the National Cotton Council's latest edition of "Cotton Counts Its Customers." The report also reveals that half of all U. S. cotton consumption is in clothing of all kinds, more than a third goes into home furnishings, and 15 percent into industrial uses.

Philippines Good Prospect: A report from a Cotton Council International trade team visiting the Far East indicates there's growth opportunity for U. S. cotton exports in the Philippine Islands. The trade team includes Albert Kyle and Donald Johnson of Lubbock. They reported that the island's textile industry is expanding rapidly after extensive modernization. Textile officials there say 125,000 bales of U. S. cotton will be used in the Philippines this season, and estimate they'll use 150,000 bales of our fiber next year.

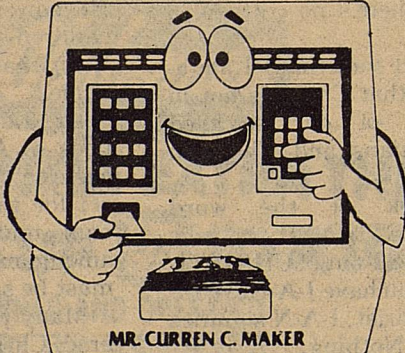
The U. S. trade team also will visit Indonesia, Thailand, Bangladesh, and India.

Exports Riding High: Shipments of almost 80,000 bales during the week that ended June 3 brought the season's total to 4.97 million bales. A year ago, the export total was 4.3 million bales. The week's new sales of 24,000 bales pushed total orders and commitments for this marketing year to 6.789 million bales, compared to 6,444 a year ago. The new marketing year begins Aug. 1 and American shippers and cooperatives have already sold almost 1.7 million bales from the crop that's in the field.


Crop Insurance Being Finalized: The Senate Agriculture Committee is putting the finishing touches on S. 1125, a bill to improve and expand the Federal Crop Insurance program. The bill proposes to extend for two more years the current crop disaster plan, but it would exclude counties eligible for federal crop insurance. The proposal also provides for protection of up to 75 percent of established yield, along with a 20 percent subsidy of insurance premiums.

And Cotton Yesterday: The first American-made cottonseed oil was exhibited in Philadelphia in 1768.

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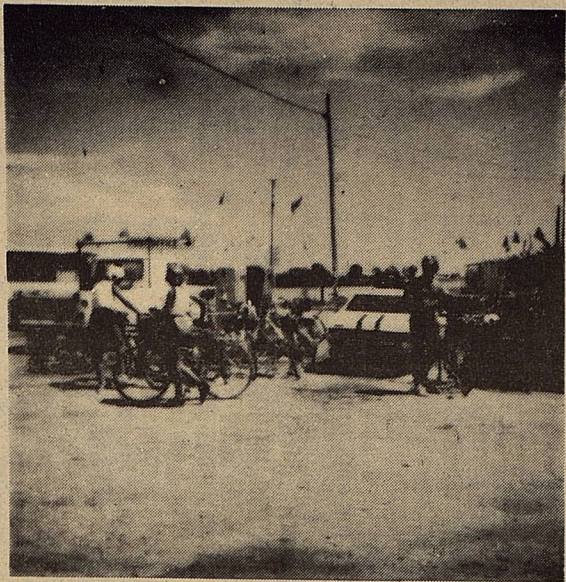


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The Wandering Wheels Bicycle team left the road for a few minutes to relax and have a snack at the Mercantile last Friday.

## Your County Agent Says By Sam Field

### DISPOSAL OF RABIES EXPOSED ANIMALS

Any unvaccinated animal bitten by a known rabid animal should be destroyed immediately, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A & M University System.

However, if the owner is unwilling to do this, the unvaccinated animal should be isolated for six months. One month before it is released, the animal should be vaccinated with a modified live virus.

If the animal has a record of current vaccination, it should be revaccinated immediately after it has been bitten and restrained for at least 60 days. However, a 90-day confinement period is preferable.

Tissues of exposed livestock can be safely eaten without risk of infection if the animal is slaughtered within seven days after being bitten. Persons killing and skinning an exposed animal should wear gloves to prevent possible exposure from the wound area. Liberal portions of tissue near the bite should be discarded.

## TDA Program Will Honor Early Farm, Ranch Owners

AUSTIN—Registration for the Family Land Heritage Program, sponsored annually by the Texas Department of Agriculture, (TDA) will extend through August 15, according to Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown.

The program honors those families who have maintained agricultural production on the same land for 100 years or more, Brown said.

"We especially want to concentrate this year on the Central and South Texas counties. Many settlements developed in the late 1800's in those areas and we hope to record at least 100 farms and ranches that are a century old in 1979."

So far there have been

No products from a clinically rabid animal should be used for human or animal consumption. However, pasteurization temperatures will inactivate the rabies virus. So drinking pasteurized milk or eating completely cooked meat from a rabid cow is safe.

When an apparently healthy domestic animal bites a person without provocation, suspect rabies. Confine the animal and contact a veterinarian or kill it immediately and have it examined.

Signs of rabies in wild animals cannot be interpreted reliably. Therefore, they should be killed at once and the brains should be examined by a veterinarian for evidence of rabies.

A total of 556 cases of rabies were confirmed by the Texas Department of Health in 1978. Most of these were in skunks, 447, with 46 in bats, 17 in cats, 11 in cattle, 9 in dogs, 6 in rats, and 19 in horses, racoons and coyotes. Only one case was confirmed in a human.

This information is supplied by Dr. Jim Armstrong, Extension veterinarian.

1,245 properties registered in the program, Brown said. The honorees are presented a certificate in state ceremonies in the fall and receive a copy of the Family Land Heritage Registry, which contains a brief history of all properties qualifying each year.

Applications may be obtained from three sources, the county judge, the chairman of the county historical society or TDA, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

Applicants must provide supporting documents on ownership of the land, both to the county judge for his certification and to TDA. The final decision on the farm or ranch's eligibility is determined by TDA.



### CERTIFICATION DEADLINE

July 15, 1979, is the final date to report your crop and set-aside acres. All farms in all counties in which you have an interest must be certified, even if no NCA crops are planted on the farm.

Failure to report acreages can cause producers to lose all program benefits.

Accurate certification of crop acreages is important. To be in full compliance, measured acreage must be within one acre or 5% of the reported acreage not to exceed 25 acres. (Measurement Variance) The County Committee has authority to approve cases in excess of the measurement variance up to 2 acres or 10% of the reported acres where a determination of good faith effort is documented. Acreages in excess of the measurement variance are subject to penalty.

In reviewing the producer's effort to comply the County Committee will establish what efforts were made by the producer to accurately measure his acreage. Did he use a wheel? Did he measure with a steel tape? Did he just guess at the acreage or maybe he relied on his memory of the acreage in previous years. If the acreage was difficult to measure why didn't he take advantage of the measurement service offered? A simple statement to the effect that he "thought he was right" cannot be considered as a good faith effort to accurately certify. MEASUREMENT SERVICE

If you are unsure of acreages, measurement service is available. The acreage will be measured by aerial observation and will cost \$11.00 for the first slide and \$9.00 for each additional slide. Applications for measurement service must be filed by Friday, July 6th. PREVENTED PLANTING

Applications for prevented planting credit (ASCS-574-1) on acreage intended for cotton must be filed by July 2nd. Applications on grain sorghum acreage must be filed by July 5.

### FAILED ACRES

Any cotton, wheat or grain sorghum acreage that has been destroyed by abnormal weather conditions must be reported and inspected by ASCS personnel prior to destruction or replanting to another crop. Failure to report these acreages and have them inspected disqualifies the acreage from payment consideration.

### HOLIDAY

This office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 1979, in observance of Independence Day.

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established under law without regard to race, color, religion, sex or National origin.



COACH ROEMISCH is all "up in the air" while painting the lettering on the big water tower.

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## Consumer Food News

Best buys at Texas grocery markets this week include poultry and pork, fresh produce and several "specials" along the aisles, says Gwendolyne Clyatt, a consumer marketing specialist.

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

POULTRY—Eggs are among today's best food values.

Feature prices appear on fryer chickens, both whole and parts, and some features are available on turkeys 10-14 lbs.

PORK—Many specials include Boston butt roasts, end and mixed chops, rib-end roasts and liver. Smoked specials are semi-boneless hams and bacon.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Cabbage supplies are increasing and prices are dropping. Green beans and potatoes have attractive prices.

Reasonable prices appear on head lettuce, onions, carrots

celery and soft-shell squash.

FRESH FRUITS—More peaches coming to market mean more moderate prices. Prices are lower on watermelon, cantaloupe and honeydew melons.

Also, consider plums, apricots and cherries.

GROCERY MARKET AISLES A few sales are underway on processed fruits and vegetables before the new pack starts.

Other key items are peanut butter, tea bags, cake mixes, sugar and an assortment of condiments.

FROZEN FOODS—Best buys are orange juice, lemonade, fruit pies and dinners.

BEEF—Good values this week include chuck roasts and steaks, rib roasts and steaks, corned beef, round steak and sirloin steak and liver.

CONSUMER WATCHWORDS June is Dairy Month, so watch for more specials on a variety of cheeses as well as milk and yogurt.

# Winston Pro Road Racer Dale Singleton Brings His Bacon and Takes It Home, Too

DALTON, Ga. — Winners have been "bringing home the bacon" for years, but lately professional motorcycle rider Dale Singleton has been bringing the bacon to the track and taking it home, too.

Singleton, winner of the last two American Motorcyclist Association road races, is accompanied at Winston Pro races by a pet pig named Elmer. Feeding pigs on his father's farm near here for several years, Singleton became fond of Elmer and began bringing him to the races.

In the pits, opponents kid Singleton about his strange looking crew chief, but on the track they take the 23-year-old expert road racer much more seriously — and for good reason.

One of several Winston Pro riders who specialize in the circuit's road racing events, Singleton won the final road race at Loudon, N.H., last fall. Earlier this year, he cruised a Yamaha to victory lane again in the prestigious Daytona 200 at Daytona Beach, Fla.

On June 17 the AMA pros will return to Bryar Park in Loudon for the next Winston Pro road event and Singleton will be looking for his third pavement victory in a row.

All of a sudden, experts are talking about Singleton becoming the next Kenny Roberts, the former AMA series champion

singularly regarded by his peers as the best motorcycle road racer in the world.

"There's no doubt that Kenny's the king," says Singleton of Roberts, who now concentrates on the European circuit and last year became the first American ever to win the 500cc World Road Racing title. "It's a funny thing, though. A year ago I was hoping for the day when I'd be good enough just to be compared to him."

For those who follow the Winston Pro series closely, Singleton's recent success doesn't come as that much of a surprise. After sneaking off from high school to win a race at Daytona in 1973, he enjoyed immediate success the following year as an AMA novice and again in 1975 as a top-ranked junior.

"I guess I've always been competition-minded," says Singleton. "Dad had a Suzuki dealership here in Dalton and the idea of riding on a motorcycle always intrigued me. I got my first mini-bike when I was 11 — in those days, I read just about every motorcycle magazine ever published."

When Singleton won that Daytona race in 1973, he was spotted by businessman Taylor White. White offered Singleton a sponsorship on the spot, but it wasn't until eight months later that Singleton finally called him back ("I couldn't believe he was

serious"). Today, Singleton still races as a privateer (no factory sponsorship) and his only full sponsor is the Taylor White Construction Company.

Then there is Singleton's other companion, Elmer. At the Daytona 200, Singleton said he'd have barbecue for everybody if he won the race — luckily for Elmer, his boss was only joking.

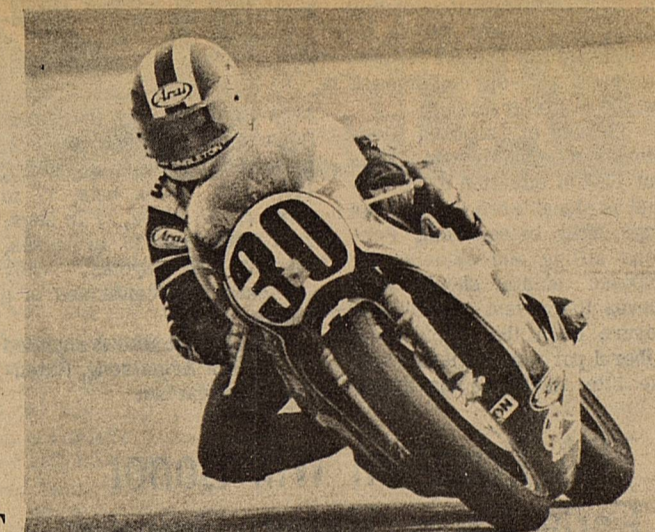
"This whole pig business got started about four or five summers ago," confesses Singleton with a smile. "Dad and his friends bought a bunch of pigs and for eight months, I was the one who had to feed 'em every day."

Ever since word got around about that experience, other Winston Pro riders have been calling Singleton the "pig farmer from Georgia." It has become more than just a nickname — not only does Elmer go to the races, Singleton is also modeling a slick pink drawing of the pig on the back of his racing leathers.

"To tell you the truth, I don't really care what they call me as long as the bike's runnin' good," Singleton explains. "I'm just trying to show everybody the quickest way to the barn."



"Hamming" it up at a recent Winston Pro motorcycle event are Miss Winston Pro Lynn Griffis, Georgian Dale Singleton and Singleton's pet pig, Elmer. Singleton will be after his third straight Winston Pro road race victory at Loudon, N.H., June 17.



Dale Singleton may clown for the cameras when he's not on his bike, but on the track the 23-year-old expert rider is all business. The Georgia native will be after his third straight Winston Pro road race victory at Loudon, N.H., June 17.

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