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STREET SIGNS



—headliners—

FREE TB TESTS SCHEDULED

Tuberculosis is one of the oldest chronic communicable diseases known to man. Modern science has found effective ways to prevent and treat tuberculosis yet it still persists in inflicting thousands of new victims every year. With school starting, teachers and many children are required to have a TB test.

As a helath service to the community, a free TB Skin Testing Clinic will be held Wednesday, August 30, in Brackettville at the High School Home making department from 10 a.m.--12 a.m. then from 1 p.m.--3 p.m. in the afternoon. Mary Alice Dodson, a nurse with the Texas Department of Health, Public Health Region 9, will be present to give the skin test. Persons receiving the test on Wednesday will need to have their tests read by Mrs. Dodson on Friday, September 1, during her regular office day in Brackettville at the Middle Rio Grande Dental Clinic.

The TB skin Testing Clinic is sponsored by the Extension Home Economics Advisory Committee. Members of the committee who will be serving as volunteers to assist Mrs. Dodson are: Nelda Gwartney, Sylvia Garcia, Zulema Wilson, Dora Goodloe, Nancy Frerich and County Extension Agent-at Large, Becky Rogers.

(Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or socio-economic levels.)

HOME AT LAST.....

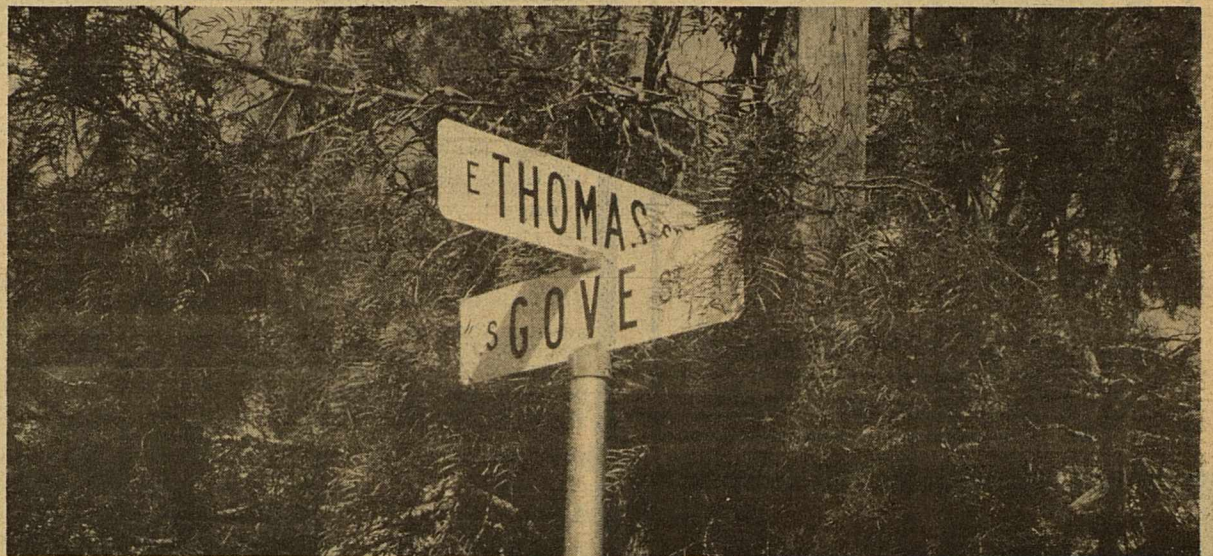
Richard Pena is home after working this summer for Brown and Root Co. in Bay City. Richard and Becky will be leaving in a few days to San Marcos where they will be attending Southwest Texas State University. This is the first time, all four children of Mr. and Mrs. Pee Wee Pena, will be away from home at the same time. Reggie is employed by Phillips Petroleum in Bay City, Texas and Martha is in Bentwaters England with her husband, Airman "Buck" Smallwood.

SOCIAL CLUB CELEBRATION

Brackettville Social Club is sponsoring an "Old Days in Brackettville" on August 27th at the Brackett City Park from noon til 4:00 p.m.

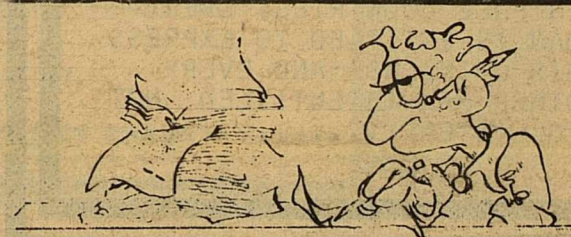
Bring the family and enjoy the horseshoe pitching contests, sack races and all the good barbeque lunch.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO BRING THE FAMILY AND JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AT THE BRACKETT CITY PARK ON AUGUST 27th...DON'T FORGET!!!



A Time to ponder!

BY: GEORGE



WITH THE APPEARANCE OF STREET SIGNS THIS WEEK--- Brackettville stepped out of the "horse and buggy" ages..Just one more step to becoming a proud community!

Just think! We can now give our friends, ambulance, police and fire department, and business associates some logical directions to our home or business. We can be proud to say that "I live on the corner of Gove and Thomas" instead of "Go to Harold Scharts"...turn right and go two blocks---and if you can't find us ask one of the neighbors. The poor out-of-town visitor or deliveryman was tearing his hair out. NO MORE!!!

I understand that street signs were erected several years ago in Brackettville. It has also been brought to my attention, that the reason for the reluctance to install new signs was--they (the street signs) were torn down by "young vandals." Looking back to my teen-age days, this was the thing to do..shoot out a street light or a window with a B-B gun...(Now I want you to understand that neither I nor any of the other "old fogies" reading this ever did anything like this.)

The point I am trying to make is..I FEEL THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY ARE PROUD...AND THEY ARE MORE INTERESTED IN BUILDING RATHER THAN DESTROYING! Let's face it Pop! They are just a little smarter. Sure, you are going to have the outcast that will spray paint a public building or tear down a sign, or destroy someone's property.

From what I have seen of the youth of Brackettville, they are a proud group, interested in building our community..not destroying it! From what I have seen in the past few years, I sincerely believe that they have learned what many of us failed to realize in our earlier years--"ANY IDIOT CAN DESTROY BUT, IT TAKES INTELLIGENCE TO CREATE!!"

Congratulations to the youth of Brackettville for helping build our community.

BY THE WAY...

My editorials may sound "down homey" and "corney" but as one great man, Will Rogers, said "They are from my heart." After a lot of thought I have decided to continue my same style of writing..straight forward, from the heart, with the facts, and down to earth without trying to impress people with big words. CORNEY!! Hell yes! Just don't tell those people from the Florida Press Association that judged the 1977 Texas Press Association Awards and gave me second place for editorial writing. They may want their award back!!

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IN FREE COUNTRIES, EVERY
MAN IS ENTITLED TO EXPRESS
HIS OPINIONS--AND EVERY
OTHER MAN IS ENTITLED NOT
TO LISTEN.....

LETTERS
to the editor

August 22, 1978

Letter to the Editor
Kinney CAVALRYMAN

Dear George and Judy,

The five months I spent as Of-
ficer In Charge at the Brackett-
ville Post Office is over. It
was a wonderful and rewarding
experience. I learned to know a
lot of you and will miss all of
you.

I think the Postmasters'
Selection Committee was very
wise to have chosen Elvidia for
Postmaster. My best wishes to
her in her "new" venture as
Postmaster, also Fern, her ever
faithful and delightful clerk,
and dear Enemencia, who makes
the best coffee I've ever tasted
I'll never forget them, their
kindness, and their help.

Sincerely,
/s/ Madelyn Boubel

Present Day
Myths

by: JOE TOWNSEND

Man should first depend on himself.
This is a basic premise of a healthy
society. Politicians now have made a
myth of this.

As a boy I grew up among Indians.
Some of the great football players
and baseball players in our high
school were full blood Indians. I lived
for a number of years next door to a
family of Indians. Anyone who says I
am prejudiced against Indians has no
regard for the truth. Comes now the
case of the Kickapoo Indian of these
general parts. Here is a group that
had good living conditions in Oklahoma.
Here is a group that has had ample
opportunity and encouragement for ed-
ucation and development of almost a
hundred years. They have had offered
to them every advantage I've had and
more. After all the opportunity and
years they have chosen to not take
advantage of the opportunities they
had. They have chosen to remain a
primitive existence. In the name
(questionable) of religious freedom
they were given land in Mexico. The
children were taught that the way of
primitive life of the Indian was the
superior life. Modern living was ab-
horred. This is certainly the right
and prerogative of any people. I
believe people even have the right to
be poor they they choose to be. Comes
suddenly one on the scene as "Chief."
A war veteran who by his own admis-
sion "had enough of military service"
and got out as soon as possible. Tak-
ing advantage of this tenure and the
special privelege pursuant to it he
went to work at civil service. Again
by his own statement he could hardly
wait until he could retire so he would
not have to face the pressure of such
rigorous work. Now with his government
pension he spends his time seeking to
built sympathy for the 'poor mistreat-
ed Kickapoos'. Knowing some very fine
men in Oklahoma of the tribe of the
Kickapoos I'm sure they are embarras-
sed to be classed with this man. It
would be most interesting to know the
truth of his claim to 'CHIEF'. This is
however, the business of the man and
his followers. When such a small
group of people who have always and
still do refuse to take advantage of
opportunities that are theirs and brag
about their desire to remain primitive
are to be handed nearly half-a-million
dollars of taxpayers money, then this
becomes my business and the business
of every taxpayer. If these people are
totally disinterested in taking advan-
tage of societies offer of training,
employment, etc., how can we expect
that an inconsiderably large sum of
taxpayers money will solve their basic
problem. They chose to leave their
own people and reside in Mexico. Now
on questionable claims they get the
ear of the politicians and very likely
will be handed money to do what some
dreamer has put in their minds but
which from their past attitudes and
practices they will be totally incap-
able of carrying out. It is high time
the politicians use a little judgement
and in the face of objective reality
and turn a deaf ear to those who for
lack of substantive claims ply upon
the emotions and thus bleed the tax-
payer. Such giveaways will doubtless
hasten the day of the taxpayer revolt

at the federal level. Until the people
limit the money the politicians have
to parcel out there seems to be no
limit to their generosity. After all
there are more ways of buying votes
than giving a goat or a can of beer.

Soil Conservation

by: Howard Ragsdale

A field day will be held at the
Soil Conservation Service Plant Mater-
ials Center at Knox City on September
27, 1978.

The public is being invited to
the event. The center serves both
Texas and Oklahoma.

A.C. Spencer, executive director
of the Texas State Soil and Water Con-
servation Board, will be the principal
speaker. Spencer will speak at 12:30
p.m.

Guided tours will be conducted
through the 90-acre center from 8:30
a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Center is located
on FM 1292, 2 miles north and 2 1/2 miles
west of Knox City.

A barbeque lunch will be avail-
able on a prepaid basis at \$3.00
per plate. Payment should be sent
to Ms. Doris Crownover, Chamber of
Commerce, Box 91, Knox City, Texas
79529 by September 15.

Seed or rootstock from native
plants that show potentials for sol-
ving specific soil and water conser-
vation problems are collected, then
grown and evaluated at the Knox City
Center. The more promising ones are
then tested under field conditions on
farms of soil and water conservation
district cooperations under a wide
variety of conditions. Selections
which prove superior to commerical
varieties are then released to seed
growers. These producers then grow
seed and sell it to the public.

More than 1100 strains of grasses,
legumes, forbs, and woody plants are
being tested at Knox City.

About 9,000 pounds of seed were
produced at the center last year,
mostly for trial plantings across
Texas and Oklahoma. Some 5,000 woody
plant seedlings were also produced
as well as 250,000 rhizomes of plants
that have to be propagated by planting
underground shoots.

Two new plant varieties--'Alamo'
switchgrass and 'Aztec' Maximilian
sunflower--were certified and released
earlier this year as a result of work
done at the center.

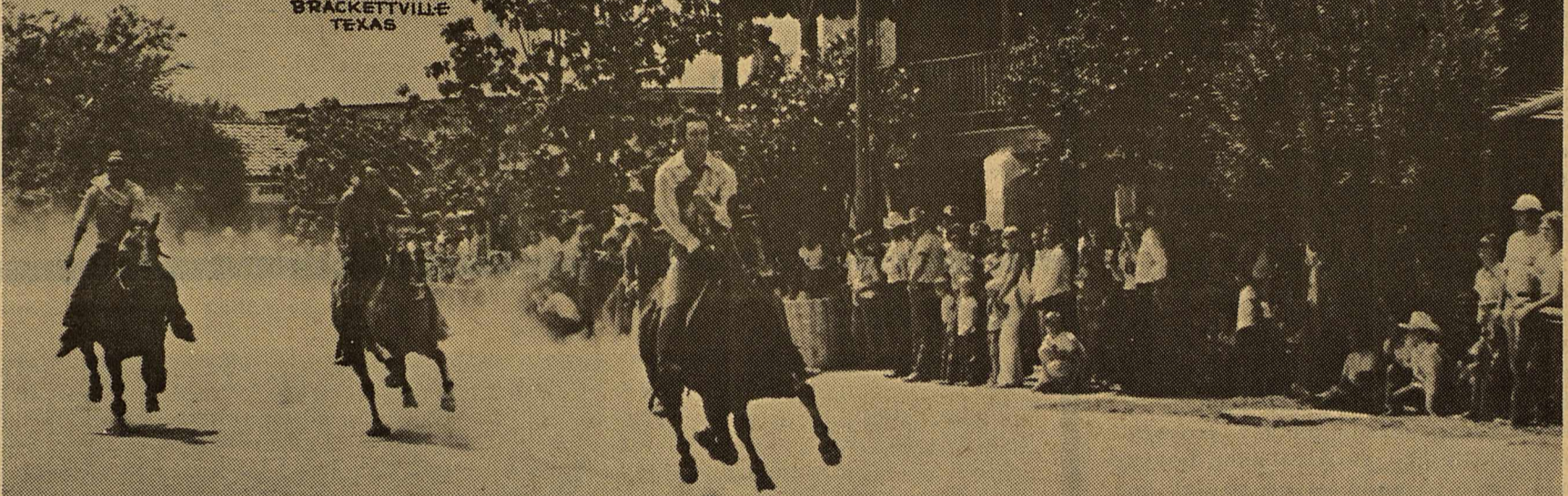
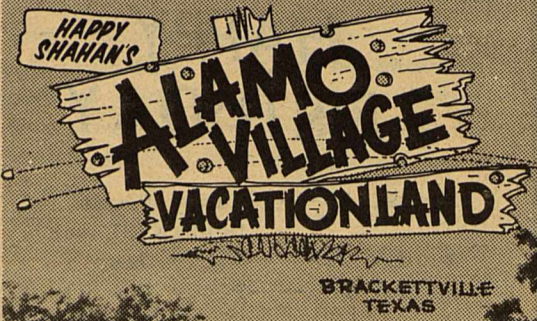
SWTJC

A 90-hour short course for food
service supervisors will begin at
6 p.m., August 31, at Amistad Nursing
Home in Uvalde.

Sponsored by Southwest Texas
Junior College, the course will meet
from 6 until 9 p.m. each Thursday and
cost under \$70 per student.

The junior college short course
will be taught by Dr. Alta Bell Kemp
a nutritional consultant to area nurs-
ing homes, and will qualify food
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nursing homes for state certification.

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SPECIAL GUEST STARS

GREEN THUMBS

by: JOE TOWNSEND

It is now time to turn attention to your lawn. Soon now it will be time to fertilize the grass. It is particularly true of that carpet grass needs fertilizing in the fall. It is good also

to fertilize bermuda grass. There are sound and basic reasons for doing this in the fall. As the days grow shorter the time for growing grass lessens. This leaves more time to grow good root systems. Fertilizing the lawn now will mean that the lawn will have that much longer and that much better opportunity to be prepared to produce better grass next year. If you have any

sign of fungi or insects in the grass now is good time to get ride of them. This is particularly true of grubs. One of the best treatments is to use dyazanon granules and spread them as you would fertilizer. Then water them in. This will kill any grubs and any other insects that might harm the roots. Fertilizing your lawn now will guarantee you a better lawn all next year.

THE LONGHORN

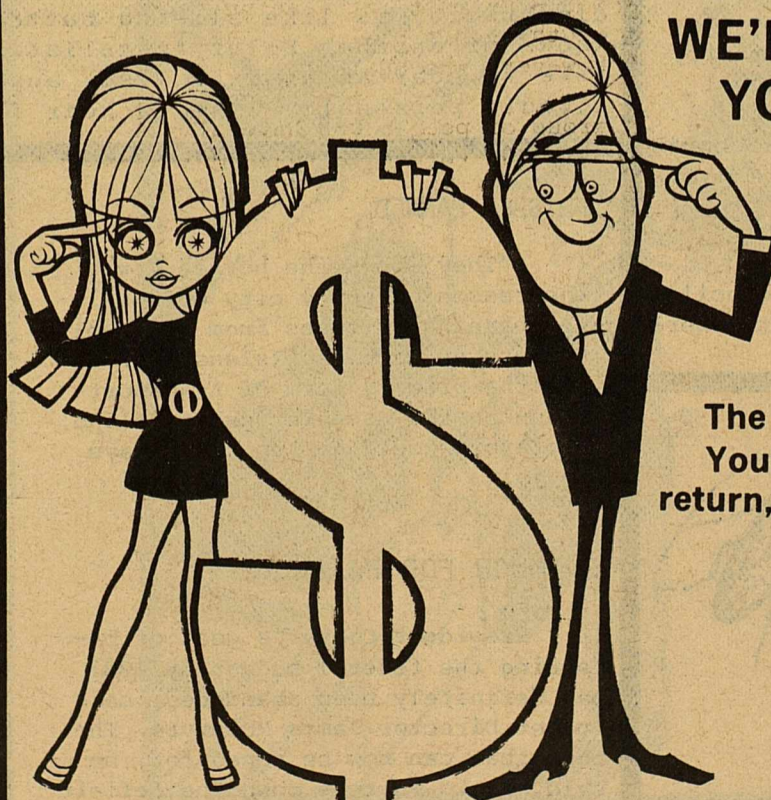
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Between Us

JOE TOWNSEND

It is most difficult to be objective in our thinking. The best example of this I've seen lately is inability of some to see progress in Brackettville and other to try to vilify those who have been responsible for the progress. Since the only thing some people are interested in is finding fault and placing blame I'm willing to play by their rules this once. I want to point out that the "old" city council must be blamed for paving the streets of Brackettville. Likewise must we blame them for providing an adequate water supply when a drouth dried up the source of sufficient supply. We must blame them for installing a drainage system for rain run-off water. We must blame them for supporting our Fire Department. We must blame them for even considering putting up street signs. Wouldn't it have been better to let the dust from unpaved streets settle on the grocery shelves? Wouldn't it have been better to still have to wade water to get into the Post Office? Wouldn't it have been better to leave the Fire Department ill equipped and no good meeting place? You see it do not require a great deal of mental gymnastics to answer a simple critical question dreamed up by a would be editorial writer. Just a little objective thinking and the answer is self evident.

P.S.---I read and studied the Panama Canal treaties, background, and pertinent information when author of the question propounded was using safety pins for buttons. I hold a college degree with major in History and Government and I say without fear I contradiction that any learned, honest, objective thinker would oppose paying Panama to accept the Panama Canal especially against the will of the true owners--the American People.

The ability to compound the question in reading Progress in Brackettville and the ostentations approach to the answer precipitates my thought that the rehosity of such loquacious meanderings is exceeded only by the lack of perpscacity in the manifestation of sagocity revealing a lack of comprehension of the authenticity of his root of knowledge and the veracity of it application.----Incidentally I do blame the city for paving a street where only one family (City Councilman) lives and builidng a street where only one family is building a house to live in some day (also a City Councilman) one family is building a house to live in some day (also a City Councilman) and refusing to pave streets where several families live.

FRISBEE HONORED

The frisbee is now on display at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., as part of a new exhibit on flight-for-the-heck-of-it.

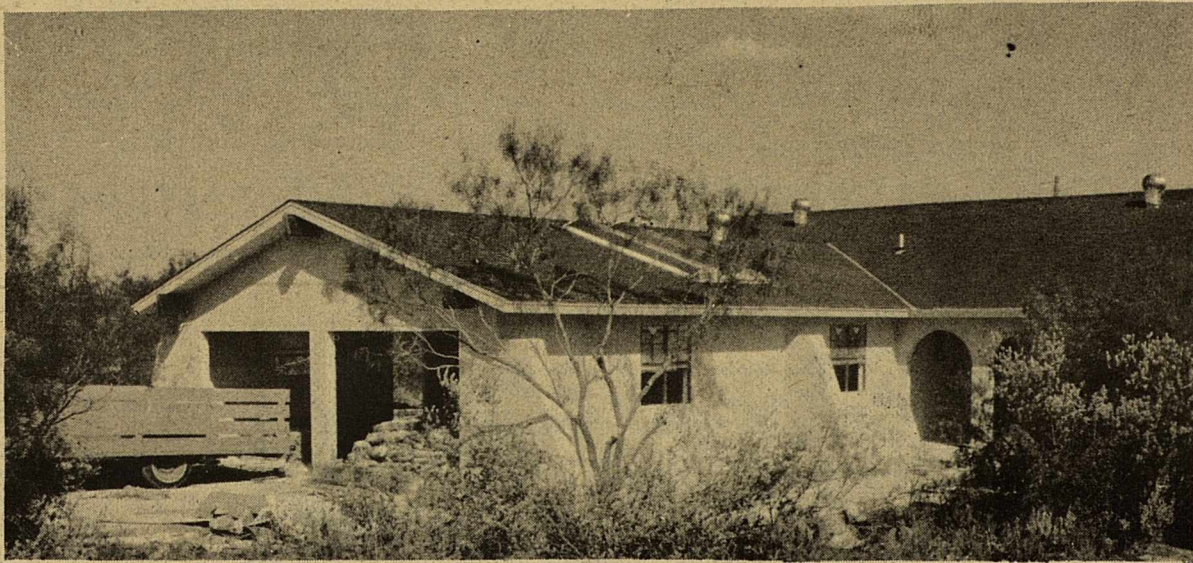
Along with modern day versions the displays includes an old 10-inch metal pie tin from the now defunct Frisbie Pie Co. of Bridgeport Conn. Yale students, the legend goes, began the craze by throwing the pie tins into the air, crying "Frisbie!"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- August 26-----Tammy Foust
Dennis Slubar
- August 27-----Vicky Jaso
- August 28-----Peggy Sue Block
Micky Talamantez
- August 29-----Betty Moses
- August 30-----Roman Garcia
Susana Terrazas
- August 31-----Rosemary Brothers
Rhonda Terrill

Solar Home



IS THIS THE FIRST SOLAT HOME IN KINNEY COUNTY?? Pictured above is a new home under construction at Ft. Clark Springs employing Solar Collectors (mounted in the center of the roof in picture). The new home is being constructed by Robb Construction of Del Rio with Zeco Solar supplying the new concept of energy conservation to the home.

Kinney County, due to its location, could derive much of its energy from the Sun. Heating of homes and hot water supplies in our area can be very efficient. The CAVALRYMAN has not had the opportunity to discuss this particular installation with the builder, solar installer, or owner but they should all be congratulated on this innovation. We hope to have an interview with all of the above in the near future and bring Kinney County residents up to date on this new and exciting development. As one expert on Solar Engery recently stated: "Heating water with electricity is like slicing butter with a chain saw!" If anyone knows of another Solar installation in Kinney County we would like to hear about it.. Also, anyone interested in solar energy I would personally like to hear from them. (Editor)

FRISBEE BANNED

"They spook the horses," was the reason given by city officials for banning frisbees from the public streets of Mackinac Island. Horses are the primary form of transportation on the scenic resort island. Violators could get up to 90 days in jail.

GARBAGE GAFFE

Mayor Ron Trantham and City Manager Kenneth Michalove of Asheville, N.C., got behind the wheels of city garbage trucks recently to replace striking sanitation workers but were quickly ticketed by police for driving without the proper license.

SO MUCH FOR BALANCE

President Carter's goal of balancing the federal budget by 1981 has definitely been abandoned, said Budget Director James McIntyre. The best that can now be hoped for, he said, is to whittle down the deficit from the anticipated \$50 billion this year to \$20 billion by 1981.



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SHEEP & GOAT RAISERS NEWS

Some things we just take for granted--and most of them we shouldn't, at least as long as federal agencies have the power to taketh away and uninformed hysteria has the proxy to use that power.

From the looks of the news coming out of Washington, ranchers and others who use the herbicide 2,4,5-T are still somewhat in the habit of taking it for granted. They shouldn't.

The herbicide is still under review by the EPA. partly because of the apparently inbred nature of clinical white mice and partly because of today's prevalent havit of fear-mongering. However, foolish reasons, those who depaned on 2,4,5-T and T-based brush control compounds are in danger of finding themselves permanently over-grown.

Reports from Washington via the Texas Brush Control and Range Improvements Committee contain both good and bad news. First, of course, the good news--letters to EPA concerning 2,4,5-T have recently been running two to one IN FAVOR of the herbicide.

That's about all the good news. On the other side of the coin, these same reports show that only about 500 letters, telegrams, etc. have been received. Period. In addition, this two-to-one count was recorded BEFORE a couple of anti-T "documentaries" were broadcast on television's 20/20 "news" program.

The "documentaries" were packed with slightly less truth than the cheap tabloid newspapers common to supermarket check-out stands. They were intended to, and most certainly will, inflame the uninformed public, regardless of the fact that ost of the charges they hurled at 2,4,5-T have already been investigated and found groundless.

The reasons for anti-T hysteria are complex, but most date back to its

use in Vietnam and a pervasive attitude that anything connected with the Asian War is inherently evil. Up until recently, the fact that nothing could be proven unsafe about the herbicide kept zealous detractors stymied, but someone finally discovered that insinuation could accomplish the same ends.

At any rate, the EPA review may depend as much on public comment as on factual data, and the anti-T forces have made optimum use of their virtually unlimited access to the mass media. It is up to those who use, have used and must use 2,4,5-T to keep the record balanced.

The EPA decisionmakers will, hopefully, put at least as much store in the comments of those who have personally used and been exposed to 2,4,5-T as it will in the imaginations of those who wouldn't know the chemical if it flowed up and hit them on the ear.

It's absolutely essential that ranchers write EPA before the September 18 deadline--even if it is only a simple statement of support. The fact, that they're willing to use it THEMSELVES, ON THEIR OWN LAND, simply HAS to carry some weight.

Write: Federal Register Section, Technical Services Division, (WH-59) (OPP-30000-26); Office of Pesticides Program, Environmental Protection Agency; Room 401 E. Tower, 401 M. Street S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20460.

WATTS telephones in Houston have responded to nearly 241,000 calls from all over America; of that number, more than 75,000 were actual runaways needing the knid of help we are prepared to offer," Governor Briscoe said.

"I wish to thank Governor George R. Ariyoshi of Hawaii and Governor Jay S. Hammond of Alaska and their state office of volunteerism for the cooperation they have extended to the Texas Center for Volunteer Action of my office, which operates the hotline, and to the countless volunteers in both states who are working to publicize out hotline and its purposes," Governor Briscoe added.

"The hotline continues to allow a young runaway to call from any telephone in American, toll-free, and know that any information is handled by our hotline volunteers in a confidential manner; no locations of the caller are ever revealed. The hotline is not a detective service, but rather a human service to offer a means of relaying a message from a troubled runaway to an anxious parent," Governor Briscoe concluded.

Operation Peace of Mind also maintains lists of halfway houses and other service for youth in all fifty states, which are available to each runaway needing help.

It has been estimated by the federal goverment that as many as two million youth runaway from home annually. The Texas Department of Public Safety says that last year 14,000 runaways were reported in Texas. Many of these young people turn to crime as a way of gaining needed resources to survive.

Runaways in Texas can all 800-391-3392. The National number is 800-231-6946. (The Hawaii/Alaska number will be 800-231-6762). All numbers are toll-free to the caller.

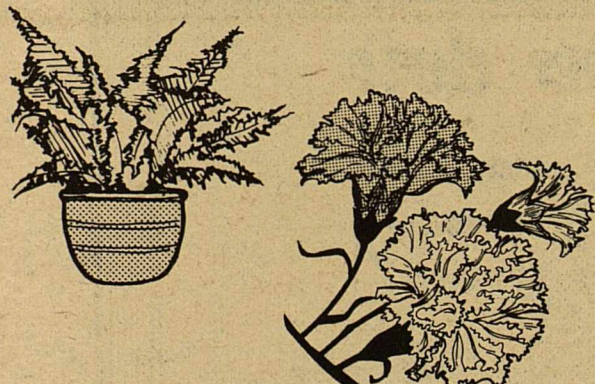
OPERATION PEACE OF MIND

Governor Dolph Briscoe announced today that the Operation Peace of Mind runaway youth hotline will extend its service to Hawaii and Alaska beginning September 1, 1978. By doing so, the unique hotline will offer service to runaway youth in all fifty states.

"This hotline was created by me in September 1973 because of the tragic slaying of twenty-seven boys in Houston, who were believed to have been runaways. Since that time volunteers answering the free incoming

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TIMELESS FLOWERS

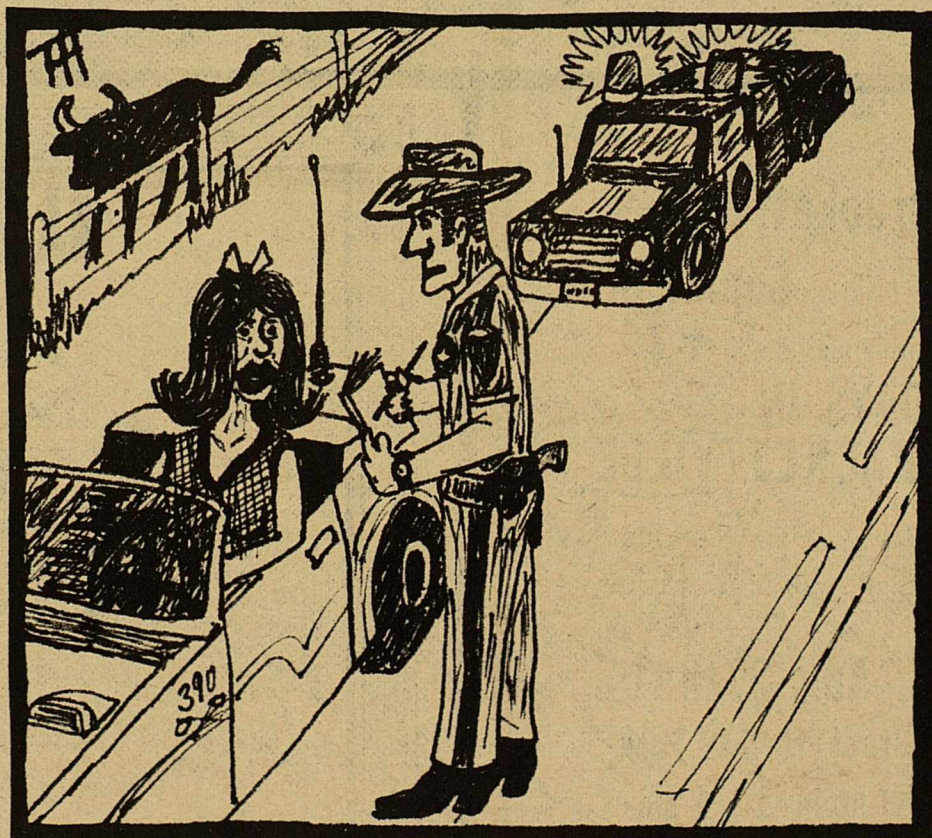


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EIGHTY MPH? IMPOSSIBLE, I AIN'T EVEN BEEN OUT AN HOUR!!!

**VEGETABLE
Task Force**

One of the problems faced by many home gardeners across Texas when starting a fall or summer garden is getting those so-called "winter" vegetable seeds to come up when planted during the heat of the summer.

Many cold hardy vegetables such as lettuce, carrots, broccoli, and other germinate poorly when the soil temperature is high. So, the home gardener is faced with a real problem--trying to get seed to germinate and grow during harsh and unfavorable conditions.

One direct way to avoid this problem is to set out transplants. Seed of most fall and winter vegetables can be started in flats, coffee cans, milk cartons, peat pots or peat pellets in areas where they can be protected from excess summer heat. 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 the vegetables directly into the garden and thin them to a proper stand at a later date. If they desire, these thinned plants can be planted in other areas of the garden or in areas where perhaps the stand is relatively poor.

The solution to this problem is to figure how to seed directly into the garden and get the plants to come up to a proper stand. 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 garden soil after it is sown, use a material such as compost, potting soil, 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 shade type cloth. Once the plants are in 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.

**AN OPEN LETTER TO THE FAMILIES
AND EMPLOYERS OF TEXAS GUARDSMEN**

August 15, 1978

Dear Friends:

Earlier this month Governor Dolph Briscoe authorized the activation of Texas Guard units to perform emergency state duty following the widespread flooding and deaths caused by tropical storm Amelia. Other units were placed on alert across the state and were prepared to move on short notice to any location where their fellow Texans could be assisted.

The role of the Texas Guardsman is unique. They share the mission of the combat ready soldier with active duty forces and other reserve components. Our government can also mobilize the Guard into federal service during time of national crisis. But, unlike other military forces, the Texas Guard members are subject to a call to duty by the Governor when our communities are faced with a disaster. This we are proud to do!

Families and employers of Texas citizen soldiers, like their Guardsmen generally receive little or no warning of an impending disaster. However, the reaction must be prompt if we are to accomplish our mission.

Frequently the Texas Guardsman is thanked for the aid he provided, but as often is the case, his family and employer do not receive the recognition they deserve. On behalf of all the members of the Texas Guard, I wish to thank you for your understanding and support when your Guardsman or employee responds to the call to help their friends and neighbors.

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MAJOR VICTORY SEEN BY CATTLEMEN IN FDA'S RECONSIDERATION OF ANTIBIOTICS

FORT WORTH, TEXAS--August 11, ---The Food and Drug Administration's decision to reconsider restrictions against antibiotics in animal feeds is a "major victory for livestock producers and consumers alike," says John B. Armstrong, president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. The Fort Worth-based group represents 14,000 cow/calf producers in Texas and surrounding states.

"TSCRA has testified against FDA's proposals in several public hearings in the last 18 months. We are very happy that FDA, after hearing this testimony and that of others, has backed off its original plans. The savings for livestock producers and consumers from this action may result in millions annually," Armstrong said.

Notification of FDA's change in attitude can in a letter from Dr. Donald Kennedy, FDA commissioner, to members of the Senate Agriculture Committee. He said FDA would delay and possibly drop altogether regulations that would sharply curtail the use of three antibiotics--penicillin, chlor-tetracycline and oxytetracycline--in animal feed. Further, the agency's plans to label all feeds containing the drugs and the requirement of a veterinarian's certificate to purchase

such feed have been postponed indefinitely.

FDA will likely hold a formal meeting on the rules and will invite representatives from concerned groups to present further evidence. Thereafter Kennedy said the rules would be "revised or withdrawn to better address the public's concerns."

Key points of TSCRA opposition against these regulations were:

1. The use of low-level antibiotics in animal feed has been a common practice for the promotion of animal health and weight gain for more than 30 years without incident of resistance bacteria found in animals.
2. Anaplasmosis, one of the major diseases to cow/calf operation in the Southwest, is controlled by feeding low-level antibiotics. No alternatives have been found at this time.
3. With only 5,000 large animal vets in the U.S., obtaining prescriptions would be impractical for many producers and place feed companies in the drug store business.

FDA administrator Donald Kennedy originally proposed these regulations because of "theoretical evidence" that resistance could develop if antibiotics continue to be used by livestock producers. TSCRA sharply opposed these restrictions because these regulations as proposed were without scientific fact.

CATTLE RAISERS TELL USDA HOW TO IMPROVE REGULATIONS

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Cattle Raisers Association submitted proposals to the USDA that would prevent the recurrence of such incidents and would improve the agency's overall rule-making process.

TSCRA President John B. Armstrong acting on a request from USDA to assist it in complying with a Presidential order to "improve regulations," wrote, "It is important that while we are reviewing the rule-making process, we do not make it more complicated, unduly burdensome or further establish a dangerous framework whereby prejudicial or biased information may be presented through subsidizing agency-desired testimony from the alleged public."

Armstrong, representing 14,000 cattle producers in Texas and surrounding states, said in no uncertain terms the "we are adamantly against misuse of public tax monies to pay for testimony from specific individuals or groups favorable of USDA positions." This was a direct reference to the allegations made against the ousted USDA official.

TSCRA also suggested that adequate notice of future public hearings also be made through the local news media, in addition to the Federal Register, and that the hearings be held regionally through the country. In this way, the grass roots public, urban or rural, could give USDA a perspective from the point of view of those truly affected.

"We have seen in the recent years where regulations have been proposed without sufficient impact study and the cost of such proposals were impractical," Armstrong stated. Beef grading changes and certain brucellosis health regulations were mentioned specifically.

Armstrong also warned against the duplication of new regulations by authorities and agencies. In reviewing existing regulations, he suggested mandatory review of all regulations every five years and in some cases every year or two.

The President's mandate for resolutions written in plain English, understandable to those who must comply was wholeheartedly supported by TSCRA. Simplifications and trimming of excessive red tape was also advocated.

USDA said after it has reviews and condieres comments by TSCRA and other groups, it will announce how it will revise its method of proposing regulations.

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