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## Weather Modification Vote Tuesday

### School Budget Up, Taxes Decreased

Meeting in special session last Monday, members of the Muleshoe Board of Trustees for the Muleshoe Independent School System, approved an estimated

official budget for the 1977-78 school year.

The tax rate was set at \$9.90 for the 1977-78 school year, a reduction of \$1.14 from the previous year. However, Superintendent Neal B. Dillman explained that the decrease does not mean that every taxpayer will get a cut in taxes, because of the rate decrease. He said that due to the tax equalization

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### around Muleshoe

Guests in the Corda Taylor home last Friday were her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Mauney of Plainview. Mrs. Taylor returned home to Plainview with the Mauneys on Saturday.

On Sunday, they drove to Wilson to attend the First Baptist Church where Rev. E.K. Shepard is minister. Mauney is music director for the church.

Mrs. Corda Taylor had as houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Bub Hand of Pleasant Hill, N.M. last week. She accompanied them to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hardy in Santa Anna.

While in the area, they visited Taylor and Hardy homesteads in Abilene, Coleman, Santa Anna and Brownwood.

Houseguest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Creamer during the past week was Bunk Mayberry of Paducah.

Mayberry is in the process of moving back to Muleshoe.

### Superintendent Explains Free Lunch Policy

"Muleshoe Schools have long recognized the need for helping meet the nutritional needs of its students," said Muleshoe School Superintendent, Neal B. Dillman. The following schools, Richland Hills Primary, Mary DeShazo Elementary, Muleshoe Junior High and Muleshoe High School serve a well-balanced, nutritious lunch each school day," he added. The charge to students who pay is 60 cents for kindergarten through second grades; 65 cents for third through fifth grade and 75 cents for sixth through 12th grades.

"However," said the superintendent, "since some families find it difficult to pay this full price, the school will provide these lunches free of charge or at a reduced price to those children determined by the Director of Special Programs to be unable to pay the full price for their lunches."

Families who think their children may be eligible for free or

### Rotary Hears Candidate For State Senator

Members of the Muleshoe Rotary Club heard a special speaker Thursday during their regular meeting. Guest Speaker was Bob Simpson, an Amarillo attorney, who is seeking the 31st District Senate seat vacated by present Senator Max Sherman.

Simpson, an Amarillo native, is presently a member of the House of Representatives where he has served for two sessions. He said he feels that he has had the experience, and knows the legislative processes and people well enough to be an effective voice for the Senate.

Simpson, who represents Carson, Randall and rural Potter Counties, said his record will reflect that he has listened to his rural constituents and has supported their voice in the House.

On Taxes, he said the legislature has not passed a state tax for the past three sessions and no new tax is anticipated in the next session.

"I do not think we will need a state income tax for the next session or in the next several sessions," he added. "If we continue with a strong economy,

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BOB SIMPSON



GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL...Ben Gramling, left, high school counselor, and School Principal Wayland Ethridge, prepare for the opening of school on Monday, August 29. Although students got a long summer vacation, personnel from the school enjoyed a shorter vacation. Much preparation and work go into getting the schools ready for a new school year.

### Farmers For Weather Modification

Don Bryant, secretary of the Farmers For Weather Modification, said the group has organized on a "Get Out The Vote" campaign. Along with the encouragement to vote, Bryant said Farmers for Weather Modification have a fact presentation and statistics from scientists such as Dr. Ray Booker, past president of the American Meteorological Society and the Weather Modification Association.

According to Dr. Booker, it is simply beyond the power of man to overseed cumulus clouds to the degree which would stop rain. Even if present technology could overseed, he said there is every reason to believe that such seeding would only increase rainfall. There is absolutely NO evidence of a decreased rainfall downwind nor in any direction in a 200-mile radius, Bryant added.

"The claims of no rainfall decreases does not mean that this part of West Texas had at least average rainfall since the program began in 1970," continued Bryant. "The South Plains area has been a small part of a large drought area extending from Mexico to Canada. No decrease means that in relation to its surrounding area, the South Plains has experienced no decreases."

Seeding to suppress hail increases rain according to many statistical studies on hail suppression programs including those in North and South Dakota added Bryant. "The South Dakota studies showed nearly seven percent rain fall increased," he said. "In southwestern North Dakota, the annual rainfall, compares closely to rainfall here on the South Plains. North Dakota studies

### Registration For School Is August 25

Neal B. Dillman, superintendent of Muleshoe Schools, announces that registration for all students in the Muleshoe Schools will be Thursday, August 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All school buses will run their regular schedule on that date, however, they will leave the high school parking lot at 11 a.m. on August 25 to return the students to their home.

Monday, August 29, will be the first day students begin instruction. On Friday, August 19, all teachers new to the Muleshoe School system met in the curriculum office in the junior high school building for orientation. Monday, August 22, inservice training will begin for all personnel and continue through Friday, August 26.

On the date inservice training begins, August 22, the Muleshoe Texas State Teachers Association is hosting a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Muleshoe High School cafeteria for all school personnel, and especially, to honor teachers new to the Muleshoe School system.

Presiding during the faculty meeting will be Superintendent Dillman, and a film "Up With Teachers" will be narrated by a former Miss America.

The Muleshoe Schools will be involved all this year with Phase II of Accreditation as required

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show increased rainfall in addition to the hail suppression program, with 17 years of uninterrupted service or activities." The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says there are approximately 90 weather modification programs in operation now involving nearly 100 MILLION acres in target areas. Of ALL the programs conducted in the U.S. or around the world, there has never been any statistically conclusive evidence of decreased rainfall. On the other hand, there have been a vast number of studies showing that rainfall is increased with weather modification.

Even the U.S. Navy's team of scientists have attempted several techniques to see if a thunderstorm can be broken up, including massive amounts of silver iodide. The tests were fruitless. Navy scientists concluded that silver iodide seeding could not dissipate clouds, even with quantities many times larger than is used on operational hail suppression programs.

As far as "fallout" from silver iodide is concerned, Dr. Pierre St. Amond said if all the silver iodide dispersed in 100 years accumulated in the top three inches of soil that no additional silver concentration could be detected. Dr. St. Amond is head of the Interplanetary Sciences Division of the Naval Weapons Center.

Dr. Paul Schickedanz (Illinois State Water Survey) made a study of the rainfall and hail in Lamb and Hale Counties. He found that hail was reduced 54 percent in Hale County and 62 percent in Lamb County during the hail suppression program compared to the 1929-1969 period before the weather modification program began. These seeded counties received five to ten percent more rainfall during

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### Rain Skips Over Area, 2.5 Here

A sudden thunderstorm, which moved into the area late Wednesday afternoon, quickly deposited 2.5 inches of rain in Muleshoe, leaving flooded streets and stalled cars.

West American Boulevard was reported to be a miniature river for a time in the rain which fell in slightly less than an hour. Just to the northwest of Muleshoe, Buddy Black reported 2.8 inches in the Wednesday afternoon rain, and an additional .4 around midnight for a total of 3.2 inches.

However, in the Progress area, less than half an inch was received during the same period of time.

Around Needmore, only showers fell, although some amounts of up to one inch were reported in the Maple-Goodland area.

At Y-L, lesser amounts were reported, with 'good showers' being the most of the rain reported through the northeastern part of the county.

In the Bula-Enochs vicinity, amounts of up to nearly two inches were reported. No hail damage was recorded, although some farmers had some corn blown down from high winds which accompanied the storm.

### CofC Breakfast Will Honor New Teachers

Tommy Black, executive director of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, said a breakfast is planned at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, August 25, at the Corral Restaurant. Special guests and to be honored at the dust treat breakfast will be new school teachers with the Muleshoe schools. All other teachers in the four Muleshoe schools are asked to attend the breakfast, also.

Black said the new teachers will be introduced and asked for all interested persons to plan to attend the breakfast.

### PEACE Justice Report

Speeding again headed the list of activity in the court of Peace Justice K.B. Martin during the past week. A total of 15 speeding tickets were logged in the judge's records.

Four no driver's license cases were filed, along with two for disturbance, and one each for violation of driver restriction; failure to drive in single lane; driving on wrong side of road and failure to control speed.

### County Clerk Notes Heavy Absentee Vote

"A record number of absentee votes have been cast so far," said Bailey County Clerk Hazel Gilbreath late Saturday. She said 40 persons had voted absentee and the absentee polls would not close until 5 p.m. on Monday.

Mrs. Gilbreath said the large number of absentee votes is usually an indication of interest created in an election. This particular election which is scheduled from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 23, will be an attempt to settle the weather modification program question.

Voters will indicate their preference as to whether or not they are in favor of the cloud seeding operations being conducted in a wide area on the South Plains and in the Panhandle.

All precincts in Bailey County will go to the polls Tuesday except for voting precinct four, which is Three Way. Three Way residents are not in the operational or target area for the cloud seeding operations conducted by Atmospherics Inc. of Littlefield, so were eliminated from participation in the vote.

Other elections Tuesday are scheduled in Castro County, all precincts; Floyd County, all precincts except those near Goodnight, Baker and Dougherty and Saturday elections were held in Lamb County's 16 voting precincts; Swisher County, all precincts except Vigo Park; Randall County Precincts Two and Three and Hockley County Precincts 32, 33, 44 and 46.

For the past seven and a half years, farmers have objected to the cloud seeding operations. The two area operating cloud seeding firms, Atmospherics Inc. of Littlefield and Plains Weather Improvements of Plainview, have contended they have the ability to decrease hailfall and

increase rainfall to benefit their paying customers, who are for the most part, irrigation farmers.

W.F. Harper, a local resident, is one of the opponents of the cloud seeding operation. He feels that the cloud seeding operations disperse potential rain clouds, and that the planes have no right to disperse clouds in areas where farmers object.

Citizens for Natural Weather, who claim a membership of over 4,000 farmers in the areas where cloud seeding operations are conducted, have strongly protested the operations. They contend that the hail suppression program does nothing more than cause the clouds to dissipate, leaving their farm lands without adequate moisture.

Through hearings conducted in Lubbock a few months ago, the farmers gained a partial victory as temporary permits were issued Atmospherics Inc. and Plains Weather Improvement

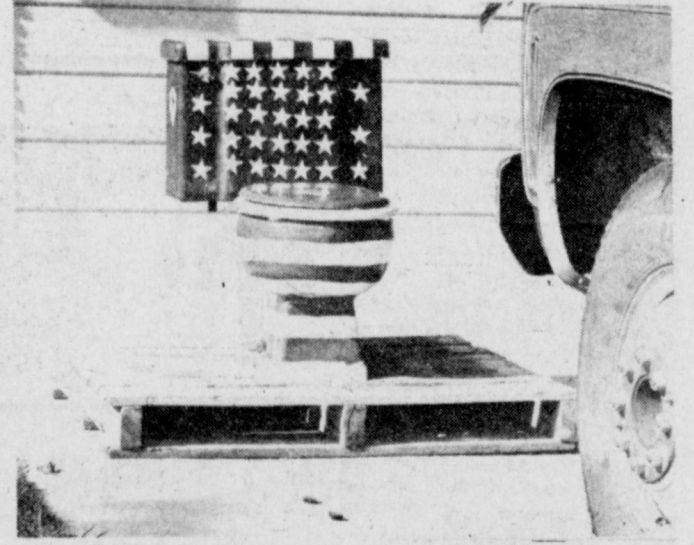
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### Officers Check On Burglary At Cashway's

City and county officers were called to White's Cashway early Friday morning when arriving workmen found the grocery store had been burglarized.

Investigating the burglary were Muleshoe City Police Chief Buddy Black and Patrolman Leroy Sandifer, and Deputy Sheriff's Tom Beal and Pete Black.

They found that the burglar or burglars had entered the store through ductwork on top of the store, and removed cash from the cash registers in front of the store.



YARD DECORATION...Muleshoe Jaycees started a membership drive recently. The red, white and blue decorated toilet goes from yard to yard in Jaycees' homes until they obtain a new member. Here the 'pot' rests in the yard of Lionel Lane until he gets a new Jaycee member.

## Coach Ronnie Jones Publishes Western Magazine

Muleshoe and especially the Muleshoe Independent School System has reason this week to be very proud of a coach and assistant school principal, Ronnie Jones, who has spent the last few years with the Muleshoe School System, has published a magazine. It is the first in a series of magazines on 'Saturday's Heroes,' the good guys in the white hats, who starred or played supporting roles in 'B' westerns.

Ronnie Jones was born and raised near Hollis, Okla. He graduated from Ron High School and followed this with a BA from Southwestern State College at Weatherford, Okla. and a master's degree from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. Before coming to Muleshoe, Coach Jones taught in Snyder, Okla. and Lubbock. A lifetime 'B' western movie buff, Jones tells his story this way:

I actually began collecting materials connected with my old western movie hobby about ten years ago, but have been a fan of the "B" ("B") for budget, or in my opinion, (better) western flicks ever since becoming old

enough to attend movies.

Growing up around Hollis, Okla., as it was the same in most other small rural type towns, in the 1940's and the 1950's, meant growing up in the era of Saturday night small town get-togethers. The 'Age of Television' had not yet captivated people and social life was lived upon a much higher level than it is today. Life was lived in a much simpler manner and sophistication was more a word than a reality. And, the "B" western was small town Saturday night!

It was the type of entertainment that people enjoyed and was necessary for our lost group of youth that seem to need heroes. Story lines were not hard to follow, action was prevalent, acting was in a class all by itself, meaning that it sometimes wasn't all that good, but the formula was a highly successful one.

A rating code was not only unheard of, but was also unnecessary. One could enter his favorite theatre, Watt, La Vista, Bijou, Zion or whatever name popped up, with the knowledge that good would inevitably triumph over evil and establish a

feeling of security when the good guy in the white hat (unless the good guy in the white hat wore a black hat, such as Hopalong Cassidy and Lash LaRue), defeated the villains, shook hands with the heroine, kissed his horse, and rode off into the glorious western sunset while keeping pace with a twenty-eight piece orchestra set.

If the truth was admitted, our hero wasn't always overly smart, considering the jams he got himself into, but it was fun, and he was always courageous. The hero would have jumped into a barrel of wildcats if he found it necessary to do so in order to ensure justice. And he more than likely did this without pay or reward (The Man With No Name) would not have liked this. Such deeds were performed because the hero was pure of heart, mind and soul, and because he was possessed with a burning desire to rid the range of all its sage rats, picture by picture.

Dastardly acts were always rewarded through the process of elimination in the "B" western. The bad guy was never in first

place when the fade-out occurred.

Perhaps you can recall Johnny Mack Brown (or Wild Bill Elliott, Buck Jones, Ken May-



NEW PUBLISHER...Coach Ronnie Jones, who is also assistant principal at Muleshoe Junior High School, shows the first edition of his new magazine about stars of the old "B" western movies. Long a "B" western movie buff, Jones decided to publish magazines about the former western stars of the 1940s and 1950s.

nard or-let's just pretend it's Johnny Mack), outnumbered and backed into the farthest corner of a burning shack, surrounded by the likes of such

perennial villains as Charles King or Roy Barcroft, low on bullets, but high on courage, seemingly without hope or possibility of living to star in the next picture in his series. Johnny empties his gun (or guns), throws his pocket knife, swings his fists, kicks his heels, and finally in desperation discovers an old bed over against the wall. He rips out a bed slat and begins to take batting practice upon the bodies of the startled outlaws. We all know that time is running out for Johnny, the bed slat breaks and his last line of defense has collapsed.

In the meantime, Rebel, the wonder horse, has fled to round up all the good guys, ranchers, bankers and even managed to find Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, bass guitars and all, leaning against a half built fence out on the rangeland, tired of singing and ready for action. One of the Playboys hollers, "Hey, there's Rebel, we better follow him."

Very conveniently, their saddled steeds await them. They climb aboard and soon, to the cheers, claps, whistles and over-

all general appreciation of the crowd, stir up enough sand to start a miniature dust bowl. Rebel leads them to the rescue. Everytime Johnny's bed slat shortens across an antagonists forehead, the scene shifts back to the rolling caravan of horse-men, still on their way to help. Old Rebel always seemed to take the long way back.

These scenes always give us security, help was on the way. Just as Johnny splinters off the last of his weapon, you guessed it, help arrives. The only thing was that the boys couldn't help out much because Johnny had already wiped out the gang. By this time, fallen wrongdoers completely decorated the landscape. Bob and the boys made a pretty circle around Johnny though, and a short time later their guitars and fiddles would magically appear to help create the rousing finale.

First, though, the banker (who was the unidentified bandit leader) had to be disposed of. After Johnny accused him of this last fact, the banker stole the dumbfounded sheriff's gun, leaped on the poor man's horse and set sail for the high county.

scattering cactus all along the way.

For some reason, he never shot Johnny, even though he knew that Johnny would surely chase him. Maybe it was because both men needed the money offered in the next picture, one in which both would appear again.

Anyway, naturally, the bad guy is overcome after Johnny does a half gainer over a rock and into the saddle of the freshly bathed, groomed and perfumed Rebel, gives chase, tackles him from the saddle, beats him to a pulp, shoots him in the shoulder, and forces him to walk back to camp, while he leads his horse.

Such was the reward for being a dastardly villain in a "B" western. Exit the audience. Only congratulations to the hero remain, with a song in the background and the words "The End" inscribed over a cactus plant. The audience clapped as they left the theatre. This was simplicity in all its glory, and entertainment of the rarest nature.

A few years ago, I discovered an ad in a publication called

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## Magazine...

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 'Western Star Roundup' that offered 16mm sound western movie prints for sale. After checking this out, I became a collector of some sorts and have continued this hobby. This movie hobby has allowed me to become acquainted with other collectors of this type of material across the country. Most collectors send each other prints on an exchange for viewing basis, which means that prints are mailed out and switched for a 2-3 week period of time, allowing collectors an opportunity to

## Lunch...

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 reduced price lunches may apply. Copies of the application form were sent home in a letter to parents earlier this week. Additional copies may be obtained from each building principal. The complete application, signed by an adult member of the family, should be returned to the building principal. Such applications will be reviewed promptly and within 1-3 days, the family will be notified as to the decision made, explained Dillman. He added that all information provided on the application will be held in the strictest confidence.

Any unusual circumstances or hardships which affect the family's ability to pay for school lunches, such as prolonged illness in the family, unexpected expenses due to fire, flood, or any other emergency situations, will also be considered by the school.

For information contact Neal B. Dillman at the School Administration Office.

## Vote...

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 Inc. for the cloud seeding operations.

A final decision on the operation is expected to follow the special vote being conducted. Briscoe County, who conducted the first election, voted down the operation 340 to 3.

## School...

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 by the Texas Education Agency. Phase II is a Self-Evaluation Study in which all teachers, parents representatives and students will be involved in this one year study. Most of the inservice for this school year will be focused on Self-Evaluation, said Dillman.

Parents should see that their child's health records are up-to-date. Birth certificates are required for all children who will be enrolled in kindergarten or will be enrolling in the Muleshoe Schools for the first time.

## Weather....

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 this period.  
 This reduction of destructive hail damage and this additional rainfall is vital to the economy of the High Plains of Texas. Ultimately, world wide weather modification will be a powerful tool for agriculture such as fertilizer and herbicides are today, concluded Bryant.

watch various prints without having to pay for them.

Rental libraries are also available and are used on occasion by film buffs. Over the years, many of the films most sought after by collectors have tripled in value. Fine quality prints (picture and sound wise) are becoming harder to find.

The idea of issuing books covering the film careers of "B" western stars originated over the years, but possibility of the reality of such a venture came about through a stroke of luck. In 1970, I became acquainted with Les Adams, another collector who lives in Lubbock. When the movie "Something Big" starring Dean Martin and Brian Keith, came to Lubbock, old-time cowboy star Bob Steele, who had a small part in the movie, made a personal appearance as sort of a promotion man, for the movie. The Lubbock Avalanche Journal presented a short article, and picture, concerning Bob Steele and Les Adams. Steele visited Les to look over some posters of movies from his past career. I found an important ally in Les Adams, as he owns movie materials that cover almost all subjects and actions, most of these materials were acquired because of Les' association with former governor Preston Smith, who also owns several movie theatres in Lubbock. Other sources of information come from various collector friends across the country, Notre Dame Athletic Director Ed Krause, from materials found in old movie theatres, mostly from the La Vista Theatre in Hollis, Okla. and other sources that are too numerous to mention.

Les Adams and I discussed the possibility of a book such as Saturday's Heroes for over a year before he finally dove feet first into the project and began producing a magazine called Yesterday's Saturdays. He has now issued eleven issues of his magazine and is doing quite well with them. Hopefully, Yesterday's Saturdays and Saturday's Heroes will cover all information regarding western movies.

Today, film goes may attend theatres across the country and see the likes of Clint Eastwood eliminating range baddies. He doesn't do this in the old "B" manner, Eastwood's For A Few Dollars More, officially wiped out the fair-play method of killing off villains when he surprised a couple of them during the middle of the film. Eastwood, unshaven and emotionless, holds two men at bay, six-shooter in hand. One of the two gets somewhat cocky and says, "You can't do nuthin' to us, you're the good guy and we ain't got no guns, it's the code of the west that you won't shoot us." I have to admit that this is not the actual conversation, but close. Eastwood, still emotionless, puffs his cheroot and calmly blasts the two to the great beyond, holsters his gun, and continues to puff away.

Gene Autry in his code of ethics never would have gone for this. Times have changed and tastes have changed, but if you were there back then, the memory of the "B" western hasn't really changed that much. Like John Wayne, some things are just too good to improve upon.

## Field Enumerator Checks Cotton Crop

James Roberts of 1825 West Avenue D. Muleshoe, travels to cotton fields in his area to check on the progress of the

## Budget...

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 program, some property went up in value, some stayed about the same, and some older property went down in value.

Total estimated expenditures for 1977-78 is \$2,382,660, which is \$280,692 more for this year than for last year. Dillman said this is due to an increase of \$172,519 in salary schedules of all personnel, anticipated higher inflation costs of utilities, supplies, materials, gasoline and other expenses and a \$45,000 increase in Capitol Outlay for a new school warehouse, provided other increased costs do not wipe out the estimate.

Dillman explained, "The New Public School Finance Plan passed by the State Legislature reduced the Local Share of the State Program \$152,788 and increased overall State Funds approximately \$270,000. This includes increases in per capita, salary and operation, transportation, and vocational travel."

"The problem is that the increased funding has not kept up with the increase in salaries, inflationary costs, and new programs passed by the Legislature and not funded by the state such as unemployment insurance, tax office expense and other expenses."

"Total local tax obligation was reduced \$16,960 as compared to last year or \$61,950, if the \$45,000 budgeted for a new school warehouse was subtracted from this year's estimate. He concluded, "Fortunately, the State Legislature and Governor did give the Local Districts some relief in local taxes for the next two school years, but this will not salvage any of the damage done two years ago when they caused our local district to increase local taxes 33 percent during those two years."

Estimated expenditures for the school include an increase of \$280,692 from \$2,101,968 to \$2,382,660. Instruction and instruction related services increased from \$1,330,048 in 1976-77 to \$1,465,378 for 1977-78, for an increase of \$135,109. During the same time, estimated revenue was increased by \$296,440. Revenues increased from \$2,086,220 in 1976-77 to \$2,382,660 in 1977-78.

It is estimated it will cost \$1,352 per pupil for the school year plus \$1,154 for salaries to pay for teaching each student.

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 state sales tax and other taxes will produce adequate revenues for the state needs."

He added that during the past two sessions he has supported the creation of a reserve fund and it did pass the House but the bill did not pass the senate.

He stressed the importance of several pieces of legislation passed by the House during the last session. One is a constitutional amendment which passed the House by a vote of 133-0, and sponsored by himself, would create a budget executive authority by someone accountable to state voters to be able to shift funds from agency to agency. Or, would have the authority to take money from one agency where funds are not utilized to its fullest and shift the money to an agency which needs additional funding.

"With the Carter energy plan, and if it is passed, it will mean drastic cuts during the next two years to the state. Someone needs to be able to cut agency funds so the state can continue to live within its means," he added.

The representative also advocated the reorganization of the 200 state agencies in the government under 16 department heads with the various agencies under an umbrella, with the department heads answerable to the governor.

Another major issue, according to Simpson, is water importation for West Texas. He hopes to be able to get a bill before the next session of the legislature to create a West Texas Special Water District. Simpson said he feels that a special water district will help solve the water problems where it is needed and not have to worry about people in San Antonio and Houston voting against water importation in a statewide vote.

A special election to replace Senator Sherman, who resigned to become the head of West Texas State University, Canyon, will be scheduled after September 2.

Such field surveys are conducted for wheat and corn also.

# Agriculture Teacher Now Fills New Role

When the horse and the hand plow gave way to the tractor and all the farm mechanization that followed, the role of the agriculture teacher in high schools changed abruptly.

And agricultural education faculty who train the high school teachers still have to work to keep abreast of needs.

At Texas Tech University a study completed this year by one graduate student indicates the young high school teachers today place the highest emphasis on hot metal work.

They also insist that farm safety be included in every phase of agricultural mechanics courses.

Charles R. Baker, completing his work for the master's degree in agricultural education, made the study of views expressed by 220 vocational agriculture teachers in 80 West Texas counties, stretching from El Paso to

## Flea Market

### Planned Soon

### By Lions Club

Littlefield's Noon Lions Club plans a Flea Market Saturday and Sunday, August 27-28 at the Lamb County Ag Building.

Arts, crafts, antiques, garage sale items and foods will be featured in the many booths. Potential exhibitors and clubs are invited to participate in the two day affair.

Members of the Lions Club will operate the concession stand.

Rental fees of \$15 for an 8x10 booth are asked to be mailed to the Littlefield Noon Lions Club, Box 469, Littlefield. Space is available on a first come, first serve basis. For additional information in the Lions Club Charity project, call Jeni D. Brunson at 385-6005.

the tip of the Panhandle.

"The younger the teacher," Baker said, "the higher he rated the need for competence in hot metal work, cold metal work and farm carpentry subject areas."

Because a majority of the vocational agriculture teachers in the study area are 30 years old or younger, continued and increased emphasis should be placed on these subjects that the young teachers specify, Baker said.

He said that all the respondents agreed it is important to teach mechanized agriculture skills in colleges although many had learned some of their skills at home, in high school or in on-the-job training.

It was clear, Baker said, that the curriculum for a bachelor's degree should have greater emphasis placed on hot metal work and farm carpentry with possibilities of increased emphasis on arc welding and oxy-acetylene cutting. There should be also more detailed projects in metal work and wood work courses with emphasis on hands-on experience in agricultural mechanics rather than on the theory portion.

Baker's study took two years, and he said that lines of communication were established early with the faculty at Texas Tech University. He said he expected extensive staff evaluation of the results of his study with curriculum changes to follow.

"Skills in agricultural mechanics are becoming more significant," Baker said, "because of increasing costs of materials, labor and the national trend of a do-it-yourself attitude."

"As the number and size of vocational agriculture programs increase, the requirements placed on future teachers and, ultimately, university professors increase."

"Teacher educators at the university level have the responsibility of providing production agriculture teachers competent in teaching agricultural mechanics," he said.

Baker is the son of Carol M. Baker, Seymour. His principal professors for his study were Drs. Jerry D. Stockton and Lewis Eggenberger of the agricultural education faculty and Dr. Sujit K. Roy of the faculty in agricultural economics.


## Rain...

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 Showers in the night Friday accumulated no moisture, with just a trace being recorded over the county.

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**COSTUMES OF THE SUMMER...** Attending the first meeting of Alpha Zeta Pi chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi were back row from left, Mrs. Alec Schuster, Mrs. Mark Gist, Mrs. Tommy Merritt, and Mrs. Homer Allgood. Front row from left are Mrs. Mac Brown, Mrs. Paul Wilbanks and Mrs. Rick Hallford. They dressed depicting places and activities of their summer they had seen or done.

### Bridge Marathon Deadline Extended

The second annual Bridge Marathon, sponsored by Xi Omicron Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, will begin in September. Registration is being accepted now. The deadline has been extended through Monday, August 22.

The matches are divided into three segments. Offered are afternoon couples, night couples and night men and women couples. For more information contact Mrs. Ken Box, Mrs. Mike Miller, Mrs. John Neil Agee, Mrs. Monty Dollar, Mrs. Ted Barnhill or Mrs. Jerry Wenmois.

### TSTA To Start School Year With Welcome Breakfast

The local unit of the Texas State Teachers Association will start the new school year off with a "Welcome" breakfast honoring the new teachers, Monday, August 22, at 7:30 a.m. in the High School cafeteria. The new Hospitality Committee will host the breakfast. The new officers for the coming year are Mrs. Jack Oben-

haus, president; Mrs. W.T. Watson, president-elect; Mrs. Tim Jinks, vice-president; Mrs. Keith Taylor, secretary; Mrs. Gary Goodin, treasurer; and Mrs. Lucy Smith, parliamentarian.

House committee approves minimum wage hike.

## Alpha Zeta Pi Holds First Meeting

Alpha Zeta Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their first meeting of the 1977-78 year, Tuesday evening, August 16, in the home of Mrs. Terry Hill.

Members were dressed in a manner depicting activities which they had done during the summer. Trips had been taken from coast to coast. Other activities participated in were skiing, golf, swimming, canning and freezing.

Prizes for best costumes were presented to Mrs. Tommy Merritt for a Las Vegas slot machine and Mrs. Mark Gist, who was dressed as a character from the

### Hobby Club To Meet September 1

Muleshoe Hobby Club met in the Muleshoe State Bank community room, Thursday, August 18. Mrs. Opal Robison served as hostess. Mrs. Ola Epperly was co-hostess. Hostess gift was drawn by Mrs. C.E. Briscoe.

Articles shown were crocheted hot mats, siring art, sewing basket, pillow tops with wool thread, duster made from wool thread, smocked apron, carpet wall hanger and macrame key rings.

Members attending were Mrs. LeVina Pitts, Mrs. C.E. Briscoe, Mrs. Dora Pitts, Mrs. Ruth Bass, Mrs. Allie Barbour, Mrs. Sammie Ethridge, Mrs. Mae Owen, Mrs. Ethel Julian, Mrs. Bub Shafer, Mrs. Bernice Amerson, Mrs. Mabel Caldwell, Mrs. Ola Epperly and Mrs. Opal Robison.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 1, at the Muleshoe State Bank community room.

### Fashion

A soft look is taking over in fall clothes. Blouses are preferred over shirts and dresses are definitely favored.

Gold and silver are seen on evening clothes. A straight jacket of lame over a long skirt is being shown in some of the shops.

Some facilities and programs financed by Easter Seal Contributions are giving help where needed by providing medical diagnosis; physical, occupational, and speech therapies, and other care and treatment that crippled children and adults require to walk, talk, and live like others.

Persons in Bailey County who are handicapped or know someone who is handicapped and in need of service may contact the Easter Seal Society through its toll-free number, 1-800-492-5555.

### West Plains Medical Center Briefs

ADMISSIONS  
August 15: Penny Howell, Thelma Seales and Iley Brown.  
August 16: David Smith, Roy Perez, Felisitas Garcia, Susie Soto, Beatrice Caraway, John Prediger, David White, Mary Finley, Guy Nickels, Joshua Puente, Winona Spears, Kyle Motes and Ted Millsap.

DISMISSALS  
August 15: Elsie Pollard (transferred to Lubbock) and Guy Nickels.  
August 16: Bonnie Haberer, Donna Payne, Jerry Weaver, Clyde McMahan, Mike Navajar and M.W. Vise.

August 17: Susie Soto and baby girl, Felisitas Garcia and baby boy, Penny Howell, Steve Foster, Vic Benedict, Guy Nickels, O.C. Hall and Kyle Motes.  
August 18: Joshua Puente, Roy Perez, David Smith, Timmie Martinez, Willie Steinbock, John D. Prediger and David White.

Mrs. Homer Allgood, Mrs. Tommy Merritt, Mrs. Hilbert Wisian, Mrs. Mark Gist, Mrs. Rick Hallford, Mrs. Tom Little, Mrs. Steve Black, Mrs. Gary Toombs, Mrs. Louis Cardinal, Mrs. Dave Marr, Mrs. Tim Foster and Mrs. Mac Brown.



### Geneva Mae Payne

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Payne of Muleshoe are the proud parents of a new baby girl born August 15, at 7:15 a.m. in West Plains Medical Center. The baby weighed six pounds and three and one half ounces and was named Geneva Mae Payne. The couple have two other children.

### Laura Soto

Mr. and Mrs. John Soto, Jr., of Muleshoe are the proud parents of a new baby girl born August 16, at 2:56 a.m. in West Plains Medical Center. The baby weighed eight pounds and fifteen ounces and was named Laura Soto. She is the couple's fourth child.

### Juan Francisco Garcia

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Garcia of Muleshoe are the proud parents of a new baby boy born August 16, at 5:32 a.m. in West Plains Medical Center. The baby weighed seven pounds and seven ounces and was named Juan Francisco Garcia. He is the couple's seventh child.



**SONG GIRL...** Miss Susan Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lindal Murray of Muleshoe, has been selected as song girl for West Texas State University for the 1977-78 academic year. She will perform at football games this fall.

The Texas Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults is an affiliate of the National Easter Seal Society. The Texas Easter Seal Society is one of hundreds of Easter Seal affiliates serving the handicapped throughout the nation.

Frozen gel devices now available will keep brown bag lunches cold and safe, says Frances Reasonover, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

### Tops Has Weekly Meeting

TOPS Club met Thursday night, August 18, in the Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association meeting room. Mrs. Dan Vinson was in charge of the meeting. Nineteen members weighed in.

Mrs. Bobby Newman read a letter from Pecan company urging the club to order pecans. Anyone wishing to purchase pecans, contact one of the TOPS members.

Awards given were a check for a hair set and material for a new outfit for Mrs. Evelyn Moore for consecutive weight loss. Mrs. Harvey Whittenburg and Mrs. Wayland Harris tied for second place for TOPS Queen of the week. Mrs. Dee Clements was given first place and Queen was Mrs. Clara Crane.

The meeting was adjourned with the Goodnight Song.

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## AAUW Has Program Planning Meeting

The Muleshoe Branch of American Association of University Women met Monday evening, August 15 in the home of Miss Virginia Bowers, for a program planning meeting.

The program topic chosen by the Branch is "Women: Agents of Change."

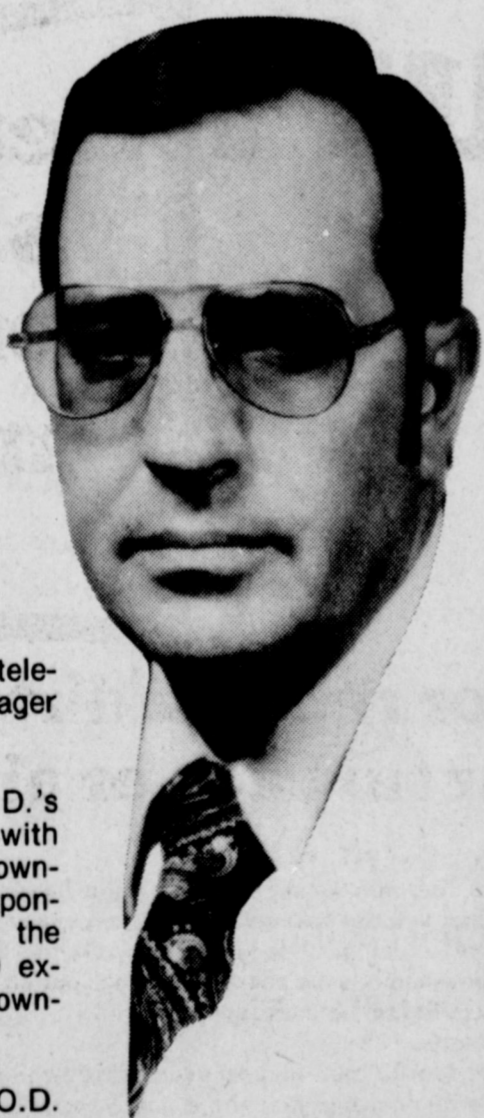
Mrs. Robert Hooten is the new president and Miss Virginia Bowers is program implementation chairman for the Branch. Many ideas were discussed as suggested by the program format and the group gave input

concerning types of programs that may be used relating to the topic.

The first meeting will be a Salad Supper Monday, September 12, at 7:30 P.M. "What Is A.A.U.W.?" will be the topic and all eligible women will be invited. Hostesses are Mrs. Robert Hooten, Miss Virginia Bowers and Mrs. R.G. Wilson.

Those present were: Mrs. Jim Shafer, Mrs. R.G. Wilson, Mrs. Oscar Rudd, Mrs. Roland McCormick, Mrs. Robert Hooten, Mrs. Gerald Allison, Mrs. John Watson and the hostess.

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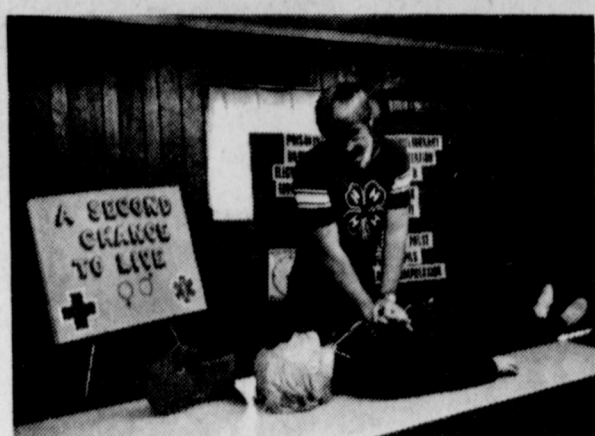
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Demonstrating cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), an emergency lifesaving procedure, on life-size manikin is Jim Castelow of Griffin, Ga., a 1975 national winner in the 4-H health program supported by Eli Lilly and Company. The program, conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service, gives 4-H members opportunities to learn CPR and other practical self-help skills.

### 4-H'ers Master CPR: 'Second Chance To Live'

CHICAGO—More than 650,000 Americans die suddenly each year of heart attacks, choking, poisoning, drowning, smoke inhalation or other causes. For some of these victims, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) might have meant a "second chance to live."

CPR is an emergency lifesaving procedure performed by an individual to provide artificial breathing and blood circulation for a person whose own breathing mechanism and heart have stopped.

4-H members who are about 14 years of age or older and of sufficient size and ability may be able to learn CPR techniques from a qualified instructor at 4-H camps, during club meetings or in other 4-H activities.

CPR is one of several self-help skills emphasized in the national 4-H health program conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service and supported by Eli Lilly and Company. The program gives 4-H'ers learn-by-doing opportunities to develop skills in first aid, exercise, diet and

nutrition, disease prevention and control, and eye, dental and foot care.

Projects and activities also encourage an understanding of health-related environmental issues, such as pollution and sanitation control, and stimulate young people 9-19 to broaden their outlook by making contact with members of other generations.

4-H'ers discover where community health facilities are located, what services they provide and when to seek the services of a health care professional.

For outstanding accomplishments by health program members, Eli Lilly offers awards ranging from seven \$800 scholarships at the national level to four medals of honor per county. One boy or girl in each state receives an expense-paid trip to the 56th National 4-H Congress in Chicago Nov. 27-Dec. 1.

Winners are chosen by the Extension Service, and awards are arranged and announced by National 4-H Council. More information on the program is available from county extension agents.



PRESENTING GIFTS...Mrs. Herbert Nash of the Homemakers Service Aides presented gifts to the Second Baptist Church of Progress recently. She also explained about the program of Homemakers Service Aides.

### Second Baptist Church Of Progress Honored

The Second Baptist Church of Progress was presented gifts from the Homemakers Service Aides of Bailey County recently. Mrs. Herbert Nash gave a talk on the Homemakers Service Aides program. Eighteen people are now being helped through this program. Gifts given were a service for

eight of iron stone dishes, stainless steel flatware and a punch set. These gifts were given in honor of the late Mrs. Ella Mae Jenkins Graves. Those giving the gifts were Mrs. Winnie Wurst, Mrs. Herbert Nash, Mrs. Alva Sparks, Mrs. Mae Provence, Mrs. Jewel Green and Mrs. Vivian Veach.

### Longnecks Are Part of Life At TDA Inspection Pens

LAREDO—Beto Paredes, manager at the Texas Department of Agriculture export pens here, is becoming accustomed to handling almost any kind of livestock—Bragus bulls, dairy goats, giraffes, rhinoceroses.

Giraffes and rhinoceroses? Yup. A truckload of giraffes and a rhinoceros spent the night at the pens a few weeks ago on their way to a children's zoo in Mexico. Ever since, Paredes shudders a little when a truck pulls up to the facilities, located on Loop 20.

His usual guests are breeding livestock, mostly from Texas, on their way to ranches in Mexico. But there is a lot of variety even with domestic livestock. For example, in a period of one week, 70 milk goats, 400 Holstein dairy cows, two Brahman bulls, and 102 Suffolk ewes were processed through the Department pens.

The Laredo facility is one of six built by the Texas Department of Agriculture around the state to accommodate the livestock export trade and to satisfy demands several years ago by the Mexican government for upgraded pens, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown explained. The holding pens serve as a place for required veterinarian inspections and any quarantine regulations that may apply to a shipment.

"When I took this office, I didn't know we'd be checking giraffes through," Commissioner Brown stated, "but we're here to serve the needs of all the people, and that means zookeepers, too."

The animals are given the best treatment possible because of their economic value. "A lot of trucks pull in at four in the morning," Mr. Paredes reports. "It's best for the livestock to be unloaded as soon as possible to give them some feed and water and let them rest. So when they call, I get up."

Microwave ovens are taking over, reports Dr. Carolyn McKinney, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"The forecast is that half of America's households will own a microwave by 1985," the specialist says.

The Easter Seal Society's \$3 million treatment program is given through a statewide network of rehabilitation and treatment centers that provide professional care and treatment for crippled children and adults.

#### RECIPE

By Sarah Ann Sheridan  
Macaroni salads are hearty enough to feature as main dishes for meals. They should contain something crunchy like crisp celery, something colorful like strips of green pepper and pimientos and something to give them zest like scraped onion or a tangy salad dressing.

#### Macaroni and Crabmeat

- 8 oz. elbow macaroni
- 1 c cooked crabmeat
- 1 c green pepper chopped
- 1 c chopped celery
- 1/4 c chopped pimientos
- 1/4 c slivered almonds
- 3 hard cooked eggs chopped
- 2 t salt
- 2 t mayonnaise
- Pepper to taste

Cook macaroni by directions. Chill. Flake crabmeat. Combine cooked macaroni, crabmeat and remaining ingredients. Mix thoroughly, but lightly. Chill several hours before serving on salad greens.

#### Macaroni Cream Slaw

- 8 oz. shell macaroni
- 4 c finely shredded cabbage
- 1/2 c slivered green pepper
- 1 c round carrot slices
- 2 T sliced scallions
- 1/2 c sour cream
- 2 t cider vinegar
- 2 t salt-pepper

Cook macaroni as directed. Combine all ingredients. Mix thoroughly. Chill several hours before serving.

## Dates Set For Myasthenia Gravis Clinic At Hale Center

The Northwest Texas Chapter of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation announces the date for the annual MELBA BANDY MASTERS CLINIC for Myasthenia Gravis patients in this area. The Clinic will be held August 26 and 27 at the Hi-Plains Hospital, Hale Center. This free patient clinic has been funded by a Trust set up by the Masters families of Amarillo and Cotton Center. The fund is maintained through contributions enabling the Free Clinic to become an annual event. The time set for the Clinic will be from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. each day. Appointments may be made by calling Hi-Plains Hospital, Hale Center, (806) 839-2471 extension 36.

Dr. J.E. Tether of Indianapolis, Indiana will be in Hale Center to conduct the Clinic, and will be assisted by the Medical Staff of the Hi-Plains Hospital. Dr. Tether has been active in this field for over 20 years. He is Professor of Neurology at the University of Indiana School of Medicine, and is the physician in charge of the Myasthenia Gravis Clinic at the Indiana University Medical Center. As a member of the National Foundation of Myasthenia Gravis, Dr. Tether has served on the Medical Advisory Board since its inception, and is the author of several text books and articles on Myasthenia Gravis.

Myasthenia Gravis is a neuromuscular disease, characterized by varying weakness of the voluntary muscles of the body. It is aggravated by exertion, emotion, infection and stress. It is relieved, in part, by rest and anticholinesterase drugs. The first symptom may only be unusual fatigue, which may be accompanied by aching in the neck, back, of legs in milder cases. Ptosis of one or both eyelids, blurred vision due to difficult focus, or actual diplopia are the most frequent early signs and symptoms. Slurring, nasal tones, jaw weakness, and fatigue on chewing may occur in early or more severe cases. Many complain of arm fatigue on reaching up, as in the care of hair or in shaving. Legs tire on stairs or short walks, or may collapse without warning.

J.E. McVicker of Muleshoe is Chairman of the Northwest Texas Chap.; Emory Hunter of Wellington is Vice-Chairman; E.E. Masters, Cotton Center is Treasurer; and Secretary is Mrs. H.J. Carlisle of Plainview. Serving as Area Representatives are: John Dunbar of Clovis, New Mexico; James and Mamie Mason of Burkburnett; Don Hutton of Dalhart; Dr. George Payne, Jr. of Levelland; Mrs. Wesley Masters of Muleshoe; and Mrs. J.E. McVicker of Muleshoe.

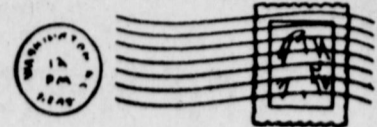
The Chapter supports the annual Free Patient Clinic and a Drug Bank through gifts and contributions. The Drug Bank makes it possible for the M.G. patient to buy essential medication at the least possible cost. The Chapter also participates in

area Health Fairs and distributes important educational literature on request. They answer many letters regarding Myasthenia Gravis problems. On Friday evening, August 26 at 7:30 p.m., a meeting of the Northwest Texas Chapter will

be held in the dining room of Hi-Plains Hospital, Hale Center.

"Middle class" Americans spend \$64,000 per child, says Debby Johnson, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "That is the average cost of raising a child from infancy through college," the specialist says.

### LOUISA'S LETTER



Dear Louisa,  
My vision has become very bad. In fact it is hard for me to recognize a person who is six feet away from me. My problem is this. My daughter wants me to have the cataracts removed from my eyes but I hear so many different things about such an operation. One of my friends who had this done many years ago has practically lost her sight because of infection.

On the other hand I know someone who seems to see as good as she ever did after she had the operation. Am I taking a chance by having this done? What would you advise?  
M.G.--Ark.

liable to involved risk but many people have had cataracts removed successfully. Doctors have learned a lot in the past five years and the operation, itself, is not nearly as nerve wracking as it was when one had to lie on a bed for days with sandbags on either side of the head.

I think the success of such an operation depends a great deal on how careful one is for weeks afterwards and on the doctor who operates and gives you aftercare. It is no picnic but speaking from experience, in my own case, it was well worth any discomfort and pain I endured.

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# We Are For The Right To Vote

The weather modification people have never asked for a vote in eight years of modification.

They didn't help getting the petition up for the right to vote.

We believe in personal rights and property rights.

Weather Modification people have been trespassing eight years without asking anyone or any county for permission to modify weather. We don't believe anyone has the right to hire planes to seed clouds over someone else's property.

Ninety-nine percent of the people in Bailey County believe that weather modification dissipates clouds.

Bailey County peoples' observations are worth a lot more than these long-haired Drs. statistics from

California that claim that planes don't dissipate the clouds.

Residents who have been here for as much as 50 years claim this weather modification is the most ridiculous thing that has hit Bailey County.

Too many county residents have watched the planes seeding the clouds. They have watched the planes in the edge of New Mexico where no permit has been issued.

Must we continue to watch our farms dry out and disappear, or do we vote to stop the cloud seeding operation. Irrigated farmers are as much against the cloud seeding as the dryland farmers are.

Protect your property rights and your inheritance. Vote **AGAINST** Weather Modification.

## Vote Against Cloud Seeding

### August 23

**EDITORIAL**

**Unusual Weather?**

Weather is the most universally discussed of all topics. It is a safe subject, non-controversial and one peoples of all classes and social strata can discuss with mutual interest. It affects everyone.

Each year headlines tell about unusual weather--rains here, drought here, etc. And while the weather is erratic and often severe, one should remember that weather has always been almost constantly unusual.

The averages, of temperature, rainfall, etc., are man-made. It's normal for some areas to suffer dry spells, others to experience exceptionally heavy rains. That's the cycle or pattern of nature. A stream only half its normal level is not a news event. Ups and downs serve nature's purpose in many ways and it takes low water levels to offset high or flood levels to produce our average, or normal.

Mother Nature is unaware of man's averages. Instead, she treats us to a constantly changing pattern of weather, from which we later compute averages.

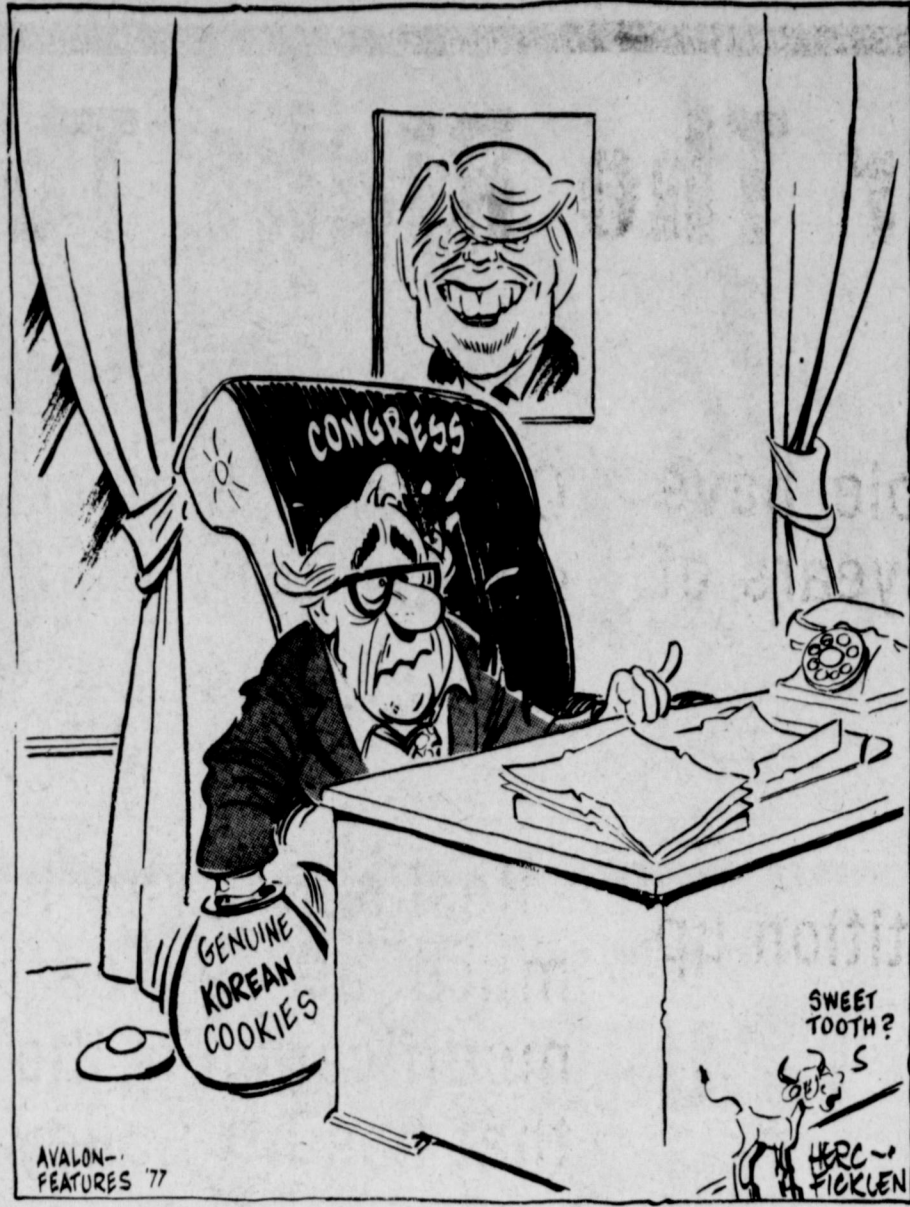
**One By One**

One by one, President Carter abandons campaign pledges and accepts what seems the inevitable course of big government--more spending. Carter was elected, to a degree, because voters saw him an anti-Washington, anti-big government and anti-bureaucracy.

He was to have cut seven billions from the defense budget, which he isn't doing. He was to have reduced the bureaucracy significantly, which he isn't doing. He was to have reduced other bureaucratic outlays and programs, which he also isn't doing.

Now his welfare proposals, some very good, will not reduce the total outlay after all. Rather, he proposes a bigger federal welfare bureaucracy, with the federal government taking over much of the role of the states (which everyone agrees do a better job of checking and monitoring).

Much, in principle, about the Carter welfare proposals is good. The idea of having able recipients work is supported by practically all responsible Americans. Reducing the number of overlapping agencies and ending unworking programs is justified. But the addition, at the last moment, of more spending, and the proposal to have Washington take over much of the work of the states, are disappointing acquiescences the President should have rejected--if he is to do what he indicated he would in last year's campaign.



**NEWS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON**

**Carter's Welfare - The States - Carter's Treaty - The Senate**

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- President Carter's long-awaited welfare program pleases many in Washington and contains vast changes of program direction. It will not be enacted this year.

Strong opposition is developing on one front--the proposal to take away from states their current role of administering welfare and transferring it to the federal government.

This same idea was sold to former President Ford. It seems logical. It would insure that all on welfare are treated similarly, even in the poorer states. At the last minute, Ford was convinced he was wrong and rejected the proposal--from his then Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Caspar Weinberger.

Governor Ronald Reagan in California and one of his welfare officials, Robert Carleson, were responsible for Ford's turnaround. Carleson later became U.S. Commissioner of Welfare. Though now a private citizen he reacted negatively to the Carter proposal to federalize today's state programs. Carleson and others believe this would be a disaster for the poor and the taxpayers.

The newly-proposed Panama Canal Treaty, which took thirteen years to produce, is headed for rough sailing in

the U.S. Senate, where 67 yeas votes will be necessary for ratification.

The treaty provides that this country turn over the canal to Panama by the year 2,000 and that it turn over about forty per cent of zone territory within three years.

Panama would immediately begin to share in canal operations and would gain titular sovereignty at once. But the U.S. would retain the right to defend the canal and certain bases, and Panama would guarantee the canal's neutral, uninterrupted operation for all nations. U.S. payments to Panama would go up about twenty-fold, to \$50,000,000 a year and there would be other forms of U.S. economic aid to Panama.

The question which will decide the treaty's fate in the Senate is whether it provides solid enough guarantees for uninterrupted operation of the canal and legal U.S. intervention, if necessary. A recent poll indicated 25 Senators opposed to ratification, others undecided--which indicates how close the vote might be.

**BILLY RESIGNS**

ATLANTA -- Billy Carter, the President's brother, has resigned effective Sept. 1 as managing partner of the Carter peanut business in Plains, Ga.. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported, because of outside business interest and increased demands on his time prompted the decision.

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**NEWS NOTES**

**SPACE SHUTTLE SUCCESS**  
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIF. -- The Space Shuttle Enterprise slipped away from its mother ship and carried two astronauts on a 5 1/4-minute glide to a perfect touchdown on a desert dry lake.

**ON JOHNSON PAPERS**  
AUSTIN, TEXAS. -- Lyndon B. Johnson's personal papers concerning his 1948 election to the U.S. Senate have been opened for public inspection for the first time, the director of the LBJ Library reports.

**CASTRO & CHURCH**  
HAVANA, CUBA -- Cuban President Fidel Castro and Sen. Frank Church announced recently that Cuba will permit approximately 80 American citizens to leave Cuba and go to the United States with their families.

**ON FUTURISTIC ARMS**  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND -- The Soviet Union has proposed banning possible new weapons so futuristic they have so far only appeared in science fiction.

**ISRAEL & PLO**  
JERUSALEM -- Prime Minister Menahem Begin said recently the Palestine Liberation Organization "never will be a partner" in Middle East peace talks.

**TOWER TALKS**  
by U.S. Senator for Texas  
**JOHN TOWER**



**Campaign Finance Reform?**

WASHINGTON--Occasionally, the Congress best performs its function in the public interest by preventing bad legislation from becoming even worse law. The Senate did so recently by defeating after lengthy debate a measure which called for the general public to foot the bill for Senate election campaigns.

Complicated by allocation formulas, ill-considered spending limitations, and regulations even the Federal Elections Commission would be hard-pressed to interpret, the so-called campaign finance bill expanded on the check-off system on U.S. tax returns currently used for presidential elections. It was labeled a reform measure.

Although strongly backed by the Administration as a means to restore trust in public officials, the legislation amounted to reform in name only. Its real result would have been to gum up elections with more federal regulations, and thus weaken further an unsatisfactory election law.

Along the way, it would have altered immeasurably our concept of Democratic elective government.

The bill's shortcomings were many and glaring. First, the assertion by proponents that this legislation would eliminate the special interest influence on the outcome of elections constituted a gross deception on the public. In fact, just the opposite would have been the result.

It called for limits on dollar contributions to candidates only, limits already written into the 1974 campaign reform measures to prevent election abuses. Yet nothing in this legislation would have prevented wealthy political action groups from spending unlimited amounts or providing services in behalf of designated candidates. Their influence would continue unchecked.

Second, the bill would have preserved, even enhanced the election advantages held by incumbents, contrary to proponents' claims. Unknown but qualified candidates normally need to spend considerably more to gain name recognition, whereas incumbents have easy access to constituents through free media exposure as public servants.

Third, while claiming the bill would clean up the inequities of the 1974 law, proponents fought tooth and nail to preserve the biggest inequity of all--the bill would have applied to general elections only, not to primaries. In many states winning the primary is tantamount to election. To presume there is less corruption in a primary than in a general election reveals a startling ignorance of realities.

The bill's most disturbing element, however, was conceptual. It would have institutionalized one party domination in this country, and at the same time bureaucratized elections while forcing the general public to subsidize candidates their votes, traditionally give them the right to reject. Had the bill passed and become law, Texans would have been compelled to finance opinions and candidates quite possibly abhorrent to them, Thomas Jefferson called such a scheme "sinful and tyrannical."

What's more, the costly bureaucracy, and cumbersome regulatory machinery required for compliance would have assured a further alienation of the American people, all too many of whom now believe their votes and their points of view make little or no difference in Washington.

**WASHINGTON NOTES**

**ARMY ON NERVE GAS**

The Army has announced plans to move 885 tons of chemical warfare substances, including nerve gas, to more secure storage facilities at its Tooele Depot in Utah.

**ON GAS PRICE CONTROL**

The Federal Energy Administration has proposed eliminating federal price control on gasoline at the end of the summer, but predicted the action would have little effect on prices.

**ON VIRAL DISEASES**

The National Institutes of Health announced successful development and use of the first drug to treat diseases caused by viruses.

**ON PUBLIC FINANCING**

The Senate has voted to kill public financing for Senate elections, ending a week and a half filibuster.

**NEAR-RECORD CORN CROP**

A near-record 6.09 billion bushel corn crop is expected to ease food prices and continue to hold down farm income into the winter, the Agriculture Department said.

**NEW PIPELINE PLAN**

Federal Energy Administrator John F. O'Leary said that a proposed pipeline from California to Texas could transport Alaskan oil cheaply and efficiently to eastern and midwest states.

**RETAIL SALES UP**

Retail sales increased 0.5 per cent in July on technical adjustments to end three consecutive months of decline, the Commerce Department reported.

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Clouds were saturated with silver iodide chemicals in an attempt to break them up or convert hail particles to rain.

But it turned out that on the average more hail fell from clouds that were seeded, rather than less, data indicated.

In 1972, four times as much hail fell from seeded clouds as from unseeded. In 1973, researchers were more optimistic, because hail was cut by half. But in 1974, three times as much hail fell from seeded clouds as unseeded.

There wasn't any regular seeding in 1975, and there isn't any regular program this summer either.

"After fighting this for several years, frankly, we're a bit discouraged," said John Firor, director of NCAR.

"We don't know if we made more hail, and we don't know if we made less," he said.


The Hail Suppression Project Fails, above, was from the Lubbock Avalance Journal paper in 1976. So you people in Bailey County, Please go vote AGAINST Cloud Seeding on August 23.

Lets get this nerve wrecking arguing over with before there is serious trouble. Don't say later, I should have voted.

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**Game Hens** 20-oz. Size **\$1.39**

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**Frozen Pizza**  
**79¢**  
13-oz. Pkg.

California Tree-Ripe, Italian  
**Prune Plums**  
**39¢**  
Lb.

Swift's  
**BUTTERBALL TUKEYS** Lb. **69¢**

Farmer Jones  
**Jumbo Franks** 1-Lb. Pkg. **99¢**

Farmer Jones  
**Sliced Bologna** 12-oz. Pkg. **89¢**

Heat & Eat, ECKRICH  
**Smoked Sausage** Lb. **\$1.69**

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## Quality Management For Water Discussed

Texas farmers and ranchers have a lot at stake when it comes to water quality management, and their input can have a marked effect on regulatory programs in the future. An upcoming conference at Texas A&M University will provide producers an opportunity to shape water pollution control policy in local areas.

The conference, which will deal with Section 208 of federal water pollution control legislation, is slated for Aug. 29-30 at the Rudder Center on the A&M campus. According to conference chairman Dr. B.L. Harris, the conference is called "208 Planning for Texas: Agricultural and Silvicultural (forestry) Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Control Program."

Harris, who is a soil and water use specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, points out that the purpose of the conference is to provide agricultural producers as well as government and agency officials with the latest information on water quality management and pollution control. "We particularly want to make landowners aware of what's going on so that they can have inputs into developing a voluntary program of water pollution control," he says. It is vital that an effective voluntary program be developed so as to avoid the imposition of federal regulations which could force landowners to adopt practices that might interfere with their production operations."

The program will key in on "nonpoint source water pollution" which, according to Harris, is pollution resulting from runoff water from agricultural lands, forested lands, construction sites, mined areas and similar sources. In other words, it is pollution that does not come from a single conveyance system such as a pipe or canal.

The first day of the program will be devoted to providing general information on nonpoint source pollution programs, with both state and national viewpoints presented. Morning speakers will include Joseph Krivak, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Washington, D.C.; John C. White, regional EPA administrator, Dallas; James Rose, special advisor to the governor, Austin; and Bill Evans, Texas Water Quality Board, Austin.

The afternoon session will include talks by G.E. Kretzschmar, Jr., and Charles Rothe, both with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Temple; Kenneth Kuykendall, president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Cherokee; Carson Hoge, Brazos River Authority, Waco; Bobette Higgins, League of Women Voters, Denton; Carrol Chaloupka, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, Dalhart; and Joseph Beal, Espey, Huston and Association Engineering Division, Austin.

The second day of the conference will deal with technology

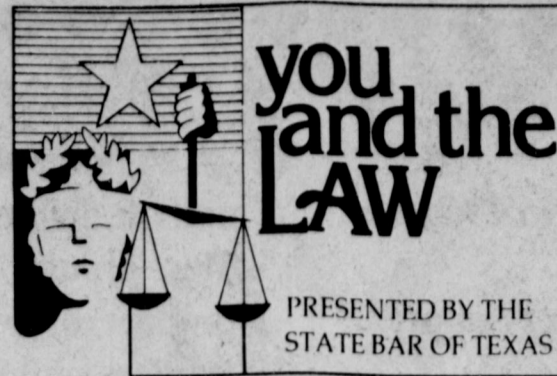
and research, with particular emphasis on problems with sediment and agricultural chemicals, notes Harris. Keynote speakers will be Gene Vittetoe, USDA Soil Conservation Service, Temple; Jimmy Williams, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Temple; and Ron Menzies, USDA-ARS Water Quality Management Lab, Durant, Okla.

The two-day program is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board, and Texas Water Quality Board.

Registration information on the conference is available at any county Extension office. Interested individuals may also contact the Scheduling and Services Office, Rudder Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, Tex. 77843.

Work is currently under way by local policy advisory committees to assist with the development of water quality plans by River Basin Authorities and Councils of Government, notes Harris. The overall state planning is being coordinated by a governor-appointed "Management Committee" chaired by James Rose and including Hugh Yantis, executive director of the Texas Water Quality Board, and Harvey Davis, executive director of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The charge of the committee is to identify water quality problems caused by agriculture and forestry and to develop management practices to correct these problems.

Jaworski will head House Korean gift probe.



**Q: My wife and I have been married three years. In 1971 she gave birth to a fatherless child, and I would like to adopt him. Here's the problem—I can't afford the cost of an attorney and court proceedings. Is there a less expensive way?**

**A:** Adoption is a highly technical and delicate area of the law. To attempt to handle it yourself could be risky—it's not something to be taken lightly. You may be able to qualify for assistance from a Legal Aid Society. If not, you should reassess your motivations. Your hesitation might be more of an "excuse" than a "reason". Are you certain you want to assume the responsibilities of adoption?

**Q: My 14 year old son was taken into custody for a crime... will his offense be a part of his permanent record for the rest of his life?**

**A:** The records of a juvenile are confidential. They are only open to inspection by law enforcement officers and other persons directly involved in the proceedings. You may ask the court to seal his record two years after a final disposition has been made. If the juvenile court is assured that your son has had no further referrals or arrests and has complied with compulsory school attendance laws, the request to seal the records may be granted. Once a juvenile court record is sealed, no public record exists.

**Q: An apparently uninsured driver smashed into my legally parked car and did some \$800 damage. The police tracked him down and issued a ticket, but I haven't been able to get in touch with him to make him fix my car. If he doesn't have insurance, isn't he supposed to post a bond to cover possible damages to other cars? I don't have enough money to hire a lawyer.**

**A:** If you have insurance, your insurance company should be able to help you. You should also send the Department of Public Safety an estimate of the damage. After a review of the accident, the DPS will most likely send the offending driver a notice saying that he would have to pay if he is sued. He will then have to post bond to cover the damage or lose his license. However, you will have to file suit in county court to get any money. You could represent yourself in this action, but it would be best to seek a lawyer's help.

**Q: About a year ago I got married in Mexico but the guy I married didn't put it in the records. We did live together for three months. I'm now living in Texas. I'd like to know if we are considered**

**legally married by common law or what?**

**A:** From what you say, it would seem that you are married by common law. The key question is whether you were living in Texas at the time. In our state persons are considered to be married by common law if there is an agreement to be married, if they live together as a married couple, and if they hold themselves out to the public as being married to each other. There is no specified length of time that you must live together.

**Q: I've got a question concerning personal property taxes. I have lived all over Texas and for the first time I've received a tax notice. Everyone I have talked to does not pay it. Can they make you pay back taxes on cars you do not own anymore? What happens if I don't pay it?**

**A:** The property you own as of the first day of the tax year, usually the first of January, is subject to personal property tax in most jurisdictions. This means that if you own a car on the assessment day and sell it the following day, that car is still subject to tax.

The taxing authority has the power to file suit against you for payment. Some cities may also have a lien on the property and could foreclose. It could be sold through the power of the court to pay the taxes. True, some taxing jurisdictions are more aggressive in their efforts to collect than others.

**Q: My husband and I married about two years ago. Just the other day he surprised me saying that after we married, he adopted a 15 year old girl. Somehow that doesn't ring true.**

**Is it possible that he could legally adopt a child in Texas after our marriage and without my knowledge?**

**A:** You're right, it doesn't ring true. The law says that if the person filing for the adoption of a child is married, both spouses must join in the petition seeking the adoption.

**Q: Can a doctor or hospital perform an autopsy on the body of a patient who died in that hospital without obtaining permission from the patient before death, or without permission of relatives?**

**A:** A coroner who has reason to suspect foul play in connection with a death has authority to order an autopsy to determine the cause of death. However, any other interference with a deceased person's body, without first obtaining consent of the surviving spouse or next of kin, is prohibited by law. Any unauthorized interference with a deceased person's body may provide the basis for a suit for damages filed by the person entitled to its custody.

**Q: My volunteer group is going to hold a fund-raising banquet for charitable purposes. Do we need to check the sales tax on the tickets to the banquet, or on the food when we serve it?**

**A:** If your organization is non-profit and the function is not a regularly scheduled one; and, if the function is not being held in an established restaurant or other eating place; and, if it's all volunteer—you most likely will not have to collect any sales tax. To be absolutely certain, however, you may wish to check with the nearest district office of the State Comptroller.

Send your questions to "You and the Law," State Bar of Texas, P. O. Box 12487, Austin, 78711. Answers may appear in columns in hypothetical terms; personal answers not possible.

**TEST TALKS**  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND -- The United States, Britain and the Soviet Union have resumed their 19-year-old talks on a treaty banning underground nuclear weapons tests possibly to determine whether conditions now are ripe for starting formal negotiations on a test ban treaty.



**PAPERWORK PILES UP...**In an attempt to get ready for the opening of school on Monday, August 29, Mrs. Lindal Murray, secretary at Muleshoe High School, works on some of the piles of papers necessary to get school underway.

### BRIEFS

Sec. of Defense Brown tours U.S., Korean field units. Wheat subsidies approved by House.  
Legionnaires disease bacterium found in 11 states. Japanese fishermen net two-ton sea creature.

**Revival**  
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## Announcing

Once again it's time for all Bailey County Farm Bureau members to get together and adopt Farm Bureau policies.

The resolutions we adopt will become Bailey County Farm Bureau policies for 1978. Approved resolutions dealing with state and national issues become recommendations for the Texas Farm Bureau convention. Resolutions approved at the state convention dealing with state matters become state policies, and likewise, national resolutions adopted become recommendations to the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation which will be held in Houston in January. National policies adopted there become policies for all Farm Bureaus everywhere.

Our County Policy Development Committee asks each Farm Bureau member to make his recommendation for resolutions in writing by September 1, 1977. Send your resolutions to: Bailey County Farm Bureau; P.O. Box 408, Muleshoe, Texas.

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**Hail loss is disastrous to crops.**

The loss to hail damage in the years 1959 to 1969 was tremendous.

The July 1977 hail cost Hutchinson County approximately 2 million dollars.

The value of crops produced in Bailey County in 1975 was 34 million dollars.

A 25 percent hail loss in Bailey County would cost 8.5 million dollars.

This would be a tremendous loss of income to producers, loss of revenue to merchants, loss of jobs to workers and extreme damage to homes of county and city residents.



## The Facts About Weather Modification

### Weather Modification Does Work

In 1974 Judge Pat Boone ruled at the Littlefield trial: "There are no harmful effects from cloud seeding;" and ruled in favor of farmers for weather modification.

In 1976 at the Texas Water Development Board Adjudicated hearing--Judge Royston Lanning made the following finding of fact--"That the proposed operations will not dissipate clouds and in fact probably cannot dissipate them by silver iodide seeding (as testified to by expert witnesses).

"That the operations 'will not prevent the natural course of developing rain from the clouds in the areas where the operations are to be conducted but (again based on testimony by experts) 'may change the form of precipitation from hail to rain and will probably increase the rainfall.'

In 1977 the Texas Water Development Board Adjudicated hearing, Judge Bruce Bigelow made the following finding of fact...."By the techniques employed by the Applicants to decrease hail, the likely effects in the target area, being the area intended to be affected by the operation, is a substantial reduction in hailfall, and an increase in rain which reaches the

surface, which is longer lasting and less intense than rain produced by an unseeded cloud."

"The operational area is unlikely to be affected by the techniques employed by the Applicants, but may benefit with enhanced rainfall."

A report by Stanley A. Changmon, Jr. and Paul T. Schickedanz of the Illinois State Water Survey shows--"a reduction of 60 percent in hail loss for the 1970-1974 seeding period in Hale and Lamb County. It also shows a modest increase in rainfall."

A report on the South Dakota project by South Dakota Weather Modification Commission Meteorologists, Jackson L. Pellett and Richard Leblang, "Over the past 5 years of weather modification in South Dakota, the seeded counties, as a whole, have received an average of 9.5 percent more rainfall than did the unseeded counties."

"Analysis of crop-hail insurance loss/cost values in South Dakota indicate that between 1972-1975 the seeded counties, taken as a whole, received less crop-hail damage than did the unseeded ones."

### Seeding Does Not Break Up Clouds!

Dr. D. Ray Booker (past President of the American Meteorological Society and the Weather Modification Association) says...."it is simply beyond the power of man, using our present technology to overseed cumulus to the degree which would be required to turn off the precipitation in formation process."

Dr. Pierre San Amond, Chief Meteorologists for the

U.S. Navy, China Lake, Calif...."the only down wind effect will probably be more rain." "You will get more iodide on your eggs each morning in the salt you use than from cloud seeding with silver iodide." "You are exposed to more contamination from silver by the coins in your pocket than you would from silver in cloud seeding."

### Which Will You Vote For?

A program substantiated by scientific data--in depth reports--16 years of positive results.

OR claims based on falsehood--concocted rumors--emotion?

What are the sources of the claims for the opposition?

There is a complete lack of sources of so called facts.

There has not been one expert or qualified witness testifying at any of the official hearings where sworn testimony was given to support the false claims of pollution, downwind effect or fallout.

## Vote August 23 For Weather Modification

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**Enochs News**

By Mrs. J.D. Bayless

E.C. Gilliam is a patient in the Morton Memorial hospital. He was admitted Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pollard visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lewis at San Angelo last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewie Johnson of Roswell, N.M. spent Monday night and Tuesday with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Snitker.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox during the weekend were, Mrs. Lottie Mae Rock of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howell of Eastland, Mrs. Jean Wenzel of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and granddaughters left Tuesday on their way home.

Dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Winnie Byars Monday were, Mrs. Ella Hopper and Mrs. Janice Nettles from Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Nichols and sons, Richard and Mike returned home last Sunday from a vacation to Colorado, South Fork and Raton, N.M.

Harold Nichols of Idalou, and Sammie Nichols of Fort Worth visited in the home of their mother and brother, Mrs. Flo Nichols and Gary Thursday.

Mrs. Whitten Barber of Muleshoe underwent surgery at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday. She is the sister of Carl Hall of Enochs.

Company in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Shaw Monday was Rev. Vernon Meeks also his sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Lubbock. Timmy and Teddie Crocker are spending a few days with their grandparents.

**Moisture Level Key To Grain Storage**

Watching moisture content of grain crops as well as taking simple precautions can insure safe storage after harvesting, says an agricultural engineer for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Harvesting efficiency can be improved significantly with some crops by harvesting at moisture contents of 18 per cent or above. When grain is harvested at a moisture content higher than that recommended for safe storage, mechanical drying must be done," notes Richard Withers.

"The higher the grain temperature and moisture content, the quicker the grain must be dried mechanically to prevent mold," points out the Texas A&M University System specialist.

"For example, when grain is at 90 degrees F. and has a moisture content of 18 per cent, the moisture content must be reduced to 15 per cent within about six-to-eight days. If the temperature is reduced to 70 degrees F., the allowable time to reduce moisture is about 30 days. Of course, in this example it is assumed that grain is being aerated during this period."

Moisture contents for safe storage vary with crops. Withers suggests these moisture percentages for efficient storage: corn, 13; flax, eight; rice 12.5; sorghum, 12-14; soybeans, 11-12; sunflowers, eight; and wheat, 12-14.

He points out that an aeration system for grain cooling and moisture control is needed if the grain is stored more than two to three months, even if the safe storage moisture requirements are met.

According to Withers, aeration systems for cooling grain and controlling moisture migration within the grain should supply about one-tenth cubic foot per minute (cfm) of air flow per bushel.

"Fans must be designed to provide this flow rate against the pressures developed in pushing air through the grain. If unheated air drying is carried out in the bin, an air flow rate of three-and-a-half to four cfm per bushel is required," contends the engineer.

Withers cautions that for certain crops designed for the human food industry, drying with heated air dryers may result in severe loss in grade and potential income as well as a loss in germination if the grain is to be used for planting.

"Grain temperatures should not exceed 110 degrees F. if germination is planned. Temperatures above this level should be allowed with extreme caution, particularly for food grains," adds Withers.

He also suggests some simple

Company in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Fred Sunday were their children, grandchildren and other relatives were, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Frey and children of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Fred and family of Denver City, Troy Fred and daughter and son of Arlington, Mrs. Dell Sanders and son, Billy Sanders and wife of Amarillo, Nell and Gene Linsey of Eastland, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Newton and Barry, Mrs. Gertrude Fred and grandson, John Fred. They all attended the Fred and Tunnell family reunion at the Community Room in Morton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Layton and their children, Robert, also Mr. and Mrs. David McDaniel and daughter, of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Derrington, of Del Rio, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols, and a nephew, Sterlin Mize of Crosbyton and friends, Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Cox enjoyed a weeks vacation at Red River, N.M. and Lake City, Colo. They returned home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Layton left Friday returning home Sunday afternoon from attending the Bearden Family reunion at Lake Murray.

Miss Myrlene Nichols and her friend, Jo Ann Coles from San Antonio are spending the week visiting Myrlene's mother, Mrs. Flo Nichols and brother Gary and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Austin and boys visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Austin Sunday and Jeff went home and Greg stayed to spend the week and help his grandpa plow.

Mrs. Dale Wheeler from Arabia, is here for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Price.

The individualist is one who thinks for himself and, when necessary, by himself.



**The Consumer Alert**

by John L. Hill  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Our service men and women sometimes face unusual consumer problems. In acknowledgment of that fact, my consumer protection attorneys and I recently co-sponsored a unique consumer law workshop at one of the military bases in Texas.

Approximately 30 legal assistance officers and first sergeants from all air force and army installations in San Antonio participated in this unusual experiment.

The commander of the Air Training Headquarters at Randolph Air Force Base was instrumental in assisting with the arrangements for this important "first" in consumer protection in Texas. The workshop was the first time that civilian and military legal personnel have ever met officially to discuss ways of jointly combating consumer fraud involving members of the armed forces.

Attorneys from our regional office in San Antonio worked directly with attorneys and officers from the military to iron out details of this initial meeting, which we regard as a pilot program to be modified and perhaps repeated at other military installations in the State.

The workshop included discussions of important State consumer protection statutes such as the Home Solicitation Transactions Act, the Debt Collection Act, Texas Credit Code, Landlord-Tenant Laws, and the Securities Act, as well as the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act, which our Consumer Protection Division has major responsibility for enforcing. In addition, Texas court cases that have been especially significant in establishing consumer protection case law

were reviewed by our lawyers and those from the military, as were federal statutes which provide protection for consumers.

Our Consumer Protection Division has provided direct assistance to military personnel victimized by fraud in several instances, including one case involving a nationwide jewelry store chain which systematically locates its stores just outside military bases. The stores routinely advertise that they are affiliated with the military PX and claim that because of this affiliation they charge no sales tax.

Service personnel in Texas complained of bait and switch selling and of deceptive advertising by the firm, and said they never were told of finance charges on their bills or given annual percentage rates of the charges, as required by law. In addition, many were harassed by illegal debt collection practices, including threats they would be reported to a commanding officer for failure to pay a bill. In many cases, the bill referred to had already been paid, or the payment schedule was being met on time.

Our attorneys were able to obtain a permanent court injunction against fraudulent practices, and also to obtain restitution for the victimized consumers. Later, the Federal Trade Commission obtained an order against the chain in other states as well.

For assistance with a consumer complaint, call our Consumer Protection Division in Austin, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Lubbock, El Paso, or McAllen. Outside those areas, call this toll-free number: 1-800-252-9236.

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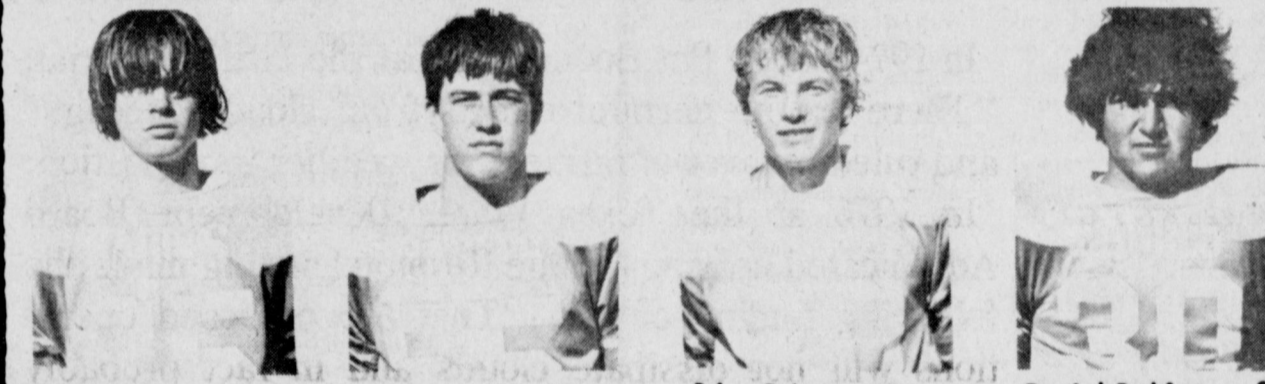


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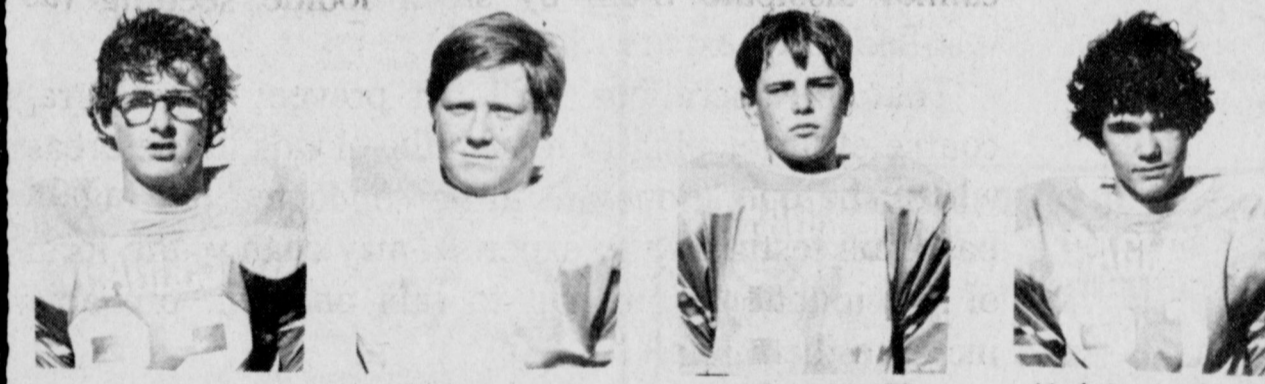


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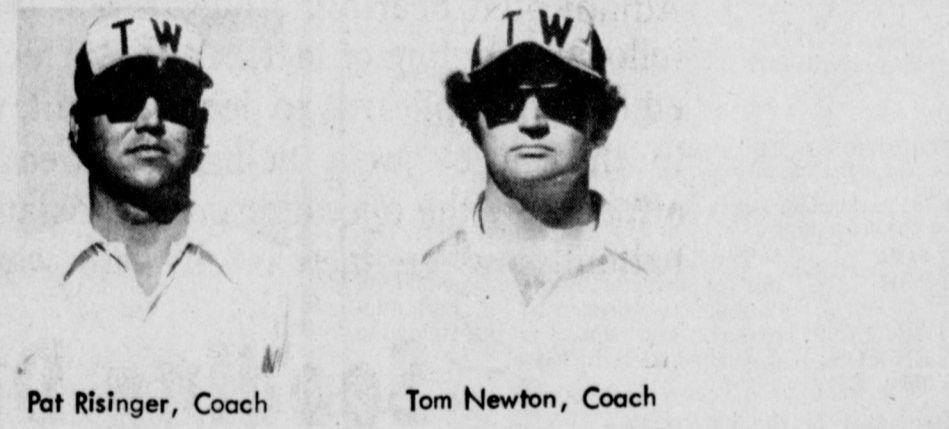


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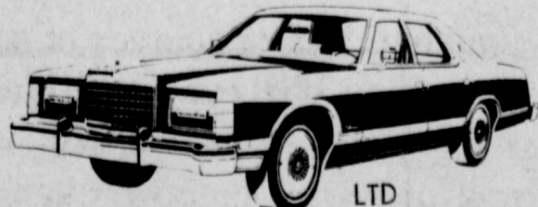


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# The Scientists Tell Me... The "Superbass" Results From Hybrid Vigor

By Robert L. Haney  
TAES Science Writer

The "superbass" that has excited Texas fishermen in recent years is the result of the Florida strain of largemouth bass crossing with the hardy native strain.

Both the resultant vigorous hybrid and the Florida bass are faster growing and tougher to land, according to Dr. Richard L. Noble, associate professor of wildlife and fisheries sciences with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas A&M University.

Fish populations and production in freshwater impoundments are being studied by a group of scientists under the direction of Noble.

One of the things they're seeking to determine is the factors which control production of game fish in inland waters of Texas.

Establishment of Florida bass in Trinidad Lake was a project started by this group in 1972 in cooperation with Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas Power and Light Company.

The lake is a TP&L cooling lake in Henderson County. Annual plantings of Florida bass fingerlings from 1972-1975 resulted in the establishment of rapid growing bass, some weighing 7½ pounds after four years.

Such rapid growth, Noble says, is caused by a combination of warm water temperatures created by the power plant and an abundance of natural fish food.

The bass preyed heavily on blue tilapia, a tropical brim-like fish native to northeast Africa and the Middle East. The tilapia got into Trinidad Lake in the late 1960's and rapidly increased until they reached densities of over 2,000 pounds per acre.

Although the tilapia provided food for predatory fish they still became so abundant they crowded out other species of fish.

In particular, largemouth bass spawning was prevented after 1972. Consequently, by the end of 1975, the bass population of the lake consisted mostly of stocked Florida bass and a minority of old native bass.

But, during the winter of 1975-1976, a massive die-off of tilapia occurred when the power plant was shut down for maintenance. The tilapia, which must have temperatures above 50° Fahrenheit to survive, were unable to tolerate water temperatures which fell below 40° during a December norther.

Subsequent studies by Noble, sponsored by the Sport Fishing Research Foundation, indicate that apparently not a single tilapia survived the winter.

Bass spawning resumption was one of the results of the tilapia die-off. Sampling in 1976 and 1977 indicated that bass produced naturally in even greater numbers than those stocked in previous years.

Most of the young bass are neither Florida nor natives but rather a cross between the two.

"Although it is too early to evaluate whether growth of bass will be suppressed by the lack of tilapia as food," Noble says, "the high occurrence of hybrids is encouraging."

"It indicates that Florida largemouth can be stocked into existing populations with assurance that the additional benefit of hybrid production may be realized as they reach spawning size."

Further studies of the interactions of Florida and native bass are being conducted in smaller lakes and ponds to determine the extent of hybridization under more carefully controlled conditions.

Although bass reproduction was allowed to occur in the absence of tilapia, not all responses of the lake fish populations were desirable. In particular, carp and buffalo also spawned suc-

cessfully for the first time in five years.

The long-term effect of the proliferation of rough fish is not yet known.

Hopefully, that negative response will be overshadowed by the beneficial effects of bass spawnings and hybridizing as well as other desirable results such as the successful reproduction of white crappies and increased growth of sunfishes.

**Editor's Note—Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Dept. of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.**

**NEW DEPARTMENT**  
Congress has given final approval to legislation establishing a new Department of Energy. James R. Schlesinger was named its first Secretary.



# Most Texas Cotton Exported To Europe

More than half the cotton grown on the High Plains of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico in 1976 was exported and accounted for more than a third of all the cotton exported to the United States, according to Water, Inc., staff economist Tommy Swann.

Last year 1.23 million bales were sent to port from the region, Swann reported. That figure accounts for 57.1 per cent of the 2.15 million bales grown in the High Plains region.

As a percentage of the U.S. total, the High Plains contributed 35.4 per cent of the 3.4 million cotton bales exported in 1976.

"These figures give an indication of the importance of High Plains agriculture to this country's world trade," Swann said. "Agricultural products historically and presently are net contributors to our balance of trade."

Directly linked to the area's cotton productivity is irrigation. More than half the cotton produced on the High Plains is grown on land under irrigation. For the past eight years, yields on irrigated cotton have averaged 39 per cent greater than the yields on dryland cotton, Swann indicated.

"This points out the need for a source of supplemental water to

augment the declining Ogallala aquifer," Swann said.

"More is at stake than just the local farmer's yields," Swann indicated. "In an era of increasing petroleum imports, our agricultural exports take on an added significance as we are faced with a trade deficit. We certainly cannot afford to sacrifice any of our productivity."

"In discussing the need for supplemental water on the High Plains," Swann said, "we have often mentioned this area's contributions to the state, national and world economies. The magnitude of this contribution certainly cannot be ignored."

"The need for cotton and other agricultural products from this area to help maintain a healthy economic vitality for the nation is just as important as the area's need for supplemental water," Swann indicated.

The High Plains of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico last year accounted for about 20 per cent of the cotton produced in the country. In addition to the cotton exported, the area sent more than 700,000 bales, 32.6 per cent of the region's production, to the Southeastern mill area.

Swann based his findings on statistics from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service. Since USDA

cotton figures are broken down by states instead of counties, the area production was based on the historical average that

the High Plains of West Texas produced 65 per cent of Texas' cotton and Eastern New Mexico 53 per cent of that state's cotton.

# Women Have More Trouble With Arthritis

"The celebration of Women's Equality Day this month reminds us of one area where women get more than their share—arthritis," reports Bob Burbridge, Chapter Representative of the West Texas Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Mr. Burbridge said that arthritis causes more pain to more American women than any other disease, and it generally afflicts twice as many women as men.

"While more than 20 million people in the United States are severely afflicted by this crippling disease, nearly 14 million are women, many in their early 20's or younger," Mr. Burbridge noted. Here in the Plains Division, 33,600 women and young girls who have arthritis so seriously that they need medical care."

Medical science doesn't know

The sweet young things are now preparing for the "hunting" season.

why this disease discriminates against women. But scientists suspect that natural hormonal changes in the female body makes women particularly vulnerable to arthritis. For example, it has been established that arthritis symptoms often increase during menstruation and decrease during pregnancy, only to flare up after delivery.

"Women can't be liberated from arthritis until medical science discovers the cause and cure," said Bob Burbridge. "And the Arthritis Foundation is supporting such research." In the meantime, qualified physicians can offer women effective treatment to help prevent pain and crippling.

For more information, Mr. Burbridge recommended writing for "Arthritis in Women—a Case of Discrimination." This leaflet is available free from the West Texas Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 3355, Lubbock, Texas 79410.

# Bookmobile News By Lorene Sooter

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Needmore 9:30-11:00  
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FRIDAY AUGUST 26  
White's Elevator 10:00-11:00  
Lazbuddie 12:00-1:00  
Clay's Corner 1:15-2:15  
SATURDAY AUGUST 27  
Farwell 8:55-11:50  
Friona #11 1:00-3:45

Good living includes a balanced life—devoted to work, culture, religion and recreation.

Envy explains many things that happen in life which otherwise have no explanations.

A doctor's greatest knowledge is what he or she doesn't know and what he or she shouldn't do.

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## NEEDED — TIME FOR MEDITATION

Every working Mother and housewife will admit that there is never enough time — time for being the mother and wife she'd like to be, time for mending, time for planning well balanced meals. Certainly never enough time to meditate on God and His laws — to think on day by day happenings and consider whether or how they affect God's plan for her life.

One way for her to assure herself this time of needed meditation is to make it her habit to visit the church of her choice each Sunday. The quiet atmosphere of love and peace and prayer will restore a feeling of oneness with God and His plan, and give her strength for the work ahead.

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## Sample Ballot

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**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
*ELECCION ESPECIAL*

Bailey County, Texas  
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August 23, 1977  
23 de Agosto de 1977

Note: Voter's Signature to be Affixed on the Reverse Side.  
NOTA: Firma del votante debe ser fijada al rev.

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**INSTRUCTION NOTE:** Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.

**Nota de Instrucción:** Lugar una "X" en el cuadro al lado de la frase que indica la manera en cual usted quiere votar.

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The issuance of a permit providing for weather modification and including authorization for hail suppression and control in the following described area, to wit:

**"Target Area"**

Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and the Lamb-Bailey County line;

Thence northwesterly along U.S. Highway 84 to a point approximately two (2) miles northwest of Muleshoe, Texas, said point being the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Farm Road 1760;

Thence due north along a dirt road to its intersection with the Parmer County Line;

Thence east along the Bailey-Parmer County line to the northeast corner of Bailey County, Texas;

Thence south along the Bailey-Lamb County line to the point where it intersects with U.S. Highway 84, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

And also in the "Operational Area" which is defined to be a distance of eight (8) miles outside of the hereinbefore described "Target Area" lying and being situated in Bailey County, Texas.

La publicación de un permiso que provee las modificaciones del tiempo atmosférico, e incluye la autorización para la supresión del granizo y el control en la siguiente área descrita, a saber:

**"Target Area"**

Comenzando en la intersección de la carretera U.S. 84 y la línea Lamb-Bailey Condado;

Desde allí hacia el noroeste a lo largo de la carretera U.S. 84 a un punto aproximadamente de dos (2) millas hacia el noroeste de Muleshoe, Texas, siendo dicho punto la intersección de la carretera U.S. 84 y Farm Road 1760;

Desde aquí hacia el norte a lo largo de un camino no pavimentado hasta su intersección con Parmer Condado Line;

De aquí hacia el este a lo largo de Bailey-Parmer Condado Line hasta el noreste ángulo de Bailey Condado, Texas;

Desde allí hacia el sur a lo largo de Bailey-Lamb Condado line al punto donde intersección con el U.S. 84, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING (el lugar del comienzo).

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## **CLOUD SEEDING: ITS RISKS AND DANGERS AFFECT CROPS & HEALTH**

"The cloud was coming up nicely and I could almost smell the rain. But then one of those cloud seeding planes started working on it and it went away." That's the way one dryland farmer expressed an encounter with cloud seeding. Many others have similar stories accumulated over seven years of cloud seeding in this area.

Cloud seeders say they suppress hail and increase rain. There are many meteorologists who say otherwise . . . that they don't suppress hail and the seeding interrupts the rain-making cycle of the clouds.

In the counties of this area, weather watchers totaled up the figures and showed that during the years of cloud seeding this area's rainfall has DECLINED about 45 inches.

Evidence that cloud seeding DECREASES rainfall comes from five American experiments, according to the Tri-State Natural Weather Association. These five randomized experiments were conducted with unchallenged reliability over a number of consecutive years with considerable care and foresight. The results are a decrease in precipitation due to cloud seeding and the estimated decreases amounted to 53%.

While meteorologists bicker about cloud seeding, they generally agree on one thing: that cloud seeding disrupts natural weather patterns and affects the weather as far as 150 miles downwind. In effect, a few people who are willing to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars are "messing with the weather for their own selfish purposes" and affecting all the people in this area.

## **CLOUD SEEDING IS DANGEROUS**

The hazy, unscientific approach to cloud seeding has developed without adequate controls, causing real dangers, both economic and physical. Our agriculture depends on being able to consistently predict natural weather trends from year to year, and cloud seeding upsets this ability.

Personal safety may be a factor overlooked in cloud seeding, since scientists agree that clouds, after they are seeded, change and develop even more violent reactions as they move downward.

The chemicals, silver iodide, can affect the ecosystem adversely as it combines with other substances in the atmosphere, such as lead from auto exhausts, to form

poisons that settle on grasses which are eaten by animals and possibly passed on to the dinner table.

Silver from the silver iodide can concentrate in various organisms and thence to man, causing a build-up in the human system to a toxic level and possible respiratory or gastric ailments and cancer.

Cloud seeders say these possibilities can't be proved. But statistics are more dramatic in showing these dangers than they are in trying to prove that cloud seeding causes more rain, or decreases hail.

## **FRIGHTENING STATISTICS**

Statistics are our first warning of danger. Not too many years ago, saccharin was regarded as a good sweetener. Today, it is being controlled because statistics show it increases the chances of bladder cancer. Similarly, the spraying of poisonous chemicals into rain clouds may be proven later as dangerous and flagrant pollution.

In 1966, the year of heaviest cloud seeding in southern Pennsylvania, the death rate from lung diseases reached the highest number since vital statistics have been kept, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Health. This fact was reported by the Tri-State Natural Weather Association in a recent article in **Acres, U.S.A.**

The article also said that silver iodide crystals combine with auto emissions to create other serious poisons.

## **THE FUTURE?**

And what of the future? Management of the clouds for weather purposes could later be organized into taxing districts, like we presently have for rivers, lakes, irrigation and drilling . . . levying taxes on all of us for this district management of our clouds!

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

If you feel as we do . . . that cloud seeding should be stopped, . . . you can help.

First, be sure to vote.

Second, call all your friends, urge them to vote.

Third, on election day, pick up friends and neighbors and take them to the polls, or remind them to vote.

Fourth, between now and election day, talk about cloud seeding, learn about it and be sure everyone realizes there are risks which affect us all, and that we have the opportunity, by voting, to settle the cloud seeding issue. State agencies have indicated they are interested in what the people have to say about cloud seeding. Let's take this opportunity to vote, and take a big step toward resolving the problems of cloud seeding in this area.

**VOTE AGAINST CLOUD SEEDING**

**August 23**

# Expansion In Chemicals Spurs Plant Building

By BILLINGS D. BARNARD, Economist

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Plans for building refineries and petrochemical plants in Texas are running well ahead of anything that had been foreseen.

Early this year, McGraw-Hill estimated that \$2.5 billion in new manufacturing plants would be started in Texas over the next three years. Four times more plant construction than forecast for Texas a year earlier, that was also four times more than was planned for manufacturing in any other state.

But with the projects being announced in petroleum processing, it was clear by midyear that even this forecast, one of the most dependable anywhere, was already well out of date.

Construction of just four plants, in fact, will total nearly as much as McGraw-Hill had seen originally for all the state's manufacturing. All are in one county—Brazoria. All will make the same thing—ethylene. All will have the same capacity—a billion pounds a year. And altogether, they will cost \$2.3 billion.

Dow Chemical has contracted engineering for a crude refinery on Oyster Creek. To produce ethylene and other basic petrochemicals from oil, the refinery will furnish inputs to Dow's Freeport plants, helping free the company from its long dependence on natural gas.

Across the Brazos at Sweeny, Phillips Petroleum is taking a different approach. By adding ethylene capacity at its oil refinery there, Phillips, too, is making ready for more participation in the expanded chemical market.

But unlike Dow, which is switching from natural gas, Phillips is building new capacity based on gas. That means a decision to hold down spending on new plant, even if it means using more expensive feedstock.

Where the additional stages of processing required to produce ethylene from crude oil has pushed the estimated cost of Dow's project to \$900 million, Phillips can build the same capacity for \$250 million.

The difference in approaches reflects differences in the companies themselves. Phillips has its own gas reserves. And nothing adds to the value of gas like processing into chemicals. Dow, on the other hand, with no oilfield production of its own, is focusing on the rising costs of inputs to its purely chemical operations.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the county, chemical manufacturers are teaming with petroleum refiners in still another approach to tradeoffs between the costs of processing crude and the declining reserves of natural gas.

At Alvin, Du Pont and Atlantic Richfield are building a \$750 million refinery that will produce a third of the ethylene Du Pont uses.

Nearby, at Chocolate Bayou, Conoco has joined in building a second petrochemical refinery at Monsanto's plant. Like the refinery already there, this \$400 million plant will crack a mixture of crude oil and gas condensates into ethylene and other petrochemicals.

Although expensive to build, this type plant provides the input Monsanto needs for expansion of its chemical production downstream. It also has a couple of other advantages.

By taking a mixture of oil, it provides some protection against higher prices for condensates. And by taking a mixture of condensates, it provides some relief from dependence on foreign oil.

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## For The World's Dust Bowls, Scientists See Hope

by Nancy Joyce, American Association for the Advancement of Science

In the 1930's, dry years and crop failures threatened to turn the fertile midwestern plains of this country into a desert. The natural sod cover of the plains was gone, the vegetation of the man-made ecosystem was dead, and there was nothing left for the wind to blow around but dust.

We came through the "dust bowl" years, thanks to our machine power, our money and our human resources.

The question is this: Suppose, in those years, we had been, instead of the resource-rich nation we were, one of the Third World countries struggling in desert environments today? The question brings us to the southern margin of the world's largest desert, the Sahara. This area, covering much of the northern part of the African continent, is known as the Sahel. The people in the Sahelian desert countries are largely illiterate; the average life span is 34 years; and the economic situation is deplorably poor. Between 1969 and 1974, the Sahelian countries were hit by a ravaging drought that killed an estimated 100,000 people, destroyed several million dollars worth of crops and thrust into the public eye the realities of life for about 500 million people who live in arid environments.

As governments around the world poured something in the neighborhood of a billion dollars into an emergency relief operation, the United Nations called for a major conference to study the problem known as "desertification." That conference will be held from August 29th to September 9th this year in Nairobi, Kenya.

In the wake of the Sahelian drought, there was, and is, no cut-and-dried definition of "desertification," but scientists agree that the process might be thought of as the degradation of lands caused by both natural and human factors. Desertification can occur wherever land is overburdened and overpopulated, management strategies are inadequate, a poor economic situation exists or any combination of the above.

Although scientists know that arid and semi-arid lands cover over 1/3 of the earth's

land and support about 14% of its population, they are less certain as to where and to what extent desertification is actually taking place. They know that in Africa, year by year, the sand dunes are covering grazing lands and pressing into the walls of village huts, that in the southwestern part of Arizona, sand drifts can be seen settled on cultivated fields; that similar problems exist in many areas around the world. At present, however, there is no set of scientific measurements by which to identify the process of desertification and its impact on people. To correct that problem, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), whose involvement in arid land problems predates the Sahelian drought, has mustered an international battery of science groups for a meeting in Nairobi in late August, shortly before the UN Conference convenes.

The list of sponsors of the meeting reflects the international scope of desertification problems. Along with AAAS, the groups involved are the Association Francaise pour L'Avancement des Sciences, British Association for the Advancement of Science, East African Academy, Indian Science Congress and the Interiencia Association.

Because dry lands studies touch on a host of scientific disciplines, experts in a dozen field ranging from climatology to wildlife management will attend the Nairobi Seminar. Some 40 scientists at the meeting, officially titled "The Science Associations' Nairobi Seminar on Desertification," will compile a list of the "indicators" of desertification. These guidelines will describe the possible characteristics of desertification in terms of such things as rainfall, dust storms, soil erosion, plant distribution, soil fertility and human well being. The scientists will carry their set of "indicators" to three places, which they will choose during the Nairobi meeting, for field tests to determine whether these characteristics are the right ones to examine in the search for desertification problems.

There is no reason to believe that a world-wide effort will ever make the middle of the Sahara into anything but a desert, but scientists like those at AAAS believe that the life-supporting lands at the fringes of deserts can be saved and even reclaimed, and that there are ways to defend against land degradation.

**CONFEREES AGREE**  
Senate and House conferees have agreed to new price support levels for cotton, rice, peanuts and wool but were unable to decide on the key wheat and feed grain crops.

## Where Did They Start?

Safety pins, pencils with erasers, alarm clocks... have you ever wondered where they came from, and how they became a part of our everyday life? Lawrence Peska, president of the international idea development firm that bears his name, has wondered about this too. He discovered that in most cases, many products that we take for granted have fascinating but little known histories. "In fact," says Mr. Peska, "it appears that the smallest inventions often have the biggest impact on the market."

The safety pin is an example. The idea is credited to Walter Hunt, a New York Quaker, who worked only three hours developing a "safe" pin that would separate articles together and not hurt the user. "The distinguishing features," as stated in his patent, "consists of a pin made of one piece of metal combining a clasp or catch." After producing a working model of this idea, he sold his concept outright for \$400. He never received another penny for it.

And who is responsible for the shrill but effective ringing alarm clock that awakens most of us each day? Blame Levi Hutchins, a New England clockmaker who was determined to rise each



**WRECK SITE...** Scattered debris and gravel mark the path of two trucks following a rear end collision south of Muleshoe Monday afternoon. Four persons were in the fertilizer spreader truck in the foreground and one person in the large truck. All five were injured.

morning at 4 a.m. After constructing a wooden cabinet, Hutchins transferred the inner mechanism of one of his large brass clocks into which he also inserted a bell, and a pinion or gear. Precisely at 4 a.m., the tripped pinion set the bell in motion making sufficient noise to awaken him. Although he lived to the age of 94, he never bothered to mass produce or patent his idea. He was just interested in not oversleeping. He achieved his ambition.

Even small ideas can be brilliantly successful as was the case with the eraser top pencil. Philadelphian, H.L. Lipman, who invented neither the eraser

nor the pencil simply devised a successful way to join the two entities into one. Prior to 1858 each was used separately. He patented his innovation which he later sold for \$100,000.

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# CLASSIFIED ADS

## Veteran School Pay Now In Transition

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Max Cleland has put his agency on alert status to smooth the transition to new procedures in issuing millions of dollars monthly in GI Bill education benefits checks to veterans.

In a conference call with directors of 58 Veterans Administration Regional Offices, Cleland ordered a review of all steps in the process between registration and payment of benefits to one million GI Bill students. The VA directors were told to augment campus manning to assist schools in the certification process. School administrators have been asked by Cleland to extend help to veterans in light of the payments change. A massive publicity campaign has been aimed by the VA at the veterans, themselves in an attempt to make all concerned aware of the new payment procedures.

Cleland's nationwide effort resulted from the decision by Congress last year to end educational payments at the beginning of each month. The law also ended automatic advance payments of as much as two month's benefits at the beginning of a school term. These must now be requested by the student.

The monthly prepayments resulted in over payment of benefits when some schools and students failed to notify the VA of student dropouts or non-attendance. The last prepayments benefits were paid in May. Continuing students received allowances for June on July 1.

Cleland has now directed attention to the fall enrollment and new advance pay procedures. Regional office directors were told "to take every possible step to assure that each veteran student is aware of the new payment procedures."

"I don't want a single veteran to be surprised," Cleland said. "I want this change to be accomplished as smoothly as was the end of the monthly payments. I am confident with

possible," he said, "allowing for a 30-day processing period." Students who can't find needed campus jobs should inquire about VA's work-study program, Cleland advised. The VA Chief urged students having questions to contact their Veterans Representative on Campus or the nearest VA office.

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Provisions of the four-year cotton law that came from the House-Senate Conference Committee August 5 drew mixed but generally favorable comment from officials of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The conference report embodies a compromise between versions passed earlier by the respective Houses. It will go to the House and Senate floors after Congress returns from the August recess and the President's signature is expected in September.

Commodity Credit Corporation loan provisions of the House and Senate bills were identical, calling for a loan at the lower of 85 percent of the four-year average spot market price or 90 percent of the adjusted price in the first two weeks of October for Strict Middling 1-1/16 inch cotton, CIF Northern Europe.

That formula is expected to produce a loan rate of just over 50 cents per pound for Strict Low Middling 1-1/16 inch cotton in 1978, compared to this year's 44.63-cent loan.

"We are happy with this section of the law for two reasons," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "It will give us a sorely needed loan increase in 1978 and in addition will assure that the loan does not interfere with the competitiveness of U.S. cotton in world markets."

Johnson also noted that the law has provisions, effective upon enactment, which will permit producers to extend loans for eight months beyond the ten months allowed under the current program. Extensions will not be permitted however in a month when the average of spot cotton prices in the preceding month exceeds 130 percent of the average price for the preceding 36 months.

PCG is not so pleased with the conference committee agreement on target prices. Language of the House bill calls for a target price at 110 percent of the loan, which would have come to about 56 cents in 1978. The Senate measure based the target on cost of production, around 51 cents, to be adjusted in future years to reflect changes in the two-year moving average of production costs, with a statutory minimum of 51 cents.

"We would have much preferred the House version," Johnson commented, "but the 52 cents for 1978 is an improvement over this year's 47.8 cents and if the target keeps pace with rising production costs, as it is designed to do, we should be able to live with it for the life of the program."

Conferees reportedly went the Senate route on cotton target prices in order to put cotton, wheat and feed grain targets on the same cost of production formula.

Assuming enactment of the law as now written, a new allotment system will go into effect in 1978. Cotton allotments, along with those for other crops, will be based on current-year plantings instead of on historical plantings.

"I think this is exactly what cotton needs and has needed for many years," Johnson declared. "Program benefits will no longer go to farmers who used to produce cotton, but will go to farmers and only to farmers who are trying to produce cotton in each current year."

Payment limitations, something PCG has fought since 1965, is another area in which the new legislation shows improvement. The current limit on program payments for all crops is \$20,000 per farmer and the limit applies to all payments, including disaster payments. Under the new law the limit will be \$40,000 in 1978, \$45,000 in 1979 and \$50,000 in 1980 and 1981. In addition the cotton industry was able to win a payment limit exemption for disaster payments under the new program.

"Generally speaking," Johnson concludes, "I think these and other aspects of the new legislation are a definite improvement over current law, and there is every reason to expect, other things being equal, that these improvements will be reflected in our cotton economy."

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# "New" Food Bacteria Causes Diverse Symptoms

By Robert L. Haney  
TAES Science Writer

Documented human *Yersinia enterocolitica* infections are relatively new to this country although some cases were described nearly 40 years ago. Worldwide, the number of recorded cases has increased greatly during the last decade.

There have been more than 5,000 recorded cases — primarily from Europe, Canada and Japan.

The first outbreak of illness caused by *Y. enterocolitica* in this country in which foodborne transmission has been documented, occurred in 1976 among school children in Oneida County, N.Y.

Thirty-three school children were hospitalized for suspected appendicitis; 13 had appendectomies.

*Y. enterocolitica* can produce a wide variety of symptoms. Enterocolitis (inflammation of intestines and col-

on) is the most frequent manifestation, characterized by diarrhea, occasionally accompanied by blood and mucus in the stools. Severe abdominal pain in the right lower quadrant, highly suggestive of appendicitis may also be present.

Other clinical manifestations include arthritis, erythema nodosum (red, painful nodules on legs and arms) and abscesses of liver and spleen.

Apparently, there is considerable to learn yet about how *Y. enterocolitica* infections occur in humans. It is thought the major way it's transmitted is through food contaminated with feces or urine, contact with infected animals, and person-to-person contact in an infected family.

The bacteria have been found in the feces or lymph nodes of both sick and healthy animals and man and in the carcasses of cows, hogs, dogs, sheep, rabbits,

horses, guinea-pigs and monkeys.

In recent years, they have also been found in various foods including beef, oysters, mussels, vacuum-packaged beef and lamb, and drinking water.

Preliminary data on the isolation of *Y. enterocolitica*-like organisms from vacuum-packaged beef and lamb have been reported by M. O. Hanna, D. L. Zink, Z. L. Carpenter and C. Vanderzant of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Texas A&M University.

One of the things that worries scientists studying this bacterium is its ability to grow at refrigeration temperatures.

"This poses a potential public health problem in that low numbers of the bacteria in refrigerated foods, particularly at marginal refrigeration temperatures, may multiply into large numbers," Dr. Vanderzant says.

"Preliminary work by our group of researchers show that with some *Y. enterocolitica* cultures population levels doubled on raw beef after 7 days at 5°C."

Other preliminary data on the isolation of this bacterium from vacuum-packaged beef and lamb has been reported by Ms. M. O. Hanna, another scientist working with Vanderzant.

In subsequent studies, Hanna and others inoculated raw and cooked beef and pork. Three different strains of *Y. enterocolitica* multiplied in raw beef held for 10 days at 0 to 1°C.

When inoculated raw or cooked beef and pork were stored at 7°C (44.6°F) for up to 10 days or at 25°C (77°F) for up to 24 hours, there were large increases in bacterial count.

At 25°C, counts were somewhat greater on cooked than on raw products. In addition, there was extensive destruction of the organism on the surface of beef during frozen storage.

In other studies by Experiment Station scientists at Texas A&M there were no survivors of these bacteria in beef roasts inoculated at very high levels and then cooked with the final internal temperature of the meat at 60° to 62°C (140° to 143.6°F).

But, at 51°C (123.8°F) some of the bacteria survived in cooked meat.

"We need to learn more about the significance to public health of these isolates as soon as possible," Vanderzant says. "The potential health hazard of *Y. enterocolitica* in food can be associated with insufficient heating or cross-contamination to food handlers or to other foods which are not

receiving a heat treatment.

"The ability of this organism to grow at refrigeration temperatures is an additional problem.

"Many of the isolates from environmental sources including foods are slightly different in certain biochemical characteristics from the cultures isolated from typical human *Yersinia* infections.

"Whether the meat isolates are pathogenic (causes disease) to man is not known.

"To play it safe, our best approach at present seems to be scrupulous sanitation, efficient refrigeration and freezing during storage and sufficient heating during meat preparation to destroy these organisms.

"Additional information is needed regarding pathogenicity, the distribution of this bacterium in foods and its ability to survive various food processing and preservation methods."

*Editor's Note—Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Dept. of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.*

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If you can keep from being envious and jealous of your fellow-man you are approaching the outskirts of civilization.

# Senior Citizens Day Planned In Lubbock

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY Special exhibits, folk dancing, exercise demonstrations, musical events, and a "Back to School Fashion Parade of Yesteryear," will highlight Senior Citizens Day, Thursday, September 29, at the South Plains Fair, Lubbock.

All fairgoers who are 60 years of age or older will be admitted to the fair free on that date. Special entertainment, by and for senior citizens, will be continuous in Fair Park Coliseum from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Both men and women, age 60 and older, are invited to participate in the "Back to School Fashion Parade of Yesteryear," during the morning. Dressing room space is available at the Coliseum, but costumes need not be elaborate. Small prizes will be awarded the outstanding "School Girl" and "School Boy."

Official entry blanks for the "Fashion Parade" are available at senior citizens centers throughout the area, or may be obtained by writing Betty Shannon, Project Director of the Office on Aging, South Plains Association of Governments, 1611 Avenue M, Lubbock, Texas 79401.

The official forms must be returned to Mrs. Shannon at that address, and received in

her office by September 15. Number of participants is limited to the first 50 to return their entry forms. The Office on Aging was invited by the Fair Association to coordinate special Senior Citizens Day activities, Mrs. Shannon said.

Mrs. Jimmie Lea Payne of Levelland is Chairwoman of the Planning Committee, and other members include Mrs. Ophelia Stone of Littlefield, M.L. Kelly of Afton, and Ellen Miller and George Woods of Lubbock.

Special activities will begin with a sing-along at 10:00 a.m.

in Fair Park Coliseum. Those present will be invited to participate in folk dancing and an exercise demonstration from 10:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. The "Fashion Parade" is scheduled from 11:15 a.m. until noon.

Musical groups from Senior Citizen centers throughout the area are being invited to take turns providing entertainment through the noon hour and until 2:00 p.m.

In addition to the activities on Senior Citizens Day, various Senior Citizens centers and organizations will take turns providing exhibits in their booth near the front of the Coliseum all during the fair.

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